



**MASSACHUSETTS GAMING COMMISSION  
PUBLIC MEETING #166**

October 15, 2015  
10:30 a.m.

**Massachusetts Gaming Commission**  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA



Massachusetts Gaming Commission



## UPDATED

### NOTICE OF MEETING and AGENDA

**October 15, 2015**

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, G.L. c. 30A, §§ 18-25, notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission. The meeting will take place:

**Thursday, October 15, 2015  
10:30 a.m.  
Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA**

#### **PUBLIC MEETING - #166**

1. Call to order
2. Approval of Minutes
  - a. September 24, 2015
  - b. October 1, 2015
3. Administration – Karen Wells, Interim Executive Director and Director of the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau
  - a. General Update
  - b. MGC/Plainridge Park Casino After Action Review Update – Joan Matsumoto, Chief Project Manager
  - c. Key Gaming Executive License Approval - **VOTE**
4. Research and Responsible Gaming – Mark Vander Linden, Director
  - a. Play Management Update – Trina Cranmer, Project Manager – Sci Games
5. Ombudsman – John Ziemba
  - a. Region C Request For Application 2 – Evaluation Process and Schedule – Janice Reilly, Chief of Staff
6. Racing – Alex Lightbown, Interim Director of Racing/Chief Veterinarian
  - a. 2016 Racing Applications Update and Process
  - b. Suffolk request for 12 weeks of premium free harness racing simulcasting - **VOTE**




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7. Legal Division – Catherine Blue, General Counsel
  - a. MGM Section 61 Findings Process Discussion
  - b. Review of Process for Regulation 205 CMR 129 which address the Transfer of a Gaming License – Todd Grossman, Deputy General Counsel
  - c. Wynn Site Design Process Discussion
  
8. Other business – reserved for matters the Chair did not reasonably anticipate at the time of posting.

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10/13/15  
(Date)

  
Stephen P. Crosby, Chairman

**Date Posted to Website:** October 13, 2015 at 10:30 a.m.



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## Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** September 24, 2015 – 10:30 a.m.

**Place:** MassMutual Center  
1277 Main Street, Room 5  
Springfield, Massachusetts

**Present:** Chairman Stephen P. Crosby  
Commissioner Gayle Cameron  
Commissioner James F. McHugh  
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins  
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

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corresponding section in  
Commission meeting video**

### **Call to Order**

See transcript page 2

10:31 a.m. Chairman Crosby called to order the 164<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting held in Springfield at the MassMutual Center.

### **Administration**

See transcript pages 2-5

[10:31 a.m.](#) Commissioner Stebbins provided an update on the Executive Director search which included the following: He has met with staff to go over details on the process, candidates are submitting their resumes and applications online through the new state HRD system, the Commission has received a healthy response to date – with both in-state and out-of-state candidates, they are seeking a broader breadth of experience, and they will continue to reach out to stakeholders.

[10:33 a.m.](#) Interim Director Wells and Chairman Crosby provided a brief update on the Plainridge Park Casino After Action Project and reported that key activity areas have been assigned to staff and more information will follow at a later meeting on the process.

## **Ombudsman**

See transcript pages 6-135

- [10:34 a.m.](#) Ombudsman John Ziemba provided an overview of the MGM Quarterly Report and proposed facility design change that must be approved by the City of Springfield and the Massachusetts Gaming Commission.
- [10:38 a.m.](#) Brian Packer, Director of Design and Construction for MGM Resorts International, provided a summary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Report which included status on the following activities: abatement, demolition, salvage, utility disconnection, site fence installation, and Mission construction completion. He also reported on design and construction commitments, diverse contractor list, and workforce statistics pertaining to women, minorities and Veterans.
- [10:42 a.m.](#) Chairman Crosby asked about the status of parking. Seth Stratton, Vice President and General Counsel for MGM Springfield, reported on the status of parking and noted that limited subsidized parking was provided for a number of spaces.
- [10:54 a.m.](#) Kevin Kennedy, Springfield Chief Development Officer, reported on comments received from the Chicago Consulting Group with regard to proposed design changes.
- [10:59 a.m.](#) Michael Mathis, President of MGM Springfield, reported on proposed design changes and continued commitment to the Springfield project. He also noted areas of commitment that are unchanged, such as - \$800 million project budget, \$25 million annually to the city, overall project elements, and economic development.
- [11:03 a.m.](#) Chairman Crosby asked where MGM is on their commitment to the Springfield project. President Michael Mathis responded that he is personally, and the company is, fully committed to the Springfield project.
- [11:04 a.m.](#) Commissioner Stebbins asked if the elimination of the tower will reduce construction workforce hours. Director Brian Packer responded that the workforce will remain consistent and he doesn't see a change.
- [11:09 a.m.](#) Commissioner Zuniga raised questions as to the budget reported and cost of the project. Vice President and General Counsel Seth Stratton responded that once the final design has been approved, they will be in a better position to report on project cost versus RFA-2 estimates.
- [11:22 a.m.](#) Commissioner Zuniga asked why they are proposing to eliminate the tower. President Michael Mathis responded that they are eliminating the tower because they are reacting to pricing and costs that led them to start evaluating the design. He also reported that review of the residential program revealed that given the costs of construction the rents would be too high for the market.

- [11:29 a.m.](#) President Michael Mathis presented on the site plan which included the following: relocation of the church, preservation of 95 State Street and commercial office space, expansion of green area, relocation of hotel rooms to Main Street, retention of 250 hotel rooms and quality, and relocation of the residential program off-site due to high rents and to energize other sectors.
- [11:49 a.m.](#) President Michael Mathis reported on hotel lobby relocation, reduction of level of garage, more enhanced green space for hotel guests, negotiations with cinema operator, relocation of the church to anchor the ice rink and farmers market, State Street Café, and 73 State Street building.
- [12:02 p.m.](#) Commissioner Zuniga asked what the design change will do to the schedule. Director Brian Packer responded that they are still committed to the September 2018 opening date.
- [12:04 p.m.](#) Commissioner Zuniga asked if design is now on hold. President Michael Mathis responded that they are proceeding on parallel tracks and spending money at risk to maintain schedule.
- [12:05 p.m.](#) Commissioner Zuniga asked what will be the impact of the elimination of one level of parking. President Michael Mathis responded that he anticipates approximately 200 spaces will be lost but does not think this will impact the customers.
- [12:14 p.m.](#) Commissioner Zuniga stated that he is troubled by request of a major change and the ability to attract players and generate revenue with a significant feature of the project gone.
- [12:16 p.m.](#) The Commission took a short recess.
- [12:29 p.m.](#) The meeting resumed.
- [12:29 p.m.](#) Ombudsman Ziemba reported on the Commission's request for public comments pertaining to a request from Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC (MGE) on the Region C licensing process. Ombudsman Ziemba reported he received a substantial amount of comments that included responses to the request posed, opposition to a casino and, support for a casino. He also highlighted three letters received – (1) from Donnelly & Clark, which represents MGE, stating that the Compact contemplates the possibility of a gaming establishment in Region C with a tribal casino; (2) from Shesky & Froelich, counsel to the City of Taunton, stating that litigation resulting from the land in trust determination is speculative; and (3) from Penn National, stating that the request from MGE is contrary to the Expanded Gaming Act.
- [12:37 p.m.](#) General Counsel Catherine Blue noted that the Commissioners cannot discuss or deliberate on the land in trust matter because it is not on the agenda and it is currently under review by staff.

[Commissioners responded to request by Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC]

[12:38 p.m.](#) Commissioner McHugh noted that this matter was discussed in April 2013. He stated that they should proceed as they always have and look at the RFA-2 application, look at what is in the best interest of the Commonwealth, and make a decision.

[12:43 p.m.](#) Commissioner Cameron stated that she is in agreement to not alter their course and to continue on in the process. She also stated they will look at everything at the time of the decision.

[12:45 p.m.](#) Commissioner Stebbins stated that he does not want to alter the course and that they had a similar situation over a year ago with review of one applicant. He also stated that there is new information that they need to review.

[12:46 p.m.](#) Commissioner Zuniga stated that he is in agreement that they should not alter the course. He also stated that when it is time to make a licensing decision they will take everything into account, including all interests – the Commonwealth, the tribe, the region or other regions.

[12:50 p.m.](#) Chairman Crosby stated that they should not change their plans. He stated they will evaluate the application, determine if they have a quality applicant, and make a decision to award based on all the conditions at the time, including the issue of land in trust.

#### **Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated**

See transcript page 135-136

[12:55 p.m.](#) *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Cameron. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed unanimously.*

#### **List of Documents and Other Items Used**

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda, dated September 24, 2015
2. MGM Springfield, Second Quarter Report dated September 24, 2015
3. Region C Public Comments received (multiple letters, emails and a *No Casino in Brockton* petition) regarding request by Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC to the Commission on the Region C Casino Licensing Process
4. Letter from Kevin Washburn, Bureau of Indian Affairs, to Cedric Cromwell, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe, dated September 18, 2015 regarding Land in Trust Application approval and Record of Decision

/s/ Catherine Blue

Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary



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## Meeting Minutes

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**Date/Time:** October 1, 2015 – 10:30 a.m.

**Place:** Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, Massachusetts

**Present:** Commissioner Gayle Cameron  
Commissioner James F. McHugh  
Commissioner Bruce Stebbins  
Commissioner Enrique Zuniga

**Absent:** Chairman Stephen P. Crosby

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### **Call to Order**

See transcript page 2

[10:31 a.m.](#) Commissioner McHugh called to order the 165<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting and noted the absence of Chairman Crosby.

### **Approval of Minutes**

See transcript pages 2-3

[10:31 a.m.](#) *Commissioner McHugh moved for the approval of the September 17, 2015 minutes with reservation of power to correct mechanical and typographical errors. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **Administration**

See transcript pages 3-17

[10:32 a.m.](#) Interim Executive Director Karen Wells reported that the Commission has received an RFA-2 application from Mass Gaming & Entertainment. She also acknowledged the assistance and support she has received from senior staff which has allowed for a successful transition period as interim director.

[10:34 a.m.](#) Commissioner Stebbins provided an update on the Executive Director search which included the following: the Commission has received over 40 resumes to date, the



first round of the interview process will begin soon, resumes will be accepted until a candidate is selected, and the job posting was circulated, via staff and stakeholders, at the G2E meeting in Las Vegas (Global Gaming Expo).

[10:35 a.m.](#) Chief Enforcement Counsel and Deputy Director Loretta Lillios, of the Investigations and Enforcement Bureau (IEB), presented on the process for implementing civil administrative penalties and highlighted modifications made to the flowchart since the last Commission meeting. She reported on two notices of non-compliance that were issued to Plainridge Park Casino - one notice pertained to minimum security staffing levels and the other notice pertained to underage individuals engaged in gaming. She also reported that both matters received corrective action by Plainridge Park Casino.

### **Research and Responsible Gaming**

See transcript pages 17-64

[10:54 a.m.](#) Christopher Bruce, a Crime Analyst Consultant, provided an overview on the baseline crime analysis for Plainville and the surrounding communities. The crime analysis is part of the broader study of the social and economic impacts of gaming in Massachusetts. He reported that he pulled data from five communities - Plainville, Mansfield, Attleboro, North Attleboro, and Wrentham - to establish a baseline dataset to analyze crime changes and impact on police activity in the future. The dataset included the following: annual crime totals, average number of offenses over a five year period, offender demographics, mean distance travelled by offenders, crimes by location type, calls-for-service, collisions, temporal and spatial patterns. He noted that the next project phase includes working with records management vendors to capture casino-related incident codes, integration of outside data, and providing a full quarter analysis for Plainridge Park Casino by comparing new data with baseline statistics. Mr. Bruce also provided a summary of his professional background.

