

Kahnawà:ke Gaming Expansion: Community Engagement Information Sheet

The **Kahnawà:ke Gaming Working Group (KGWG)** is seeking community input on the **proposed expansion of Electronic Gaming Devices (EGDs)** and related community expenditures. This document provides an overview of the project, its objectives, and the areas of focus for community benefits, investment, employment, financial sovereignty, regulatory oversight, safety, and transparency.

Project Overview & Objectives

Goal: Strengthen and expand Kahnawà:ke's gaming industry to benefit the community economically and financially.

- A **Market Study by Innovation Group** indicates that Kahnawà:ke's local market can support an increase in EGDs, creating additional revenue for community programs.
 - Revenue growth is guided by **research, community benefit, economic development, and responsible regulatory oversight.**
 - The **Mohawk Council of Kahnawà:ke (MCK)** will lead an engagement process to gather community feedback on EGD expansion and funding priorities.
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Community Benefits

- Over **\$100 million** has been generated from land-based and online gaming over the last 30 years.
- Revenues have funded **essential services, underfunded programs, and major infrastructure**, including:
 - Fire trucks and public safety equipment
 - Multi-purpose community buildings

- Water bill subsidies
 - Cultural revitalization initiatives
 - Policing services
 - Responsible gaming contributes to long-term community growth and development.
 - **Projected revenue** from EGDs could exceed **\$100 million annually**, supporting services amid reduced federal and provincial funding for First Nations programs.
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Community Investment & Economic Development

- **Community-driven reinvestment** strategies focus on long-term planning based on engagement feedback.
 - Data will be collected via **kiosks and a Community Meeting** to guide investment decisions.
 - Strategic investments support growth across **seven generations** in areas including:
 - Arts, Culture, and Language
 - Leisure, Sports, and Recreation (e.g., community sports programs, youth activities, cultural events)
 - Sustainable economic growth and wealth-building
 - Employment opportunities in diverse business sectors
 - Social programs and benefits (e.g., snow removal, funeral benefits, winter clothing, elder care, youth programs)
 - Encouraging community participation in economic initiatives
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Employment Enhancement & Business Growth

- **Expanded employment opportunities** across multiple sectors

- **Enhanced local procurement** to support business expansion and partnerships
 - **Tourism and investment growth**, showcasing Kahnawà:ke culture, hospitality, and economic vitality
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Financial Sovereignty

- Federal funding has not fully addressed **First Nations emergency services and program needs** over the past decade.
 - Expanding gaming revenue ensures funding for:
 - Fire safety, emergency response, policing, and public safety services
 - Special initiatives (e.g., one-time tuition support for 25 special needs students, 2025–2026 academic year)
 - Other community priorities such as health services, elder care, and infrastructure
 - Generating and directing **own-source revenue** is critical to maintaining **financial autonomy**.
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Responsible Regulatory Oversight

- **Updated application forms and regulations** strengthen oversight of operators and gaming establishments:
 - Operator licenses (Schedule A)
 - Business Entity Information (Schedule B)
 - Personal Information (Schedule C)
- Oversight includes:
 - Public safety screening (health, fire, security)

- Clear ownership disclosure
 - Anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism financing compliance
 - Monitoring of social and operational impacts
 - Phased implementation and oversight of EGDs
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Safety & Security

- Mandatory **health, fire, and security checks** for gaming establishments (already implemented)
 - Planned enhancements:
 - Road safety and traffic mitigation measures
 - Enforcement of public safety regulations
 - Expanded emergency response resources
 - Crisis management and first aid training for gaming security teams
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Transparency & Accountability

- **Regular monitoring, auditing, and public reporting on:**
 - Compliance and operations
 - Revenue generation
 - Social and economic impact
 - Ongoing **data collection and analysis** to guide decision-making and ensure public confidence
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Next Steps:

The KGWG invites all community members to participate in the upcoming engagement Community Info Sheet/Gaming Engagement 2026

sessions. Your input will help shape the future of Kahnawà:ke's gaming industry and the allocation of revenues to programs and services that matter most to the community.