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To all Community Organizations Receiving Gaming Grants:

I am writing to update you on the status of provincial gaming funds available to community organizations under the Province's direct access and bingo affiliation grant programs.

Some community organizations have expressed uncertainty about the government's commitment to the current model and to the level of funding support for community organizations under these programs. The agencies providing these important community programs rely on gaming grants as one source of funding.

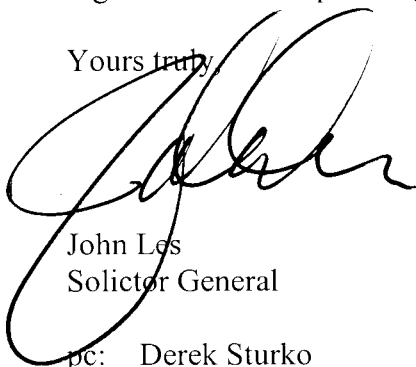
I am writing to confirm government's support for, and commitment to, maintaining the two gaming grant programs. Further, government is committed to stabilizing and formalizing the current overall funding levels on an ongoing basis.

Specifically, bingo affiliates' grant levels will continue to be paid on the basis of demonstrated need, with no relationship to the actual revenue generated at each hall. The government will no longer be concerned whether the revenue to support these grants is generated from the bingo hall, or from other forms of gaming in what has been historically referred to as "top-up".

In essence, government will maintain the current base level of these grant programs (\$137.1 million in 2005/06) and continue to provide annual increases to that amount to reflect the rate of inflation.

I hope these commitments to stable, predictable and sustained gaming grants will assist your organization in the planning and delivery of community programs and services.

Yours truly,



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