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Charitable Gaming in Review

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The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) is responsible for the licensing and regulation of charitable gaming in Alberta. In accordance with the *Criminal Code* (Canada), the Alberta *Gaming and Liquor Act*, Gaming and Liquor Regulation, and AGLC policies, the AGLC's mandate is to:

- License, regulate and monitor gaming and liquor activities in Alberta;
- Define operating policies and procedures for gaming and liquor activities;
- Ensure integrity and social responsibility in the operation of gaming and liquor activities;
- Collect gaming and liquor revenue;
- Ensure business and program operations run efficiently and effectively;
- With industry and government, develop and implement programs and services to address problem gambling and promote responsible alcohol consumption; and
- Communicate accurate and timely information to gaming and liquor stakeholders.

Only licensed charitable or religious groups may conduct gaming activities in Canada.

This annual review provides information and reporting on the charitable aspects of Alberta's gaming model including:

- What is charitable;
- The Gaming Information for Charitable Groups (GAIN) Program;
- Which groups are eligible for gaming licences;
- How to become a charitable gaming licensee;
- How charitable gaming proceeds are used;
- The amount generated by charities from each gaming activity; and
- How the province maintains the integrity of gaming activities.

All the reference material cited in this publication, such as specific terms and conditions for each gaming activity, is available on the AGLC website at aglc.ca.

The charitable component of the gaming model provides charitable and religious groups with the opportunity to benefit directly from gaming activities. Proceeds (revenues less expenses) from licensed charitable gaming events are earned by the charities that conduct the events.

Each year, thousands of charities and religious groups across the province continue to volunteer their time conducting bingos and casinos (table games), selling pull tickets, and holding raffles – activities that contribute valuable dollars to making a difference in Alberta's communities.

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Message from the President and Chief Executive Officer

\$342 million.

That's how much Alberta's charities earned from gaming activities including casinos, bingos, pull tickets and raffles.

Though that number is impressive, it doesn't quite tell the full story. Charities play an important role in our society, and Alberta's unique charitable gaming model empowers charities to do their great work, through the funding of numerous initiatives such as arts programs, services for Alberta's youth and community activities. In fact, Alberta provides the highest amount of proceeds to charities in the country.

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission is committed to the continued success of charitable gaming in the province. We work closely with industry, volunteers and charities to find ways charitable organizations can continue to benefit from the model. We have also partnered with organizations such as Volunteer Alberta to better understand the needs of charities and volunteers in the province to ensure our programs and services match the requirements of these important groups.

This year, through our Gaming Information for Charitable Groups (GAIN) program, we continued to help volunteers access the information they need to participate in gaming events. Throughout 2014-15, GAIN program facilitators provided 136 sessions to over 1,800 participants, in addition to the 238 people who enrolled in online training.

Additionally, we continued our partnership with charities in maintaining a responsible charitable gaming model in Alberta that follows legislation, regulation and policies. In fact, I'm pleased to report that in 99.5 per cent of cases, our inspectors found charitable gaming activities to be in compliance – a significant accomplishment, given that tens of thousands of charitable gaming events were held this past fiscal year.

While all of this work is important, it truly demonstrates the dedication of Alberta's volunteers. Without them, Alberta wouldn't enjoy the vast amount of services, activities and programs that enrich our culture and our lives. We enjoy working with Alberta's charities to ensure our charitable gaming model and our province continue to thrive and we look forward to more future successes.

Original signed by

D.W. (Bill) Robinson

President and Chief Executive Officer

Overview

Charitable gaming revenue to charities¹

In 2014-15, eligible charities earned \$342 million through 16,694 licences for charitable gaming activities such as casinos, raffles, pull tickets and bingos.

(\$, millions)	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Casino	264	249	247	239	231
Raffle	48	66	50	44	39
Pull Ticket	17	18	20	20	18
Bingo	13	11	13	11	12
Total Revenue to Charities	342	344	330	314	300

¹ For information on the data contained in the Charitable Gaming Revenue to Charities table above, please refer to page 4.

Charitable gaming licences issued¹

	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Bingo	1,040	1,207	1,246	1,382	1,400
Casino	3,446	3,448	3,430	3,470	3,446
Pull Ticket	334	358	375	417	422
Raffles over \$10,000	297	337	285	278	292
Raffles under \$10,000 ²	11,577	9,705	9,653	7,939	6,341
Total Charitable Gaming Licences Issued	16,694	15,055	14,989	13,486	11,901

¹ Bingo and Pull Ticket Licences are generally in effect for 2 years; licences for casinos and raffles are generally for a single event.

² Licences for Raffles under \$10,000 are issued from Alberta registry agents on behalf of the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission or are available through the AGLC website at aglc.ca. Groups must have an AGLC internet account to use the online option. For more information about the AGLC internet account, please see page 6.

Charitable gaming facilities¹

	2014-15	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12	2010-11
Bingo Facilities					
Association Bingo Facilities	21	22	27	27	28
Private Operator Bingo Facilities ²	0	0	1	1	1
Total Licensed Bingo Facilities	21	22	28	28	29
Casino Facilities					
Traditional Casino Facilities	19	19	19	19	19
Host First Nation Casino Facilities	5	5	5	5	5
Total Charitable Gaming Licences Issued	24	24	24	24	24

¹ As at March 31, 2015.

² The last Private Operator Bingo facility ceased operations in November 2013.

Introduction

What is Charitable?

To determine what constitutes a charitable or religious object or purpose, these four criteria are used:

- Relief of poverty;
- Advancement of education;
- Advancement of religion; and
- Other purposes beneficial to the community.

For further clarification on these four criteria, please refer to the AGLC's Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook available on the AGLC website at aglc.ca.

Charitable groups can apply to participate in four types of licensed gaming activities:

- Bingo;
- Casino (table games);
- Pull Ticket; and
- Raffle

Charitable Gaming Proceeds

Proceeds (revenues less expenses) from licensed charitable gaming events go directly to the charities that conduct the events. The proceeds are used to support community projects and initiatives for non-profit and volunteer organizations throughout Alberta.

Charitable and religious groups conducting a casino event keep the proceeds from the table games, less a service fee for the facility operator. In a similar fashion, charities keep all the proceeds they earn from bingos, raffles and pull ticket sales after operating expenses. A portion of the revenues from casino gaming terminals, electronic bingo and Keno also go to charities.

Data is collected from many sources and as such, this report is based on the following data:

Bingos: data is based on the current fiscal year for bingo events conducted at licensed bingo facilities and on the prior year for bingo events conducted at community bingo facilities. Data from community bingos with gross sales under \$2,500 is not included.

Casinos: data is based on the current fiscal year. The total amount wagered on casino table games includes the total poker rake from poker table games (maximum of \$5 per hand) and tournaments (10 per cent). The operator's fee from the poker rake is included under the expense column.

Pull Ticket: data is based on the current fiscal year for pull tickets sold at licensed bingo facilities and on the prior year for pull tickets sold in all other locations.

Raffles: data is based on the current fiscal year for raffles with gross sales under \$10,000 and on the prior year information for raffles with gross sales over \$10,000.

Charitable Gaming Integrity

All gaming activities must comply with the *Criminal Code* (Canada), the *Gaming and Liquor Act*, Gaming and Liquor Regulation and AGLC policies. The AGLC is responsible for protecting the integrity and maintaining the accountability of Alberta's gaming activities. To achieve this, the AGLC works with charitable groups and the gaming industry to ensure that everyone who participates in a licensed gaming event has a fair chance to win and that events are carried out in accordance with the policies that govern them. AGLC inspectors visit gaming sites and perform random checks of activities to ensure that rules are being followed. If the rules are not being followed, the inspector prepares a report and informs the group.

Depending on the severity of an infraction, disciplinary action by the Board of the AGLC may take place — ranging from warnings to suspension or cancellation of licences. The AGLC also monitors the gaming industry and charitable gaming licensees to help maintain financial integrity. Audits help ensure gaming proceeds are used for approved purposes and gaming operations and record-keeping processes comply with legislative and policy requirements.

Reporting Requirements

Financial reporting is required for every gaming licence including reporting how gaming proceeds are used. A separate financial report is required for each licence. Groups must account for the proceeds as well as interest, dividends and other income earned on the proceeds. The AGLC mails financial reports to each charity which the group must complete and return within 60 days from the date of mailing.

Gaming proceeds must be used within two years after the proceeds are obtained. Any extension of this period must be approved in advance by the AGLC. If a charity wants to use the proceeds for purposes other than those in its original application, the charity is required to obtain the approval of the AGLC before it spends proceeds on the new purposes. This ensures the proposed new use of proceeds is in accordance with legislation, regulation and policies and reflects a use that is charitable or religious in nature. If gaming proceeds are used for unapproved purposes, the AGLC will investigate and may require the funds be returned to gaming accounts. More information about financial reporting is available on the AGLC website at aglc.ca.

Online Information

The AGLC provides a variety of licensing services to groups online through a web account. Applying for a web account is easy and, once approved, groups are sent a User ID and password via email. An Internet Account Request Form (Form 5536) is available on the AGLC website at **aglc.ca**. Once registered for a web account, groups can do the following online:

- View their gaming licence(s);
- View their consolidated bank account information;
- View their current registration contact list;
- View their current “Use of Proceeds” information;
- Register for GAIN sessions;
- Print a copy of their financial reports; and
- Submit their financial report (for raffles under \$10,000).

Eligible charitable and religious organizations can apply for raffle licences under \$10,000 online using their AGLC internet account, or through Alberta Registry Agents. The online option is provided at no cost.

Social Responsibility

The AGLC is committed to ensuring the gaming industry in Alberta is operated in a socially responsible manner. By providing information and resources to people who choose to gamble, the AGLC ensures they have the information they need to make informed decisions which supports the development of healthy and sustainable gambling environments.

We work collaboratively with industry, government and stakeholders to provide information and support to charitable gaming staff, groups and patrons. The AGLC has Responsible Gambling Information Centers (RGICs) in gaming facilities across Alberta that offer responsible gambling information and support to gaming staff and patrons.

The AGLC also offers responsible gambling training programs such as: *Deal Us In* for Casino and Racing Entertainment Centre (REC) staff and *A Good Call* for staff in licensed bingo facilities. Information on all of the AGLC’s responsible gambling programs that help prevent and reduce gambling-related harm is available on the AGLC website at **aglc.ca**.

Eligibility

What Groups are Eligible?

The *Criminal Code* (Canada) requires that groups participating in charitable gaming are charitable or religious in nature and that the proceeds be directed to charitable or religious purposes. The province's *Gaming and Liquor Act*, Gaming and Liquor Regulation, and charitable gaming policies establish the standards for conducting gaming activities. This includes which groups may be eligible for gaming licences and how they may use gaming proceeds. There are three key components the AGLC considers when assessing a group's eligibility for gaming licensing:

- **Structure**

Is it broad-based and democratic?

- **Program Delivery**

How long have programs or services been offered?

How do the group's programs or services benefit the community?

