

## **Designated Lottery Trust Account**

Each organization licensed to conduct Lottery Events is responsible for keeping detailed financial records of all aspects of the lottery event. Proceeds raised from a lottery scheme are public money held in trust by the organization for a charitable purpose.

Therefore, the organization must open and maintain a designated lottery trust account (or separate lottery trust accounts by type of lottery event) in Canadian Funds, which is (are) held at a recognized financial institution in the Province of Ontario.

The account(s) must have the following features:

- Held in the name of the licensee (charitable organization), In Trust (e.g. Royal Canadian Legion, in Trust or Royal Canadian Legion Lottery Trust Account)
- The fact that it is a trust account must be stated on the face of the cheques
- Chequing account (all payment transactions are to be done by cheque)
- At least 2 authorized signatures
- Deposit slips completed (verified/stamped by bank)
- Monthly statements issued
- Cancelled cheques returned with monthly statements

Only funds **directly** related to the Licensed Lottery Events are to be deposited and disbursed (by cheque) from the Lottery Trust Account(s). **All other funds whether general or from other forms** of fundraising are to be kept separate from the Lottery Trust Account.

\*These records must be kept (along with all other documentation related to each lottery event) by the licensed organization for a minimum of four years.