### **Ombudsman**

See transcript pages 64-71

[11:39 a.m.](#) Ombudsman John Ziemba and Chief of Staff Janice Reilly provided an update on Region C which included receipt of the Mass Gaming & Entertainment RFA-2 application, highlights of key dates for application review process, surrounding community petitions, completion of initial baseline review of application, and process will start for review of application for administrative completeness.

### **Racing Division**

See transcript pages 72-79

[11:48 a.m.](#) Dr. Alexandra Lightbown, Interim Director of Racing, presented on request from Plainridge Park Casino asking to reschedule live racing days. Dr. Lightbown noted that the horsemen are in agreement with this request.

[11:50 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Stebbins moved that the Commission approve the request of Plainridge Park Casino to replace the two canceled days of live racing on October 13 and October 27<sup>th</sup>. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion passed unanimously.*

- [11:51 a.m.](#) Senior Financial Analyst Doug O'Donnell presented on the quarterly local aid distribution that is paid to the cities and towns where racing and simulcasting are taking place.
- [11:52 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Cameron moved that the Commission approve the local aid distributions for the quarter ending March 31, 2015 for each of the tracks that are outlined in the memo. Motion seconded by Commissioner Zuniga with clarification to correct quarter ending date. Motion passed unanimously.*
- [11:54 a.m.](#) Dr. Alexandra Lightbown presented on request for approval of Rodolfo Baez as a racing official at Suffolk Downs pending completion of his background check.
- [11:54 a.m.](#) *Commissioner Stebbins moved that the Commission approve the request of Suffolk Downs to approve Rodolfo Baez as a racing official pending satisfactory completion of his background check. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **Other Business Not Reasonably Anticipated**

See transcript pages 79-80

- [11:55 a.m.](#) *Having no further business, a motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Zuniga. Motion seconded by Commissioner Cameron. Motion passed unanimously.*

### **List of Documents and Other Items Used**

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Notice of Meeting and Agenda dated October 1, 2015
2. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Draft Meeting Minutes dated September 17, 2015
3. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Process for Civil Administrative Penalties Chart
4. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Memorandum dated October 1, 2015 regarding Baseline Report of Gaming Related Public Safety Impact
5. Assessing the Impact of Gambling on Public Safety in Massachusetts, PowerPoint Presentation and Report, Christopher W. Bruce, Crime Analyst
6. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Region C Estimated Category 1(Resort-Casino) Timeline, Last updated September 28, 2015
7. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Memorandum dated September 28, 2015 regarding Plainridge Park Casino, Rescheduling Live Racing Days with attachments
8. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Racing Division, Computation of Local Aid Distributions
9. Massachusetts Gaming Commission, Memorandum dated September 28, 2015 regarding Suffolk Downs Racing Official
10. Letter from Chip Tuttle to Dr. Alexandra Lightbown, dated September 28, 2015 regarding request for approval of Rodolfo Baez as a racing official

/s/ Catherine Blue

Catherine Blue, Assistant Secretary

**No Documents**

# After Action Report: Plainridge Park Casino Opening

**From:** February 27, 2014 – License Issuance

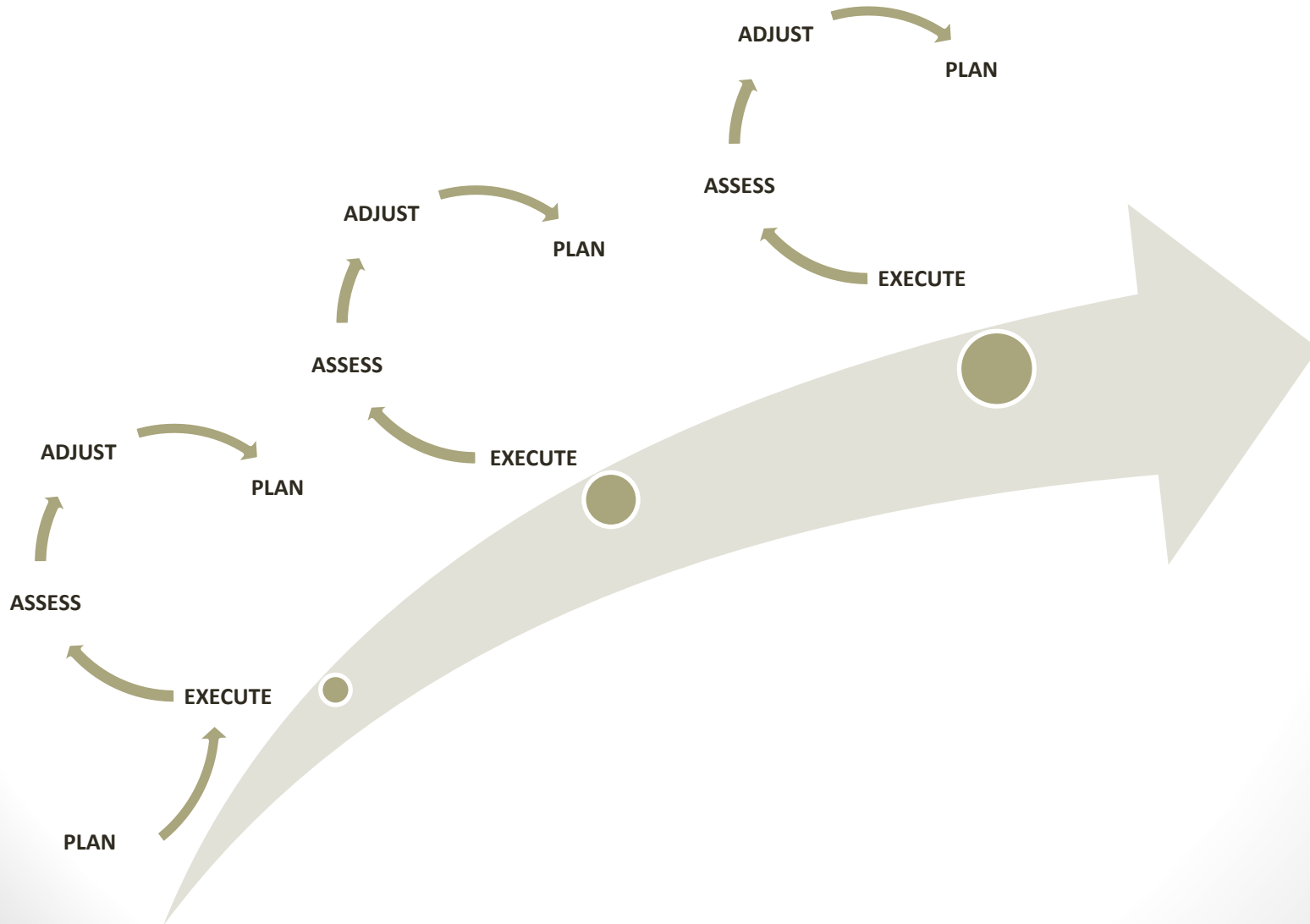
**To:** June 24, 2015 – Grand Opening

**Elapsed Time:** 16 months

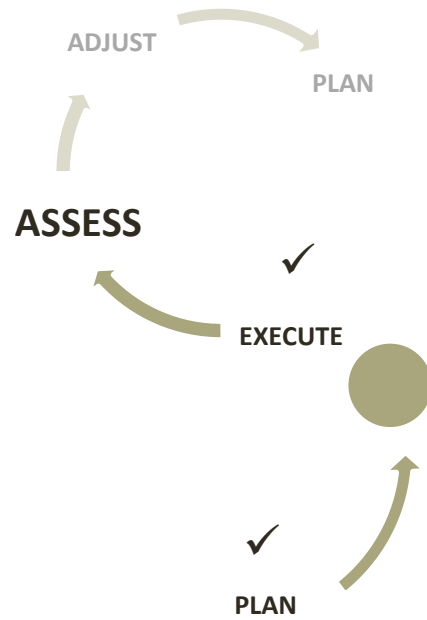
# After Action Report

- Retrospective analysis of a goal-oriented event
- Undertaken by the participants
- In order to :
  - Identify best practices (which may have application elsewhere)
  - Identify issues and concerns (which may indicate a problem)
  - Propose corrective actions (which may require more planning)
  - Obtain “lessons learned” (which may be helpful to others)

# Purpose: Continuous Improvement



# Current Status



# Participants

- MGC Commissioners and Commission staff
- Penn National - Plainridge Park Casino staff
- Turner Construction
- Pinck & Company, MGC Oversight Project Management



# Key Activities



# Assessment Process

- ✓ **Restate** the Goals and Objectives set out for the event
- ✓ **Capture** participants' knowledge and feedback about Capabilities, Activities, and Resources utilized
- ✓ **Identify** Major Strengths and Areas for Improvement
- **Analyze** those findings for consideration as Best Practice or a Corrective Action
- **Predict** what might be needed to address new conditions
- **Prioritize** Best Practices and Corrective Actions for inclusion in the next Plan to improve:
  - On-going Plainridge Park Casino operations
  - Processes for standing up full-resort casinos in Regions A + B (and potentially C)

# Framework

## After Action Report: Plainridge Park Casino Opening

### Executive Summary

*Recommendations for Best Practice Adoption*

*Recommendations for Corrective Action Plan*

### Primary Activity Overview

#### Participants

#### Goals and Objectives

#### Key Activities

*Primary Areas of Focus*

*Resources*

*Activities*

*Capabilities*

### Analysis of Outcomes and Performance

**No Documents**



TO: Chairman Crosby, Commissioners Cameron, McHugh, Stebbins, Zuniga

FROM: Mark Vander Linden, Director of Research and Responsible Gaming

DATE: October 15, 2015

RE: Status Update on Play Management

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### **Background**

A key element of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) Responsible Gaming Framework is *Strategy 2: Support Informed Player Choice*, which identifies and describes measures to support players' efforts to responsibly manage their gambling. Section 2.2, titled *Play Information and Management systems*, describes specific tools to implement this strategy, including the ability for players to set limits on the amount spent gambling.

Play Management is commonly referred to as pre-commitment. It's a tool that allows patrons to commit or budget to an amount to spend prior to a gambling session. Play Management is intended to help players make decisions about gambling, allow them to monitor and understand their playing behavior in real time, and support their decisions.

In January 2015, the MGC voted to adopt a Play Management system that included budget-setting tools on a test basis at Plainridge Park Casino. Since that time, key stakeholders including: Penn National Gaming, Sci Games, Cambridge Health Alliance, Division on Addiction and the Massachusetts Gaming Commission have made significant progress to establish a Play Management for electronic gaming machines (EGM) in Massachusetts.

While this type of tool has never been used in the United States, it has been implemented in several other countries. Evidence of effectiveness is inconclusive. This is largely because 1) the initiative hasn't been implemented consistently and 2) there are many methodological flaws to the research that has been conducted. To help evaluate the effectiveness of Play Management, the MGC, with direction from the Public Health Trust Fund Executive Committee, have entered into a contract with the Cambridge Health Alliance, Division on Addiction. Information from the evaluation project will play a significant role in determining whether the MGC will require licensees to adopt the Play Management tool.

