



The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie  
Community Gaming Development Corporation  
Agenda

Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 4:00 p.m.

Conference Room 1

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<b>That:</b> the CGDC Board of Directors approves the May budget	

allocations as presented for the fiscal year ending May 31, 2027:

- i. Crystal Ridge Skating Club - \$50,000
- ii. Fort Erie Figure Skating Club - \$37,000
- iii. Fort Erie Lefrance Association - \$28,000
- iv. Friends of Crystal Beach - \$22,200

**That:** CGDC staff notify the permittees of their preliminary budget allocation.

Resolution:

**That:** the CGDC Board of Directors approves the budget allocation as presented for Royal Canadian Legion #71 of \$65,000 and;

**That:** CGDC staff notify the permittees of their preliminary budget allocation.

Resolution:

**That:** the CGDC Board of Directors approves the budget allocation as presented for Royal Canadian Legion #230 of \$60,000 and;

**That:** CGDC staff notify the permittees of their preliminary budget allocation.

8.2 Applications

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Happy Days Sanctuary - Application to Participate in cGaming

Resolution:

**Whereas:** Happy Days Sanctuary has applied to participate in cGaming and,

**Whereas:** the applicant has satisfied all necessary requirements needed to participate in cGaming,

**Be it resolved that:** the CGDC Board of Directors hereby approves Happy Days Sanctuary's application to participate in cGaming;

**Be it further resolved that:** the CGDC Board of Directors hereby approves a budget allocation of \$10,000 to Happy Days Sanctuary for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026, and;

**Be it further resolved that:** CGDC staff provide notification to the permittee that their application was successful and of their preliminary budget.

9. **New Business and Enquiries**

10. **Next Meeting Date**

Wednesday May 27, 2026 in Conference Room 1.

11. **Adjournment**



**The Municipal Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie  
Community Gaming Development Corporation Minutes**

**March 25, 2026  
4:00 p.m.  
Conference Room 1**

**1. Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

The Chair gave the roll call.

Present: Larry Graber, Mike Foster, Mark Lacasse, Deanna Ward, Rayomand Darukhanawalla, and Margo Pinder

Absent: Alonte Vassallo, Councillor McDermott

Staff: Alexandria Russell, Peter Todd

**3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**

None.

**4. Adoption of the Agenda**

Moved by: Rayomand Darukhanawalla

Seconded by: Mark Lacasse

**That:** The agenda for March 25, 2026 be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**5. Adoption of Minutes**

5.1 Community Gaming Development Corporation - Meeting Minutes  
February 25, 2026

Moved by: Mike Foster

Seconded by: Deanna Ward

**That:** The Minutes for February 25, 2026 be adopted as presented.

**Carried**

**6. Correspondence**

None.

**7. Coordinator, Gaming Compliance Report**

7.1 Financials

Board members reviewed and discussed the Net Proceeds Available to Charities and the Monthly Event Share Report.

Moved by: Rayomand Darukhanawalla

Seconded by: Margo Pinder

**That:** the financial update be received.

**Carried**

7.2 Response to Enquiries

Board members reviewed and discussed the memorandum received from Start Me Up Niagara outlining their strong and growing connection to the Fort Erie community.

Moved by: Mike Foster

Seconded by: Mark Lacasse

**That:** the CGDC received the enquiry response dated March 5, 2026 from Start Me Up Niagara.

**Carried**

**8. Allocations and Applications**

8.1 April Allocations

Moved by: Deanna Ward

Seconded by: Rayomand Darukhanawalla

**That:** the CGDC Board of Directors approves the April budget allocations as presented for the fiscal year ending April 30, 2027:

Friends of Lakeshore Catholic High School - \$17,100

Ganawageh Urban Homes - \$65,000

Greater Fort Erie Minor Hockey Association - \$100,000

OHSTO: Seri Urban Aboriginal Homes Inc. - \$11,500

**That:** CGDC staff notify the permittees of their preliminary budget allocation.

**Carried**

## 8.2 New Applications

Moved by: Rayomand Darukhanawalla

Seconded by: Mike Foster

**Whereas:** Start Me Up Niagara has applied to participate in cGaming; and

**Whereas:** the applicant has satisfied all necessary requirements necessary to participate in cGaming.

**Therefore be it resolved that:** the CGDC Board of Directors hereby approves Start Me Up Niagara's application to participate in cGaming; and further

**That:** the CGDC Board of Directors hereby approves a budget allocation of \$15,000 to Start Me Up Niagara for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2027, and

**That:** CGDC staff provide notification to the permittee that their application was successful and of their preliminary budget.

