

IGR President and CEO Message

Greetings on behalf of IGR Management and Staff. I am pleased to note that IGR is fully prepared for an independent third-party capacity assessment to determine whether we are ready for Phase II that will encompass the registration of on-reserve gaming employees.

Our Phase I (gaming licensing) successes are illuminated by our statistics in the table below. IGR consistently licenses over 80 percent of on-reserve gaming. This trend has continued for almost a year now.

Preliminary findings point to another highly favorable audit for 2009/2010. This is due to sound management practices at IGR and wise direction from our board.

IGR staff members are happy to assist on-reserve charities with their licensing applications and subsequent reporting. The required reporting systems are user-friendly, efficient and ensure that IGR licensed charities receive their much needed grant money that equals 25 percent of net proceeds. Please take advantage of this service by calling our toll-free number at 1-877-477-4114.

IGR continues to be a leader in First Nations Gaming from a regulatory perspective and proud to be a part of the institutional framework of the FSIN as well as the gaming industry. We look forward to assuming an even greater role when we begin licensing gaming employees and gaming suppliers.



IGR President and CEO
Gregory Ahenakew

May 12th 2010 Update on Licensing Charitable Gaming On-Reserve

Type	Licensed in this fiscal year	In-Progress	Totals
Class A Bingo	1	2	3
Class B Bingo	1	5	6
Class C Bingo including media	14	8	22
Breakopens	7	5	12
Texas Hold'em	0	2	2
Raffle	3	3	6
Totals	26	25	51

Regulate the future to preserve the past

Licensing on reserve charitable gaming:

- Bingos
- Breakopens
- Raffles
- Texas Hold'em
- Poker Tournaments
- Monte Carlo Events
- SGA Table Games

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Big Island Lake Cree Nation Signs With IGR

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Licensing Update

April 13, 2010 saw the beginning of what promises to be a long and productive partnership between IGR and Big Island Lake Cree Nation with the signing of a designation Band Council Resolution. The BCR designates IGR as the regulator of choice for the First Nation.

Big Island Lake was formerly known as Joseph Bighead First Nation. It is located on the fringes of the Meadow Lake Provincial Park about 400 km northwest of Saskatoon or 40 km east of Cold Lake Alberta. Roughly half of the almost 900 community members live on-reserve. The Joseph Bighead First Nation adhered to Treaty No. 6 in 1913. Before signing, Chief Bighead expressed concern over the possible restrictions on hunting.

It turned out that his concerns were well-founded. John Sundown was charged with illegally constructing and maintaining a dwelling within the boundaries of Meadow Lake Provincial Park. The case went to The Supreme Court of Canada.

On March 25, 1999, the Supreme Court affirmed a Saskatchewan Court of Appeal decision and agreed that John Sundown of the Big Island Lake Cree Nation was within his rights when he built a hunting cabin within the boundaries of the Meadow Lake Provincial Park.

R v. Sundown was based on the Treaty Right to hunt and fish. The Court decided that the cabin was reasonably incidental to Sundown's hunting and fishing rights and that the regulation infringed upon his hunting rights.

The First Nation also filed a compensation claim against the federal government citing loss of livelihood when the Primrose Lake Air Weapons Range

was created in 1954. Unfortunately even in the face of compelling evidence, a commission decided that Big Island was unlike other First Nations communities that had gone from self-reliance to a state of dependency within one generation and the claim was dismissed.

Today there is a sense of optimism in the community as the leaders and elders strive to improve socio-economic conditions in the community by taking advantage of all opportunities available to them. At the same time, they have retained their traditional Cree values and focus highly on the teachings of their elders. Most community members speak Cree.

Big Island Lake Cree Nation boasts a health centre, an education centre, a store and various recreational facilities. A Pow Wow is held annually to promote and share their Cree culture.