- **Use of Proceeds**

How will the money be spent?

Only non-profit groups are eligible for charitable gaming licences.

In addition, eligible groups must:

- Have a broad-based volunteer membership;
- Have an executive democratically chosen from its membership;
- Have unpaid members, directors or officers;
- Have programs which benefit a large segment of the community, not the individual members' self-interest;
- Have members who are responsible for establishing, maintaining control of and delivering the group's programs; and
- Be incorporated (except for raffles with a total ticket value of \$10,000 or less).

For casino event applicants, an active record of program delivery for the previous 24 months is required. For bingo applicants and applicants for a raffle with a total ticket value of more than \$100,000, an active record of program delivery for the previous 12 months is required. The record of program delivery requirement is to ensure eligible groups have pre-existing support in the community and do not rely solely on gaming proceeds for program delivery. Gaming proceeds are intended to supplement the charitable activities of eligible groups rather than serve as a primary source of funding.

For a summary of the different eligible group types, please see the Eligible Groups Summary beginning on page 8.

Eligible Groups Summary

There is a wide variety of different types of groups that are eligible to participate in charitable gaming.

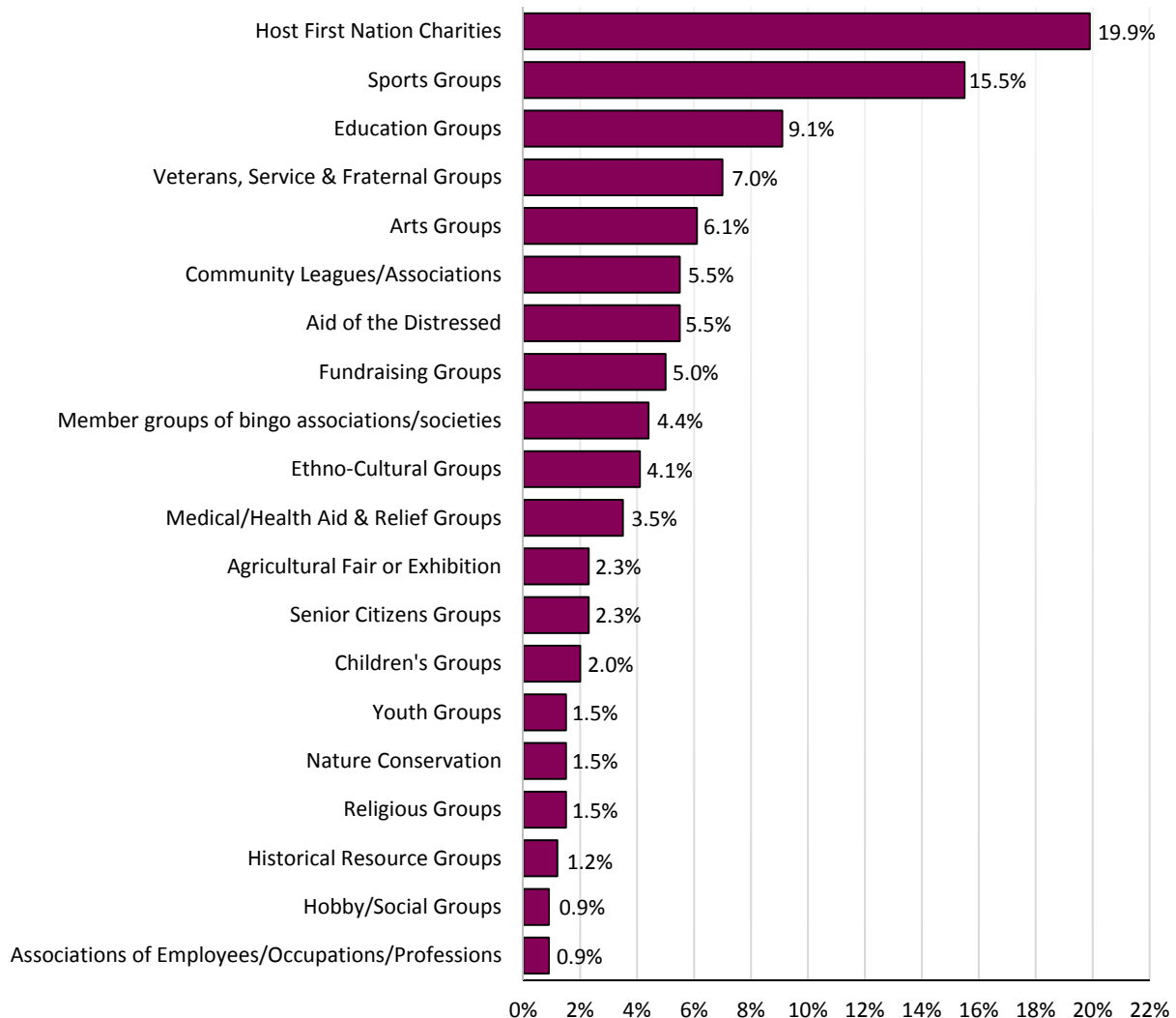
Agricultural Fair or Exhibition	Groups registered under the <i>Alberta Societies Act</i> or <i>Agricultural Societies Act</i> that conduct annual fairs, exhibitions, rodeo or chuckwagon events.
Aid of the Distressed	Groups with identified specific issues of social concern that actively work to address these issues by providing a social service and/or educational program. Examples include food banks or facilities that house victims of violence.
Arts	Non-profit groups that actively deliver an arts program or activity to the public in the visual, literary, media, and performing arts.
Associations of Employees, Occupations or Professions	A group of employees or groups founded upon a common occupation or profession with membership open to the general public. The group's primary purpose is to provide charitable programs or services that benefit the community. Groups formed by employees or upon a common occupation or profession, structured principally for self-help, personal benefit or the welfare of their membership are ineligible.
Chamber of Commerce/ Board of Trade	Chamber of Commerce or Board of Trade groups in municipalities where a service club or community league or association does not exist. The chamber or board serves the purpose of operating community programs or services.
Children's Groups	Groups that deal with children and have identified specific issues of social concern and actively address these issues, such as day care facilities. Commercial enterprises are ineligible.
Community Leagues/ Associations	Groups incorporated as community leagues/associations or groups that provide the same types of functions as community leagues/ associations.
Education	Volunteer educational groups within or affiliated with schools or educational institutions that enhance the educational opportunities of students.
Ethno-Cultural	Groups identifying themselves with a specific ethnic or cultural origin that preserve or enhance their heritage, traditions, and cultures by offering educational programs or cultural activities to the community.
Fundraising Groups	Groups such as foundations and "friends of" groups incorporated to aid and support the charitable work of hospitals, schools and libraries (that is, they aid and support establishments or institutions which are ineligible for licensing due to statutory or policy limitations).
Government	Groups that deliver programs for community service or public benefit and show a clear separation in funding and governance from publicly-funded programs. Examples include youth, family and community service associations.
Historical Resource	Groups engaged in activities that provide the general public with access to historical resources, such as museums and historical book committees.
Hobby/Social	Groups whose programs provide education and information programs to members of the public. Examples include quilting associations and orienteering clubs. Groups primarily established to serve or further the self-interest of its members through pursuit of leisure time activities based upon hobby, recreational, or social activities are ineligible.

Lobby	Groups that provide public education or counselling programs, liaise with government, and present a balance of the range of views on particular issues of public concern. Examples include groups that represent specific cultures or environmental concerns.
Medical/Health Aid and Relief	Groups whose primary purpose is to assist those afflicted with a specific physical or mental disorder. Includes groups that support medical research, health care facilities or support groups for those who are handicapped. Hospitals, health centres and for-profit medical facilities are ineligible.
Nature Conservation	Groups at the community or regional level that promote nature conservation through educational programs or the operation of public facilities.
Non-Profit	A non-profit group ineligible for a gaming licence as a charity or religious group may be eligible for a licence to conduct a small raffle with a total ticket value of \$5,000 or less.
Promotional	A group that provides a charitable or religious program or service which results in a community benefit, and engages in promotional activities to increase public awareness and participation in its programs or services.
Related Groups	Branches, subsidiaries, auxiliaries, or groups similarly affiliated with a charity are considered related to a charity. Either the principal or affiliated group may be licensed for a bingo or casino event at a time.
Religious	Religious groups such as churches, parishes, congregations, and lay groups involved in furthering religious principles or objectives.
Senior Citizens	Groups that provide programs and services to assist seniors in the community.
Sports	Sports groups at the community or regional level that promote a charitable objective through the delivery of a structured and developmental amateur sports program to the public. The sports program may be based on individual or team play. Adult sports groups that provide a youth component in the same sport may be eligible.
Umbrella Groups	A group that provides support to other charitable groups and is responsible for direct active delivery of charitable or religious programs to the community. Includes umbrella groups with joint responsibility with charitable groups for the direct delivery of programs or services to the general public, and contributes resources needed to deliver these programs and services, for example, governing bodies of eligible amateur sports leagues.
Veterans, Service and Fraternal	Groups established based on a national charter and whose general objectives relate to activities that provide community benefit. The auxiliaries of such groups may also be eligible for licensing. For example: legions, fraternal orders, etc.
Youth	Groups that provide youth development programs and services in the community, such as the teaching of leadership, citizenship and community development skills.

Proceeds by Licence Category

(\$, millions)	Proceeds Earned in 2014-15	Proceeds Earned in 2013-14	Proceeds Earned in 2012-13
Categories of Charitable Groups			
Host First Nation Licensed Charities Proceeds earned by Host First Nation Licensed Charities at First Nation Casino events. Used to support charitable objectives and purposes of the Host First Nation communities.	68	63	62
Sports Groups Competitive amateur sports such as minor hockey and swimming	53	52	49
Education Groups Purchase of special learning or athletic equipment	31	30	28
Veterans, Service & Fraternal Groups Veteran, fraternal, service and other organizations established by a statute or international/national charter	24	25	21
Arts Groups Performing, visual and literary arts, including art galleries, dance, choral, theatre, marching and school bands	21	21	21
Community Leagues/Associations Groups incorporated as community leagues or associations	19	19	18
Aid of the Distressed Groups addressing specific social issues by providing a social service or education program	19	16	19
Fundraising Groups Groups such as foundations and 'friends' of groups formed to support charitable work	17	37	25
Member Groups of Bingo Associations/Societies Licences for pull tickets sold in licensed bingo facilities are issued in the name of the bingo association or bingo society. The proceeds are pooled monthly among the member groups of the bingo association/society who are required to use their proceeds on charitable and religious purposes	15	16	20
Ethno-Cultural Groups Offering educational or cultural programs/activities to preserve or enhance heritage, traditions and culture	14	14	12
Medical/Health Aid & Relief Groups Groups helping those with a specific physical or mental disorder	12	8	11
Agricultural Fair or Exhibition Annual fairs, exhibitions, rodeo or chuckwagon events registered under the Alberta Societies Act or Agricultural Societies Act	8	8	6
Senior Citizens Groups Organizations with majority membership of 60 years of age and older	8	6	8
Children's Groups Groups addressing specific issues of social concern related to children	7	6	6
Youth Groups Organizations providing programming for young people	5	5	5
Nature Conservation Promoting nature conservation through educational programs or the operation of public facilities	5	5	5
Religious Groups Churches, parishes, temples, synagogues, and auxiliary groups supporting religious activities	5	4	4
Historical Resources Groups Activities that provide the public with access to historical resources	4	5	4
Hobby/Social Groups Education and information programs for members of the public	3	2	3
Associations of Employees/Occupations/Professions Groups with a primary purpose to provide charitable programs or services that benefit the community	3	2	3

2014-15 Proceeds by Category of Charitable Group



Obtaining a Licence

To participate in charitable gaming activities, groups that meet the eligibility requirements must first apply for a charitable gaming licence. Applications are available on the AGLC website at aglc.ca. Licence forms can also be obtained by calling the AGLC toll-free at 1-800-272-8876 or 780-310-0000.

