

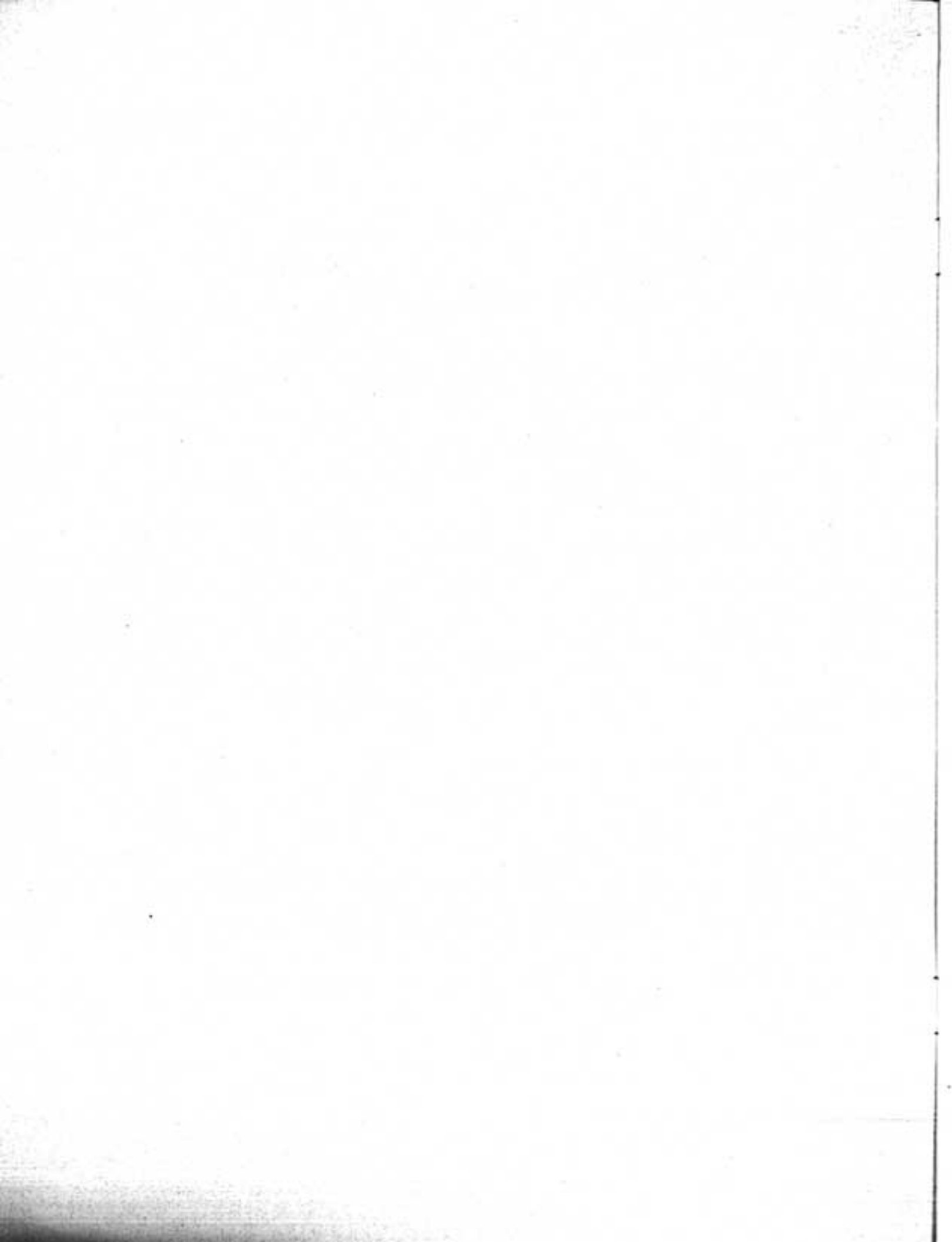
# *Gaming in Alberta*



*1995-96 in Review*

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Minister Responsible for the  
