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Further analysis needed for aspects of charitable gaming model

Edmonton... A thorough review of charitable gaming policies for wait times, distribution of proceeds and volunteer requirements is being referred to the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) for further research. The MLA Advisory Committee report, released today, outlines complex issues in finding a fair and equitable solution for all eligible charities in Alberta. In the meantime, existing AGLC policies remain unchanged.

“It’s clear the issues raised in this report need more analysis and research,” said Frank Oberle, Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, responsible for the AGLC. “Given the importance of charitable gaming dollars to so many charities and the communities they serve, we want to take the extra time to get it right.”

A three-member MLA Advisory Committee was struck in September 2009 including Chairperson Doug Griffiths (MLA for Battle River-Wainwright), Dave Rodney (MLA for Calgary-Lougheed) and Doug Elniski (MLA for Edmonton-Calder.)

“The committee appreciates the time and effort of all the representatives from different charity groups who shared their ideas with us,” said Griffiths.

There were over 1,400 participants in 15 regional consultations and an additional 400 written submissions. The committee conducted province-wide meetings between October 6 and November 6, 2009 and accepted written submissions until November 20, 2009. The meetings were held in Grande Prairie, Fort McMurray, St. Albert, Edmonton, Camrose, Red Deer, Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Calgary.

More information on the review and a copy of the MLA Advisory Committee report are available on the AGLC’s website at aglc.ca.

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Editors Note: Minister Oberle will be available to media outside Room 402 in the Legislature at 10:30 a.m.

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