A separate application is required for each licence type (bingo, casino, raffle or pull ticket) and supporting documents must be attached. Completed forms can be faxed to the AGLC at 780-447-8912 or mailed to:

Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission
 Compliance and Social Responsibility Division
 50 Corriveau Avenue
 St. Albert, Alberta T8N 3T5

Once an application is received, the information is reviewed to determine if the group is eligible for a charitable gaming licence. The eligibility of all applicants is based on the eligibility criteria for organizational structure, program delivery and use of gaming proceeds as outlined in the Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook, which is available on our website at aglc.ca.

Groups are encouraged to ensure their applications provide as much detail as possible and that the applications are complete. If eligibility cannot be determined by a review of the information provided in the submitted application, additional information may be requested and an AGLC representative may meet with the group or conduct other inquiries to complete a more detailed eligibility review.

The AGLC works to review and process all applications for gaming licences within 12 weeks of receipt of a complete application. Processing applications and determining eligibility may take longer if the submitted application information is incomplete or a more detailed review is required to determine eligibility.

Once a group is determined eligible to conduct gaming events, the AGLC provides information specific to conducting events in accordance with terms and conditions.

Information for Charitable Groups

The AGLC offers information sessions for groups seeking information on charitable gaming in Alberta. Gaming Information for Charitable Groups (GAIN) sessions are free information seminars that provide volunteers of charitable and religious groups with the opportunity to find out about charitable gaming activities and ask

questions. GAIN continues to be very well received and in 2014-15 program facilitators provided 136 sessions in 58 communities to over 1,800 participants. Additionally, 238 people enrolled in the GAIN online program.

GAIN information sessions cover:

What you need to know before a gaming event:

- Legislative and regulatory requirements of charitable gaming in Alberta;
- Eligibility for gaming licences;
- The licensing application process;
- Eligible use of proceeds; and
- Requirements to hold a charitable gaming event.

What you need to know during a gaming event:

- Conduct of a gaming event – Bingo, Casino, Pull Ticket, and Raffle.

What you need to know after a gaming event:

- Financial reporting requirements.

GAIN sessions are offered for the following four topics:

- Use of gaming proceeds sessions;
- Combined charitable gaming licensing and use of proceeds sessions;
- Casino sessions; and
- Special sessions (e.g., conference and convention presentations) available upon request.

For information about the GAIN program, phone 780-447-7499 or 1-866-307-7499 or visit GAIN Online at gain.aglc.ca.

Use of Proceeds

Proceeds raised from charitable gaming activities must be used for approved charitable or religious purposes. Part of the revenue may be used to pay for prizes and other expenses related to operating the event. The remainder of the gaming proceeds must be used for the charitable or religious purposes stated in the charitable group's licence application.

To change the use of proceeds, groups are required to submit a written request to the AGLC in advance and, if approved, the group's licence will be updated accordingly. Once a group has held its event, gaming proceeds must be deposited into a separate gaming account. After receiving approval from the AGLC, groups may consolidate all gaming proceeds into a single account if the group conducts more than one type of event (e.g. bingo and casino). A group has two years to use gaming proceeds from the time it receives the proceeds. If a group requires an extension after the two-year period, a request for extension must be submitted to the AGLC along with a supporting business plan.

The business plan must include:

- A written explanation as to why the proceeds have accumulated beyond a two-year period;
- Any other sources of revenue associated with the planned project or event;
- A list of expenditures associated with the planned project or event; and
- Timelines for the anticipated disbursement of the accumulated proceeds.

Bingo licensees that operate at halls with electronic bingo also receive a portion of the proceeds from electronic bingo and Keno through Alberta Lottery Fund payments. Gaming proceeds also include interest, dividends or other income earned. Starting on the next page is a list of allowable uses of gaming proceeds. For more information, please check the Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook or Host First Nation Charitable Casino Policies Handbook on the AGLC website at aglc.ca or contact the Compliance and Social Responsibility Division of the AGLC (contact numbers are listed on page 36).

Allowable Uses of Proceeds Summary

The following table is provided as a high level overview of the types of allowable uses of proceeds and is not intended to provide all ineligible uses of proceeds. For additional information on specific allowable uses of proceeds, please check the Charitable Gaming Policies Handbook on the AGLC website at aglc.ca or contact the Compliance and Social Responsibility Division of the AGLC (contact numbers are listed on page 36).

Accounting Fees/ Gaming Financial Reports	Licensed groups may use gaming proceeds to hire a professional accountant (CA, CGA, CMA) to prepare gaming financial reports (includes all bingo, casino, pull ticket, raffle, consolidated, supplementary, assistance fund and building account financial reports). Licensed groups may not use gaming proceeds for the preparation of any other financial reports.
Administrative Costs	Administrative costs that are necessary to the delivery of a charitable or religious program or service are eligible uses of gaming proceeds. Approved administrative expenditures shall normally be limited to a maximum cumulative total of 10 per cent of gaming proceeds earned the previous calendar year. Ineligible expenses include food and beverages unless they are part of the charitable program and services, salaries, wages or honorariums for the performance of administrative duties and legal fees.
Assistance Fund	A fund may be established and administered by governing bodies of veterans and service groups to help member groups in financial difficulty.
Bursaries and Scholarships	Gaming proceeds may be donated to a legally established charitable trust fund for the purpose of supporting educational bursaries or scholarships.
Debt Retirement	Gaming proceeds may be used to pay debt incurred in the delivery of a group's approved charitable or religious programs or services. Debt must be incurred as a result of mortgage payments for a public facility or inadvertent expenditures (e.g., emergency repairs to a public facility). Gaming proceeds may not be used to pay any debt incurred from the operation of non-charitable or non-religious activities or for the payment of proceeds from one licence to cover losses from another licence unless specifically approved in advance by the AGLC.
Donations within Alberta (\$5,000 or less)	Gaming proceeds may be donated to, or used in support of, charitable or religious groups within Alberta that actively deliver a program or service which provides a community benefit. The donor group must record all donations and the purpose of each donation on its gaming financial report.
Donations within Alberta (in excess of \$5,000)	Gaming proceeds may be donated to, or used in support of, charitable or religious groups within Alberta that actively deliver a program or service which provides a community benefit. Prior approval of the AGLC is required and details of the donations, a statutory declaration and recipient agreement must be provided to the AGLC.
Donations outside of Alberta but within Canada	Gaming proceeds may be donated to, or used in support of, charitable or religious groups outside of Alberta that actively deliver a program or service which provides a community benefit. These must be in support of disaster/emergency relief, nationally recognized charitable programs that benefit Albertans or medical and educational research programs that may potentially benefit all Canadians. The donation is limited to a maximum cumulative total of 75 per cent of gaming proceeds earned in the previous calendar year for traditional charities and to a maximum cumulative total of \$100,000 or five per cent of proceeds earned in the previous calendar year (whichever is less) for Host First Nation charities. The maximum donation amount for Host First Nation charities may be increased with prior AGLC approval. Licensed groups may not make donations to support projects that would not be approved uses of proceeds within Alberta.

Donations outside of Canada	These donations can only be used for international disaster/emergency relief and projects in countries the AGLC considers as developing or underdeveloped and countries appearing on the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) list of countries or territories eligible for Canadian official development assistance. Other requirements or limitations may also apply. The donation is limited to a maximum cumulative total of 50 per cent of gaming proceeds earned in the previous year for traditional charities and \$50,000 or 2.5 per cent (whichever is less) for Host First Nation charities. The maximum donation amount for Host First Nation charities may be increased with prior AGLC approval. Licensed groups may not make donations to support projects that would not be approved uses of proceeds within Alberta.
Education	Gaming proceeds may be used for the costs of specific educational program(s) or support. This includes a specific educational experience for students which is not principally recreational or social and would otherwise be unavailable, as well as educational equipment and supplies (e.g., audio visual equipment, athletic equipment and musical instruments). Operational or capital budgets of educational institutions or schools, such as employee salaries, wages, building additions and renovations are ineligible.
Emergency Funds	Gaming proceeds may be used to provide relief for individuals or families in personal distress or who are victims of physical disaster. This may include equipment and supplies or the training of volunteers during emergency situations.
Endowment Funds	Gaming proceeds may be used to establish and/or donate to an endowment fund, for supporting approved charitable or religious purposes. Endowment fund contributions are limited to a maximum cumulative total of 50 per cent of the gaming proceeds earned in the previous year. An endowment fund is defined in AGLC policy as a fund where the principal is not normally disbursed and only the investment income, or a portion thereof, is expended.
Equipment	Gaming proceeds may be used to purchase or rent equipment if the equipment is essential to the delivery of the organization's charitable programs or services. Ownership of the items purchased must remain with the licensed group. Items of a personal, social, or promotional nature, equipment or supplies intended to produce income and vehicles used for personal or administrative purposes may not be purchased.
Facility	For groups that provide a public facility, gaming proceeds may be used for the capital, leasehold, rental and operating costs of the facility. This includes: fixtures and furnishings, mortgage, lease or rental payments, utilities, insurance (fire and liability), property taxes, janitorial costs and supplies, repairs and maintenance, and renovations. Licensed groups may not use gaming proceeds for the purchase, maintenance or repair of equipment, furniture or for a facility used for income producing operations or any other activity which appears to be of a commercial nature.

