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TO: All Branches  
For Information of Members of Command Executive Council

FROM: Michelle Courtney, Executive Director, BC/Yukon Command

SUBJECT: Charitable Gaming Licence Reminders and Updates

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Comrades,

Branches that operate gaming events (e.g. meat draws, 50/50, raffles) are reminded to regularly check their gaming licence expiry dates. The Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch (GPEB) requires a minimum of 10 weeks to process renewal applications. To avoid any potential disruptions in your Branch's gaming activities, we strongly recommend that you submit your renewal application well in advance of this timeline.

As a reminder, all gaming activities must be conducted in accordance with provincial gaming regulations and under the appropriate licence. A separate licence is required for each type of event, and Branches should ensure their gaming activities comply with all applicable requirements. More information is available on the Province of BC's website:  
<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/gambling-fundraising/gambling-licence-fundraising>

Please note that effective April 13, 2026, the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch will transition to the Independent Gambling Control Office, as the new Gaming Control Act and Gaming Control Regulations are introduced. Changes to licence classes and application fees will come into effect and apply to all applications submitted on or after this date.

For more information, please visit the GPEB website or contact [gaming.branch@gov.bc.ca](mailto:gaming.branch@gov.bc.ca).

In comradship,

Michelle