**Carried**

## 9. New Business and Enquiries

### 10. Next Meeting Date

Wednesday, April 22, 2026 at 4:00pm in Conference Room 1

### 11. Adjournment

**That:** The CGDC Committee adjourns at 4:25pm.

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Larry Graber, Chair

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Alexandria Russell, Coordinator of Gaming and Financial Compliance



# Interoffice Memorandum

April 22, 2026  
File No. 340105

To: CGDC Board of Directors  
From: Alexandria Russell, Coordinator of Gaming and Financial Compliance  
Subject: **REPORT TO THE BOARD**

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i. AGCO Training Session

On April 15<sup>th</sup>, I attended an Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) training session focused on charitable lottery licensing and the responsibilities of municipal licensing officers. The session reviewed the legislative framework under the Criminal Code and Order-in-Council 208/2024, outlining the authority for municipalities and the AGCO to issue licences and regulate lottery events in Ontario.

Key areas of focus included eligibility requirements for charitable organizations, permitted and ineligible uses of lottery proceeds, and the roles of municipalities in reviewing applications, ensuring compliance, and monitoring financial reporting. The training also emphasized licensee responsibilities for conducting and managing events with integrity, as well as AGCO's role in policy development, oversight, and enforcement.

ii. Volunteer Week – April 19<sup>th</sup> – April 25<sup>th</sup>

In recognition of Volunteer Appreciation Week, I want to extend my sincere thanks for your continued dedication and support. Your ongoing support and input are appreciated, and I'm grateful for the guidance you've provided as I continue to learn and grow in my role. A huge thank you to each one of you for the important work you do and for the contributions you make to the community and organizations we serve.



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From: Alexandria Russell, Coordinator of Gaming and Financial Compliance  
Subject: **FINANCIALS**

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i. Monthly Share Overview

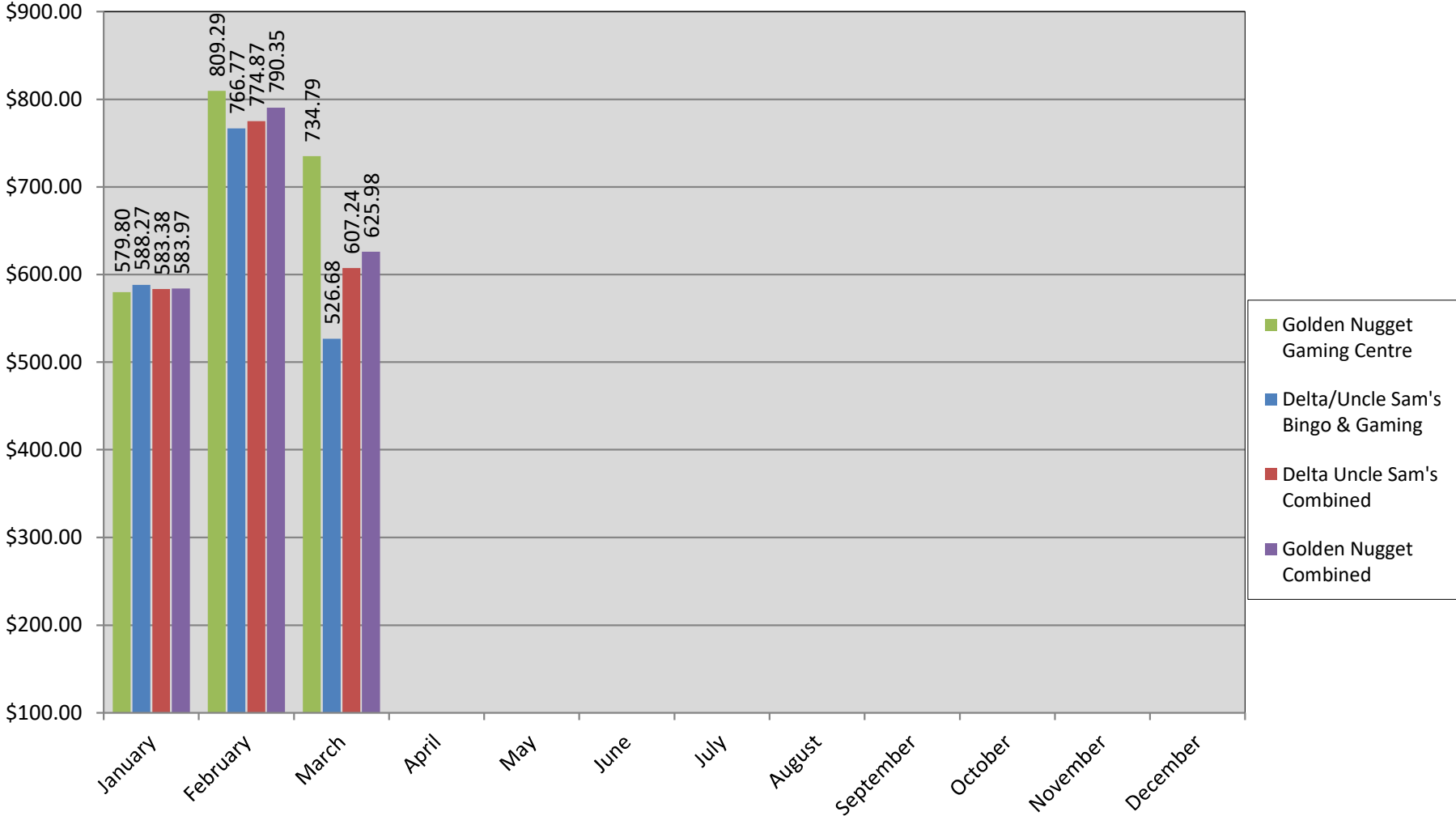
In March, Delta Uncle Sam's (DUS) recorded a monthly share of 526.68, while Golden Nugget (GN) recorded a monthly share of 734.79. When combined across both halls, the share values were 607.24 for DUS and 625.98 for GN. DUS shares were less than GN due to engagement participation shares being distributed.