Facility – Maximum 50%	For groups providing a facility with public access and areas for exclusive use of members and guests, up to 50 per cent of gaming proceeds may be used for the cost of the facility, which includes: fixtures and furnishings, mortgage, lease or rental payments, utilities, insurance (fire and liability), property taxes, janitorial costs and supplies, repairs and maintenance, and renovations. The remaining 50 per cent must be applied to other approved uses. Licensed groups may not use gaming proceeds for the purchase, maintenance or repair of equipment, furniture or for a facility used for income producing operations or any other activity which appears to be of a commercial nature.
Officials/ Judge Fees	Gaming proceeds may be used for fees for referees, umpires, adjudicators or other positions responsible for officiating or judging a competition (also see <i>Sports</i> in this section).
Promotional Activities	Gaming proceeds may be used for promotional activities designed to increase public awareness and participation in charitable or religious programs. This includes advertising in newspapers, radio, television, posters, signs, pamphlets, letters and internet web pages. Advertising to attract new members, except for yearly membership drives of community and service clubs and promotional activities that benefit a commercial activity are ineligible.
Registration/ Affiliation Fees	Gaming proceeds may be used for registration fees/affiliation fees when related to a charitable or religious group's specific objective.
Rent – Facility	Gaming proceeds may be used for rent of a facility for ice rental, sports fields and stages for performing arts groups (also see <i>Sports</i> and <i>Facility</i> in this section).
Resource Materials	Gaming proceeds may be used for the design, printing, postage, and purchasing costs of resource materials, books, manuals and videos (also see <i>Administrative Costs</i> , <i>Education</i> and <i>Promotional Activities</i> in this section).
Senior Citizen Activities	Gaming proceeds may be used to pay for approved expenditures related to the special needs of senior citizens. Senior citizens are defined in AGLC policy as those 60 years of age or older.
Special Program Support	Gaming proceeds may be used for unique programs pertaining to the organization's program delivery.
Sports	Gaming proceeds may be used to support eligible sports groups, such as rental fees of a facility or a venue for the group's sporting events. Gaming proceeds may be approved to purchase uniforms and equipment as long as these are required for the participation in the sport (see also <i>Uniforms/Costumes</i> and <i>Equipment</i> in this section). Groups may also use gaming proceeds to pay for the reasonable costs of certifying officials and judges in their sport, including training and education costs. Gaming proceeds may be used to pay for awards such as trophies, plaques and ribbons. Adult sports groups with a youth component must use at least 50 per cent of their gaming proceeds on their youth programs. Gaming proceeds may not be used to purchase uniforms or equipment for personal use or where the group does not own the uniforms or equipment, awards for volunteer appreciation, and providing cash or merchandise prizes or any other prize of value. Adult sports groups who provide programs for adults only are not eligible.

Travel within Alberta	Gaming proceeds can be used to pay travel expenses to conferences, seminars, workshops, clinics, meetings and conventions that are directly related to the group's charitable programs or services. Gaming proceeds can also be used for travel that enriches an educational institution or school's curriculum. Groups involved in activities such as music, dance and drama may use gaming proceeds for travel if the group is participating in a recognized and organized event, such as a competition or festival. Individuals and teams involved in structured and developmental amateur sports may be approved to use gaming proceeds to travel to organized, structured and sanctioned events. Licensed groups may not use gaming proceeds to pay for social or recreational travel or travel of an administrative nature.
Travel outside Alberta	Gaming proceeds may be used for travel required for a group to deliver its programs outside Alberta as either a normal part of the group's activities, or an earned opportunity to go to a higher level of activity. Travel itineraries must be submitted for approval prior to the event. For travel outside of Canada, travel where a similar activity exists in Canada is not eligible.
Uniforms/ Costumes	Gaming proceeds may be used to purchase or rent uniforms or costumes if they are essential to the delivery of the organization's charitable programs or services. Ownership of the items purchased must remain with the licensed group. Items of a personal, social or promotional nature may not be purchased.
Vehicle Purchase/ Repairs/Operation	Gaming proceeds may be used to purchase or rent vehicles if these are essential to the delivery of the organization's charitable programs or services. The vehicles must be registered and insured in the name of the licensed group. Gaming proceeds may also be used for registration, insurance, repairs and operation. Licensed groups may not use gaming proceeds to pay for vehicle use for the administrative activities of the group or the personal use of any members.
Volunteer Conferences/ Seminars/ Training	Gaming proceeds may be used for events that are primarily organized for educational purposes related to a specific charitable program or service supported by the group or delivered in the community (also see <i>Education, Travel, and Sports</i> in this section). The payment or reimbursement of wages while attending a conference, and conferences, seminars and training that are primarily organized for administrative purposes, are not eligible.
Volunteer Expenses	Gaming proceeds may be used to reimburse volunteers for approved expenses incurred while working a gaming event. Eligible volunteer expenses could include transportation costs to and from the gaming event via taxi or bus; or babysitting costs incurred by volunteers while working gaming events. Gaming proceeds may not be used to pay for meals and refreshments following the gaming event and the payment of cash to volunteers and cash vouchers redeemable for cash, goods, or services as payment for volunteering at a gaming event is not permitted.
Wages, Salaries, Fees for Service and Honorariums	Gaming proceeds may be used to pay salaries, wages, and fees for service or honorariums only if the duties performed are essential to the group's program delivery, the duties are performed by a person with specialized qualifications and the duties cannot be reasonably performed by a volunteer. Gaming proceeds may not be used to pay for administrative duties (with the exception of disabled groups who cannot perform the administrative duties due to the nature of the disability).

Use of Proceeds by Charitable Groups

Charitable gaming proceeds help support thousands of programs and services provided by charities to their communities. These proceeds are earned by groups that conduct gaming activities. The following table summarizes how charitable and religious groups used the proceeds from gaming activities between 2011-12 and 2013-14. Because charities have two years to use proceeds they earned from gaming events, the proceeds reported in the table below will not equal the proceeds received by charities in those years.

Since charities report on their use of proceeds on an ongoing basis, complete data for 2014-15 is not yet available. Data for 2014-15 will be reported in the 2015-16 Charitable Gaming in Review report. Data for Host First Nation use of proceeds from casino events appears on page 21 of this report, and is not included in the information below.

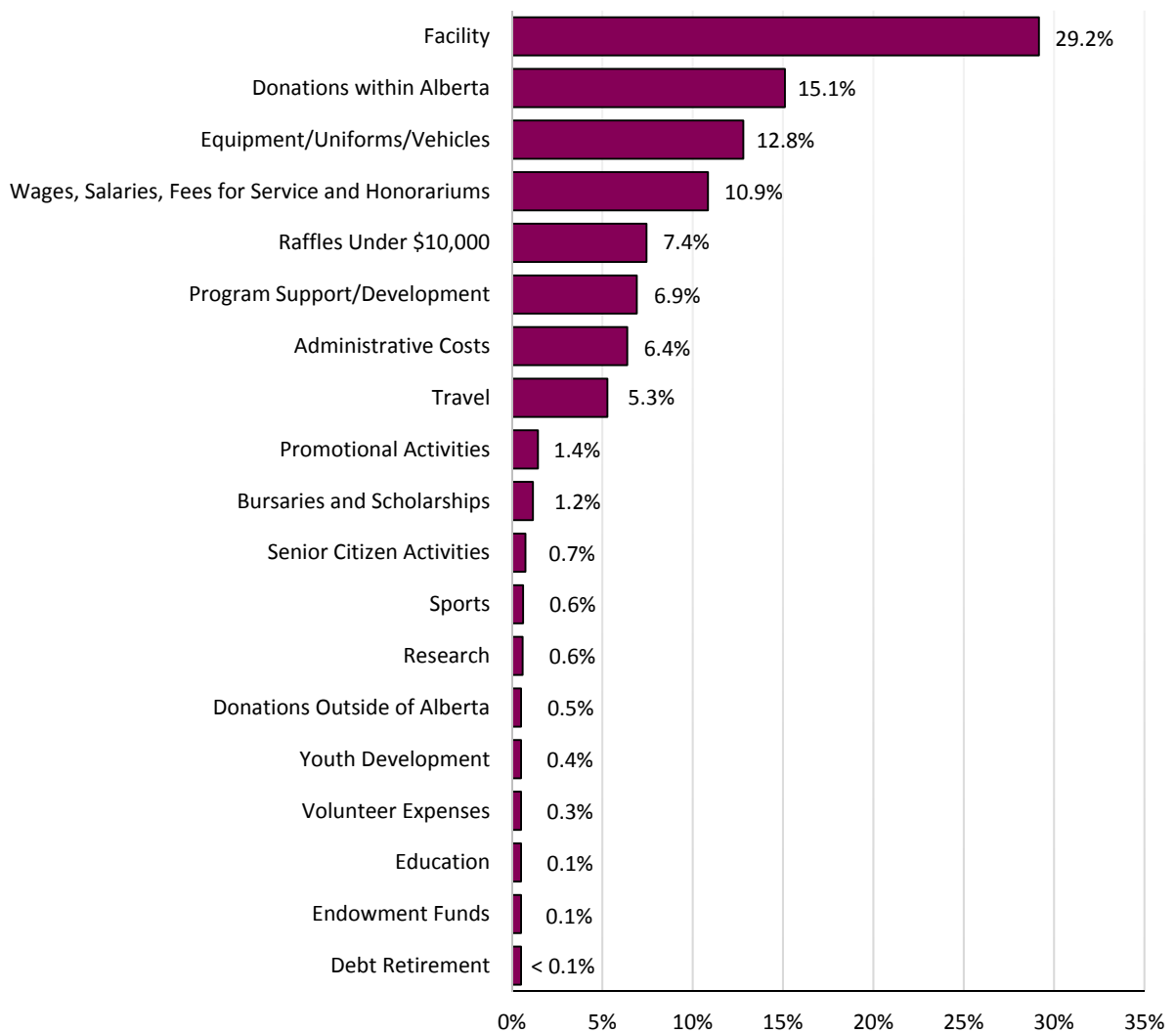
Use of Charitable Gaming Proceeds by Charitable Groups – Summary

<i>(\$, thousands)</i>	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12
Facilities	60,366	73,981	83,986
Donations Within Alberta	31,271	34,193	37,700
Equipment/Uniforms/Vehicles	26,493	37,237	42,908
Wages, Salaries, Fees for Service and Honorariums	22,456	28,318	32,062
Raffles Under \$10,000 ¹	15,402	16,128	21,474
Program Support/Development	14,291	14,149	13,437
Administrative Costs	13,196	14,298	17,720
Travel	10,928	14,364	16,154
Promotional Activities	2,966	3,174	3,431
Bursaries and Scholarships	2,391	2,300	2,992
Senior Citizens Activities	1,541	1,373	2,021
Sports	1,264	1,693	1,991
Research	1,213	2,236	2,555
Donations Outside of Alberta	1,082	1,145	1,112
Youth Development	883	1,277	1,772
Volunteer Expenses	659	774	1,014
Education	301	878	3,641
Endowment Funds	235	540	912
Debt Retirement	30	85	68
Total	206,968	248,143	286,950

¹ Raffle licensees with gross sales under \$10,000 are required to use their proceeds on charitable or religious purposes; however, the data required to report this historical information by use of proceeds is not available.

2013-14 Percent Use of Proceeds

This chart represents the use of proceeds by charities for the 2013-14 year as charities report their use of proceeds on an ongoing basis and complete data for 2014-15 is not yet available. 2014-15 use of proceeds data will be reported in the 2015-16 Charitable Gaming in Review report.



Host First Nation Eligibility and Use of Proceeds

Host First Nation licensed charities may use proceeds to support specific needs within their communities (for example, housing and infrastructure or non-profit child care on reserve land). For complete details on allowable uses of proceeds please see page 14 of this report.

