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**Alberta’s charitable casino model**

- Alberta’s unique charitable gaming model benefits eligible organizations by providing them with an opportunity to fundraise through casino events.
- There are 6,972 charitable organizations eligible to conduct and manage a casino event.
  - Each of the 19 traditional charitable casinos facilities can accommodate 182 two-day events per year resulting in almost 3,500 casino events annually.
  - The province is divided into eight casino regions and eligible organizations are assigned to facilities within their area.
  - Based on current boundaries, the waitlist for a casino event ranges from 16 to 33 months throughout the province.
  - Charities are required to provide between 15 and 25 volunteers per event depending on the size of casino.
  - Between April and June of this year, charitable proceeds per event, ranged from \$18,246 in Medicine Hat to \$76,109 in Calgary.
- The current pooling structure helps ensure eligible charities within a community or region receive a similar level of proceeds from holding a casino event. Charitable casino proceeds are pooled and paid on a quarterly basis. Proceeds from casino events include table game revenue and 15 per cent of slot machine revenue.

The MLA Committee has tentatively scheduled meetings throughout the province to gather insights and ideas from eligible groups:

Grande Prairie	October 5 (1 – 4 pm)
Fort McMurray	October 5 (7 - 9:30 pm)
St. Albert	October 6 (1 – 4 pm)
Edmonton	October 6 (7 – 9:30 pm) October 7 (1– 4 pm)
Camrose	October 8 (1 – 4 pm)
Red Deer	October 9 (1 – 4 pm) October J (7 – 9:30 pm)
Lethbridge	October 13 (10:00 – 11:00 pm)
Medicine Hat	October 13 (7 – 9:30 pm)
Calgary (rural charities)	October 14 (1 – 4 pm)
Calgary (urban charities)	October 14 (7 – 9:30 pm) October 15 (1 – 4:30 pm)

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