### **Attachments:**

**EGM screen shots:** The EGM is the primary location that we expect patrons to sign up for the Play Management program. The attached EGM screen shots for the Play Management tool represent significant work on the project. While the development of the program is not yet final, I believe it is significantly complete. In the next few weeks final comments will be taken and integrated to the program.



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**GameSense kiosk screen shots:** There is one operational GameSense Kiosk at Plainridge Park Casino located in the GameSense Info Center. This kiosk is connected to the [gamesensema.com](http://gamesensema.com) website as a resource for responsible gaming information. A second kiosk is at PPC but not set up. The attached kiosk screen shots expand the responsible gaming information that will be available and provide an avenue for patrons to sign up for the Play Management tool.

**Timeline:** The timeline provides a high level overview of the activity report for the period of August to December 2015.



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# Play Management

At

Plainridge Park Casino

# Play Management ICON





# Plainridge Park Casino

Welcome, Player Name  
Check out Play Management

**Play  
Management**



4:23 PM

★ Player club level



Player name



# Play Management Enroll Notification

Would you like to use Play Management?

Play Management is a system designed to provide you information that could help you responsibly manage your gambling. You can choose a daily, weekly, or monthly budget for how much you spend (your losses) here at Plainridge Park Casino. Play Management will remind you of your budget choices when you're getting close. You decide whether to stick with your budget or keep gambling.

Once enrolled in Play Management you can change your budget choices, or unenroll, at a GameSense Kiosk, slot machine or the GameSense Info Center.

You can change you budget choices at any GameSense kiosk or in the GameSense Info Center.

Do you want to set up your Play Management choices now?

Yes,  
set my choices

No, proceed  
to game



★ Player club level



PLAINRIDGE PARK  
CASINO



Player name



Today's Points

# Terms and Conditions

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Before you make your Play Management choices, please read these Play Management terms and conditions.

- You are responsible for keeping your PIN safe.
- Play Management is a guide. Ultimately, how much you gamble is your choice.
- Play Management does not guarantee that you will stick with the budget choices that you set.
- Using Play Management doesn't mean that you won't lose money.
- Your anonymous Play Management data may be used for research purposes. (Researchers will not be able to identify you from this data.)



I agree

No, proceed to game


★ Player club level




Player name



# ENTER PIN

Please Enter Marquee Rewards PIN 


7	8	9
4	5	6
1	2	3
Clear	0	Enter






2 AWARDS 2 MORE FREE GAMES! 3 AWARDS 5 MORE FREE GAMES!

1¢ 10000 50 34

★ Player club level

 PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO

Player name

Today's Points

# Processing



Set Budget

# Play Management Choices

Welcome,  
My Play Management Choices.

Here are the Play Management choices you can use to guide your gambling. Determine the most you want to spend during a day, week, and/or month. Press "confirm my choice" when you are done making your budget choices.



Daily  
Budget

Weekly  
Budget

Monthly  
Budget

★ Player club level



Player name

Set Budget

# Play Management Choices

Welcome,  
My Play Management Choices.

Here are the Play Management choices you can use to guide your gambling. Determine the most you want to spend during a day, week, and/or month. Press "confirm my choice" when you are done making your budget choices.

Daily Budget

\$10

Set Budget

Weekly Budget

\$20

Set Budget

Monthly Budget

\$30

Set Budget



Confirm my  
Play Management  
choices

RESET

Cancel, Return  
to game

★ Player club level



PLAINRIDGE PARK  
CASINO



Player name




Today's Points

# Initial Daily Budget

Please set your initial DAILY budget

Set Amount:

7	8	9
4	5	6
1	2	3
Clear	0	Enter



Back to my Play Management choices

Cancel, proceed to game

★ Player club level

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO

GameSense

MARQUEE EL WARDOS

Player name

Today's Points



Please set your initial WEEKLY budget

Set Amount:

7	8	9
4	5	6
1	2	3
Clear	0	Enter



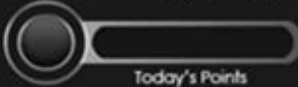
Back to my Play Management choices

Cancel, proceed to game

★ Player club level



Player name




# Initial Monthly Budget

Please set your initial MONTHLY budget

Set Amount:

7	8	9
4	5	6
1	2	3
Clear	0	Enter



Back to my Play Management choices

Cancel, proceed to game

★ Player club level

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO

GameSense

\*\*\*\*\* MARQUEE EL WARDOS

Player name

Today's Points

## Settings are INCOMPLETE

To enroll in Play Management, you need to set a daily, weekly, or monthly budget. You have not yet set a budget. Please make sure that you set a budget – daily, weekly, or monthly.

Back to my  
Play Management  
choices

Cancel,  
proceed to game



★ Player club level



PLAINRIDGE PARK  
CASINO



Player name



Today's Points

# Enrollment Successful

## Play Management

Enrolled Successfully

You now have a \$5 food credit on your Marquee Reward Card. Use at any food vendor or restaurant at Plainridge Park Casino.

OK



★ Player club level



PLAINRIDGE PARK  
CASINO

SLOTPLAY

GameSense

MARQUEE  
REWARDS

Player name




Today's Points

# Status Screen

**WELCOME SENTHIL**

You can change you budget choices at a GameSense kiosk, in the GameSense Info Center, or at the Marquee Rewards Club Booth.

MY PLAY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT HISTORY	My Actual Spend	My Budget Choices
Daily Budget:	\$219.00	\$240.00
Weekly Budget:	\$219.00	\$270.00
Monthly Budget:	\$239.00	\$300.00



**Proceed to game**      **Change my Budget choices**      **Un-enroll**

★ Player club level      **PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO**      **SLOTPLAY**      **GameSense**      **MARQUEE REWARDS**      Player name      Today's Points

Reminder: Approaching


# Approaching Notification

## Reminder

You are approaching the budget limit you chose.

You have spent 50% of the budget you set for the day.

Play for fun, not to make money.



Take a break

Return to game

★ Player club level

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO

SLOTPLAY

GameSense

MARQUEE REWARDS

Player name

Today's Points

# Reached Notification

The screenshot displays a slot machine game interface with a large 'Reminder' notification. The notification text reads: 'You have reached the budget limit you chose. You have spent 100% of the budget you set for the week. Gaming Machines are for entertainment. Keep gambling fun. Losses are the cost of playing.' To the right of the text is a slot machine reel showing symbols like 'K', 'J', '10', 'Q', 'A', and '9'. Above the reels are banners for '2 AWARDS 2 MORE FREE GAMES!' and '3 AWARDS 5 MORE FREE GAMES!'. Below the reels is a control panel with '1C', '10000', '50', and '34' indicators. At the bottom of the screen are two green buttons: 'Take a break' and 'Return to game'. The footer contains the Plainridge Park Casino logo, a 'Player club level' indicator, a 'GameSense' logo, a 'MASCQUE REWARDS' logo, and a 'Player name' field with 'Today's Points' below it.

## Reminder

You have reached the budget limit you chose.

You have spent 100% of the budget you set for the week.

Gaming Machines are for entertainment. Keep gambling fun. Losses are the cost of playing.

2 AWARDS 2 MORE FREE GAMES! 3 AWARDS 5 MORE FREE GAMES!

1C 10000 50 34

Take a break Return to game

★ Player club level

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO

SLOTPLAY

GameSense

MASCQUE REWARDS

Player name

Today's Points

# Notification Screen

## Reminder

You have exceeded the budget limit you chose.

**You have spent 125% of the budget you set for the month.**

Whether you gamble more or not is your choice. If you stick to your budget, you can always play again later. If you play more, remember that there is always a house advantage. Only bet what you can afford to lose.



Take a break

Return to game

★ Player club level



PLAINRIDGE PARK  
CASINO



Player name





# Change Budget

## Change my Play Management Choices

Duration	Current Budget		New Budget
Daily Budget	\$10	<a href="#">Change</a>	---
Weekly Budget	\$20	<a href="#">Change</a>	---
Monthly Budget	\$30	<a href="#">Change</a>	---



★ Player club level

 PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO

Player name

Today's Points

# Change Budget

Change my Play Management Choices 

7 8 9  
4 5 6  
1 2 3  
Clear 0 Enter



★ Player club level

 PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO

Player name 

Today's Points

# Change Budget

## Change my Play Management Choices X

Duration	Current Budget	New Budget
Daily Budget	\$10 <span>Change</span>	\$50.00
Weekly Budget	\$20 <span>Change</span>	\$100.00
Monthly Budget	\$30 <span>Change</span>	\$150.00



2 **AWARDS 2 MORE FREE GAMES!** 3 **AWARDS 5 MORE FREE GAMES!**

1c 10000 50 34

★ Player club level

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO

SLOTPLAY

GameSense

MARQUEE EX VAGONS

Player name

Today's Points

# Change Budget Successful

## Play Management

Change limit(s)  
successful  
New limit(s)  
now active

OK



★ Player club level



GameSense



Player name



Today's Points


# Un-enroll Remarks

## Select Un-enroll Remarks

Check all that apply.

- 1. I plan to stop gambling here.
- 2. I want to reduce contact with the casino.
- 3. I intend to gamble elsewhere.
- 4. I plan to stop gambling.
- 5. Slot machines are no longer fun for me.
- 6. I would rather play without Play Management monitoring.
- 7. I no longer want reminders and warnings.
- 8. I do not see the benefits of Play Management.

**Submit**



Touch on the message to view full

★ Player club level

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO

SLOTPLAY

GameSense

MARQUEE DE WARDOS

Player name


Today's Points

# Un-enroll Remarks

## Select Un-enroll Remarks

Check all that apply.

- 9. I don't need reminders and warnings.
- 10. Reminders and warnings make gambling less fun.
- 11. The messages are too frequent.
- 12. I had a bad experience with Play Management.
- 13. I no longer have a problem with gambling.
- 14. I have a problem with gambling.
- 15. I prefer not to say.



**Submit**

Touch on the message to view full

★ Player club level

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO

SLOTPLAY

GameSense

MARQUEE REWARDS

Player name


Today's Points

# Selected Un-enroll Remarks

## Select Un-enroll Remarks

Check all that apply.

- 1. I plan to stop gambling here.
- 2. I want to reduce contact with the casino.
- 3. I intend to gamble elsewhere.
- 4. I plan to stop gambling.
- 5. Slot machines are no longer fun for me.
- 6. I would rather play without Play Management monitoring.
- 7. I no longer want reminders and warnings.