Uses of Host First Nation Casino Proceeds

The Host First Nation (HFN) licensed charity conducts the casino events and the HFN charity and sub-charities receive proceeds from these events. These proceeds help support many programs and services provided to the Host First Nation communities.

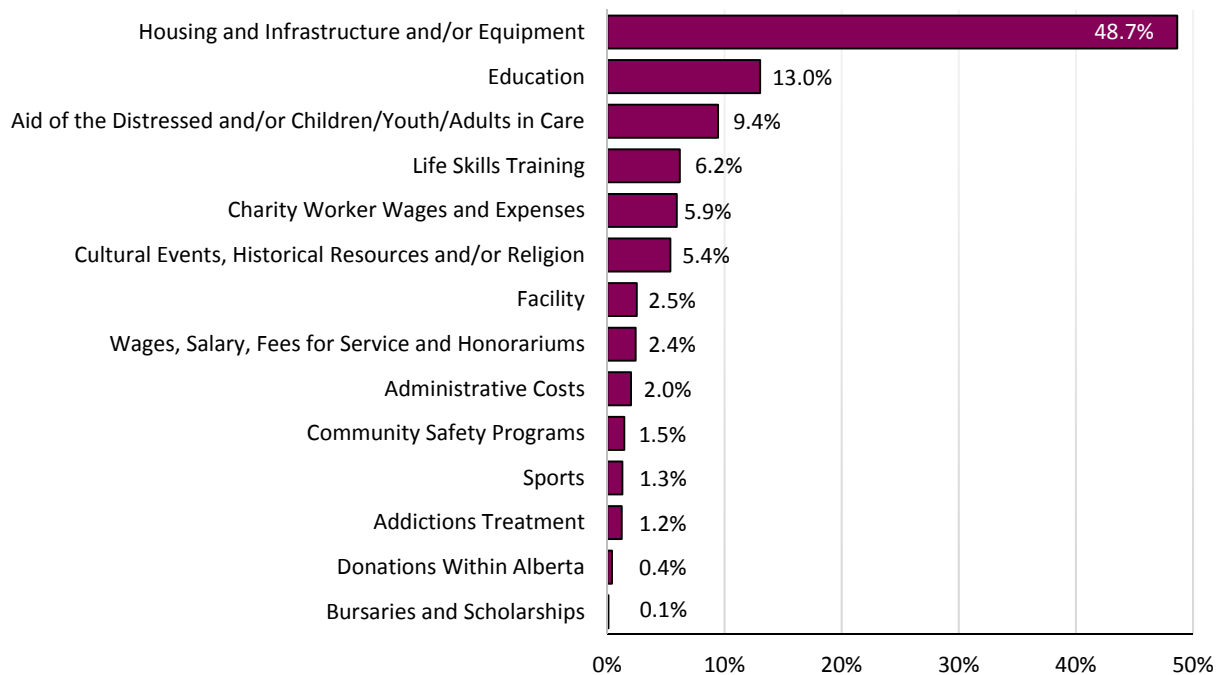
The following table summarizes how HFN licensed charities and sub-charities used the proceeds from casino events between 2011-12 and 2013-14. As HFN licensed charities and sub-charities have two years to use the funds they earned from casino events, the proceeds reported in the table below will not equal the proceeds received by HFN licensed charities in those years. Since HFN licensed charities report on their use of proceeds on an ongoing basis, complete data for 2014-15 is not yet available. Data for 2014-15 will be reported in the 2015-16 Charitable Gaming in Review report. Data for the use of proceeds by all other charities appears on page 18 of this report.

Use of Host First Nation Casino Proceeds - Summary

(\$, thousands)	2013-14	2012-13	2011-12
Housing and Infrastructure and/or Equipment	40,021	11,343	28,074
Education	10,733	10,726	10,814
Aid of the Distressed and/or Children/Youth/Adults in Care	7,772	5,358	4,091
Life Skills Training	5,093	2,735	1,672
Charity Worker Wages and Expenses	4,875	4,300	4,303
Cultural Events, Historical Resources and/or Religion Facility	4,428	3,981	2,630
Wages, Salaries, Fees for Service and Honorariums	2,065	2,886	2,569
Administrative Costs	1,990	1,803	1,562
Community Safety Programs	1,667	1,487	1,317
Sports	1,194	981	665
Addictions Treatment	1,058	1,234	1,222
Donations Within Alberta	1,011	812	451
Bursaries and Scholarships	322	4	7
Elders	22	-	-
Debt Retirement	-	821	-
Total	82,251	48,471	59,638

2013-14 Host First Nation Percent Use of Proceeds

This chart represents the use of proceeds by Host First Nation charities for the 2013-14 year as charities report their use of proceeds on an ongoing basis and complete data for 2014-15 is not yet available. Data for the use of proceeds in 2014-15 will be reported in the 2015-16 Charitable Gaming in Review report.



Gaming Licences in Effect and Associated Proceeds

Licences in Effect and Sales

A summary of the number of licences in effect to hold events and the proceeds to charities from charitable gaming activities:

2014-15¹

(\$, thousands)	Charity Licences ²	Total Gross	Prizes/ Winnings	% of Gross	Expenses	% of Gross	Electronic Gaming Proceeds ³	KENO Proceeds ⁴	Proceeds to Charity
Casinos	3,446	1,292,682	1,046,474	81.0	157,680	12.2	175,401	27	263,956
Raffles	11,874	133,339	55,611	41.7	29,060	21.8	-	-	48,668
Pull Tickets	334	86,445	60,631	70.1	8,821	10.2	-	-	16,993
Bingos	1,040	98,656	63,834	64.7	29,848	30.3	7,483	233	12,690
Total	16,694	1,611,122	1,226,550	76.1	225,409	14.0	182,884	260	342,307

2013-14¹

(\$, thousands)	Charity Licences ²	Total Gross	Prizes/ Winnings	% of Gross	Expenses	% of Gross	Electronic Gaming Proceeds ³	KENO Proceeds ⁴	Proceeds to Charity
Casinos	3,448	1,105,795	891,184	80.6	139,126	12.6	173,352	26	248,863
Raffles	10,042	168,236	66,241	39.4	36,160	21.5	-	-	65,835
Pull Tickets	358	82,269	57,457	69.8	6,639	8.1	-	-	18,173
Bingos	1,207	106,874	69,673	65.2	33,467	31.3	7,575	277	11,586
Total	15,055	1,463,174	1,084,555	74.1	215,392	14.7	180,927	303	344,457

2012-13¹

(\$, thousands)	Charity Licences ²	Total Gross	Prizes/ Winnings	% of Gross	Expenses	% of Gross	Electronic Gaming Proceeds ³	KENO Proceeds ⁴	Proceeds to Charity
Casinos	3,430	1,053,733	853,086	81.0	130,052	12.3	176,534	27	247,156
Raffles	9,938	143,840	60,894	42.3	32,630	22.7	-	-	50,316
Pull Tickets	375	85,867	59,862	69.7	6,079	7.1	-	-	19,926
Bingos	1,246	119,496	77,624	65.0	37,729	31.6	8,046	327	12,516
Total	14,989	1,402,936	1,051,466	74.9	206,490	14.7	184,580	354	329,914

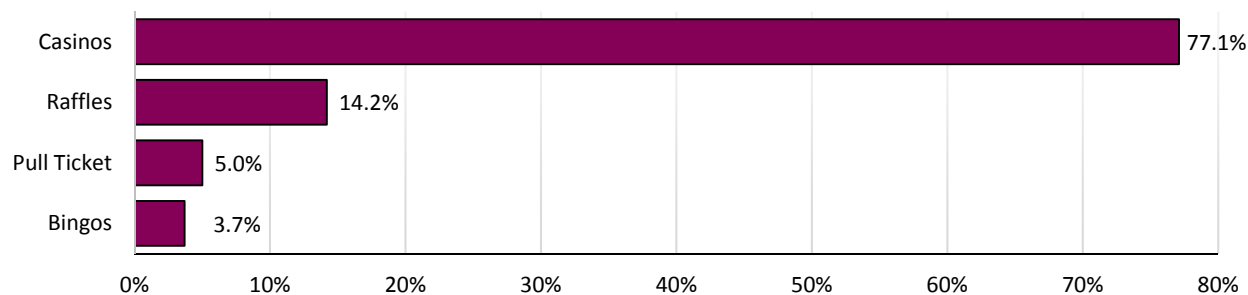
¹ For information on the data contained in charitable gaming revenue and to charities, please see page 4.

² Bingo and pull ticket licences are generally in effect for two years. Licences for casinos and raffles are generally for a single event.

³ Electronic proceeds represent commissions paid to charities and proceeds from electronic bingo distributed through the Alberta Lottery Fund.

⁴ Keno proceeds include commissions to charities and proceeds distributed through the Alberta Lottery Fund.

2014-15 Proceeds by Gaming Stream



Proceeds by Major Centre

A summary of licences and events, as well as, net proceeds to charities, by major centre for 2014-15:

	2014-15 ¹						2013-14	
(\$, thousands)	Charity Licences ²	Total Gross	Prizes/ Winnings	Expenses	Electronic Gaming Proceeds ³	Keno Proceeds ⁴	Proceeds to Charity	Proceeds to Charity
Calgary	3,176	555,469	420,935	79,429	45,828	92	101,025	91,839
Edmonton	3,314	585,116	463,828	73,765	46,733	67	94,323	90,957
Grande Prairie	562	30,783	22,751	4,963	6,114	-	9,183	8,276
Fort McMurray	515	31,239	23,019	5,019	8,884	1	12,086	12,230
Lethbridge	478	19,155	13,052	4,132	5,794	5	7,770	7,759
Medicine Hat	503	14,028	9,472	2,881	3,508	-	5,183	5,115
Red Deer	815	46,443	33,551	8,462	9,877	20	14,327	13,391
St. Albert/Camrose	739	18,807	14,188	3,656	7,577	-	8,540	8,939
Other Locations ⁵	6,592	310,082	225,754	43,102	48,569	75	89,870	105,951
Total	16,694	1,611,122	1,226,550	225,409	182,884	260	342,307	344,457

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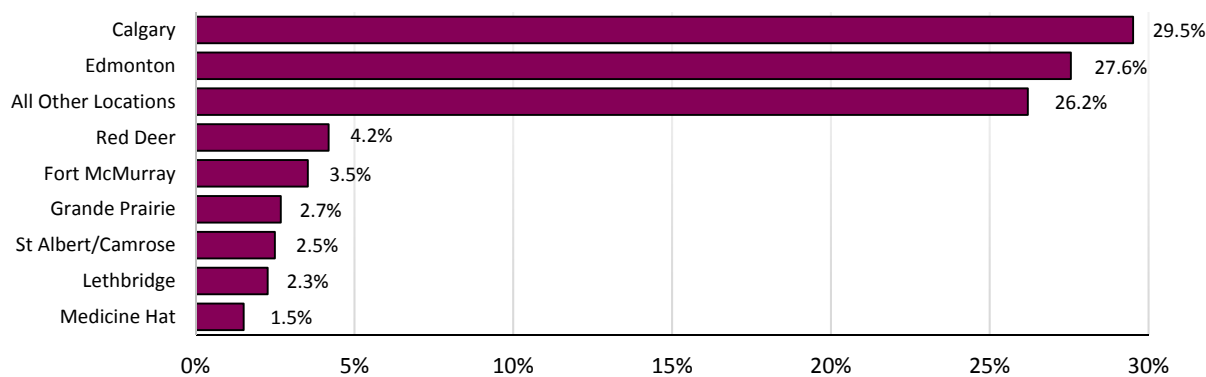
² Bingo and pull ticket licences are generally in effect for two years. Licences for casinos and raffles are generally for a single event.