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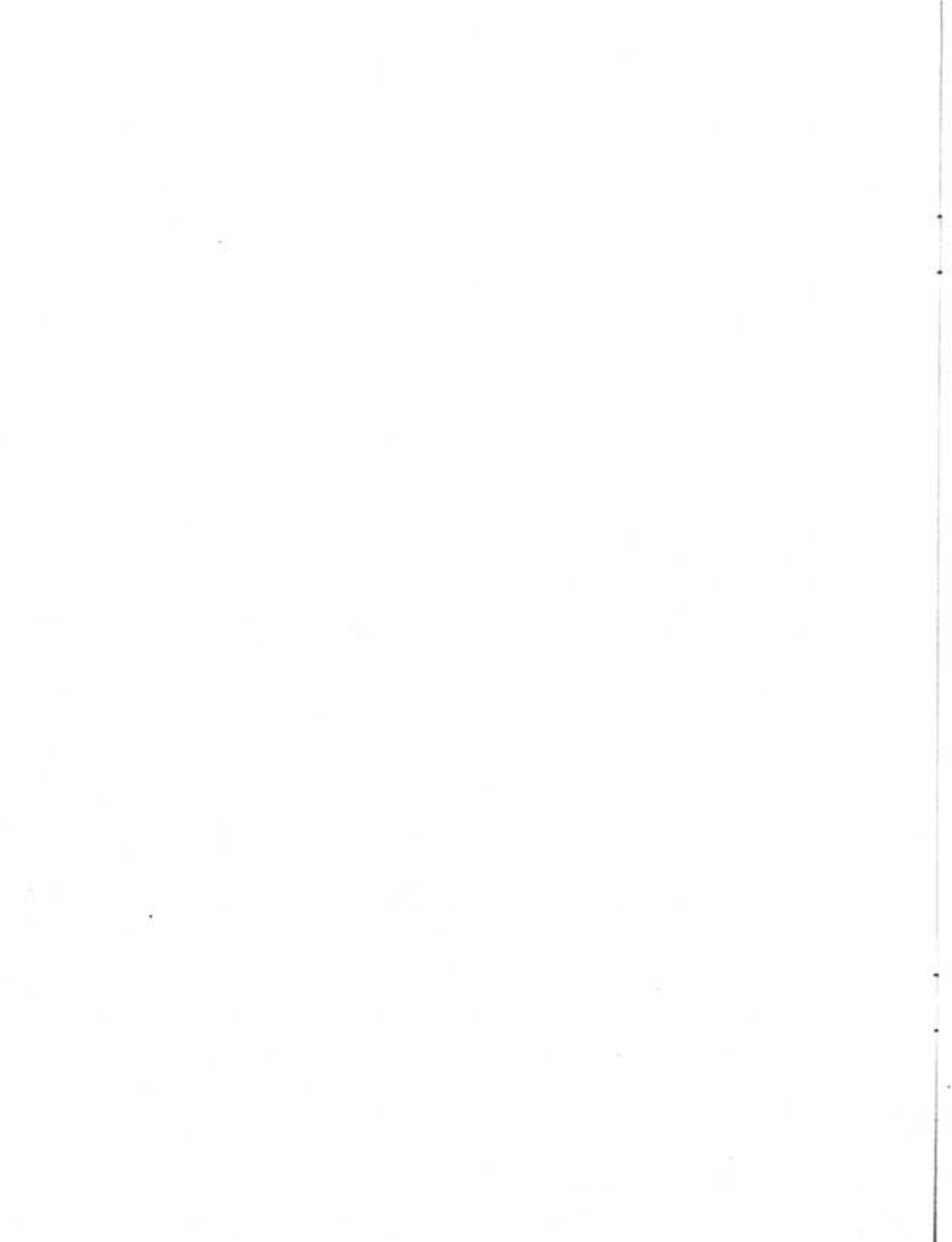
Dear Dr. West:

I am pleased to submit a review of charitable gaming activities in Alberta for 1995/96.