**Submit**

Touch on the message to view full

★ Player club level

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO

SLOTPLAY

GameSense

MARQUEE 88 WARD

Player name

Today's Points

# Un-enroll Successful

## Play Management

Un-enrolled Successfully

OK



★ Player club level



PLAINRIDGE PARK  
CASINO



Player name



Today's Points



# GameSense ICON



# GameSense

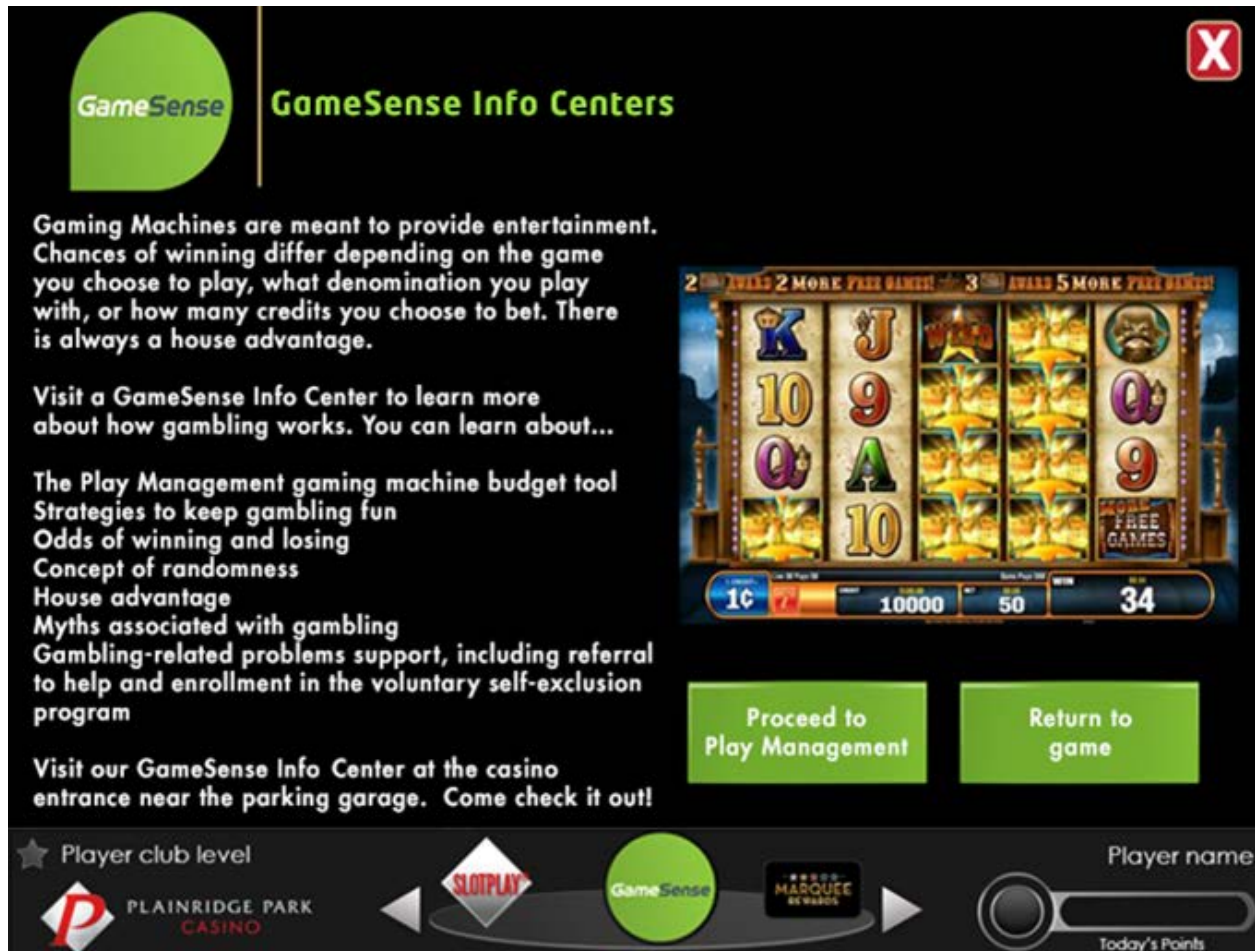
The screenshot shows the GameSense interface overlaid on a slot machine game. The interface is primarily green and black. At the top left is the GameSense logo, a green circle with the text "GameSense" inside. To its right is the text "GameSense" in a green font. In the top right corner, there is a red square button with a white "X".

On the left side, there is a vertical menu of five green buttons with white text: "GameSense Info Center", "Play Management", "How Slots Work", "GameSense Tips", and "Exit".

On the right side, there is a slot machine game window. The reels show various symbols including letters (K, J, 10, Q, A), numbers (9, 10), and a "FREE GAMES" symbol. Above the reels, there are banners that say "2 WILD 2 MORE FREE GAMES" and "3 WILD 5 MORE FREE GAMES". Below the reels, there is a status bar with the following information: "16" (bet), "10000" (balance), "50" (bet per spin), and "34" (wins).

At the bottom of the screen, there is a dark grey bar. On the left, it says "Player club level" with a star icon and the "PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO" logo. In the center, there is a navigation area with a "SLOTPLAY" button, a "GameSense" button (a green circle), and a "FREE MARQUEE BEVERAGE" button. On the right, there is a "Player name" field and a "Today's Points" field.

# GameSense Info Center



**GameSense** GameSense Info Centers

Gaming Machines are meant to provide entertainment. Chances of winning differ depending on the game you choose to play, what denomination you play with, or how many credits you choose to bet. There is always a house advantage.

Visit a GameSense Info Center to learn more about how gambling works. You can learn about...

- The Play Management gaming machine budget tool
- Strategies to keep gambling fun
- Odds of winning and losing
- Concept of randomness
- House advantage
- Myths associated with gambling
- Gambling-related problems support, including referral to help and enrollment in the voluntary self-exclusion program

Visit our GameSense Info Center at the casino entrance near the parking garage. Come check it out!

Proceed to Play Management    Return to game

★ Player club level

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO

GameSense

MARQUEE AWARDS

Player name

Today's Points

# Play Management

**GameSense** | **Play Management** X

Play Management is a system designed to provide you information that could help you responsibly manage your gambling. You can choose a daily, weekly, or monthly budget for how much you spend (your losses) here at Plainridge Park Casino. Play Management will remind you of your budget choices when you're getting close. You decide whether to stick with your budget or keep gambling.

If you sign up for Play Management, you will receive \$5 food credit on your Marquee Rewards card.

You can change your budget choices at any GameSense kiosk or in the GameSense Info Center.

Do you want to set up your Play Management choices now?

2 WILD 2 MORE FREE GAMES 3 WILD 5 MORE FREE GAMES

10000 50 34

★ Player club level

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO

SLOTPLAY

GameSense

MARQUEE REWARDS

Player name

Today's Points

# How Slots Work

## How Slots Work

The outcome of each play is **random**. After thousands or millions of games, the law of large numbers allows some players to win or break even, while most will lose.

**Slots** are programmed to keep more money than is paid out in winnings, so in the end the slot machine will win.

For more tips, visit the GameSense Info Center or [gamsensema.com](http://gamsensema.com)

Help Line : 800-426-1234

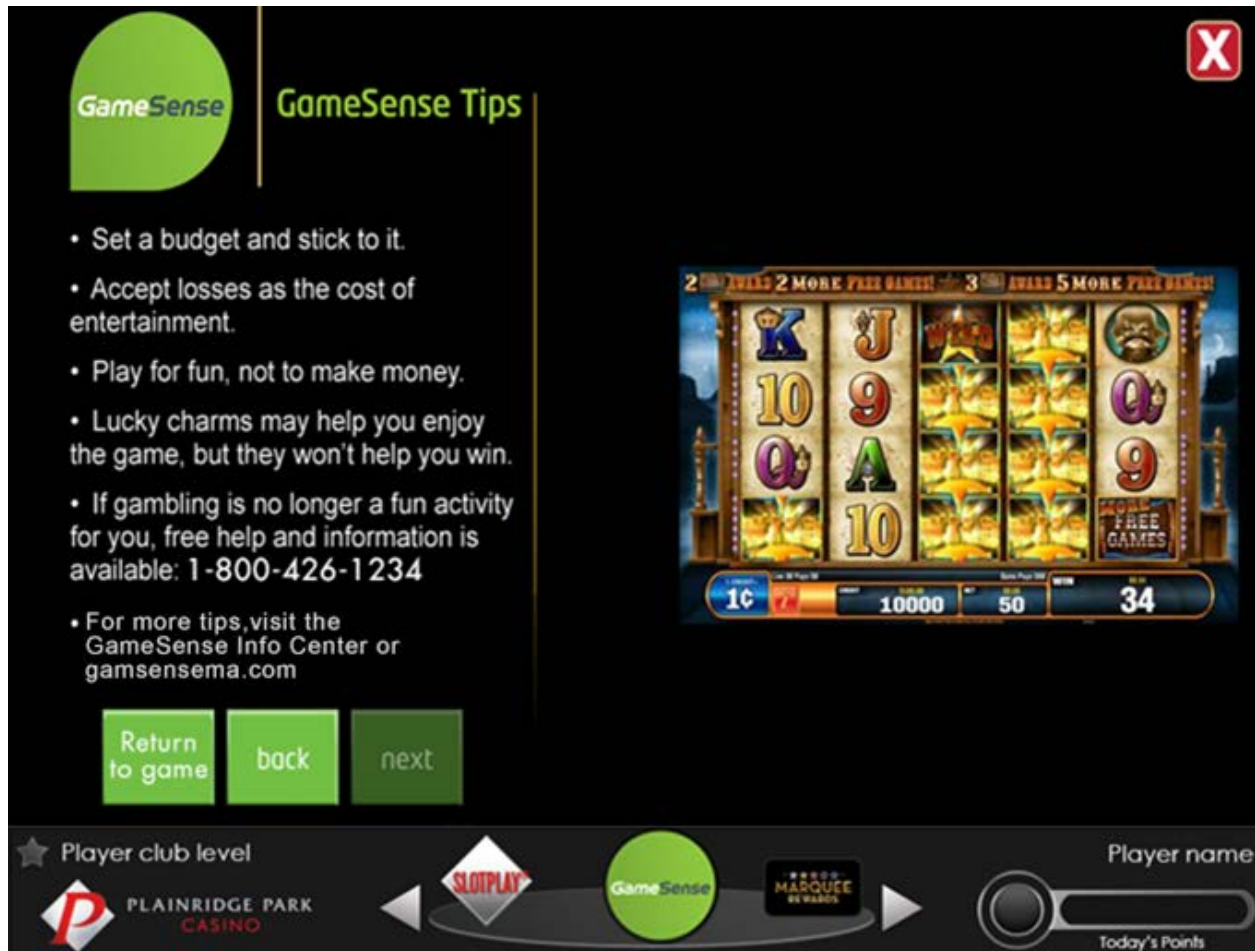
Return to game    back    next

★ Player club level

Player name

Today's Points

# GameSense Tips



The screenshot shows a slot machine interface with a GameSense overlay. The overlay is on the left side, featuring a green circular logo with the text "GameSense" and a title "GameSense Tips". Below the title is a list of tips. At the bottom of the overlay are three green buttons: "Return to game", "back", and "next". The slot machine game itself is on the right, showing a 5-reel grid with various symbols including letters (K, J, Q, A, 10) and numbers (9). Above the reels are indicators for "2 WAYS 2 MORE FREE GAMES!" and "3 WAYS 5 MORE FREE GAMES!". Below the reels is a control panel with a coin value of "1¢", a balance of "10000", a bet of "50", and a spin count of "34". At the bottom of the screen, there is a player club level indicator, a "SLOTPLAY" logo, a "GameSense" logo, a "MARQUEE BLISS" logo, and a "Player name" field with a "Today's Points" indicator.

**GameSense** GameSense Tips

- Set a budget and stick to it.
- Accept losses as the cost of entertainment.
- Play for fun, not to make money.
- Lucky charms may help you enjoy the game, but they won't help you win.
- If gambling is no longer a fun activity for you, free help and information is available: 1-800-426-1234
- For more tips, visit the GameSense Info Center or [gamsensema.com](http://gamsensema.com)

Return to game back next

Player club level

PLAINRIDGE PARK CASINO

SLOTPLAY

GameSense

MARQUEE BLISS

Player name

Today's Points



Touch the screen to find out!



