

From: Pettapiece-co, Randy [randy.pettapiececo@pc.ola.org]
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2017 2:04 PM
To: Al Strathdee
Subject: RE: Service Club use of lottery proceeds

Hi Al,

I'm aware of this issue, and I agree with you that service clubs need more flexibility.

Lottery licensing requirements have also been a big issue. I know that the Township of Wellington North, in particular, has done a lot of work on this issue.

In previous years I have written to the Ministry of the Attorney General about these issues, but they haven't budged.

We could make an inquiry to see if changes may be under consideration, but I have not heard that they are.

It might be most effective if Council were to write to the government about this. You would have my support.

I'm at Queen's Park this week. Give me a call if you would like to discuss. [REDACTED].

Randy

From: Al Strathdee [<mailto:astrathdee@town.stmarys.on.ca>]
Sent: September-11-17 11:56 AM
To: Pettapiece, Randy
Subject: Service Club use of lottery proceeds

Randy,

I'm sure that you are very busy with the return of legislature. I have been approached by a couple of local service clubs regarding concerns with the rules surrounding the use of proceeds raised from lotteries. More specifically, the inability for service clubs to use lottery proceeds to improve municipally owned facilities such as parks and playgrounds. Please below the sections of the Act that I am referring to:

2.5.1. POLICIES: INELIGIBLE USE OF PROCEEDS

Eligible organizations may not use the proceeds from lottery licences for:

- the cost of political lobbying and/or advocating a particular view on a political issue, including the cost of staffing, publication materials and advertising;
- fundraising activities, including wages for a fundraiser and the cost of promotional materials;
- administrative or other activities that are not integral to the direct provision of the organization's charitable mandate;
- the provision of services for which the organization receives government funding or which the organization is required, by law, to provide;
- legal fees/costs incurred by the organization or its board;
- volunteer recognition;
- foreign aid, out-of-province aid or aid to non-Ontario residents;

- accounting fees, except as provided by the terms and conditions of the lottery licence;
- out-of-pocket expenses for volunteers to participate in a licensed lottery event, except as permitted under the terms and conditions of the lottery licence;
- academic and sports awards and trophies;
- construction, renovation or improvement of buildings owned by or on land owned by the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario or municipalities; and
- any activity that does not fall into one of the four charitable classifications

I am writing to you to see if there has been any discussion around these regulations, and any proposed changes forthcoming. I know that you have been an active Lions member, so I know that you understand the struggles that service clubs have in raising money, and taking measures to improve their communities.

I would appreciate any clarification, or help in directing these concerns to the appropriate authorities so there might be some consideration for relief. Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

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