Sincerely,

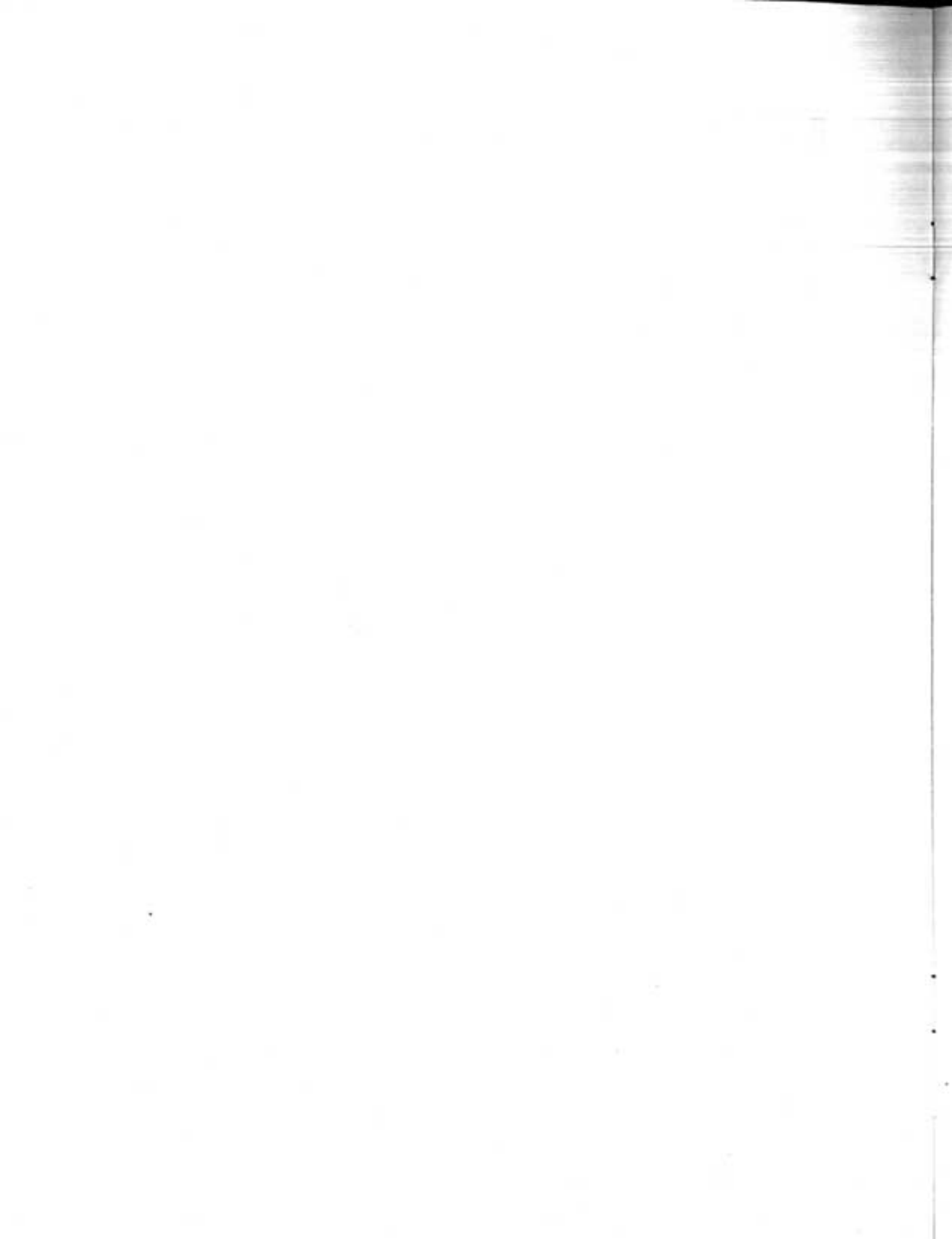


Bob King  
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## **M A N D A T E**

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission's mandate, in accordance with the Gaming and Liquor Act, the Criminal Code and within the policy framework established by government, includes the following:

- license, regulate and monitor gaming and liquor activities in Alberta;
- ensure integrity and social responsibility in the operation of gaming and liquor activities;
- collect gaming and liquor revenue;
- ensure business and program operations are run efficiently and effectively;
- define operating policies and procedures for gaming and liquor activities;
- disperse provincial lottery revenues;
- support industry and government initiatives to address problem gambling and responsible alcohol consumption; and
- communicate to gaming and liquor stakeholders accurate and timely information.

### **GAMING RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission is responsible for the administration and enforcement of, the Gaming and Liquor Act, the Gaming and Liquor Regulations, Section 207 of the Criminal Code and the Licensee Policy Handbook with respect to gaming and liquor activities in Alberta.

