



Attention all Ontario Break Open Nevada Charities!

OCGA needs your support to eliminate the BOT Admin Fee

With an election imminent in Ontario, OCGA is continuing to advocate for the elimination of the provincial BOT Admin Fee.

We have asked the three main provincial political party leaders to commit to eliminate this fee if elected and we're awaiting their responses.

And in the meantime, we're mobilizing charity and non-profit support for our request so that on Day 1 of a new government, regardless of which party is in power, we're ready to show strong grass roots support.

The Admin Fee amounts to almost ***\$5 million*** annually that will go back to the sector to sustain charitable funding through Break Open Nevada tickets.

If you want the BOT Admin fee eliminated, go to
botfairness.com
and sign-up to show your organization's support

For more information contact: botfairness@charitblegaming.com

To learn more about OCGA, visit: charitablegaming.com

Ontario Charities and Non-Profits Need Your Commitment

WHO WE ARE:

Ontario Charitable Gaming Association represents the majority of charities and non-profits that fundraise through charitable gaming and has worked collaboratively with government since 1997.

WHAT IS THE ISSUE:

Break Open Tickets are pull tickets regulated by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario and sold primarily in convenience stores and legions. Hospital foundations and volunteer auxiliaries, provincial health organizations, special needs services, (e.g. CNIB and March of Dimes) mental health charities, seniors' groups, services for children and families, youth sports organizations, service clubs, volunteer firefighters, newcomer organizations and many others depend on funds raise from Break Open Tickets to provide services in our Ontario communities.

Back in 1998 charities were directed to pay an Administrative fee on the tickets to support a central distribution model. However, this model never materialized, but the fee has remained for all these years.

WHAT IS THE ASK:

Each year, charities raise a total of almost \$17 million in net revenues from the sale of Break Open Tickets. Of that \$17 million, \$4.88 million (almost 30% of the net revenues raised) is paid to the Ontario Ministry of Finance. This is \$4.88 million in addition to the \$2.1 million that Break Open Nevada charities are already paying in licence fees to government bodies (provincial and municipal). No other form of gaming in Ontario – charitable or commercial, including bingo, raffles, and horseracing– is asked to pay this kind of fee.

The total Break Open Ticket charities are paying to governments is almost **\$7 million**. That's a shocking **58%** of what these organizations are netting through the sale of Break Open Tickets. **If removed this is \$4.88 million that would go back into the hands of charities.**

Our party if elected commits to supporting the removal of this unfair administrative fee.

Party: _____

Name: _____

Signed: _____

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