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(amiskwacîwâskahikan) **THE CONFEDERACY OF TREATY NO. 6 CHIEFS VOICE THEIR SUPPORT TO TREATY 7 FIRST NATIONS COURT CHALLENGE TO ALBERTA GAMING, LIQUOR AND CANNABIS (AGLC) OVER ITS ‘PLAY ALBERTA’ WEBSITE.**

The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 Chiefs iterate their support for the Tsuu T’ina and Stoney Nakoda First Nations to legally challenge Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis (AGLC) for launching the online gaming website Play Alberta. The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 Chiefs reminds the provincial government that the AGLC’s role is to regulate the gaming industry and not actively participate in it, thus the launch of Play Alberta places the AGLC in a conflict of interest.

As land-based casinos on- and off-reserve are closed due to rising COVID-19 transmission rates, the gaming revenues earned by sovereign Tribal Nations who operate these casinos are under threat by AGLC’s Play Alberta website. Up to \$350 million of these revenues directly fund charities in Alberta each year, however it estimated that as much as \$50 million will be diverted away by the Play Alberta site within five years. These revenues also fund infrastructure, education, and other initiatives vital to First Nations.

The Confederacy of Treaty No. 6 Chiefs urges the provincial government and AGLC to pause the proposed launch of Play Alberta until fulsome consultations with affected First Nations can occur.

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