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## Memorandum of Agreement on Gaming Policy

Between:

**The B.C. Association for Charitable Gaming (BCACG)**

and

**The Government of British Columbia (the Province):**

The Province and the BCACG have agreed to govern their relationships with respect to gaming issues according to the following principles:

The Province:

- affirms the role of licenced charities as the sole beneficiaries of bingo gaming, including both paper and electronic bingo;
- affirms that charities have exclusive domain over all bingo activities, subject to licencing by the Gaming Commission, and subject to the provisions of the federal *Criminal Code*;
- will pursue changes to the gaming provisions of the federal *Criminal Code* to provide greater legal certainty for the continuing key role of licenced charities in charitable gaming;
- will pursue changes to the gaming provisions of the federal *Criminal Code* to permit the broad use of technology in bingo by licenced charities, so that licenced charities can have exclusive domain over all bingo activities;
- reaffirms its commitment to the existing charitable guarantee of a minimum \$125 million annually, indexed annually at the rate of Vancouver CPI, with a formula that ensures charity entitlement to an amount, after accounting for retained bingo revenues, equal to 1/3 of ongoing government net community casino gaming revenue;
- affirms that the existing bingo facility-level guarantee will remain in effect for an interim period to be determined by the Gaming Commission in meaningful consultation with licenced bingo charities;
- affirms that the British Columbia Gaming Commission is the sole licencing authority for charitable gaming;

- affirms that the "public foundation" licencing model recommended in the White Paper will not be pursued;
- will consult in a meaningful way with charities in the development of gaming policy changes that may affect charities;
- will consult in a meaningful way with charities regarding the form and content of gaming legislation before it is introduced into the Legislature; and
- reaffirms its commitment that video lottery terminals will not be permitted in British Columbia.

The BCACG intends to:

- actively and cooperatively work with the Province in the development of comprehensive gaming legislation;
- actively and cooperatively work with the Province in the support of negotiations with the federal government to achieve changes to the gaming provisions of the federal *Criminal Code* as contemplated in bullets three and four on the previous page.

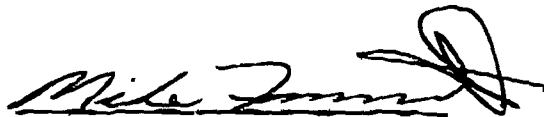
The Province and BCACG intend to:

- bring resolution to existing and future disputes through negotiations, where possible, and in a manner consistent with the principles of this Agreement.

These principles will govern the parties' actions with respect to gaming henceforth, and until legislation consistent with these principles is passed in the Legislature.



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