



## **Staff Report CL2021-041**

**Title of Report: CL2021-041- Government of Ontario Announcement re New Progressive Jackpot Raffle Offering and a new Social Gaming Licence**

**Department: Clerks**

**Branch: Legislative and Council Services**

**Council Date: December 15, 2021**

**Recommendation:**

**Be it resolved that** Council receive Staff Report CL2021-041 for information.

**Background:**

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is an Ontario provincial regulatory agency reporting to the Ministry of the Attorney General (MAG). One of the AGCO's key activities is working in partnership with municipalities and First Nations licensing authorities to administer the regulatory framework governing the issuance of charity lottery licences.

The AGCO is responsible for administering the charitable lottery licensing program in the province. Municipalities and the AGCO are responsible for issuing lottery licences to eligible charitable and religious organizations.

To be eligible for a lottery licence, an applicant must qualify either as an eligible charitable organization or as a non-profit organization with charitable objects or purposes.

**Staff Comments:**

Prior to new announcements made by the Government of Ontario, it was difficult for community organizations who did not qualify as an eligible charitable organization to apply for an receive a lottery licence for fundraising purposes.

On December 2, 2021, the Government of Ontario announced (Attachment #1) that they will be offering two new gaming opportunities to help support community initiatives.

**1. New Charitable Lottery Opportunity:**

A Progressive Jackpot Raffle opportunity under the existing Blanket Raffle Licence issued by municipalities and First Nations with an Order in Council (OIC).

- Expands the existing "blanket raffle" licence application to include a Progressive Jackpot ("Loonie-Toonie") raffle using the existing blanket raffle licence application;
- Allows Legion Halls and other service clubs to run raffle draws and is limited to these groups only;

- Low stakes raffle (maximum prize \$2500)

## **2. New Social Gaming Opportunity:**

A new Social Gaming Licence issued exclusively by the AGCO

- Widely available to community groups, seniors' groups, social and service clubs that host casual social gaming events in public places;
- All proceeds from these games are paid out in prizes, minus a nominal fee for the organizer to cover expenses to run the event. Social gaming is the primary purpose of this licence not fundraising for a charitable purpose;
- This licence is not meant as a source of revenue or fundraising. Cash prizes must not exceed \$500 per calendar day;
- The Social Gaming Licence allows people to organize casual games (e,g, cribbage, bridge, euchre);
- The Social Gaming Licence will be issued by the AGCO via an iAGCO online application.

Staff encourage service clubs and other community groups throughout Southgate to utilize the new progressive jackpot raffle opportunity for fundraising purposes for future community events.

### **Financial Implications:**

There are no financial implications to the Township as a result of this report.

### **Communications & Community Action Plan Impact:**

This report has been written and presented to Council to communicate accurate information to the public.

### **Concluding Comments:**

That Council receive this staff report update as information.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Dept. Head:** *Original Signed By*  
Lindsey Green, Clerk

**CAO Approval:** *Original Signed By*  
Dave Milliner, CAO

**Attachment 1:** Governemnt of Ontario Announcment re: new progressive jackpot raffle and new social gaming licence offering