Question : What are the odds of being dealt  
a royal flush in five cards?

Want more GameSense?

Touch the screen  
to continue!



Question : What are the odds of being dealt  
a royal flush in five cards?

Answer : 1 in 649,739.

Want more GameSense?

Touch the screen  
to continue!

Question : Does sticking with one machine  
increase your chances of winning?

Want more GameSense?

Touch the screen  
to continue!

Question : Does sticking with one machine increase your chances of winning?

Answer : No. Your chances of winning are the same each time you play on that machine.

Want more GameSense?

Touch the screen  
to continue!

Question : If you haven't won in a while, are  
you "due" for a win?

Want more GameSense?

Touch the screen  
to continue!

Question : If you haven't won in a while, are you "due" for a win?

Answer : No. Gambling is based on chance, randomness, and probability.  
Nobody is "due" to win.

Want more GameSense?

Touch the screen  
to continue!

Question : True or false: Luck is contagious.

Want more GameSense?

Touch the screen  
to continue!

Question : True or false: Luck is contagious.

Answer : False. Being around players who have won will not make it more likely that you will win.

Want more GameSense?

Touch the screen  
to continue!

Question : What is the highest number on a roulette wheel?

Want more GameSense?

Touch the screen  
to continue!



Question : What is the highest number on a roulette wheel?

Answer : The highest number is 36.

Want more GameSense?

Touch the screen  
to continue!

Question : Which is the first state in the U.S. to have a lottery?

Want more GameSense?

Touch the screen  
to continue!

Question : Which is the first state in the U.S. to have a lottery?

Answer : New Hampshire.

Want more GameSense?

Touch the screen  
to continue!

Play Management

Self  
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Player  
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Behind  
GameSense

Use Play  
Management?

YES

Return to Dashboard

Swipe  
Marquee  
Rewards  
Card to  
Continue.

I don't have a  
Marquee Rewards Card

## What is Play Management?

Play Management is a system designed to provide you information that could help you responsibly manage your gambling. You can choose a daily, weekly, or monthly limits for how much you spend (your losses) here at Plainridge Park Casino. Play Management will remind you of your budget choices when you're getting close. You decide whether to stick with your budget or keep gambling.

If you sign up for Play Management, you will receive a \$5 food credit on your Marquee Rewards card.

Change your limits any time!

Make my Play  
Management choices

Return to  
Dashboard

Welcome, \*\*\*Name\*\*\*

## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Before you make your Play Management choices, please read these Play Management terms and conditions.

- You are responsible for keeping your PIN safe.
- Play Management is a guide. Ultimately, how much you gamble is your choice.
- Play Management does not guarantee that you will stick with the budget choices that you set.
- Using Play Management does not mean that you will not lose money.
- Your anonymous Play Management data may be used for research purposes. (Researchers will not be able to identify you from this data.)

Make my Play  
Management choices

Return to  
Dashboard

Logout





GameSense

Please enter your Marquee Rewards PIN

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1

2

3

4

5

ENTER

6

7

8

9

0

CLEAR

Touch to End Session

Welcome, \*\*\*Name\*\*\*

## MY PLAY MANAGEMENT ENROLLMENT CHOICES

How you gamble is your choice.

Here are the Play Management Choices you can use to guide your gambling. Determine the most you want to spend during a day, week, and/or month. Press “confirm my choice” when you are done making your budget choices.

Change your choices at any kiosk or at the GameSense Info Center.

Daily Budget:

Weekly Budget:

Monthly Budget:

Confirm my Play  
Management choices

Return to  
Dashboard

Logout

Welcome, \*\*\*Name\*\*\*

## MY PLAY MANAGEMENT CHOICES

Here are the choices you have made to guide your gambling.

Daily Budget:

Weekly Budget:

Monthly Budget:

[View My  
Account History](#)

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Play Management](#)

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Welcome, \*\*\*Name\*\*\*

## MY PLAY MANAGEMENT ACCOUNT HISTORY

	My Actual Spend	My Budget Choices
Daily Budget:	<input type="text" value="\$--"/>	<input type="text" value="\$--"/>
Weekly Budget:	<input type="text" value="\$--"/>	<input type="text" value="\$--"/>
Monthly Budget:	<input type="text" value="\$--"/>	<input type="text" value="\$--"/>

Review My Play  
Management Choices

Return to  
Dashboard

Un-enroll from  
Play Management

Logout

The logo for GameSense, featuring the word "GameSense" in a white, sans-serif font. The text is positioned inside a green shape that is a semi-circle at the top and tapers to a point at the bottom, resembling a speech bubble or a stylized 'G'.

Thank you for using  
Play Management at the  
GameSense Information Kiosk!

Home

Dashboard

Log On

Play Management is a system designed to provide you information that could help you responsibly manage your gambling. You can choose a daily, weekly, or monthly budget for how much you spend (your losses) here at Plainridge Park Casino. Play Management will remind you of your budget choices when you're getting close. You decide whether to stick with your budget or keep gambling.

If you sign up for Play Management, you will receive \$5 food credit on your Marquee Rewards card.

Once enrolled in Play Management you can change your budget choices, or unenroll, at a GameSense Kiosk, slot machine or the GameSense Info Center.

Do you want to set up your Play Management choices now?

How to sign up for a  
Marquee Rewards Card

Marquee Rewards  
Signup Locations

Touch to End Session

Welcome, \*\*\*Name\*\*\*

## UN-ENROLL

If you choose to un-enroll from Play Management, you will no longer see reminders about gambling limits you have set for yourself.

However, you can choose to enroll again anytime.

Are you sure you want to un-enroll  
from Play Management now?

Yes, Un-enroll from  
Play Management

No, Return to  
Current Status

No, Logout

## Select Un-enroll Remarks

Check all that apply:

- 1. I plan to stop gambling here.
- 2. I want to reduce contact with the casino.
- 3. I intend to gamble elsewhere.
- 4. I plan to stop gambling.
- 5. Slot machines are no longer fun for me.
- 6. I would rather play without Play Management monitoring.
- 7. I no longer want reminders and warnings.
- 8. I do not see the benefits of Play Management.
- 9. I don't need reminders and warnings.
- 10. Reminders and warnings make gambling less fun.
- 11. The messages are too frequent.
- 12. I had a bad experience with Play Management.
- 13. I no longer have a problem with gambling.
- 14. I have a problem with gambling.
- 15. I prefer not to say.



The GameSense logo is located in the top left corner. It consists of a green circle with a white semi-circle cutout at the bottom, containing the text "GameSense" in a white, sans-serif font.

GameSense

Welcome, \*\*\*Name\*\*\*

UN-ENROLLED!

You have successfully un-enrolled from Play Management.  
You can re-enroll with Play Management any time.

Thank you  
for using  
Play Management  
at the  
GameSense  
Information  
Kiosk!

Logout and  
End Session

## GameSense Info Centers

Visit a GameSense Info Center to learn more about how each game works. You can learn about...

- Strategies to keep gambling fun
- Odds of winning and losing
- Concept of randomness
- House advantage
- Myths associated with gambling
- Gambling-related problems support, including referral to help and enrollment in the voluntary self-exclusion program

The GameSense Info Center is staffed with friendly, knowledgeable GameSense Advisors. Come check it out!

[Map to GameSense Info Center](#)

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[Player Protection](#)

## Player Protection

Some people develop problems with gambling. They might end up gambling much more than they anticipated. Gambling problems can be severe. If you are concerned about your gambling, help is available. Here at Plainridge, you might want to visit our GameSense Info Center. You also can get information about our Voluntary Self-exclusion program.

Click on the buttons below for more information about these options.

To talk to someone about your gambling, you could call the state helpline **1-800-426-1234**.

To check your gambling health, you can take a brief screen at:

[http://www.divisiononaddiction.org/bbgs\\_new/](http://www.divisiononaddiction.org/bbgs_new/)

To get help on your own, you can read Your First Step to Change at:

<http://s96539219.onlinehome.us/toolkits/FirstStepSite/main.htm>

Return to  
Dashboard

# GAMBLING FACTS

Understanding  
Gambling

Slot Machine  
Payouts

Luck

Streaks

Gambling-related  
Problems

House  
Advantage

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Home Screen

## Understanding Gambling

Gambling is simply putting something at stake on the outcome of an event before it happens. People usually gamble because they hope to gain something of larger value. Gambling includes everything from buying a lottery or scratch ticket to playing Bingo to betting on the outcome of a sports event.

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## Slot Machine Payouts

Slots differ in their payouts. Some slot games pay smaller prizes more frequently and offer more bonus games. Other machines pay out more often in the middle and top prize categories. The chances of winning smaller prizes on slots are greater than the chances of winning top prizes.

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## Luck

People who have a problem with gambling often believe that things like “luck” can affect their chances to win. For example, some people who play slot machines believe that playing one specific machine for a long time, or that wearing their lucky shirt, can favorably affect their chance of winning. These things have no effect on chance. Chance is chance.

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## Streaks

Every time you flip a coin your chance of getting heads is 50% and your chance of getting tails is 50%. This means that if you flip the coin 10 times and it comes up heads all 10 times, the chance of getting heads or tails on the 11th flip is exactly the same: 50-50. The outcome of each coin toss does not affect the next. The coin does not have a memory. Although many people think that losing streaks are more likely to be followed by wins, you are never “due” to win.

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## Gambling-related Problems

People with gambling-related problems gamble to the extent that it causes emotional, family, legal, financial or other problems for the gambler and the people around the gambler. Gambling-related problems can get worse over time, and gambling problems can range from mild to severe. For more information, visit the GameSense Info Center.

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## House Advantage

Many people wonder if there is a "house advantage" to gambling. House advantage refers to the structure of the game giving "the house" an edge in winning. It's true. The odds of winning always favor "the house." In fact, the AGA reports that slot machines keep about 8% of all wagers placed over the life of the machine. Players do occasionally win. However, in the long run "the house" always will come out ahead. Find out more at the GameSense Info Center.

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## Voluntary Self-Exclusion

Sometimes people develop gambling-related problems. These problems can be severe. Some people develop big financial problems. Other people have problems with the law, their work, or hurt people in their lives because of gambling. If you think you are having any problems due to gambling, Voluntary Self-exclusion might be for you. It is your choice.

Voluntary Self-exclusion is a program that allows you to sign up for a period of time, between 6 months and 3 years, during which you will not be allowed to come to Plainridge. This is a commitment to yourself. If you sign up and a Plainridge employee sees you trying to enter the slots parlor, you will not be let in. You will not be allowed to keep any of your winnings. Your winnings will be used for research on gambling-related problems.

You can find out more about Voluntary Self-exclusion at the GameSense Info. You can sign up for Voluntary Self-exclusion there, too.

