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TO: GSPC Membership
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SUBJECT: GSPC – 2020 Annual General Meeting – Rescheduling of AGM to November 2 – 4 2020

Like every organization, the GSPC has been assessing the implications of the COVID-19 pandemic. The primary concern is of course the safety and security of the public and the staff of our respective businesses. Many of our Members have been very much engaged in that process as much of the gaming industry in Canada and throughout the world is temporarily closing down in an effort to minimize the spread of the virus.

While doing so, the GSPC Board of Directors has also been putting its collective minds to the impact on our Association's 2020 Annual General Meeting which is scheduled to be held June 9 – 11 at the Parq Casino in Vancouver BC.

Initially, before the scope of the pandemic was widely understood, there was optimism that the public health crisis would pass before June. Now, it is increasingly appearing like the direct impact may be felt well beyond the AGM dates. Even if the worst effects of the pandemic have passed before the scheduled AGM dates, and casinos have begun reopening for business before that time, many of our Members are unable to obtain approval for travel in time to attend a June AGM.

With consideration to the above factors, and rather than cancelling the 2020 AGM altogether, the Board decided it is best to **reschedule the 2020 AGM to November 2 – 4, 2020**. The location will remain Parq Vancouver. And, in demonstrating an abundance of caution in these uncertain times, the Association will be exploring virtual conferencing options to serve as a backstop or perhaps a supplement to our usual format. More information will be posted on the GSPC website as soon as it becomes available <https://gspc.ca/>

This postponement will hopefully give members enough time to focus on their operations and pandemic planning over the next few months, and still obtain approvals to attend the AGM in November. We plan to add some educational content and/or panel discussions to the AGM sessions, to discuss pandemic planning best practices and lessons learned from the COVID-19 experience.

We apologize for the inconvenience to any of you that already made plans to attend the AGM in June. Registration fees will be refunded. The JW Marriot will be automatically cancelling all hotel rooms booked under the June 8 to 12, GSPC block. Please contact the JW Marriott hotel directly to ensure your June bookings are cancelled, particularly if you booked rooms outside of the GSPC block.

We look forward to seeing you in Vancouver. **Please save the new dates, November 2 – 4 2020!**

In the meantime, stay healthy and be safe,