These responsibilities include:

- issuing licences for gaming events;
- holding appeal hearings in relation to the granting of licences, use of profits, or terms and conditions of licences;
- providing the public with information on the licensing and conduct of gaming events;
- reviewing charitable gaming policies;
- conducting background investigations;
- providing technical and professional gaming advice to the government;
- auditing financial records;
- conducting field audits;
- enforcing terms and conditions of licences;
- liaising with charities;
- conducting on-site inspections of gaming events;
- conducting investigations of criminal wrongdoing, or problems, in licenced gaming events; and
- ensuring the integrity of the video lottery program.

## ALL LICENSED GAMING

	LICENCES	EVENTS	TOTAL GROSS (\$000)	PRIZES/WINNINGS (\$000)	% OF GROSS	EXPENSES (\$000)	% OF GROSS	NET PROFIT TO CHARITY (\$000)	% OF GROSS
<b><i>Fiscal 1993/1994</i></b>									
Bingos	3,018	54,668	337,718	238,908	70.7	50,682	15.0	48,128	14.3
Casinos	1,192	2,410	297,634	245,158	82.4	29,497	9.9	22,979	7.7
Pull-Tickets	1,129	61,042	86,480	64,284	74.3	5,212	6.0	16,984	19.7
Raffles	3,330	20,632	45,022	18,164	40.3	7,841	17.4	19,017	42.3
	<b>8,669</b>	<b>138,752</b>	<b>766,854</b>	<b>566,514</b>	<b>73.9</b>	<b>93,232</b>	<b>12.1</b>	<b>107,108</b>	<b>14.0</b>

<b><i>Fiscal 1994/1995</i></b>									
Bingos	2,852	53,679	317,270	222,357	70.1	49,100	15.5	45,813	14.4
Casinos	1,219	2,466	293,145	243,068	82.9	30,624	10.5	19,453	6.6
Pull-Tickets	847	43,095	61,510	45,649	74.2	3,887	6.3	11,974	19.5
Raffles	3,312	24,692	54,041	23,054	42.7	9,703	17.9	21,284	39.4
	<b>8,230</b>	<b>123,932</b>	<b>725,966</b>	<b>534,128</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>93,314</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>98,524</b>	<b>13.6</b>

<b><i>Fiscal 1995/1996</i></b>									
Bingos	2,632	50,141	301,334	209,716	69.6	48,144	16.0	43,474	14.4
Casinos	1,367	2,773	294,631	243,662	82.7	33,455	11.4	17,514	5.9
Pull-Tickets	678	28,352	38,986	29,039	74.5	2,157	5.5	7,790	20.0
Raffles*	522	17,253	58,585	26,063	44.5	11,119	19.0	21,403	36.5
	<b>5,199</b>	<b>98,519</b>	<b>693,536</b>	<b>508,480</b>	<b>73.3</b>	<b>94,875</b>	<b>13.7</b>	<b>90,181</b>	<b>13.0</b>

\*For 1995/96, raffles do not include raffles under \$10,000.



**BINGOS**

	LICENCES	EVENTS	TOTAL GROSS (\$000)	PRIZES/WINNINGS (\$000)	% OF GROSS	EXPENSES (\$000)	% OF GROSS	NET PROFIT TO CHARITY (\$000)	% OF GROSS
<b><i>Fiscal 1993/1994</i></b>									
Calgary	379	10,664	81,801	56,169	68.7	13,801	16.8	11,831	14.5
Edmonton	853	14,077	105,951	75,981	71.7	16,766	15.8	13,204	12.5
All Other Locations	1,786	29,927	149,966	106,758	71.2	20,115	13.4	23,093	15.4
	3,018	54,668	337,718	238,908	70.7	50,682	15.0	48,128	14.3

***Fiscal 1994/1995***

Calgary	395	10,996	77,194	53,113	68.8	13,947	18.1	10,134	13.1
Edmonton	735	12,809	93,919	64,486	68.7	15,430	16.4	14,003	14.9
All Other Locations	1,722	29,874	146,157	104,758	71.7	19,723	13.5	21,676	14.8
	2,852	53,679	317,270	222,357	70.1	49,100	15.5	45,813	14.4

***Fiscal 1995/1996***

Calgary	354	10,350	72,651	49,722	68.4	14,105	19.4	8,824	12.2
Edmonton	696	12,177	90,337	61,629	68.2	15,012	16.6	13,696	15.2
All Other Locations	1,582	27,614	138,346	98,365	71.1	19,027	13.8	20,954	15.1
	2,632	50,141	301,334	209,716	69.6	48,144	16.0	43,474	14.4