³ Electronic proceeds represent commissions paid to charities and proceeds from electronic bingo distributed through the Alberta Lottery Fund.

⁴ Keno proceeds include commissions to charities and proceeds distributed through the Alberta Lottery Fund for traditional and Host First Nation gaming.

⁵ Includes traditional and Host First Nation gaming.

2014-15 Proceeds by Major Centre



Bingo

Highlights

In 2014-15, 1,040 bingo events generated gross revenues of \$98.7 million across the province. Of this amount, \$63.8 million was returned to bingo players as prizes and \$29.8 million was spent by charities for event expenses, leaving net proceeds of \$5.0 million. Charities received an additional \$7.7 million from electronic bingo and Keno proceeds, for a combined total of \$12.7 million.

Overview

In Alberta, charities may conduct bingo in an association, private operator or community bingo facility.

Association Bingo Facility (Class A Licence)

An association bingo facility consists of member charities that are eligible for bingo licensing. The facility operates at least four days a week. The association coordinates bingos for its members. Licensed charities in bingo association halls may be approved to sell pull tickets or offer electronic bingo or Keno. Keno is a provincial lottery ticket product with draws held every five minutes. Minors are not allowed in halls offering electronic bingo or Keno.

The licensed charities provide volunteers for key financial positions during the bingo event, including bingo chairperson, paymaster and special games controller. The following positions must be filled by paid staff: advisor, caller, cashier and security guard. Positions that may be filled by volunteers or paid staff include:

hall manager, assistant hall manager, bookkeeper, assistant advisor, sellers/checkers, bingo co-ordinator, pull ticket manager and pull ticket seller(s). Bingo associations pool bingo and Keno proceeds monthly and allocate the proceeds among member charities through a pool agreement signed by all members according to the number of events per charity. Proceeds from pull ticket sales are pooled monthly.

There were 21 bingo association halls in the province as of March 31, 2015. Groups interested in joining a bingo association should contact the AGLC to be placed on a central registry waiting list for their region. Bingo associations seeking new members should contact the AGLC for names of interested charities.

Private Operator Bingo Facility (Class B Licence)

A private operator bingo facility, under contract with the charities of a bingo society, supplies the space and services that enable charities to conduct their licensed bingo events. In keeping with Alberta's charitable gaming model, bingo events held in a Class B facility must be conducted and managed by licensed charities. Like licensed charities in an association bingo hall, licensed charities conducting bingo events in a private operator hall may be approved to sell pull tickets or offer electronic bingo or Keno. Minors are not allowed in halls offering electronic bingo or Keno. The licensed charities provide volunteers for key financial positions during the bingo, including the bingo chairperson, paymaster and special games controller.

The following are paid positions of the Class B Operator: hall manager, games manager, caller, cashier, security guard, pull ticket manager and pull ticket seller(s). Additionally, the licensed charity employs an Independent Hall Advisor to assist with the conduct of the bingo event. Seller/Checker positions may be volunteer or paid, as designated by the facility licensee. Bingo societies pool bingo, Keno and pull ticket proceeds monthly and allocate the proceeds among member charities according to the number of events per charity. Each society, through a pool agreement signed by all members, must establish one pool for all events.

Alberta's last remaining Private Operator Bingo Facility ceased operations in November of 2013. Since this closure, no new Class B Licence has been issued; there were no Private Operator Bingo Facilities in operation as of March 31, 2015.

Community Bingo Hall

This category includes bingos held three days per week or less at a small community hall, seniors' centre or church hall. Unlike association bingo, bingos conducted in a community hall are generally conducted by a single charity, so the charity receives all the proceeds from the event. Key positions filled by volunteers include bingo chairperson, bonanza and special games controller, and paymaster. Community bingo licensees may pay a caller and a cashier. There were 181 community bingo licences issued in 2014-15.

Bingo Proceeds Summary

2014-15¹

(\$, thousands)	Charity Licences ²	Events	Total Gross	Prizes/ Winnings	% of Gross	Expenses ²	% of Gross	Electronic Gaming Proceeds ³	Keno Proceeds ⁴	Proceeds to Charity
Licensed Bingo Facilities										
Calgary	133	3,256	22,421	13,771	61.4	8,579	38.3	2,861	82	3,014
Edmonton	260	4,559	32,764	21,244	64.8	11,287	34.4	3,394	58	3,685
All other Locations	466	6,353	34,171	22,563	66.0	9,034	26.4	1,228	93	3,895
Total	859	14,168	89,356	57,578	64.4	28,900	32.3	7,483	\$233	10,594
Community Bingo Facilities										
Calgary	8	550	1,574	1,106	70.3	163	10.4	-	-	305
Edmonton	4	162	2,019	1,005	49.8	315	15.6	-	-	699
All other Locations	169	4,197	5,707	4,145	72.6	470	8.2	-	-	1,092
Total	181	4,909	9,300	6,256	67.3	948	10.2	-	-	2,096
Total All Facilities	1,040	19,077	98,656	63,834	64.7	29,848	30.3	7,483	\$233	12,690

¹ Proceeds for 2014-15 include 2014-15 actual results from licensed bingo facilities and accrued results for community bingo licensees based on 2013-14. See page 4 for additional information.

² The expenses figure includes net sales (sales less prizes) from electronic bingo. After program expenses are paid, these funds are returned to charities as indicated in the electronic proceeds and total proceeds columns.

³ Electronic proceeds include electronic bingo commissions to charities and proceeds distributed through the Alberta Lottery Fund from electronic bingo available at licensed bingo facilities only.

⁴ Keno proceeds include commissions to charities and proceeds distributed through the Alberta Lottery Fund. Keno is not available at community bingo facilities.

2013-14¹

(\$, thousands)	Charity Licences ²	Events	Total Gross	Prizes/ Winnings	% of Gross	Expenses ²	% of Gross	Electronic Gaming Proceeds ³	KENO Proceeds ⁴	Proceeds to Charity
Licensed Bingo Facilities										
Calgary	140	3,062	21,840	13,415	61.4	8,839	40.5	2,572	94	2,252
Edmonton	254	4,584	31,905	20,826	65.3	11,025	34.6	2,975	66	3,095
All other Locations	581	7,962	43,144	28,351	65.7	12,581	29.2	2,028	117	4,357
Total	975	15,608	96,889	62,592	64.6	32,445	33.5	7,575	277	9,704
Community Bingo Facilities										
Calgary	11	566	1,491	1,041	69.8	119	8.0	-	-	331
Edmonton	4	134	1,698	917	54.0	297	17.5	-	-	484
All other Locations	217	4,969	6,796	5,123	75.4	606	8.9	-	-	1,067
Total	232	5,699	9,985	7,081	70.9	1,022	10.2	-	-	1,882
Total All Facilities	1,207	21,277	106,874	69,673	65.2	33,467	31.3	7,575	277	11,586

¹ Proceeds for 2013-14 include 2013-14 actual results from licensed bingo facilities and accrued results for community bingo licensees based on 2012-13. See page 4 for additional information.

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2012-13¹

(\$, thousands)	Charity Licences ²	Events	Total Gross	Prizes/ Winnings	% of Gross	Expenses ²	% of Gross	Electronic Gaming Proceeds ³	Keno Proceeds ⁴	Proceeds to Charity
Licensed Bingo Facilities										
Calgary	145	3,082	22,247	13,628	61.3	9,182	41.3	2,589	136	2,162
Edmonton	282	4,847	33,724	21,809	64.7	11,560	34.3	3,121	74	3,550
All other Locations	604	9,734	50,239	33,494	66.7	15,736	31.3	2,336	117	3,462
Total	1,031	17,663	106,210	68,931	64.9	36,478	34.3	8,046	327	9,174
Community Bingo Facilities										
Calgary	10	643	1,699	1,201	70.7	176	10.4	-	-	322
Edmonton	3	215	1,609	917	57.0	241	15.0	-	-	451
All other Locations	202	5,776	9,978	6,575	35.9	834	8.4	-	-	2,569
Total	215	6,634	13,286	8,693	65.4	1,251	9.4	-	-	3,342
Total All Facilities	1,246	24,297	119,496	77,624	65.0	37,729	31.6	8,046	\$327	12,516

¹ Proceeds for 2012-13 include 2012-13 actual results from licensed bingo facilities and accrued results for community bingo licensees based on 2011-12. See page 4 for additional information.

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Casino

Highlights

In 2014-15, casino table games in Alberta generated gross revenues of \$1.29 billion and returned \$1.05 billion in prizes to players. Charities paid \$158 million in event expenses to casino facility operators, advisors, trustees and others for services related to table games. Licensed charities received \$88.5 million from casino table gaming. An additional \$175.4 million from casino gaming terminals and Keno was provided to charities, for a total of \$264 million.

Overview

In Alberta, casino gaming is conducted in traditional and Host First Nation casinos and includes table games and casino gaming terminals. Casino facilities in Alberta are licensed by the AGLC. As of March 31, 2015, there were 24 permanent casino facilities consisting of 19 traditional and 5 Host First Nation casinos.

Traditional Casinos

In traditional casinos, the casino operator provides the facility, gaming expertise and gaming materials (cards, tables, chips, etc.) for the event. Charities require a licence from the AGLC to conduct the casino event. Generally, a casino event runs for two days.

Table Games:

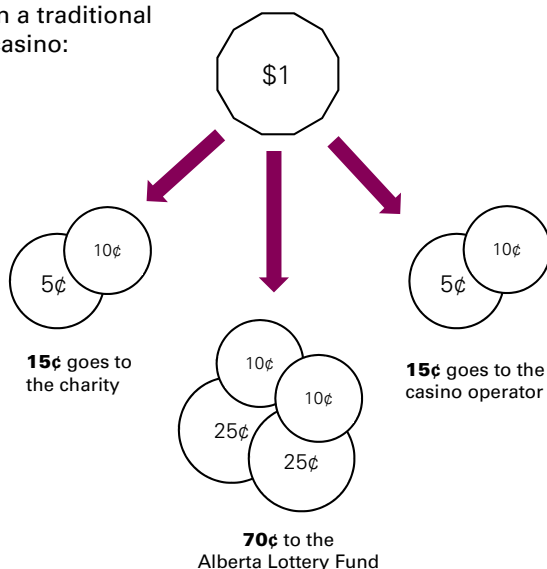
The charity provides volunteers for key financial positions during the event and earns proceeds from the table games. The volunteer positions are: general manager, banker, cashier, count room supervisor, chip runner and count room staff (counter, sorters, amalgamator). The casino facility provides a casino games manager who is directly responsible to the charity's general manager. The casino games manager supervises the games area in the casino and ensures that activities follow the AGLC's *Casino Terms and Conditions & Operating Guidelines*. Licensed charities also hire independent casino advisors to help them with their event. Net proceeds (sales less prizes and event expenses) from table games are pooled and distributed to the participating charities quarterly.