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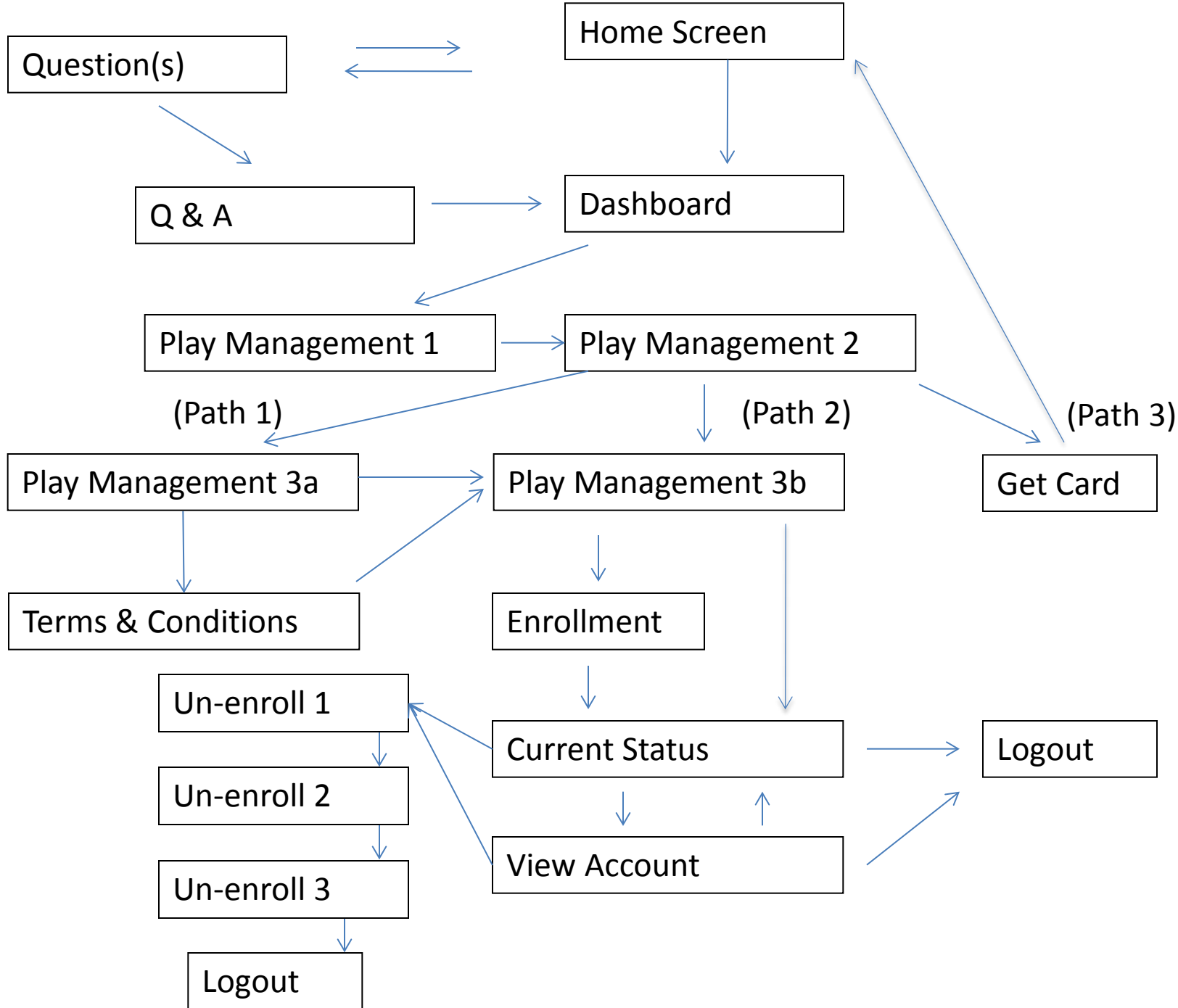
## Behind GameSense

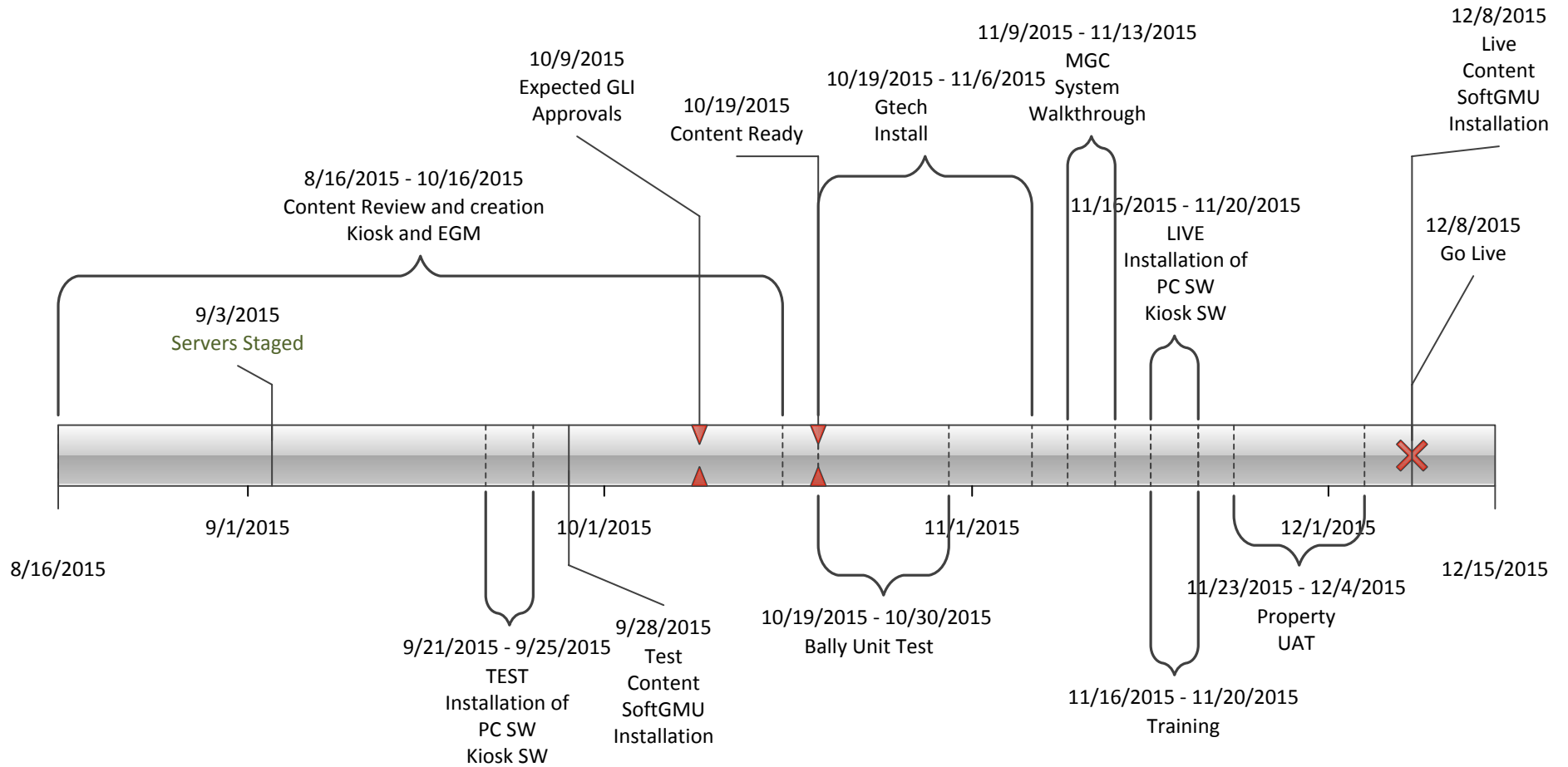
The GameSense brand is a product of the British Columbia Lottery Corporation.

Scientific Games developed the technology to manage Play Management.

The Division on Addiction developed the content for the GameSense kiosks and Play Management system.

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# REGION C

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

## Estimated CATEGORY 1 (Resort-Casino) Timeline

LAST UPDATED: 9/28/2015

ESTIMATED DATE(S)	ACTION
January 30, 2015	Category 1 RFA-1 (preliminary) application deadline
May 4	Deadline for additional materials for substantially complete RFA-1 application
September 30	Category 1 RFA-2 (site-specific) application deadline
October 13	Deadline for Surrounding Community/Impacted Live Entertainment (“ILEV”) Petitions to be submitted to MGC Deadline for Letters of Assent by Surrounding Communities Designated in an Application to be filed with MGC
October 22	Applicant 90 minute presentations on Category 1 Application
October 23	Applicant may provide a response to Surrounding Community/ILEV Petitions to MGC
October 28	Presentations by Surrounding Community Petitioners/ILEV Petitioners and Applicant on petitions for designation
November 30	Decisions by Commission on Surrounding Community/ILEV Petitions Written designation of Surrounding Communities/ILEV that have assented to designations made in Category 1 Application
December 1	Beginning of 30-day statutory negotiation period
TBD	Public input hearings in Surrounding Communities regarding resort-casino proposal
December 30	End of 30-day statutory negotiation period between Applicant and Surrounding Communities/ILEVs
December 31	Beginning of Binding Surrounding Community/ILEV Arbitration Process
<b>Before selecting an arbitrator, the parties must file with the Commission a notice of intent to commence arbitration.</b>	
January 7, 2016	Deadline for Selection of Arbitrator. If the parties cannot mutually select a single arbitrator, each party shall select one neutral, independent arbitrator who shall then mutually choose a third neutral, independent arbitrator. In the event that a third neutral, independent arbitrator is not selected, the Commission or its designee shall select the third neutral, independent arbitrator. Deadline for Best and Final Offer. Each party submits its best and final offer for a Surrounding Community Agreement/ILEV Agreement to the arbitrator and to the other party.
December 31, 2015 - January 27, 2016	Arbitrations. The arbitrator(s) conduct(s) any necessary proceedings.
January 14	Deadline for petitions that a term or terms of a best and final offer are fundamentally inconsistent with a provision or the purposes of G.L. c. 23K (“Fundamental Inconsistency Petitions”)
January 27	Deadline for Arbitration report to be filed with Commission. The arbitrator(s) file(s) with the Commission, and issue(s) to the parties, a report specifying the terms of the Surrounding Community Agreement between the applicant and the community.
February 1	Anticipated Date for Commission hearing on Fundamental Inconsistency Petitions
February 2-4	Host Community Hearing in Brockton
February 8	5 days after anticipated date of Commission determination on Fundamental Inconsistency Petitions. Either the parties sign a Surrounding Community Agreement and file it with the Commission, or the arbitrator’s report, as modified by the Commission after a Fundamental Inconsistency petition, shall be deemed to be the Surrounding Community Agreement between the parties.
February 16-18	Conclude Host Community Hearing in Brockton