ii. Total Net Proceeds Available

Total net proceeds available to charities for March were \$230,960. Net proceeds were evenly distributed, with \$117,501 at DUS and \$113,460 at GN.

Golden Nugget included the full annual D&O insurance coverage expense in this month's total expenses, in the amount of \$2,057.40. In future months, the expense will be prorated on a monthly basis.

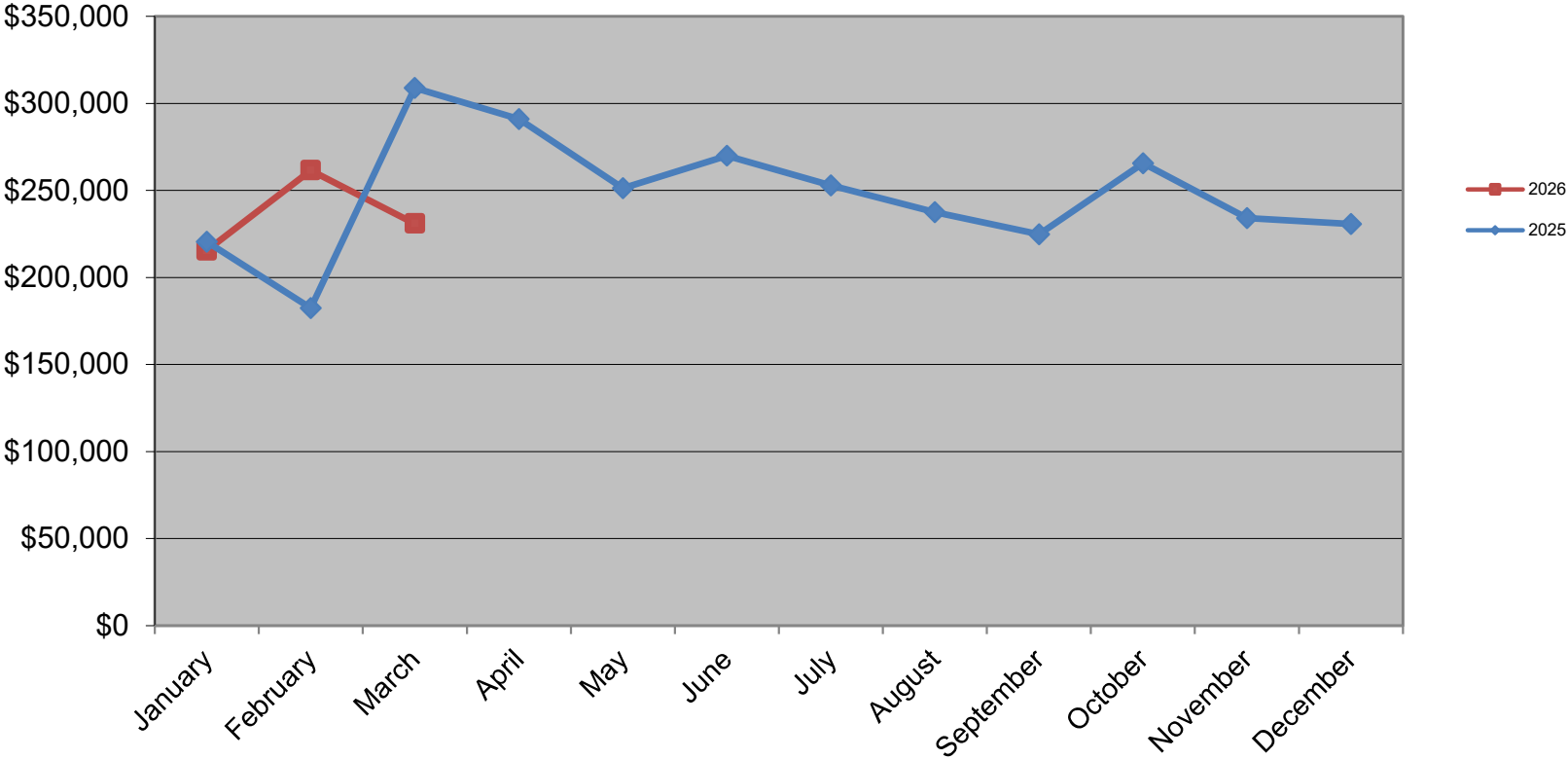
# Monthly Event Share- 2026



**NET LOTTERY PROCEEDS - BOTH HALLS COMBINED 2024-2026**

	2024		2025		2026	
	Total	YTD	Total	YTD	Total	YTD
January	\$187,239		\$220,431		\$215,521	
February	\$215,346	\$402,585	\$182,350	\$402,781	\$261,540	\$477,061
March	\$280,667	\$683,252	\$308,853	\$711,634	\$230,960	\$708,021
April	\$253,641	\$936,893	\$290,973	\$1,002,607		\$708,021
May	\$237,817	\$1,174,710	\$251,276	\$1,253,883		\$708,021
June	\$240,840	\$1,415,550	\$269,985	\$1,523,868		\$708,021
July	\$214,534	\$1,630,084	\$252,766	\$1,776,634		\$708,021
August	\$239,474	\$1,869,558	\$237,410	\$2,014,044		\$708,021
September	\$230,528	\$2,100,086	\$224,828	\$2,238,872		\$708,021
October	\$254,810	\$2,354,896	\$265,630	\$2,504,502		\$708,021
November	\$224,879	\$2,579,775	\$235,219	\$2,739,722		\$708,021
December	\$231,040	\$2,810,815	\$229,605	\$2,969,326		\$708,021
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$2,810,815</b>		<b>\$2,969,326</b>		<b>\$708,021</b>

### Net Proceeds Available To Charities



May Allocations

	Organization	Allocation 2025	Allocation 2026	Proposed Allocation 2027	Anticipated Revenues 2026	Rationale
GN	Crystal Ridge Skating Club	\$45,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$64,342	Satisfied with allocation
ment to learn the basic skills of ice skating						
GN	Fort Erie Figure Skating Club	\$24,000	\$37,000	\$37,000	\$49,726	Satisfied with allocation
ment to learn the basic skills of ice skating						
DUS	Fort Erie Lafrance Association	\$15,000	\$23,000	\$28,000	\$23,966	Inflation Increase
toric firefighting equipment and apparatus						
DUS	Friends of Crystal Beach	\$20,000	\$21,000	\$22,200	\$22,749	Inflation Increase
