



November 20, 2001

To: Charity Associations, Charity Organizations, and Bingo Service Providers

On September 14, 2001, I announced a streamlined management structure for gaming that separates policy and regulatory functions from operations, and transfers responsibility to conduct and manage commercial bingo halls to the BC Lottery Corporation.

As a part of the transition, I asked the bingo sector to participate on a transition advisory committee. I appreciate the committee's contributions, which are reflected in the attached document entitled [Commercial Bingo Halls in BC](#). It describes several aspects of the BC Lottery Corporation's conduct and management of commercial bingo halls and the role of charities and associations in order to receive the resulting net proceeds.

In response to charities' concerns regarding the timing of implementation, and to allow Associations time for a full discussion with their membership, the BC Lottery Corporation will assume responsibility for the conduct and management of commercial bingo halls on January 15, 2002. This will ensure an orderly implementation of the new management structure.

If you have questions regarding these guidelines please call Derek Sturko, Acting General Manager, Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, at 250 387-0757.

Sincerely yours,
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[Attachment](#)

Members of the transition advisory committee:

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