March 18

**AWARD OF CATEGORY 1 REGION C LICENSE**



# REGION C

SOUTHEASTERN MASSACHUSETTS

## Estimated CATEGORY 1 (Resort-Casino) Timeline

LAST UPDATED: 10/13/2015

ESTIMATED DATE(S)	ACTION
January 30, 2015	Category 1 RFA-1 (preliminary) application deadline
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October 13	Deadline for Surrounding Community/Impacted Live Entertainment (“ILEV”) Petitions to be submitted to MGC Deadline for Letters of Assent by Surrounding Communities Designated in an Application to be filed with MGC
October 23rd	Applicant may provide a response to Surrounding Community/ILEV Petitions to MGC
November 5th	Applicant 90 minute presentations on Category 1 Application
November 12th	Presentations by Surrounding Community Petitioners/ILEV Petitioners and Applicant on petitions for designation
December 10th	Decisions by Commission on Surrounding Community/ILEV Petitions Written designation of Surrounding Communities/ILEV that have assented to designations made in Category 1 Application
December 11th	Beginning of 30-day statutory negotiation period
TBD	Public input hearings in Surrounding Communities regarding resort-casino proposal
January 11th	End of 30-day statutory negotiation period between Applicant and Surrounding Communities/ILEVs
January 12th	Beginning of Binding Surrounding Community/ILEV Arbitration Process
<b>Before selecting an arbitrator, the parties must file with the Commission a notice of intent to commence arbitration.</b>	
January 19th	Deadline for Selection of Arbitrator. If the parties cannot mutually select a single arbitrator, each party shall select one neutral, independent arbitrator who shall then mutually choose a third neutral, independent arbitrator. In the event that a third neutral, independent arbitrator is not selected, the Commission or its designee shall select the third neutral, independent arbitrator. Deadline for Best and Final Offer. Each party submits its best and final offer for a Surrounding Community Agreement/ILEV Agreement to the arbitrator and to the other party.
January 19, 2015 – February 13, 2016	Arbitrations. The arbitrator(s) conduct(s) any necessary proceedings.
January 26th	Deadline for petitions that a term or terms of a best and final offer are fundamentally inconsistent with a provision or the purposes of G.L. c. 23K (“Fundamental Inconsistency Petitions”)
February 8th	Deadline for Arbitration report to be filed with Commission. The arbitrator(s) file(s) with the Commission, and issue(s) to the parties, a report specifying the terms of the Surrounding Community Agreement between the applicant and the community.
February 11th	Anticipated Date for Commission hearing on Fundamental Inconsistency Petitions
TBD	Host Community Hearing in Brockton
February 19th	5 days after anticipated date of Commission determination on Fundamental Inconsistency Petitions. Either the parties sign a Surrounding Community Agreement and file it with the Commission, or the arbitrator’s report, as modified by the Commission after a Fundamental Inconsistency petition, shall be deemed to be the Surrounding Community Agreement between the parties.
February 25th	Conclude Host Community Hearing in Brockton
March 31st	<b>DECISION ON CATEGORY 1 REGION C LICENSE</b>

DRAFT

October 7, 2015

**VIA EMAIL**

Mr. John Ziemba, Ombudsman  
Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

RE: Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC

Dear Mr. Ziemba,

As a follow-up to our telephone conversations, I hereby request on behalf of my client a brief extension to the time planned for the presentation by MG&E relating to its RFA-2 application. That hearing is currently scheduled for October 22, 2015. By this letter, we request an extension to November 5, 2015.

The reasons for this request are a combination of Mr. Bluhm's schedule and scheduling of other obligations of affiliates of Mass Gaming & Entertainment.

We realize that if such an extension request is granted the dates when the surrounding communities will present as well as the ultimate determination by the Commission on MG&E's RFA-2 application will be correspondingly extended.

I respectfully request that you place this request before the Commission at your earliest convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
John Donnelly  
JMD/lat



# Town of Abington

500 GLINIEWICZ WAY  
ABINGTON, MA 02351

October 8, 2015

Mary Thurlow, Executive Assistant  
Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 232rd Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Ms. Thurlow,

Please be advised that at the October 5, 2015 meeting of the Abington Board of Selectmen the Board voted unanimously to assent to the designation of "surrounding community status" per the RFA-2 application filed by Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC.

Please let me know if you require any further information at this time.

Sincerely,

Richard J. LaFond  
Town Manager

Cc: Jonathan Silverstein, Kopelman & Paige, PC.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**  
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# Town of Avon Massachusetts

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October 5, 2015

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110  
Attn: John Ziemba, Ombudsman

Re: Designation of the Town of Avon as Surrounding Community

We have received written notice from Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC that it has designated the Town of Avon as a Surrounding Community in its RFA-2 application for a proposed Category 1 gaming establishment in Brockton, Massachusetts.

As provided for in 205 CMR 125.01(a), the Town of Avon hereby assents to this designation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Francis A. Hegarty".

Francis A. Hegarty  
Chairman

cc: Charles N. Le Ray, Dain, Torpy, Le Ray, Wiest & Garner, P.C.  
Brandon Moss, Murphy, Hesse, Toomey & Lehane, LLP

**Town of East Bridgewater  
Board of Selectmen**



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George Samia  
Town Administrator

October 6, 2015

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110  
Attn: John Ziemba, Ombudsman

Re: Designation of the Town of East Bridgewater as Surrounding Community

Dear Ombudsman Ziemba:

We have received written notice from Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC that it has designated the Town of East Bridgewater as a Surrounding Community in its RFA-2 application for a proposed Category 1 gaming establishment in Brockton, Massachusetts.

As provided for in 205 CMR 125.01 (a), the Town of East Bridgewater hereby assents to this designation.

Sincerely,

Clerk

Board of Selectmen

cc: Charles N. LeRay, Dain, Torpy, LeRay, Wiest & Garner, P.C.  
Clifford & Kenny, LLP



TOWN OF EASTON  
MASSACHUSETTS  
*Office of the Town Administrator*

DAVID A. COLTON  
Town Administrator

October 5, 2015

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
84 State Street, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02109

Re: Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC ("MG&E")  
Designation of Town of Easton as Surrounding Community

Dear Sir/Madam:

Please be advised that, on September 30, 2015, Counsel to Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC provided notice to the Town of Easton that it has designated the Town as "Surrounding Community" pursuant to 250 CMR 125.01(1)(a)(1). Subsequently, it is our understanding that Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC submitted its Category 2 Application deadline established by the Commission.

Please let this letter serve as the Town of Easton's assent to the "Surrounding Community" designation, as required under 250 CMR 125.01(1)(a)(2). To that end, be advised that the town has not begun negotiations with Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC over the terms of a required Surrounding Community Agreement, specifically mitigation of the impacts that the proposed facility will cause to the Town of Easton, we are hopeful that consensus can be reached.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have.

Sincerely,

The Easton Board of Selectmen

By: 

David Colton, Town Administrator  
Duly Authorized

cc: Charles LeRay, Special Counsel for Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC  
Jay Talerman, Town Counsel/Blatman, Bobrowski, Mead & Talerman  
Board of Selectmen  
Senator Brian A. Joyce '  
Representative Claire D. Cronin  
Representative Shauna O'Connell  
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Director Pasquale Ciaramella, Old Colony Planning Council





# Town of Holbrook

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Board of Public Works

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MASSACHUSETTS GAMING  
COMMISSION

October 2, 2015

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110  
Attn: John Ziemba, Ombudsman

RE: Designation of the Town of Holbrook as Surrounding Community

Dear Ombudsman Ziemba:

We have received written notice from Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC that it has designated the Town of Holbrook as a Surrounding Community in its RFA-2 application for a proposed Category 1 gaming establishment in Brockton, Massachusetts.

As provided for in 205 CMR 125.01(a), the Town of Holbrook hereby assents to this designation.

Sincerely,

Matthew V. Moore, Chairman  
HOLBROOK BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Cc: Charles N. Le Ray, Dain, Torpy, Le Ray, Wiest & Garner, P.C.

# Town of Stoughton

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October 5, 2015

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110  
Attn: John Ziemba, Ombudsman

RE: Designation of the Town of Stoughton as Surrounding Community

Dear Ombudsman Ziemba:

We have received written notice from Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC designated the Town of Stoughton as a Surrounding Community in its RFA-2 application for a proposed Category 1 gaming establishment in Brockton, Massachusetts.

As provided for in 205 CMR 125.01(a), the Town of Stoughton hereby assents to this designation.

Sincerely,



Michael J. Hartman  
Town Manager

MJH/reg

cc: Charles N. Le Ray, Dain, Torpy, Wiest & Garner, P.C.  
Jonathan Silverstein, Esq., Kopelman & Paige, P.C.

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# Board of Selectmen

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MASSACHUSETTS GAMING  
COMMISSION

September 30, 2015

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
Mr. John Ziemba, Ombudsman  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston MA 02110

RE: Town of West Bridgewater Acceptance of Surrounding Community Status  
Mass Gaming & Entertainment LLC – Category 1 Applicant – Region C

Dear Mr. Ziemba,

On September 30, 2015 the Town of West Bridgewater received formal recognition from Mass Gaming & Entertainment LLC as a designated Surrounding Community pursuant to 250 CMR 125.01(a). It is our understanding that Mass Gaming & Entertainment LLC is a qualified and suitable applicant for a Category 1 License pending approval before the Gaming Commission.

The intent of this letter is to officially notify you the Town of West Bridgewater assents to this designation as required under 250 CMR 125.01(a). Additionally, the Town has commenced negotiations with Mass Gaming & Entertainment for the purpose of executing a Surrounding Community Agreement. Although an agreement to reach terms in order to mitigate the impacts of the proposed facility on the Town of West Bridgewater has not been reached as of yet, we are hopeful an agreement will be reached without the need for arbitration.

Thank you and please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Jerry D. Lawrence, Board of Selectmen

David L. Gagne, Town Administrator

cc: David T. Gay, Town Counsel  
Charles N. Le Ray, Dain, Torpy, Le Ray, Wiest & Garner, P.C.  
Jack Yunits, Yunits Associates, P.C.



## Office of the Selectmen

54 South Avenue

Whitman, Massachusetts 02382-0426

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Dr. Carl F. Kowalski, Chairman

September 1, 2015

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
Attn: Omnibudsman Ziemba  
101 Federal St., 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Re: Designation of the Town of Whitman as Surrounding Community

Dear Omnibudsman Ziemba:

We have received written notice from the Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC that it has designated the Town of Whitman as a Surrounding Community in its RFA-2 application for a proposed Category 1 gaming establishment in Brockton, Massachusetts.

As provided for in 205 CMR 125.01 (a), the Town of Whitman hereby assents to this designation.

Sincerely,

Dr. Carl F Kowalski  
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

FJL/

cc: Charles N. Le Ray; Dain, Toorpy, Le Ray, Wiest & Garner, P.C.



# TOWN OF PEMBROKE

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OFFICE OF  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN/TOWN ADMINISTRATOR  
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PEMBROKE, MASSACHUSETTS  
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October 8, 2015

Mr. Stephen Crosby, Chair  
Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Chairman Crosby:

Please accept this correspondence as a request by the Town of Pembroke to be designated by the Commission as a "surrounding community" for the proposed casino at the Brockton Fairgrounds on Belmont Street in Brockton.

The Pembroke Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to submit this petition on September 21, 2015, under the provisions of the Commission's regulations 205 CMR 125.01 (2) 4 "increased demand on community and regional water and sewer systems". The Town is home to Silver Lake, the major source of water to the City of Brockton. Engineering estimates show thousands of gallons of water will be required for the proposed casino thereby "adversely affecting" the delicate ecosystem that exists in Silver Lake and surrounding bodies of water in Pembroke.

The Board of Selectmen respectfully requests favorable consideration of the Town's petition to be designated as a "surrounding community".

