

# Corporate Policy and Procedure



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LICENCE

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POLICY STATEMENT The City of Mississauga issues and renews bingo lottery licences.

## APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Any applicant for a bingo lottery licence shall comply with:

- the province of Ontario's Order-in-Council 274/70;
- the City of Mississauga's interpretation of the Ministry of Consumer & Commercial Relations of Ontario's directive entitled "Terms and Conditions under which the Bingo Lottery Licence is issued".

The applicant must:

- be based in the City of Mississauga and able to show that the funds to be derived from the bingo events are to be spent in a way that will benefit the community, or, if not based in Mississauga, able to show that it has been continuously licensed to operate bingos in Mississauga for at least four years prior to the date of application and will expend at least one-third of the funds to be raised in a way which directly benefits the City of Mississauga;
- be affiliated with the Community Services Department if an organization is devoted to the furtherance of recreation or sporting activities, or, if not affiliated, be able to show that it provides a service to and is a benefit to the community of the City of Mississauga;

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- have been in existence and active as a properly constituted organization for a period of at least two years prior to date of application and be able to satisfy the Licensing Officer of the City of Mississauga of its stability as an organization;
  - satisfy the Licensing Officer of the City of Mississauga that it has an active membership sufficiently large to provide the necessary staff to manage the events applied for;
  - if requested to do so by the Licensing Officer, file with the City of Mississauga an irrevocable letter of credit from a bank or other financial institution guaranteeing that sufficient funds will be paid to cover the costs of the prize structure for the events applied for;
  - be prepared to submit a statement at the conclusion of the licence period showing how the funds raised through the bingo lottery have been disbursed;
  - be prepared to hold the bingo event on such day of the week as designated by Council (this shall not apply to licensees of record that have operated a bingo in Mississauga on a specific night within the last four years prior to October 31, 1983); and
  - not be permitted to operate more than an average of one bingo event per week (this shall not apply to licensees of record that have operated a bingo in Mississauga two nights a week for not less than four years prior to October 31, 1983).

## PROVINCIAL LICENSEES

The City of Mississauga will recommend against the issuance of provincial bingo lottery licences except to provincial licensees of record that have operated a bingo in Mississauga for not less than four years prior to October 31, 1983 except where the applicant shall be a replacement of a licence currently operating in a provincially licensed location.

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## OPENING OF NEW BINGO HALLS

The opening of a new hall may be supported on a short term basis, i.e. six month trial period, with a provision that the terms and conditions relating to administration and profit percentages are being met at the expiration of the six month test period.

The schedule of dates for each sponsor group's operation shall be on a rotating basis and meet the approval of sponsor groups and the Lottery Licensing Officer for the City of Mississauga.

Bingo Lottery Applications shall be brought before Council at a later date for approval, pending further investigation by staff into the eligibility of the applicant's organization.

There will be no restrictions on the hours of operation.

## REFERENCE:

Resolution 673-83 - 1983 10 31  
Resolution 303-87 - 1987 06 29

## LAST REVIEW DATE:

April, 2001

## CONTACT:

For more information, contact Lottery Licensing, Enforcement Division, Corporate Services Department.