

# Changes to the *Criminal Code* - Bill C43

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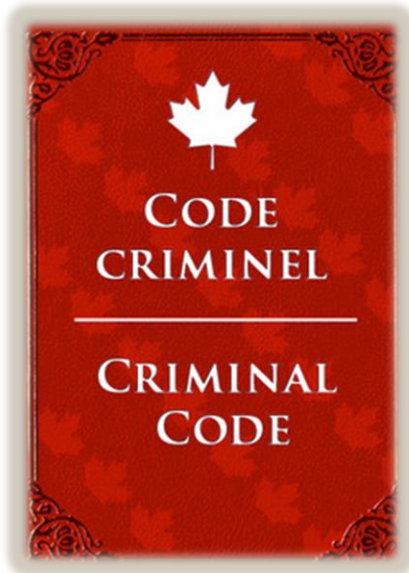
# Background

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- Recent changes to federal laws permit provincial governments to authorize electronic charitable raffles.
- Alignment with Ontario's current regulatory approach
- Extensive stakeholder engagement throughout the process



# Amendment to the *Criminal Code*



**S. 207(1)(b)** it is **legal** for a **charitable organization** to conduct and manage a lottery scheme, when they have been **issued a licence**

**207 (4)(c)** it is **illegal** for a **charitable organization** to operate a lottery scheme on or through a **computer**

**S. 207 (4.1)** - **exception** for charitable or religious organizations:

**(4.1)** The **use of a computer** for the sale of a ticket, selection of a winner or the distribution of a prize in a raffle, including a 50/50 draw, **is excluded** from paragraph (4)(c) in so far as the raffle is **authorized** under paragraph (1)(b) and the proceeds are used for a **charitable or religious** object or purpose.

# Charitable Raffles in Ontario



## What is a raffle?

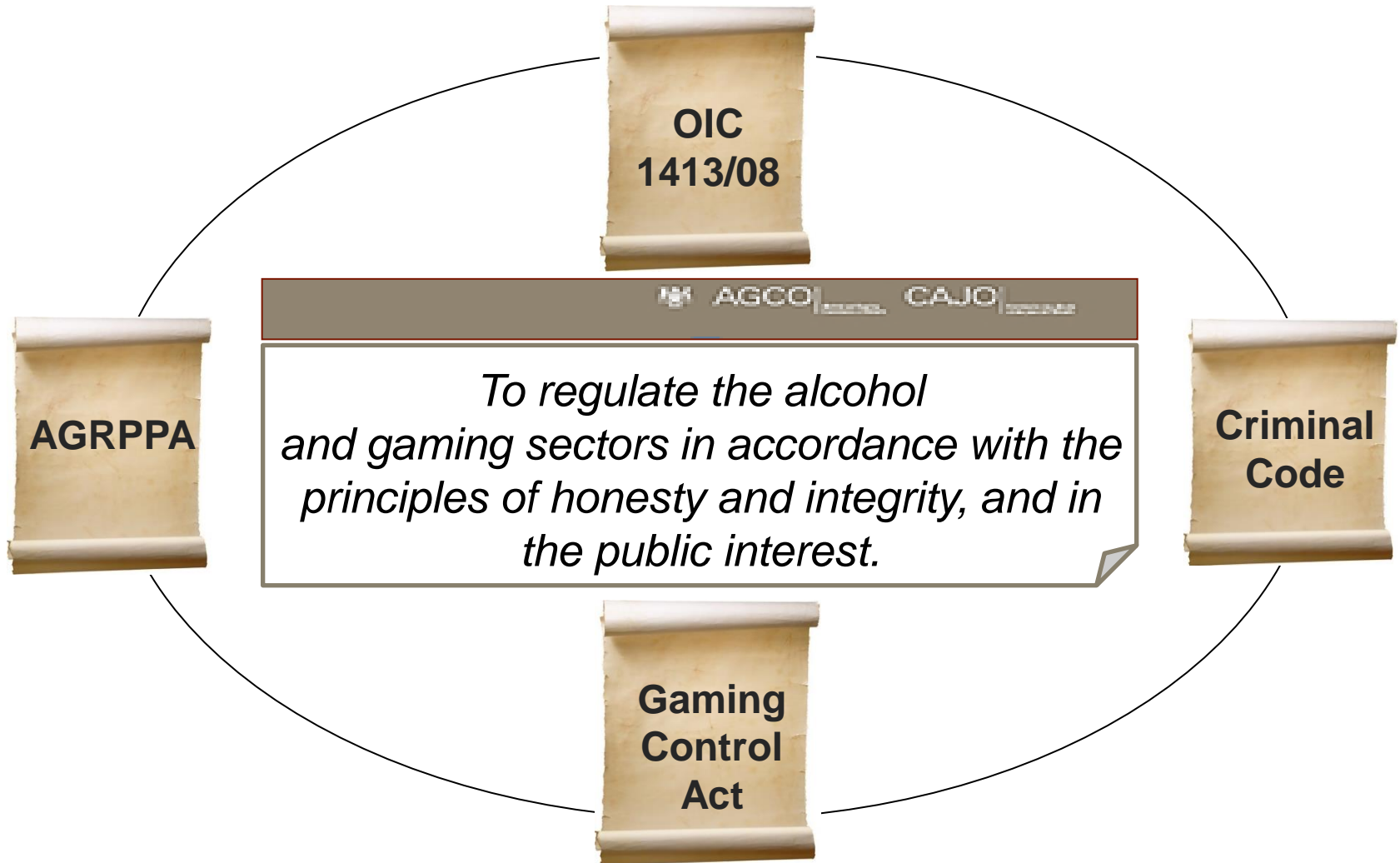
- A scheme where tickets are sold for a chance to win a prize at a draw and includes 50/50 draws, elimination draws, and calendar draws, among others.