Sincerely,

For the Pembroke Board of Selectmen

Arthur P. Boyle, Jr., Chairman  
Lewis W. Stone, Vice Chairman  
Willard J. Boulter, Jr., Clerk  
Michelle L. Burt, Selectman  
Daniel W. Trabucco, Selectman

Edwin J. Thorne  
Town Administrator



## BROCKTON 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY CORPORATION

Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

October 13, 2015

RE: Impact of proposed casino resort on existing baseball stadium and conference facility

Dear Massachusetts Gaming Commission,

Brockton 21<sup>st</sup> Century Corporation (B21) the quasi-public non-profit economic development agency that serves and supports the City of Brockton planning and economic development efforts and initiatives is the owner of the Campanelli Stadium (4500 seat baseball/concert venue) and the Shaw's Center (conferences, meetings, special events). Both are located immediately adjacent to the Brockton Fair Grounds, the site of the proposed Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC casino resort. Campanelli Stadium and the Shaw's Center are both currently under long-term lease with Chris English, owner of the Brockton ROX Baseball Team (Futures League). Campanelli Stadium is also a venue for concerts and special events from May through November each year. Shaw's Center was the host to more than two hundred events in 2014 and the Stadium hosted more than twenty events (beyond baseball) in 2015.

By way of this letter and in accordance with MGL 23 Sec 15 §10 and 205CMR 126 Brockton 21<sup>st</sup> Century Corporation wishes to have the Shaw's Center and Campanelli Stadium designated as an Impact Live Entertainment Venue (ILEV).

Brockton 21<sup>st</sup> Century Corporation remains steadfast in its support of the Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC casino project as presented. The project's value to Brockton as a business, an employer, and taxpayer, as well as serving as the basis or foundation of a new economic sector (tourism) is understood, valued and anticipated as only a positive.

Campanelli Stadium and the Shaw's Center is currently the centerpiece of Brockton's emerging entertainment sector and are seen as important elements of a vision for a greater destination /entertainment district. The concern and the potential economic impact is that the casino resort will serve both as a greater draw for consumers and by virtue of their economies be able to attract entertainment (concerts, etc.) that will minimize the ability of Campanelli Stadium to compete. Most entertainers are asked to sign an exclusive appearance clause in their contracts, therefore limiting their availability to other area venues. It is expected that the casino resort will be the preference for entertainers, thereby impacting both the Shaw's Center and Campanelli Stadium's ability to compete for headline events. In addition the casino resort poses a threat to the Stadium staple (baseball) of offering family entertainment at a reasonable cost.

The Shaw's Center could potentially lose all ability to attract meetings, conferences and even weddings, family reunions, and bar mitzvahs to venues that will be available at the on-site hotels of the casino resort.

The construction phase of the proposed casino resort will severely impact the accessibility and traffic flow to and from both the Shaw's Center and Campanelli Stadium. It is anticipated that most of the site development will be done during the prime construction months of May through November, which coincides with the season of both the Center and Stadium.

Brockton 21<sup>st</sup> Century Corporation wishes to mitigate any potential negative impacts to Campanelli Stadium and the Shaw's Center by being designated an Impact Live Entertainment Venue (ILEV) and receiving your consideration now and in the future.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

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Michael Gallerani  
Executive Director

VIA OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

October 8, 2015

Jill Lacey Griffin  
Director of Workforce, Supplies  
and Diversity Development  
Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Ms. Griffin:

As you know, the Massachusetts Performing Arts Coalition (the “Coalition”) has been seeking to engage in discussions with resort casino license applicants, on behalf of the Coalition’s members, all non-profit or municipally-owned live performance venues. These discussions have centered around negotiation of a mutually-agreeable Impacted Live Entertainment Venue (“ILEV”) agreement with the license applicants.

The Coalition has been in contact with Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC, the license applicant for a proposed gaming establishment in Brockton (“MG&E”). The Coalition first reached out to MG&E On June 15, 2015 and forwarded a proposed ILEV agreement to MG&E on June 29, 2015. After multiple telephone conversations and revisions to the proffered ILEV agreement by the Coalition, MG&E and MG&E’s counsel, we must report we have been unable to finalize an ILEV agreement with MG&E.

Consequently, the Coalition is petitioning the Commission under 205 CMR 126.01(2) for Commission designation of the following MPAC member venues as Impacted Live Entertainment Venues with respect the MG&E’s proposed Brockton gaming establishment.

South Shore Playhouse Associates, Inc. d/b/a South Shore Music Circus, Cohasset and Cape Cod Melody Tent, Hyannis: The Coalition asks that the Commission designate South Shore Music Circus – Cohasset and Cape Cod Melody Tent – Hyannis as ILEVs with respect to MG&E’s proposed Brockton gaming establishment. The proposed establishment would be located approximately 19 miles from South Shore Music Circus and 47 miles from Cape Cod Melody Tent, both within the 50-mile radius many live entertainment presenters use to guarantee exclusivity from performers and much less than the 100-mile radius more common among casino presenters. Please note that the draft ILEV agreement being negotiated between the Coalition and MG&E includes a commitment from the applicant that no exclusivity clauses will be incorporated into agreements with entertainers performing at MG&E’s gaming establishment. MG&E has stated that its intention is not to incorporate a geographic exclusivity clause into entertainer agreements that would impact Coalition members (see MG&E’s RFA-2 application, Answer to Question 5-21). However, without an enforceable contractual commitment, MG&E



could program its venues with touring entertainers in direct competition with those presented at South Shore Music Circus and Cape Cod Melody Tent and, using its disproportionate buying power (many time overpaying for the same acts, because it is not the gaming establishment's core business), divert many of those acts to MG&E's gaming establishment, which was not the intent of the 2011 Gaming Act. This would have a devastating impact on both South Shore Music Circus and Cape Cod Melody Tent, which presented over 160 major concert events during the past two seasons, including such artists as Frankie Valli, Lynyrd Skynyrd, Steve Miller Band, Little Big Town, Lee Brice, Beach Boys, Doobie Brothers, Chris Botti and Jeff Foxworthy. It also seriously jeopardizes South Shore Playhouse Associates' main operating objective, which is to put millions of dollars into arts education in our communities – as we have been doing for over 64 years. Past beneficiaries have been South Shore Art Center, South Shore Conservatory, and the Paul Pratt Memorial Library, as well as the Arts Foundation of Cape Cod, Wellfleet Harbor Actors Theater, and Cape Cod Symphony and Conservatory of Music and Arts, to name just a few. South Shore Playhouse Associates wishes to continue to be an integral part of the fabric of the local arts communities on the South Shore and Cape Cod.

Lynn Auditorium, Lynn: The Coalition asks that the Commission designate the Lynn Auditorium as an ILEV with respect to MG&E's proposed Brockton gaming establishment. The proposed establishment would be located approximately 26 miles from the Lynn Auditorium, well within the 50-mile radius many live entertainment presenters use to guarantee exclusivity from performers and much less than the 100-mile radius more common among casino presenters. Despite the representation by MG&E in its Answer to Question 5-21 in Wynn's RFA-2 application that it will not incorporate geographic exclusivity clauses into entertainer agreements, the Lynn Auditorium is likely to experience a severe negative impact from the diversion of potential customers to this new venue, as it is likely that the types of entertainers booked to appear at MG&E's location will be similar to entertainers that otherwise would appear at the Lynn Auditorium, such as Kenny Rogers, Alice Cooper, The Celtic Woman and Prince Royce, all of whom have played both the Lynn Auditorium and Mohegan Sun. In addition, the detrimental effect that the syphoning of acts away from the Lynn Auditorium would have on Lynn's local economy cannot be ignored. The Lynn Auditorium was put back to use in 2006 with a blue ribbon event with the Boston Pops. Since that time, the Auditorium's use has steadily grown and today it sits on par with other Boston based venues, competing - on a level playing field - for shows. As the numbers of shows and events have increased, so too has the massing of people in Lynn's downtown. It is no secret that older urban cities like Lynn, Lowell and Lawrence have had their fair share of issues in attracting people to their cores. In Lynn, economic spinoff the Auditorium creates has played a pivotal role in the rebirth of Lynn's downtown. Additionally, even in the absence of exclusivity clauses, MG&E's sheer buying power is likely to induce booking agents to choose the MG&E gaming establishment rather than the Lynn Auditorium when scheduling national entertainers to tour in Massachusetts.

Zeiterion Theatre, New Bedford: The Coalition asks that the Commission designate the **Zeiterion Theatre** as an ILEV with respect to MG&E's proposed Brockton gaming establishment. The proposed gaming establishment would be located approximately 31 miles from the Zeiterion Theatre, well within the 50-mile radius many live entertainment presenters use to guarantee exclusivity from performers and much less than the 100-mile radius more common among casino presenters. The Zeiterion Theatre's typical roster of more than sixty

entertainers and performances is similar to those likely to be booked by MG&E at its gaming establishment, and as is the case for the theatres in Lynn and Cohasset, without an enforceable contractual commitment from MG&E that no exclusivity clauses will be incorporated into agreements with entertainers performing at MG&E's gaming establishment (see MG&E's RFA-2 application Answer to Question 5-21), the Zeiterion Theatre will be vulnerable to diversion of those performances to MG&E's establishment. This will also have a devastating impact on The Zeiterion Theatre.

Please let me know if the Commission would like to see any additional information in considering these petitions. Thank you for your ongoing attention to our concerns.

Respectfully yours,

Troy Siebels, President  
Massachusetts Performing Arts Coalition

cc: Mass Gaming and Entertainment, LLC (via overnight delivery)  
Charles N. Le Ray, Esq., Dain, Torpy, Le Ray, Wiest & Garner, P.C. (via overnight delivery)

**No Documents**



TO: Stephen Crosby, Chairman  
Gayle Cameron, Commissioner  
James McHugh, Commissioner  
Bruce Stebbins, Commissioner  
Enrique Zuniga, Commissioner

FROM: Alexandra Lightbown, Interim Director of Racing

CC: Karen Wells, Executive Director  
Catherine Blue, General Counsel

DATE: October 13, 2015

RE: Suffolk Downs Request for Premium Free Period for  
Harness Simulcasting

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Dear Commissioners:

Suffolk Downs Director of Pari Mutuel Operations James Alcott has submitted a request for approval of a premium free period for harness racing simulcasting from May 17<sup>th</sup> through August 8, 2015. Chapter 128C Section 2(5) reads "The running horse meeting licensee located in Suffolk County...shall pay a 2 percent premium with respect to any interstate harness simulcasts received, over and above the costs of obtaining such simulcasts except during any 12 weeks per year chosen by the Suffolk County licensee and identified in its annual application for a racing meeting license, during which no premium need be paid."

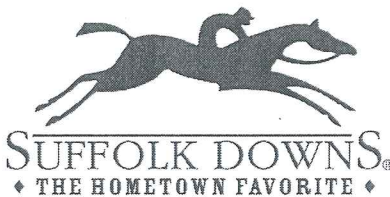
Director of Racing for Plainridge Park Casino Steve O'Toole has stated he has no objections to this.

**Recommendation: That the Commission approve the request of Suffolk Downs to have May 17<sup>th</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup> designated as their premium free period for harness racing simulcast signals.**



Massachusetts Gaming Commission

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September 18, 2015

Dr. Alexandra Lightbown  
Interim Director of Racing  
Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 23<sup>rd</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Dr. Lightbown:

Suffolk Downs respectfully requests approval for the premium rate waiver of harness simulcast signals for the 12-week period of Sunday, May 17, 2015 through Saturday, August 8, 2015.

Thank you for your courtesy and cooperation.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. Alcott", is written over the typed name.

James R. Alcott  
Director of Pari-Mutuel Operations

C/C: Chip Tuttle, Chief Operating Officer  
John Rizzo, Consultant  
Carol Malcolm, Chief Pari-Mutuel Officer

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