

IGR President & CEO Message

Greetings on behalf of IGR management and staff. I am pleased to report that the percentage of IGR licensed charities has risen to over 90 percent and that 74 percent of the Bingo operations on the 2005 Grandfather list are now licensed by IGR. Very significantly, four of the five Class A on-reserve Bingo halls are now licensed with IGR.

IGR licensed charities are able to contribute to the community while exercising transparent and accountable practices. In addition, they receive the charitable gaming grant that is equal to twenty-five percent of net proceeds. This means a great deal to First Na-

tions citizens in general, as well as their families and communities.

The vision of the FSIN Chiefs-in-Assembly for a First Nations regulator is embodied by IGR. The IGR management and staff carry out their duties with pride and diligence.

This time of year First Nations communities celebrate their cultural heritage with summer activities such as pow wows and sports days, I thank the volunteers that work to make all of these events possible. IGR is happy to play a part in these events through the licensing process.



IGR President & CEO
Gregory Ahenakew

Win IGR Gear! complete the word search puzzle below and mail it to:

**Indigenous Gaming Regulators
400 - 203 Packham Avenue
Saskatoon, SK., S7N 4K5**

We will draw from correctly completed entries.

AHENAKEW	BINGO	KANEENAWUP
MUSKOWEKWAN	PIEGAN	QVIDA
REGULATOR	REPORTING	SAULTEAUX
TREATY	USEOFPROCEEDS	

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Update on Licensing Charitable Gaming On-Reserve As of June 30/11

Type	Licensed in this fiscal year	In-Progress
Class A Bingo	1	1
Class B Bingo	14	4
Class C Bingo including media	13	4
Breakopens	14	2
Texas Hold'em	2	2
Raffle	2	2
Table Games	6	15



Gaming Rules!

Muskowekwan First Nation Licenses Bingo

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Licensing Update

Muskowekwan First Nation is a Saulteaux First Nation located approximately 100 km northwest of Melville, Saskatchewan. The First Nation has over 1,500 registered citizens, of which their on-reserve population is 700.

Chief Ka-nee-na-wup, "One Who Sits Like an Eagle" and his Saulteaux band lived along the Upper Qu'Appelle Lakes prior to signing Treaty 4 on September 15, 1874. When Ka-nee-na-wup died, his son Muscovequan or Muskowekwan "Hard Quill" became chief. A reserve was surveyed in 1883, incorporating the settlement where they had already started farming.

In 1993 Muskowekwan's treaty land entitlement claim was ratified, enabling the First

Nation to increase its land holdings. The band recently signed a partnership with the Encanto potash company. Muskowekwan has 58,241 acres, or about 23,500 hectares. The Encanto exploration work includes more than 17,401 acres of that land. The deal includes a promise that if a potash mine is eventually developed, the First Nation will get a three per cent share of the profits.

The Muskowekwan First Nation's infrastructure includes a band office, medical clinic, band hall, workshop, maintenance office, water treatment plant/pump house, school/teacherage, outdoor rink and a Bingo Hall. The Bingo recently licensed with IGR and both parties look forward to a long and fruitful partnership that will benefit the citizens of Muskowekwan and surrounding area.



Diane Windigo, Councillor April Roper, Carmen Hunter, Councillor Jamie Wolfe, Gregory Ahenakew, Councillor Calvin Wolfe, Manager George Wolfe

IGR Reminders to Licensees

Applications for new licences require:

- Minutes from the General Meeting specifically election of executive and proposed budget.
- Bylaws (IGR template is very helpful).
- Bank account specific to Gaming (Sub account or separate account for non-gaming fundraising)
- Application must be signed by each executive member.
- Dates of bingos for the year. If they don't know the dates pick one a month and then they can change them by addendum in the future.

License renewals require:

- Noting of any changes to the executive.
- Noting of any changes to the budget. (Groups should look at what the previous years actual numbers are and do their budget off of those numbers)
- A list of dates for the new year's bingos.

Monthly reporting requirements:

- Gross revenue reporting should include all games including any "validation" type games ex. Looney Pot.
- Reporting of prizes should include all cash payouts and any prizes paid by cheque. (We have

seen some communities go to the bank and withdraw cash when they are having a bigger prize payout. This amount should be listed as prizes paid by cheque on the event report.)

- All cash expenses should be listed under the "Cash Expense" column.

- If a group does a cash "Use of Proceeds" payout it should be noted under the "Cash Expense" column.

- The number indicated as "Actual Deposit" must be the same amount as the deposit. If a group is making deposits for multiple bingos there should be a separate deposit slip for each event corresponding with the event report.

- A monthly general ledger needs to be maintained and submitted with each monthly report.

- A bank statement must be submitted for each month the group is licensed.

Year-end Reporting:

- Receipts, general ledgers and bank statements need to be kept and sent in.
- Be conscious that proceeds are to be spent on the items listed on the acknowledgement letter that they receive from IGR.

IGR Staff Continue to Visit First Nations Communities



Saulteaux Treaty Day

At IGR we often travel out to various communities and events here in Saskatchewan, especially in the summer months. Often these trips are for powwows, special events or various ceremonies at which time is ideal for us to set up an information booth and get our name out into the community.

Generally the booth provides informational pamphlets and IGR employees are there to answer questions if need be. Aside from the informational side of things, the booth often holds draws and raffles for artwork from various artists

in the province along with merchandise sporting the IGR logo.

Recently, IGR had the privilege of participating in Treaty day on Saulteaux First Nation. In addition to the numerous Aboriginal organizations in attendance, IGR had the honor and privilege to witness the swearing in of their newly elected Chief Velma Night along with the five members of council. As the day progressed the event provided such venues as horse races, eating contests, a number of information booths and a clown for the children.

Board member profile: Chief Todd Peigan - Pasqua First Nation

IGR would like to introduce and welcome Chief Todd Peigan as one of our new board members for IGR. Chief Peigan comes from Pasqua First Nation and was elected as Chief on March 4th, 2011. At that time, in 1993, Chief Peigan was the youngest chief in Saskatchewan at the age of 26. Chief Peigan was a councillor for the band previous to election as chief in this past March.

The Pasqua First Nation is located approximately 45 miles east of Regina, Saskatchewan. In the beautiful Qu'Appelle Valley and was surveyed and settled in 1876, two years after the signing of Treaty 4 in 1874. The band's first Chief, Pasqua was a major negotiator and signatory to Treaty 4 and a historical leader in future treaty governance discussions.

In the past last ten years, Chief Peigan was employed with Qu'Appelle Valley Indian Development Authority (QVIDA). QVIDA was formed to compensate these 8 bands in the Qu'Appelle area whose lands were damaged by flooding through the construction of water control structures (dams). Chief Peigan states that they are near the end of their negotiations for compensation and is optimistic that an equitable outcome will happen for all parties.



Chief Peigan is confident that IGR will accomplish their mandate in their quest to license all the first nations with gaming licenses. Chief Peigan suggests that IGR focus on unlicensed First Nations and reaffirm IGR's mandate for the need to regulate on-reserve gaming.

Chief Peigan is an intelligent, compassionate and insightful leader who will be a great asset to IGR's board. We look forward to his contributions and steadfast commitment to First Nations gaming.

This was just one of the many stops IGR will be making this summer; they are continually proving to be excellent opportunities for our employees to be involved in the different communities and Tribal Councils, while at the same time helping to inform people about the services we provide and how we can potentially help your group and/or cause. Licensing and Communications staff members visited 129 First Nations Communities in the last fiscal year.