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The Ontario Gaming and Lottery Corporation (OLG) recently announced their intention to expand private sector gaming in Ontario by issuing a Request for Information (RFI) seeking input from potential providers as it expands regulated private-sector gaming in Ontario.

Town officials attended a meeting with the OLG last week to learn more about the process involved with the expansion and the newly established gaming zones.

Wasaga Beach has been identified in Zone C7 along with the Town of Collingwood and Clearview and Springwater Townships. The OLG has indicated that each identified zone will only support one gaming facility and will ensure any new gaming facilities are not in close proximity to an existing gaming operation.

Mayor Cal Patterson commented that “the potential of a gaming facility being operated in the Georgian Triangle area is a significant opportunity. The Town of Wasaga Beach intends to undertake a thorough review of the opportunity. It is my understanding from information received at the meeting that the OLG is anticipating private sector partners to come forward with business/operational proposals for the OLG’s consideration. This could translate into a business partnership where a gaming based organization, partners with a hotel development organization, with the two businesses submitting a single proposal of a gaming facility with a resort development component. The OLG clearly stated that they will determine the best private-sector operators for the new gaming facilities and will be in control of all gaming operations.”

Patterson further stated that “if the Town of Wasaga Beach undertakes the process of considering being a potential host community for a new gaming facility, Council and staff will embark upon an in-depth public consultation process providing the community with the ability to voice their thoughts on having a gaming facility being located in Wasaga Beach. All aspects (positive and negative) of a potential gaming facility will be examined.”

The first step for the OLG as it relates to this venture was the issuance of a Request for Information from potential private sector operators. OLG’s next steps include:

1. issuance of a Request for Pre-Qualification (RFPQ) for private sector operators to complete;
2. issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for those private sector operators who met the RFPQ requirements; and
3. determination of locations of new gaming facilities in the province and private sector operators for the new gaming sites.

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