

MUNICIPAL LOTTERY LICENSE

A Municipal Council may issue licenses to conduct the following lottery schemes;

- Bingo events where the total cash prize value to be awarded on any one occasion does not exceed \$5,500.00
- Media bingo events
- Ticket raffle lotteries where the total value of the prizes to be awarded does not exceed \$50,000.00
- Break open ticket lotteries where the tickets are not to be sold in conjunction with another gaming event.
- Bazaars.

Who can get a license to conduct a lottery scheme?

Charitable and religious organizations which provide programs for:

- the relief of poverty
- the advancement of education
- the advancement of religion
- other charitable purposes beneficial to the community

The following pre-requisites are mandatory to be considered eligible for a lottery license:

- Organizations must have been in existence for at least one (1) year before being considered eligible for a lottery license.
- The organization must have a place of business in Ontario, demonstrate that it is established to provide charitable services in Ontario and use proceeds for objects or purposes which benefit Ontario residents.
- The organization must comply with the Terms and Conditions of the lottery event as set out by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission.
- The Corporation of the County of Prince Edward will only issue a lottery license to an organization which operates charitable facilities or programs within the County of Prince Edward.

What types of charitable and religious organizations are eligible?

The Relief of Poverty

Eligible Organizations – examples of types of organizations that may be eligible in this classification include:

- street patrols who work directly with homeless people;
- food banks;
- shelters for the homeless and economically disadvantaged; and
- meal programs

The Advancement of Education

Examples of organizations that could be eligible:

- elementary and secondary public and Roman Catholic separate schools that are recognized and/or accredited by the Ministry of Education and lead to a secondary school graduation diploma;
- accredited colleges and universities
- monastic and other religious schools and private schools registered with Revenue Canada as a charitable organization
- organizations which provide formal education activities and training in necessary life skills, such as English as a Second Language Programs;
- scholarship or bursary funds registered with Revenue Canada as a charitable organization;
- parent/teacher associations or other groups may also be eligible providing they support one of the types of schools listed above and are properly constituted as charitable organizations or non-profit organization with charitable objects.

The Advancement of Religion

Examples of organizations that could be eligible:

- churches, synagogues, mosques, chapels, temples;
- missionary organizations; and
- other religious assemblies or congregations for religious observance and instruction.

Any Purpose Beneficial to the Community

Eligible organizations with other purposes beneficial to the community have been divided into the following six categories:

- culture and arts;
- health and welfare;
- amateur sports organizations;
- the enhancement of youth;
- the enhancement of public safety; and

- service to the community (service clubs)

Fees

The lottery license fee charged for a Bingo License, Raffle or a Break-open Ticket shall be 3% of the total prize value.