Councilor Joseph Keesaynew and Chief David Sandfly

Canadian Gaming Summit Meeting held in Calgary April 26 - 28, 2010

The Canadian Gaming Summit conference and trade show serves the entire Canadian Gaming Industry. This year's summit took place in the BMO Centre located on the Calgary Stampede grounds; home to the world-famous Calgary Stampede.

The annual event delivered face-to-face interaction with senior decision makers directly involved in the gaming industry. Summit attendees were from all gaming sectors, disciplines and regions within Canada and beyond, including Senior and Operational Executives from Provincial Lottery, Gaming and Regulatory Agencies, First Nations Gaming, Casinos and Race Tracks and Charitable Gaming including Bingo. Responsibilities of attendees include Slot and Table Games, Procurement, Operations, Entertainment, Marketing, Security, HR, Finance and Investment, Legal and Regulatory, F&B and more.

This year's event featured specific "Conferences within the Conference" that included First Nations Gaming, the Canadian Association of Security Directors Annual Meeting and Charitable Gaming. This year's conference sessions covered a wide array of gaming-related topics that were extremely informative.

IGR's President & CEO Gregory Ahenakew presented an overview of IGR to an audience of interested conference attendees. He explained how IGR came to be and the great successes achieved in terms of building capacity and implementing the first on-reserve licensing regime in Canada.

Mr Ahenakew provided brief information regarding the Gaming Framework Agree-

ment and the IGR Licensing Agreement. SLGA's Jim Engel and SIGA's Zane Hansen both spoke before Greg so the subject of SIGA had already been discussed.

Mr. Ahenakew spoke about IGR's immense success with Phase I (gaming licences) and preparations for Phase II (gaming employee registration) saying that IGR is ready for a capacity assessment but that the government is not. He spoke about the capacity assessment and the time lines, as well as the frustration of dealing with the province in this regard.

Mr. Ahenakew went on to address Phase III (the licensing of gaming suppliers.) IGR will work with SLGA so that the process for suppliers would not be too lengthy or create extra work for them. He made reference to the fact that at this point we are the only First Nation regulatory authority in Canada.

The presentation wrapped up after Mr. Ahenakew answered some questions regarding the Budget and Budget Review committee regarding IGR funding; where the funding for IGR's operations comes from and how the proceeds from SIGA were divided among First Nations, etc.



IGR Board Chairman Chief Guy Lonechild Message

It is my pleasure to offer comments on behalf of the Indigenous Gaming Regulators Board of Directors and the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations Chiefs-in-Assembly. I strongly believe in the self-regulatory principles that form the foundation of IGR.

IGR continues to be the leader in First Nations Gaming Regulation. This is something for all of us to take pride in as First Nations people in the evolution towards full jurisdiction over gaming.

IGR licensed charities contribute vastly to the social and cultural fabric of First Nations communities. I wish to extend my thank you to the volunteers for their countless hours of work and to the Chiefs and Councils that support them through Band Council Resolution. As the school year winds down, many communities are able to send their students on excursions with funds raised through charitable gaming. Upcoming pow wows and other cultural events also benefit from charitable gaming. Keep up the good work!



IGR Board Chair Chief Guy Lonechild

Interesting Bingo Trivia

Extracted from: www.onlinebingofriends.com/pages/bingo-facts

Here are some interesting bingo facts and bingo trivia that are perfect as chat up lines and ice breakers. They won't save your life but they may just get the conversation going.

- Carl Leffler, the professor who originally developed all the bingo cards played allegedly went insane as a result of his work.
- Bingo is the only gambling game that members of the armed forces in the United Kingdom are allowed to play.
- Bingo is used in Germany as an educational tool

to teach students multiplication and number tables.

- According to a survey, winning is only the 5th reason for playing bingo.
- Mathematically there are 1,474,200 unique bingo card variations.
- The number of possible arrangements of the numbers on a bingo card is; 552,446,474,061,128,648,601,600,000
- In North Carolina USA, it's illegal for a bingo game to last over 5 hours.
- 8% of the European population plays bingo.