**CASINOS**

	LICENCES	EVENTS	TOTAL GROSS (\$000)	PRIZES/WINNINGS (\$000)	% OF GROSS	EXPENSES (\$000)	% OF GROSS	NET PROFIT TO CHARITY (\$000)	% OF GROSS
<b><i>Fiscal 1993/1994</i></b>									
Calgary	399	806	121,535	99,749	82.1	12,151	10.0	9,635	7.9
Edmonton	398	804	150,835	125,050	82.9	12,451	8.3	13,334	8.8
All Other Locations	395	800	25,264	20,359	80.6	4,895	19.4	10	0.0
	1,192	2,410	297,634	245,158	82.4	29,497	9.9	22,979	7.7

***Fiscal 1994/1995***

Calgary	391	790	120,705	100,654	83.4	12,098	10.0	7,953	6.6
Edmonton	393	794	141,000	116,594	82.7	12,783	9.1	11,623	8.2
All Other Locations	435	882	31,440	25,820	82.1	5,743	18.3	(123)	(0.4)
	1,219	2,466	293,145	243,068	82.9	30,624	10.5	19,453	6.6

***Fiscal 1995/1996***

Calgary	393	794	121,033	100,940	83.4	12,206	10.1	7,887	6.5
Edmonton	397	802	138,789	114,612	82.6	13,623	9.8	10,554	7.6
All Other Locations	577	1,177	34,809	28,110	80.8	7,626	21.9	(927)	(2.7)
	1,367	2,773	294,631	243,662	82.7	33,455	11.4	17,514	5.9

## PULL-TICKETS

	LICENCES	EVENTS	TOTAL GROSS (\$000)	PRIZES/WINNINGS (\$000)	% OF GROSS	EXPENSES (\$000)	% OF GROSS	NET PROFIT TO CHARITY (\$000)	% OF GROSS
<b><i>Fiscal 1993/1994</i></b>									
Calgary	150	17,091	24,102	17,858	74.1	1,435	6.0	4,809	19.9
Edmonton	70	6,262	11,439	8,580	75.0	652	5.7	2,207	19.3
All Other Locations	909	37,689	50,939	37,846	74.3	3,125	6.1	9,968	19.6
	1,129	61,042	86,480	64,284	74.3	5,212	6.0	16,984	19.7

### ***Fiscal 1994/1995***

Calgary	90	11,060	16,095	11,935	74.2	989	6.1	3,171	19.7
Edmonton	49	4,928	8,902	6,728	75.6	515	5.8	1,659	18.6
All Other Locations	708	27,107	36,513	26,986	73.9	2,383	6.5	7,144	19.6
	847	43,095	61,510	45,649	74.2	3,887	6.3	11,974	19.5

### ***Fiscal 1995/1996***

Calgary	65	10,350	15,758	11,812	74.9	801	5.1	3,145	20.0
Edmonton	39	1,248	1,635	1,260	77.1	92	5.6	283	17.3
All Other Locations	574	16,754	21,593	15,967	73.9	1,264	5.9	4,362	20.2
	678	28,352	38,986	29,039	74.5	2,157	5.5	7,790	20.0

## RAFFLES

	LICENCES	EVENTS	TOTAL GROSS (\$000)	PRIZES/WINNINGS (\$000)	% OF GROSS	EXPENSES (\$000)	% OF GROSS	NET PROFIT TO CHARITY (\$000)	% OF GROSS
<b><i>Fiscal 1993/1994</i></b>									
Calgary	337	3,454	15,749	5,417	34.4	3,262	20.7	7,070	44.9
Edmonton	509	3,296	14,303	5,900	41.3	2,790	19.5	5,613	39.2
All Other Locations	2,484	13,882	14,970	6,847	45.7	1,789	12.0	6,334	42.3
	3,330	20,632	45,022	18,164	40.3	7,841	17.4	19,017	42.3

### ***Fiscal 1994/1995***

Calgary	333	4,458	17,050	6,516	38.2	3,460	20.3	7,074	41.5
Edmonton	528	3,272	19,182	7,938	41.4	4,172	21.7	7,072	36.9
All Other Locations	2,451	16,962	17,809	8,600	48.3	2,071	11.6	7,138	40.1
	3,312	24,692	54,041	23,054	42.7	9,703	17.9	21,284	39.4