and events, to beautify and enhance for the community						
GN	Royal Canadian Legion #71	\$40,000	\$50,000	\$65,000	\$98,692	Capital Purchases
preserve the memory of the fallen, to educate the public						
DUS	Royal Canadian Legion #230	\$35,000	\$50,000	\$60,000	\$46,821	Increased Programs for Seniors and Community Events
To bring about unity of those who served, to preserve the memory of the fallen, to educate the public						
	<b>Total Allocation</b>			<b>\$262,200</b>		



## Interoffice Memorandum

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File No. 340105

To: CGDC Board of Directors  
From: Alexandria Russell, Coordinator of Gaming and Financial Compliance  
Subject: **NEW APPLICATION – HAPPY DAYS SANCTUARY**

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The above organization has applied to participate in cGaming within the Town of Fort Erie. After reviewing the information provided by the organization, all requirements have been met.

Happy Days Sanctuary mission is to promote the welfare of animals for the benefit of the public by rescuing stray, abandoned, abused, or surrendered animals; and to operate an animal adoption program.

Happy Days Sanctuary has long been dedicated to caring for animals, officially incorporating in 2018 to formalize its commitment to providing lifelong support. What began as a local effort has grown into a national network, with animals arriving from across Canada through partnerships with rescues, shelters, and community referrals.

Many animals come from difficult environments and require medical care, quarantine, and gradual rehabilitation before being introduced to the general population and socialized at their own pace. With no time limits on care, every animal is guaranteed a safe, permanent home regardless of adoptability. Volunteers play a key role in supporting daily operations, including care, fostering, transportation, and adoption events.

Staff is recommending the approval of the application.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Alexandria Russell  
Coordinator of Gaming and Financial Compliance