Casino Gaming Terminals:

The *Criminal Code* (Canada) requires a provincial authority to manage electronic gaming devices. In Alberta, the AGLC manages all electronic gaming; volunteers have no direct role in the operation of casino gaming terminals. However, charities receive a 15 per cent commission on net sales from casino gaming terminals during their casino events. The facility operator also earns a 15 per cent commission and the remaining 70 per cent is transferred to the Alberta Lottery Fund after AGLC's operating costs are deducted.

Charities receive a five per cent commission on gross sales from Keno in casinos (the facility operator also earns a five per cent commission on gross sales and a two per cent commission on redemptions). The remainder is transferred to the Alberta Lottery Fund after AGLC operating costs and prize liabilities are deducted. For more information about the Alberta Lottery Fund, see albertalotteryfund.ca.

For each dollar of casino gaming terminal proceeds in a traditional casino:



Charities are required to hold casino events in a facility within their designated region in the province. Only licensed charities in Edmonton and Calgary and charities that operate province-wide may hold casinos in those cities. A charity in a rural area may conduct events at the nearest regional casino facility (with the exception of Century Casino in Calgary, which serves charities in nearby rural communities). All proceeds from charitable casino events, including casino gaming terminal net proceeds, are pooled quarterly by region and divided among the participating charities.

Host First Nation Casinos

The Host First Nation (HFN) is the casino facility operator and provides the facility, gaming expertise and gaming materials (cards, tables, chips, etc.) for the event. The HFN licensed charity also requires a licence from the AGLC to conduct the casino event. Generally, HFN licensed charities are issued a licence for 364 one-day casino events. The HFN and the HFN licensed charity are two separate and distinct organizations. Proceeds from HFN casinos support charitable and religious purposes in the HFN community. HFN licensed charities may provide proceeds to sub-charities, if the sub-charity's proposed use of proceeds comply with the policies set out in the *Host First Nation Charitable Casino Policies Handbook*.

Table Games:

The HFN licensed charity receives the net proceeds (sales less prizes and event expenses) from table games. Government receives no revenue from table games.

Casino Gaming Terminals:

Charity workers have no direct role in the operation of casino gaming terminals. The *Criminal Code* (Canada) requires a provincial authority to manage electronic gaming devices.

The Alberta Lottery Fund (ALF) allocation from casino gaming terminals in Host First Nation casinos (70%, after the AGLC's operating costs are deducted) is split:

- 40% to the First Nations Development Fund (FNDF) Grant Program
- 30% to other ALF initiatives

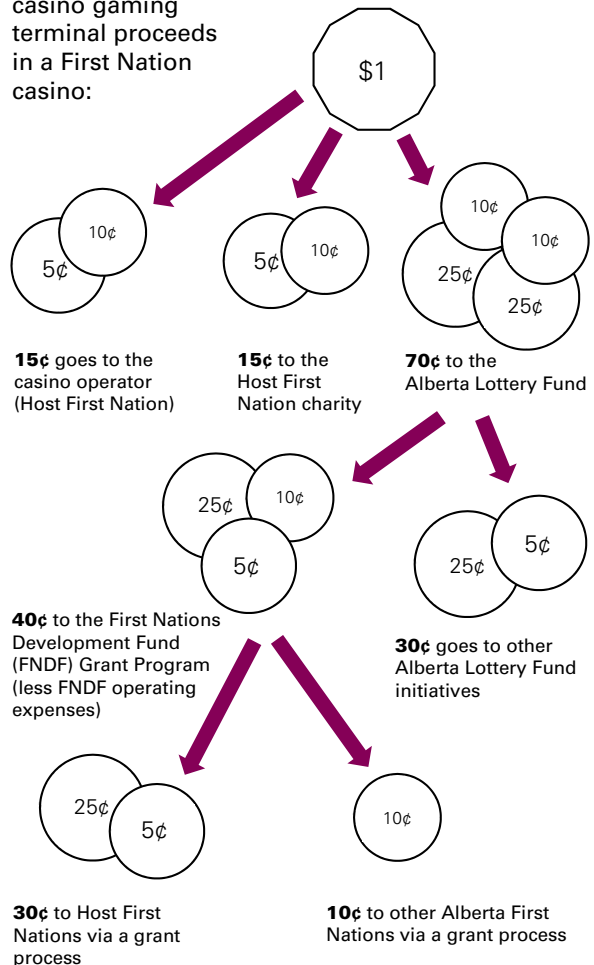
The 40% FNDF portion is allocated via a grant process:

- 30% to the Host First Nation
- 10% to other First Nations across Alberta

The HFN licensed charity receives a five per cent commission on gross sales from Keno. The HFN (as the casino facility operator) also earns a five per cent commission on gross sales from Keno and a two per cent commission on redemptions. The remainder is transferred to the ALF after AGLC operating costs and prize liabilities are deducted. For more information about the Alberta Lottery Fund, see albertalotteryfund.ca.

The FNDF Grant Program is a Government of Alberta lottery grant program available exclusively to First Nation Band Councils in Alberta. FNDF grants may be allocated for economic, social and community development projects. For more information on the FNDF Grant program, see aboriginal.alberta.ca.

For each dollar of casino gaming terminal proceeds in a First Nation casino:



Casino Proceeds Summary

2014-15

(\$, thousands)	Charity Licences	Total Gross ¹	Prizes/ Winnings	% of Gross	Expenses	% of Gross	Electronic Gaming Proceeds ²	KENO Proceeds	Proceeds to Charity
Traditional Casinos³									
Calgary	905	434,653	346,440	79.7	55,154	12.7	35,823	8	68,890
Edmonton	910	483,679	404,023	83.5	49,382	10.2	43,339	9	73,622
Rural South	541	53,744	43,074	80.1	8,070	15.0	15,897	4	18,501
Rural Central	540	35,860	28,234	78.7	7,147	19.9	13,237	0	13,716
Rural North	545	65,363	51,997	79.6	10,727	16.4	18,803	1	21,443
Total	3,441	1,073,299	873,768	81.4	130,480	12.2	127,099	22	196,172
First Nations Casinos									
All Locations	5	219,383	172,706	78.7	27,200	12.4	48,302	5	67,784
Total All Facilities	3,446	1,292,682	1,046,474	81.0	157,680	12.2	175,401	27	263,956

¹ Includes the total amount wagered on table games including the total poker rake from poker games (Maximum of \$5 per hand) and tournaments (10 per cent). The operator's fee from the poker rake is included under the expense column.

² Electronic proceeds and Keno are the commissions paid to charities from electronic gaming.

³ The Calgary and Edmonton regions include the 5 facilities within each urban area; Rural North represents casino facilities in Fort McMurray, Grand Prairie and St. Albert; Rural Central combines facilities in Red Deer (2) and Camrose; Rural South encompasses Lethbridge, Medicine Hat and Century Casino (Calgary). A regional breakdown is only available for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

2013-14

(\$, thousands)	Charity Licences	Total Gross ¹	Prizes/ Winnings	% of Gross	Expenses	% of Gross	Electronic Gaming Proceeds ²	KENO Proceeds	Proceeds to Charity
Traditional Casinos									
Calgary	1,087	392,597	315,170	80.3	49,532	12.6	42,911	10	70,816
Edmonton	911	407,725	336,089	82.4	44,322	10.9	44,053	8	71,375
All Other Locations	1,445	107,858	84,522	78.4	20,366	18.9	40,383	3	43,356
Total	3,443	908,180	735,781	81.0	114,220	12.6	127,347	21	185,547
First Nations Casinos									
All Locations	5	197,615	155,403	78.6	24,906	12.6	46,005	5	63,316
Total All Facilities	3,448	1,105,795	891,184	80.6	139,126	12.6	173,352	26	248,863

¹ Includes the total amount wagered on table games including the total poker rake from poker games (Maximum of \$5 per hand) and tournaments (10 per cent). The operator's fee from the poker rake is included under the expense column.

² Electronic proceeds and Keno are the commissions paid to charities from electronic gaming.

2012-13

(\$, thousands)	Charity Licences	Total Gross ¹	Prizes/ Winnings	% of Gross	Expenses	% of Gross	Electronic Gaming Proceeds ²	KENO Proceeds	Proceeds to Charity
Traditional Casinos									
Calgary	1,081	386,689	312,640	80.9	46,963	12.1	44,167	9	71,262
Edmonton	906	370,617	306,551	82.7	39,947	10.8	45,715	6	69,840
All Other Locations	1,438	105,390	84,436	80.1	18,503	17.6	41,575	5	44,031
Total	3,425	862,696	703,627	81.6	105,413	12.2	131,457	20	185,133
First Nations Casinos									
All Locations	5	191,037	149,459	78.2	24,639	12.9	45,077	7	62,023
Total All Facilities	3,430	1,053,733	853,086	81.0	130,052	12.3	176,534	27	247,156

¹ Includes the total amount wagered on table games including the total poker rake from poker games (Maximum of \$5 per hand) and tournaments (10 per cent). The operator's fee from the poker rake is included under the expense column.

² Electronic proceeds and Keno are the commissions paid to charities from electronic gaming.

Pull Ticket

Highlights

Gross sales from pull tickets generated \$86.4 million in 2014-15 and returned \$60.6 million in prizes to players. Charities paid \$8.8 million in related expenses and earned \$17.0 million in proceeds.

Overview

Pull tickets – also called Nevada or break-open tickets – are an instant-win ticket. They have sealed windows or pull-tabs that open to reveal symbols, letters or numbers that correspond with a specific prize.

Generally, groups licensed to sell pull tickets must sell them from the premises where they provide services to the community in order to ensure that the charity carefully controls sales and protects ticket security.

The AGLC also allows charities to sell pull tickets from their program kiosks.

Charities conducting events at licensed bingo halls can also sell pull tickets during their licensed bingo events. In this case, the proceeds are pooled monthly and allocated among the charities conducting bingo events during the period. The charity must arrange to buy pull tickets from a supplier registered with the AGLC.

Tickets can only be sold by the charity and its volunteers.