### ***Fiscal 1995/1996\****

Calgary	95	3,509	20,328	8,955	44.1	3,844	18.9	7,529	37.0
Edmonton	126	2,130	26,222	10,873	41.4	5,996	22.9	9,353	35.7
All Other Locations	301	11,614	12,035	6,235	51.8	1,279	10.6	4,521	37.6
	522	17,253	58,585	26,063	44.5	11,119	19.0	21,403	36.5

\*For 1995/96, raffles do not include raffles under \$10,000.

**SUMMARY BY MAJOR CENTRES - FISCAL 1995/96**

	LICENCES	% OF TOTAL	EVENTS	% OF TOTAL	TOTAL GROSS (\$000)	% OF TOTAL	PRIZES/ WINNINGS (\$000)	% OF TOTAL	EXPENSES (\$000)	% OF TOTAL	NET PROFIT TO CHARITY (\$000)	% OF TOTAL
Calgary	907	17.4	25,003	25.4	229,770	33.1	171,429	33.7	30,956	32.6	27,385	30.4
Edmonton	1,258	24.2	16,357	16.6	256,983	37.1	188,374	37.1	34,723	36.6	33,886	37.6
Fort McMurray	125	2.4	1,440	1.5	9,349	1.3	6,609	1.3	1,406	1.5	1,334	1.5
Grande Prairie	105	2.0	1,622	1.6	8,172	1.2	5,551	1.1	1,321	1.4	1,300	1.4
Lethbridge	234	4.5	2,836	2.9	24,036	3.5	17,312	3.4	3,888	4.1	2,836	3.1
Medicine Hat	145	2.8	2,866	2.9	15,836	2.3	11,593	2.3	2,389	2.5	1,854	2.1
Rod Deer	266	5.1	2,804	2.8	20,299	2.9	14,169	2.8	3,306	3.5	2,824	3.1
St. Albert	227	4.4	1,880	1.9	28,938	4.2	22,035	4.3	5,352	5.6	1,551	1.7
Other Locations	1,932	37.2	43,711	44.4	100,153	14.4	71,408	14.0	11,534	12.2	17,211	19.1
	5,199	100.0	98,519	100.0	693,536	100.0	508,480	100.0	94,875	100.0	90,181	100.0

***Bingos***

Calgary	354	13.4	10,350	20.6	72,651	24.1	49,722	23.7	14,105	29.3	8,824	20.3
Edmonton	696	26.4	12,177	24.3	90,337	30.0	61,629	29.4	15,012	31.2	13,696	31.5
Fort McMurray	76	2.9	903	1.8	7,773	2.6	5,449	2.6	1,090	2.3	1,234	2.8
Grande Prairie	57	2.2	858	1.7	5,983	2.0	4,059	2.0	934	1.9	990	2.3
Lethbridge	74	2.8	1,449	2.9	14,496	4.8	9,664	4.6	2,202	4.6	2,630	6.1
Medicine Hat	58	2.2	1,210	2.4	10,193	3.4	7,419	3.5	1,478	3.1	1,296	3.0
Rod Deer	105	4.0	1,405	2.8	12,443	4.1	8,605	4.1	1,817	3.8	2,021	4.6
St. Albert	73	2.8	1,445	2.9	12,290	4.1	8,473	4.0	1,991	4.1	1,826	4.2
Other Locations	1,139	43.3	20,344	40.6	75,168	24.9	54,696	26.1	9,515	19.7	10,957	25.2
	2,632	100.0	50,141	100.0	301,334	100.0	209,716	100.0	48,144	100.0	43,474	100.0

