



**Meeting Date, Time, and Location**

Wednesday, May 3, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. in Conference Room #1

**Members**

Board of Directors

Rayomand Darukhanawalla - Chair  
Mike Foster  
Larry Graber – Vice-Chair  
Mark Lacasse – Secretary/Treasurer  
Margo Pinder - *regrets*  
Craig Shufelt  
Deanna Ward  
Councillor George McDermott

Staff Resources

Grace Gress, Coordinator, Gaming Compliance  
Sonja Bovan, Manager, Accounting Services -

1) **Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:27 pm.

2) **Approve Agenda**

Resolution No. 22-23  
Moved by Mike Foster  
Seconded by Larry Graber

**THAT:** The agenda for the meeting of May 3, 2023 is adopted as presented.

**(CARRIED)**

3) **Declaration of Conflict of Interest**

Mark Lacasse declared a conflict of interest with respect to Royal Canadian Legion Branch #230 for May Allocations under New Business as he is a member of the organization.

Larry Graber declared a conflict of interest with respect to Royal Canadian Legion Branch #71 for May Allocations under New Business as he is a member of the organization.

Deanna Ward declared a conflict of interest with respect to Greater Fort Erie Secondary School – Student Benefits Group for 2023 Budget Increases under New Business as she is a member of the organization.

They abstained from discussing or voting on the matters.

4) **Adoption of the Community Gaming Development Minutes of April 4, 2023**

Resolution No. 23-23  
Moved by Craig Shufelt  
Seconded by Mike Foster

**THAT:** The Community Gaming Development Corporation adopts the April 4, 2023 meeting minutes. **(CARRIED)**

5) **Business Arising from Minutes**

There was no business arising from the minutes.

6) **Correspondence for Board Consideration**

There was no correspondence for the Board to consider.

7) **Financial – Grace Gress**

NET PROCEEDS AVAILABLE TO CHARITIES REPORT

The Board reviewed and discussed the documents.

MONTHLY EVENT SHARE

The Board reviewed and discussed the documents.

8) **New Business**

May Allocations

Resolution No. 24-23  
Moved by Larry Graber  
Seconded by Mark Lacasse

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget allocation to **Crystal Ridge Skating Club of \$35,000.00** for the 2024 budget year, and

**THAT:** CGDC staff notify the permittee of their preliminary budget allocation. **(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 25-23  
Moved by Craig Shufelt  
Seconded by Mike Foster

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget allocation to **Fort Erie Figure Skating Club of \$24,000** for the 2024 budget year, and

**THAT:** CGDC staff notify the permittee of their preliminary budget allocation.

**(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 26-23  
Moved by Larry Graber  
Seconded by Craig Shufelt

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget allocation to **Fort Erie Lafrance Association of \$15,000** for the 2024 budget year, and

**THAT:** CGDC staff notify the permittee of their preliminary budget allocation.

**(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 27-23  
Moved by Mark Lacasse  
Seconded by Craig Shufelt

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget allocation to **Friends of Crystal Beach of \$16,000** for the 2024 budget year, and

**THAT:** CGDC staff notify the permittee of their preliminary budget allocation.

**(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 28-23  
Moved by Councillor McDermott  
Seconded by Mike Foster

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget allocation to **Royal Canadian Legion Branch #71 of \$30,000** for the 2024 budget year, and

**THAT:** CGDC staff notify the permittee of their preliminary budget allocation.

**(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 29-23  
Moved by Craig Shufelt  
Seconded by Larry Graber

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget allocation to **Royal Canadian Legion Branch #230 of \$32,000** for the 2024 budget year, and

**THAT:** CGDC staff notify the permittee of their preliminary budget allocation.

**(CARRIED)**

2023 Budget Increases

After the pandemic, CGDC Board members allocated yearly budget amounts conservatively as no one could have predicted how successfully the industry would rebound. We now find ourselves in an enviable position wherein we can increase organizational budgets (should they wish) as a number of organizations will reach, or have reached their budget allocation well before their fiscal year end. Staff reached out to all organizations offering them the opportunity to increase their lottery budget. For organizations with year ends from March – June, the increase was rolled into their 2024 fiscal year if an increase was requested. For organizations with year ends from July – December, increases will be added to their 2023 fiscal year.