Pull Ticket Proceeds Summary

2014-15¹

(\$, thousands)	Charity Licences	Units Sold	Total Gross	Prizes/ Winnings	% of Gross	Expenses	% of Gross	Proceeds to Charity	% of Gross
Licensed Bingo Facilities									
Calgary	4	20,110	15,205	10,536	69.3	1,890	12.4	2,779	18.3
Edmonton	6	36,958	30,698	21,536	70.2	3,115	10.1	6,047	19.7
All Other Locations	11	37,667	24,482	16,796	68.6	3,024	12.4	4,662	19.0
Total	21	94,735	70,385	48,868	69.4	8,029	11.4	13,488	19.2
Other Locations									
Calgary	27	2,501	3,487	2,596	74.4	145	4.2	746	21.4
Edmonton	21	527	853	609	71.4	39	4.6	205	24.0
All Other Locations	265	8,337	11,720	8,558	73.0	608	5.2	2,554	21.8
Total	313	11,365	16,060	11,763	73.2	792	4.9	3,505	21.8
Total All Facilities	334	106,100	86,445	60,631	70.1	8,821	10.2	16,993	19.7

¹ Proceeds for 2014-15 include 2014-15 actual results for pull-tickets sold in licensed bingo facilities and accrued results based on 2013-14 for pull-tickets sold in all other locations. See page 4 (Introduction) for additional information.

2013-14¹

(\$, thousands)	Charity Licences	Units Sold	Total Gross	Prizes/ Winnings	% of Gross	Expenses	% of Gross	Proceeds to Charity	% of Gross
Licensed Bingo Facilities									
Calgary	4	17,771	13,737	9,504	69.2	1,317	9.6	2,916	21.2
Edmonton	6	33,275	24,702	17,198	69.6	1,937	7.8	5,567	22.5
All Other Locations	14	42,407	25,916	17,703	68.3	2,408	9.3	5,805	22.4
Total	24	93,453	64,355	44,405	69.0	5,662	8.8	14,288	22.2
Other Locations									
Calgary	30	2,684	3,699	2,739	74.0	160	4.3	800	21.6
Edmonton	21	458	764	541	70.8	35	4.6	188	24.6
All Other Locations	283	9,825	13,451	9,772	72.6	782	5.8	2,897	21.5
Total	334	12,967	17,914	13,052	72.9	977	5.5	3,885	21.7
Total All Facilities	358	106,420	82,269	57,457	69.8	6,639	8.1	18,173	22.1

¹ Proceeds for 2013-14 include 2013-14 actual results for pull-tickets sold in licensed bingo facilities and accrued results based on 2012-13 for pull-tickets sold in all other locations. See page 4 (Introduction) for additional information.

2012-13¹

(\$, thousands)	Charity Licences	Units Sold	Total Gross	Prizes/ Winnings	% of Gross	Expenses	% of Gross	Proceeds to Charity	% of Gross
Licensed Bingo Facilities									
Calgary	4	17,276	12,824	8,854	69.0	1,021	8.0	2,949	23.0
Edmonton	7	34,030	24,809	17,128	69.0	1,799	7.3	5,882	23.7
All Other Locations	17	49,219	29,085	19,876	68.3	2,051	7.1	7,158	24.6
Total	28	100,525	66,718	45,858	68.7	4,871	7.3	15,989	24.0
Other Locations									
Calgary	33	2,865	3,873	2,908	75.1	186	4.8	779	20.1
Edmonton	20	449	758	548	72.3	31	4.1	179	23.6
All Other Locations	294	11,029	14,518	10,548	72.7	991	6.8	2,979	20.5
Total	347	14,343	19,149	14,004	73.1	1,208	6.3	3,937	20.6
Total All Facilities	375	114,868	85,867	59,862	69.7	6,079	7.1	19,926	23.2

¹ Proceeds for 2012-13 include 2012-13 actual results for pull-tickets sold in licensed bingo facilities and accrued results based on 2011-12 for pull-tickets sold in all other locations. See page 4 (Introduction) for additional information.

Raffle

Highlights

In 2014-15, raffles generated \$133.3 million in gross sales and returned \$55.6 million in prizes to players. Charities paid \$29.1 million in related expenses and earned \$48.7 million in proceeds from these raffles.

Overview

A raffle is a lottery where prizes are awarded based on a random draw of tickets purchased by players. Prizes for raffles must be at least 20 per cent and expenses no more than 30 per cent of the total ticket value. Only approved expenses required to conduct the raffle may be deducted.

Only licensed charitable or religious groups can conduct raffles. Examples of raffles are: 50/50 draws, home lotteries, car and cash raffles, and sports raffles such as hockey pools.

There are two types of licences: one for raffles with a total ticket value greater than \$10,000, and one for raffles under \$10,000. Eligibility for both types of raffle licences is determined by the AGLC. The AGLC issues licences for raffles with the larger ticket value, while Alberta registry agents can issue licences for the smaller amounts. Eligible charitable and religious organizations can also apply for raffle licences under \$10,000 online using their AGLC internet account. For more information on the AGLC internet account see page 6 of this report. Charities must be registered with the AGLC for both kinds of raffles.

Raffle Proceeds Summary

2014-15¹

(\$, thousands)	Charity Licences	Total Gross	Prizes/ Winnings	% of Gross	Expenses	% of Gross	Proceeds to Charity	% of Gross
Raffles Over \$10,000								
Calgary	56	38,206	16,303	42.7	9,552	25.0	12,351	32.3
Edmonton	49	32,063	14,536	45.3	9,564	29.8	7,963	24.8
All Other Locations	192	38,673	17,726	45.8	9,248	23.9	11,699	30.3
Total	297	108,942	48,565	44.6	28,364	26.0	32,013	29.4
Raffles Under \$10,000								
Calgary	1,861	4,490	792	17.6	100	2.2	3,598	80.2
Edmonton	2,064	3,040	875	28.8	63	2.1	2,102	69.1
All Other Locations	7,652	16,867	5,379	31.9	533	3.2	10,955	64.7
Total	11,577	24,397	7,046	28.9	696	2.9	16,655	68.2
Total All Raffles	11,874	133,339	55,611	41.7	29,060	21.8	48,668	36.5

¹ Proceeds for 2014-15 include 2014-15 actual results for raffles with gross sales under \$10,000 and accrued results based on 2013-14 for raffles with gross sales over \$10,000. See page 4 (Introduction) for additional information.

2013-14¹

(\$, thousands)	Charity Licences	Total Gross	Prizes/ Winnings	% of Gross	Expenses	% of Gross	Proceeds to Charity	% of Gross
Raffles Over \$10,000								
Calgary	57	42,136	17,668	41.9	12,603	29.9	11,865	28.2
Edmonton	55	35,986	17,256	48.0	10,201	28.3	8,529	23.7
All Other Locations	225	69,806	25,260	36.2	12,806	18.3	31,740	45.5
Total	337	147,928	60,184	40.7	35,610	24.1	52,134	35.2
Raffles Under \$10,000								
Calgary	1,698	3,682	724	19.7	99	2.7	2,859	77.6
Edmonton	1,644	2,542	766	30.1	57	2.2	1,719	67.6
All Other Locations	6,363	14,084	4,567	32.4	394	2.8	9,123	64.8
Total	9,705	20,308	6,057	29.8	550	2.7	13,701	67.5
Total All Raffles	10,042	168,236	66,241	39.4	36,160	21.5	65,835	39.1

¹ Proceeds for 2013-14 include 2013-14 actual results for raffles with gross sales under \$10,000 and accrued results based on 2012-13 for raffles with gross sales over \$10,000. See page 4 (Introduction) for additional information.

2012-13¹

(\$, thousands)	Charity Licences	Total Gross	Prizes/ Winnings	% of Gross	Expenses	% of Gross	Proceeds to Charity	% of Gross
Raffles Over \$10,000								
Calgary	48	39,133	18,066	46.2	11,580	29.6	9,487	24.2
Edmonton	49	34,693	17,005	49.0	10,367	29.9	7,321	21.1
All Other Locations	188	49,790	19,844	39.9	9,978	20.0	19,968	40.1
Total	285	123,616	54,915	44.4	31,925	25.8	36,776	29.8
Raffles Under \$10,000								
Calgary	1,595	3,543	751	21.2	155	4.4	2,637	74.4
Edmonton	1,646	2,562	740	28.9	91	3.6	1,731	67.5
All Other Locations	6,412	14,119	4,488	31.8	459	3.3	9,172	64.9
Total	9,653	20,224	5,979	29.6	705	3.5	13,540	66.9
Total All Raffles	9,938	143,840	60,894	42.3	32,630	22.7	50,316	35.0

¹ Proceeds for 2012-13 include 2012-13 actual results for raffles with gross sales under \$10,000 and accrued results based on 2011-12 for raffles with gross sales over \$10,000. See page 4 (Introduction) for additional information.

Licence Fees

Licence Fee per Type of Event

Bingo	At a licensed bingo facility	\$30 per event
	Not at a licensed bingo facility	
	Events with yearly sales of \$150,000 or less	No charge
	Events with yearly sales of over \$150,000	\$30 per event
Casino	Not at fairs or exhibitions	\$15 per table per day (excludes poker)
	At fairs or exhibitions	\$35 per table per day (excludes poker)
Pull Ticket	1,000 units or less	\$5 per set of sealed, boxed or bagged tickets
	Over 1,000 units	\$10 per set of sealed, boxed or bagged tickets
Raffle	Less than \$10,000	No charge ¹
	More than \$10,000 but less than \$100,000 total ticket value	\$150
	More than \$100,000 but less than \$1 million total ticket value	\$500
	\$1 million or more	\$1,000
	Authorizing lottery scheme involving prize bonds	\$10,000

¹ Licences for raffles under \$10,000 which are issued from Alberta registry agents include an administration fee charged by the registry agent to process the licence application.

Facility Licence Fee¹

Bingo Facility Licence	Class A Facility	No charge
	Class B Facility	\$500
Casino Facility Licence		\$500

¹ The AGLC receives facility licence fees directly from the facility operator.

Licence Fees Collected

(\$, thousands)	Bingo Events	Casino Events	Pull Tickets	Raffles	Total Fees Collected
2010-11	590	1,653	710	90	3,043
2011-12	584	1,632	669	93	2,978
2012-13	584	1,624	685	95	2,988
2013-14	517	1,616	639	99	2,871
2014-15	452	1,617	639	102	2,810

Contact Information

For more information on charitable gaming, eligibility, use of proceeds or the GAIN program, please contact the AGLC by phone during business hours, or by fax or by email anytime.

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	Licensing, Use of Proceeds	A Bingo Licensing Clerk
Casino Questions	Bank Accounts, Financial Reporting	A Financial Review Clerk
	Licensing, Use of Proceeds	A Casino Licensing Clerk
Host First Nation Questions	Bank Accounts, Financial Reporting	An Auditor – Compliance Audit
	Licensing, Use of Proceeds	An Eligibility Analyst – First Nation Gaming
Pull-Ticket Questions	Bank Accounts, Financial Reporting	A Financial Review Clerk
	Licensing, Use of Proceeds	A Pull-Ticket Licensing Clerk
Raffle Questions	Bank Accounts, Financial Reporting	A Financial Review Clerk
	Licensing, Use of Proceeds	A Raffle Licensing Clerk
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