***Casinos***

Calgary	393	28.8	794	28.6	121,033	41.1	100,940	41.4	12,206	36.5	7,887	45.0
Edmonton	397	29.0	802	28.9	138,789	47.1	114,612	47.0	13,623	40.7	10,554	60.3
Fort McMurray	34	2.5	77	2.8	1,101	0.4	868	0.4	289	0.9	(56)	(0.3)
Grande Prairie	28	2.0	63	2.3	974	0.3	802	0.3	226	0.7	(54)	(0.3)
Lethbridge	137	10.0	278	10.0	7,955	2.7	6,584	2.7	1,551	4.6	(180)	(1.0)
Medicine Hat	72	5.3	148	5.3	2,029	0.7	1,576	0.6	707	2.1	(254)	(1.5)
Rod Deer	132	9.7	268	9.7	5,852	2.0	4,510	1.9	1,334	4.0	8	0.1
St. Albert	146	10.7	292	10.5	16,435	5.6	13,411	5.5	3,349	10.0	(325)	(1.9)
Other Locations	28	2.0	51	1.9	463	0.1	359	0.2	170	0.5	(66)	(0.4)
	1,367	100.0	2,773	100.0	294,631	100.0	243,662	100.0	33,455	100.0	17,514	100.0

**Pull-Tickets**

	LICENCES	% OF	EVENTS	% OF	TOTAL	% OF	PRIZES/	% OF	EXPENSES	% OF	NET PROFIT	% OF
	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	GROSS	TOTAL	WINNINGS	TOTAL	(\$000)	TOTAL	TO CHARITY	TOTAL
					(\$000)		(\$000)		(\$000)			
Calgary	65	9.6	10,350	36.5	15,758	40.4	11,812	40.7	801	37.1	3,145	40.4
Edmonton	39	5.7	1,248	4.4	1,635	4.2	1,260	4.3	92	4.3	283	3.6
Fort McMurray	1	0.2	23	0.1	25	0.1	19	0.1	2	0.1	4	0.1
Grande Prairie	6	0.9	135	0.5	190	0.5	140	0.5	18	0.8	32	0.4
Lethbridge	4	0.6	538	1.9	780	2.0	598	2.1	53	2.5	129	1.6
Medicine Hat	7	1.0	1,358	4.8	2,917	7.5	2,233	7.7	147	6.8	537	6.9
Red Deer	8	1.2	322	1.1	523	1.3	389	1.3	34	1.6	100	1.3
St. Albert	3	0.4	84	0.3	112	0.3	83	0.3	7	0.3	22	0.3
Other Locations	545	80.4	14,294	50.4	17,046	43.7	12,505	43.0	1,003	46.5	3,538	45.4
	678	100.0	28,352	100.0	38,986	100.0	29,039	100.0	2,157	100.0	7,790	100.0

**Raffles\***

Calgary	95	18.2	3,509	20.3	20,328	34.7	8,955	34.4	3,844	34.6	7,529	35.2
Edmonton	126	24.1	2,130	12.4	26,222	44.8	10,873	41.7	5,996	53.9	9,353	43.7
Fort McMurray	14	2.7	437	2.5	450	0.8	273	1.0	25	0.2	152	0.7
Grande Prairie	14	2.7	566	3.3	1,025	1.7	550	2.1	143	1.3	332	1.6
Lethbridge	19	3.6	571	3.3	805	1.4	466	1.8	82	0.7	257	1.2
Medicine Hat	8	1.5	150	0.9	697	1.2	365	1.4	57	0.5	275	1.3
Red Deer	21	4.0	809	4.7	1,481	2.5	665	2.5	121	1.1	695	3.2
St. Albert	5	1.0	59	0.3	101	0.2	68	0.3	5	0.1	28	0.1
Other Locations	220	42.2	9,022	52.3	7,476	12.7	3,848	14.8	846	7.6	2,782	13.0
	522	100.0	17,253	100.0	58,585	100.0	26,063	100.0	11,119	100.0	21,403	100.0

\*For 1995/96, raffles do not include raffles under \$10,000.

**LICENCE FEES COLLECTED**

	BINGOS	% OF	CASINOS	% OF	PULL-	% OF	RAFFLES	% OF	TOTAL FEES
	(\$000)	TOTAL	(\$000)	TOTAL	TICKETS	TOTAL	(\$000)	TOTAL	COLLECTED
					(\$000)				(\$000)
Fiscal 1993/94	1,274	28.4	1,002	22.4	1,258	28.1	946	21.1	4,480
Fiscal 1994/95	1,212	32.1	1,028	27.3	438	11.6	1,094	29.0	3,772
Fiscal 1995/96	1,191	28.2	1,114	26.3	702	16.6	1,221	28.9	4,228





**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON GAMING IN ALBERTA CONTACT:**

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