December 9, 2008

Jean Mayor, CEO
Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario
90 Sheppard Avenue East
Suite 200
Toronto, ON M2N 0A4

Dear Jean Mayor:

RE: LOTTERY LICENSING – REQUEST FOR PROCESS STREAMLINING
FILE NO.: P09.GE

At a meeting held on December 8, 2008, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following resolution #GPA-698-08 seeking your endorsement:

"WHEREAS The Executive Council, under the recommendation of the Lieutenant Governor, issued Order in Council 1413/08 regarding lottery schemes;

AND WHEREAS the Order in Council 1413/08 provides the Municipality the option to issue lottery licences provided that those licences are issued within the Registrar's requirements, the proceeds from the lottery scheme will be used for a charitable objects or purposes providing a direct benefit to the residents of Ontario, and the proposed event will be conducted in accordance with the Gaming Control Act, 1992 and its regulations;

AND WHEREAS By-law 94-30, as amended, provides for the licensing of lottery events within the Municipality of Clarington;

AND WHEREAS charitable organizations within our community rely heavily on volunteers from the community at large in order to organize their various functions and activities;

AND WHEREAS many of our charitable works within our community are funded through various lottery activities;

AND WHEREAS the regulations set forth by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario are very onerous, strict and time consuming for the charitable organizations and the lottery licensing officers within the Municipal Clerk’s Department;

AND WHEREAS it is understood that these strict rules are enforced to ensure that the lottery proceeds are applied towards approved charitable works;
AND WHEREAS the charitable organizations are finding it increasingly difficult for their volunteers to take on the necessary functions to comply with the AGCO's Terms and Conditions respecting lottery events;

AND WHEREAS in 2005 the AGCO initiated a project to modernize charitable gaming with the focus being on eight key areas for review including "streamlining/simplifying administration";

AND WHEREAS staff have previously submitted comments and recommendations, in response to the AGCO's survey, a component of their modernizing project, proposing options for streamlining and simplifying the application and reporting process;

AND WHEREAS no improvements have been made to streamline or simplify the application, reporting or administration processes respecting Break Open Tickets or Raffles;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Municipality of Clarington request the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario to expedite its Modernization of Charitable Gaming Project, in particular the application, reporting and administration processes respecting Break Open Tickets and Raffles; and

THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, John O'Toole, MPP, and all municipalities within Ontario seeking their endorsement.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

C. Anne Greentree, B.A., CMO
Deputy Clerk

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C: Premier Dalton McGuinty
John O'Toole, MPP Durham
Ontario Municipalities