August 23rd, 2005.

Municipalities of Ontario

Dear Councils:

Eligibility for Lottery Licensing Municipal Museums and Public Libraries

At its meeting of August 8th, 2005, the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

"WHEREAS under the present legislation governing gaming in Ontario municipalities and their affiliated (non-independent) committees and boards do not qualify as eligible organizations for lottery licensing;

AND WHEREAS the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum Board has asked the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne to petition the upper levels of government for a change to the legislative framework so as to permit municipal museums and public libraries to be eligible for lottery licensing and to have broad discretion in the use of proceeds from lottery schemes;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Port Colborne supports the request of the Port Colborne Historical and Marine Museum Board and believes that municipal museums and public libraries offer services that provide a direct benefit to Ontario residents and should be eligible to use proceeds from lottery schemes to continue and enhance those services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the City of Port Colborne petition the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Consumer and Business Services and the Registrar of Alcohol and Gaming to support a change to the regulatory framework for charitable gaming in Ontario and Canada to permit the licensing of municipal museums and public libraries and the use of proceeds from lottery schemes to continue and enhance the services they offer;

AND FURTHER that the Provincial government be asked to petition the Federal Government for the legislative amendments to the Criminal Code that are necessary to provide an exemption for municipal museums and public libraries to the general prohibition on the conduct of lottery schemes.

AND FURTHER that a copy of this resolution be circulated, for support, to municipalities in the Province of Ontario, J. Maloney MP and T. Hudak MPP."

Your favourable consideration of Council's petition and your assistance in furthering the object of eligibility for lottery licensing for municipal museums and public libraries would be greatly appreciated.

Janet Beckett
City Clerk
Corporation of the City of Port Colborne