



**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.

Larry Graber, Chair

Alexandria Russell, Coordinator of Gaming and Financial Compliance