Resolution No. 30-23  
Moved by Mike Foster  
Seconded by Larry Graber

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget increase of **\$15,000** to the **Boys & Girls Club of Niagara** for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. **(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 31-23  
Moved by Larry Graber  
Seconded by Councillor McDermott

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget increase of **\$10,000** to the **Brain Injury Association of Fort Erie** for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. **(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 32-23  
Moved by Craig Shufelt  
Seconded by Mike Foster

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget increase of **\$5,000** to the **Crystal Ridge Community Centre** for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. **(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 33-23  
Moved by Craig Shufelt  
Seconded by Mark Lacasse

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget increase of **\$5,000** to the **Fort Erie SPCA** for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. **(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 34-23  
Moved by Craig Shufelt  
Seconded by Larry Graber

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget increase of **\$2,000** to the **Friends of Fort Erie's Creeks** for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. **(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 35-23  
Moved by Craig Shufelt  
Seconded by Mark Lacasse

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget increase of **\$4,335** to the **St. Joseph School Parent Advisory Committee** for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023. **(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 36-23  
Moved by Larry Graber  
Seconded by Mike Foster

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget increase of **\$8,000** to the **St. Michael's Church** for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023.

**(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 37-23  
Moved by Craig Shufelt  
Seconded by Mark Lacasse

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget increase of **\$5,000** to the **Fort Erie Minor Lacrosse Association** for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

**(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 38-23  
Moved by Larry Graber  
Seconded by Craig Shufelt

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget increase of **\$14,000** to the **Greater Fort Erie Secondary School - Student Benefits Group** for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023.

**(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 39-23  
Moved by Craig Shufelt  
Seconded by Larry Graber

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget increase of **\$5,000** to the **I Can Therapeutic Equestrian Riding Association** for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023.

**(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 40-23  
Moved by Craig Shufelt  
Seconded by Mark Lacasse

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget increase of **\$13,500** to the **Parents for the Performing Arts** for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023.

**(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 41-23  
Moved by Craig Shufelt  
Seconded by Mark Lacasse

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget increase of **\$20,000** to the **Fort Erie Co-operative Nursery School** for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023.

**(CARRIED)**

Resolution No. 42-23  
Moved by Craig Shufelt  
Seconded by Councillor McDermott

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget increase of **\$4,605** to the **St. George’s Catholic Parent Teacher Association** for the fiscal year ending August 31, 2023.  
**(CARRIED)**

New Application – Greater Fort Erie Youth Soccer Club

Greater Fort Erie Youth Soccer Club is incorporated to provide a youth soccer program in the Town of Fort Erie. The organization has submitted all of the necessary documents, has met all of the requirements as per the guidelines set out by the OLG and the requirements set out in the Charitable Gaming Policy.

Resolution No. 43-23  
Moved by Larry Graber  
Seconded by Craig Shufelt

**WHEREAS:** Greater Fort Erie Youth Soccer Club has made application to participate in cGaming and;

**WHEREAS:** The applicant has met all necessary requirements needed to participate in cGaming,

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** The CGDC does hereby grant permission to the Greater Fort Erie Youth Soccer Club to participate in cGaming and to manage and conduct raffle lottery events.  
**(CARRIED)**

New Org Allocation

Resolution No. 44-23  
Moved by Larry Graber  
Seconded by Mark Lacasse

**THAT:** The CGDC approve a budget allocation to **Greater Fort Erie Youth Soccer Club** of **\$13,000.00** for the 2023 budget year, and

**THAT:** CGDC staff notify the permittee of their preliminary budget allocation.  
**(CARRIED)**

10) **Board Enquiries and Discussion**

The were no enquiries by members.

11) **Action Item List**

There are no items to be added to the action item list.

12) **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 31, 2023 at 5:30 pm in Conference Room #1.

12) **Adjournment**

Resolution No. 45-23  
Moved by Mark Lacasse  
Seconded by Craig Shufelt

**THAT:** The CGDC Board of Directors hereby adjourns at 6:19 pm.

**(CARRIED)**

Minutes prepared by:

Minutes approved by:

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Grace A. Gress, Coordinator,  
Gaming Compliance - CGDC

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Rayomand Darukhanawalla, Chair  
CGDC