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## **Town of Wasaga Beach congratulates Gateway Casinos**

**Wasaga Beach** – The Town of Wasaga Beach congratulates Gateway Casinos and Entertainment Ltd., on being chosen by the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) to operate a gaming and entertainment facility in the Georgian Triangle.

The OLG made the announcement about its choice for a casino operator earlier today.

“The town wants to thank OLG for its ongoing updates to the municipality and we congratulate OLG on finalizing the process,” Mayor Brian Smith said. “We are delighted to learn that Gateway has been selected as the casino operator. They have a solid reputation as casino operators in Ontario, British Columbia, and Alberta. On behalf of all members of council, and on behalf of all our residents, I thank Gateway for choosing to invest in our region and I welcome the company to the area.”

Mayor Smith said the Town of Wasaga Beach looks forward to building a positive relationship with Gateway and added the town is excited about meeting with the company in the very near future.

“A casino in our region means the addition of good paying jobs and economic synergies that will benefit our region for many years to come,” Smith said. “The town is prepared to do whatever it takes to have the casino locate here. We believe our community is best suited to host this facility.”

### **Background**

In March 2012, OLG announced its intention to expand gaming in Ontario by issuing a Request for Information (RFI) seeking input from potential service providers as it expanded regulated private-sector gaming in Ontario.

Wasaga Beach was identified along with the Town of Collingwood, Clearview Township, and the Township of Springwater as an area for expansion and was designated Zone C7. The OLG indicated that each zone would only support one gaming facility. The

gaming facility for Zone C7 would offer up to 300 slot machines and the potential for table games.

In June 2012, council indicated it was prepared to explore the opportunity of hosting a gaming facility.

The town subsequently undertook an extensive public consultation process that included two public information meetings and a public opinion survey that showed community support of the town pursuing a gaming facility.

In November 2012, the Town of Wasaga Beach indicated to OLG the municipality is willing to host a gaming facility.

The town has identified five sites for a gaming facility in Wasaga Beach: the southwest corner of Beachwood Drive and Local Airport Road and Mosley Street; Fairgrounds Road at Beachwood Drive; 486 River Road West; 550 River Road West, and Beach Area 1 and 2.

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