## Charitable raffles include:

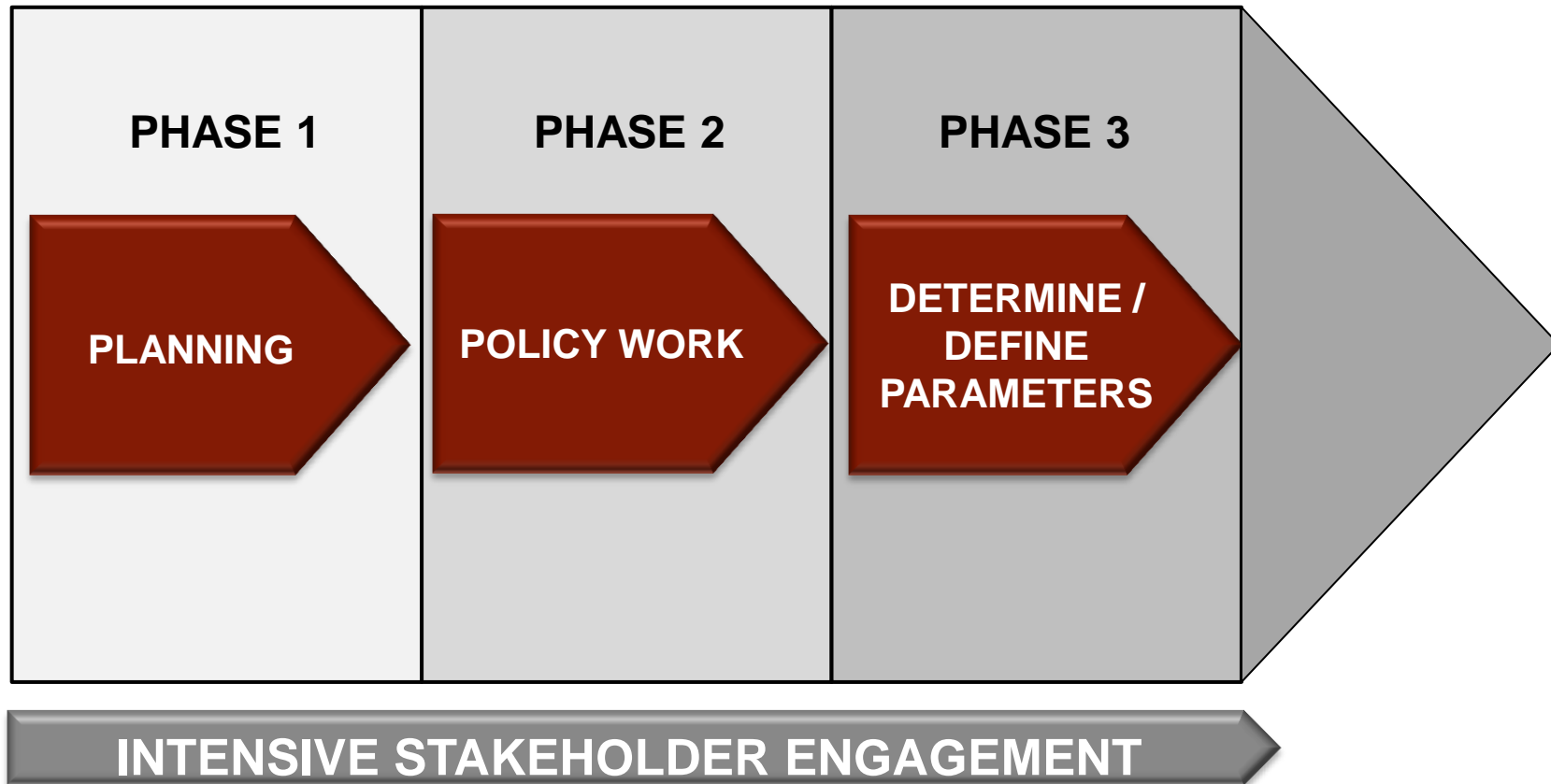
- Mega-Raffles (over \$1 million)
- Smaller charitable raffles (e.g., community organizations, schools, religious organizations)
- National and regional charities



# Legal Framework in Ontario



# Overall Framework



# Our Regulatory Approach: A Balancing Act

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**Integrity of  
Electronic Raffles**

**Flexibility for  
Charities**

**Regulatory  
Approach**

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# Integrity of Electronic Raffles

## ***Fundamental role of the AGCO:***

- Gaming is conducted with integrity, honesty, and in the broader public interest.





# Flexibility for Charitable Gaming Sector

Overall guiding principle is to balance integrity with enabling charities to raise more funds and/or potentially reduce the costs of running charitable gaming activities.



# Policy Considerations

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- “Conduct and manage”?
- Standards-Based Approach?
- Responsible Gambling?
- Prize board threshold?
- Testing and approvals?
- Municipal role?
- Pilots?
- Requirements for electronic raffles?



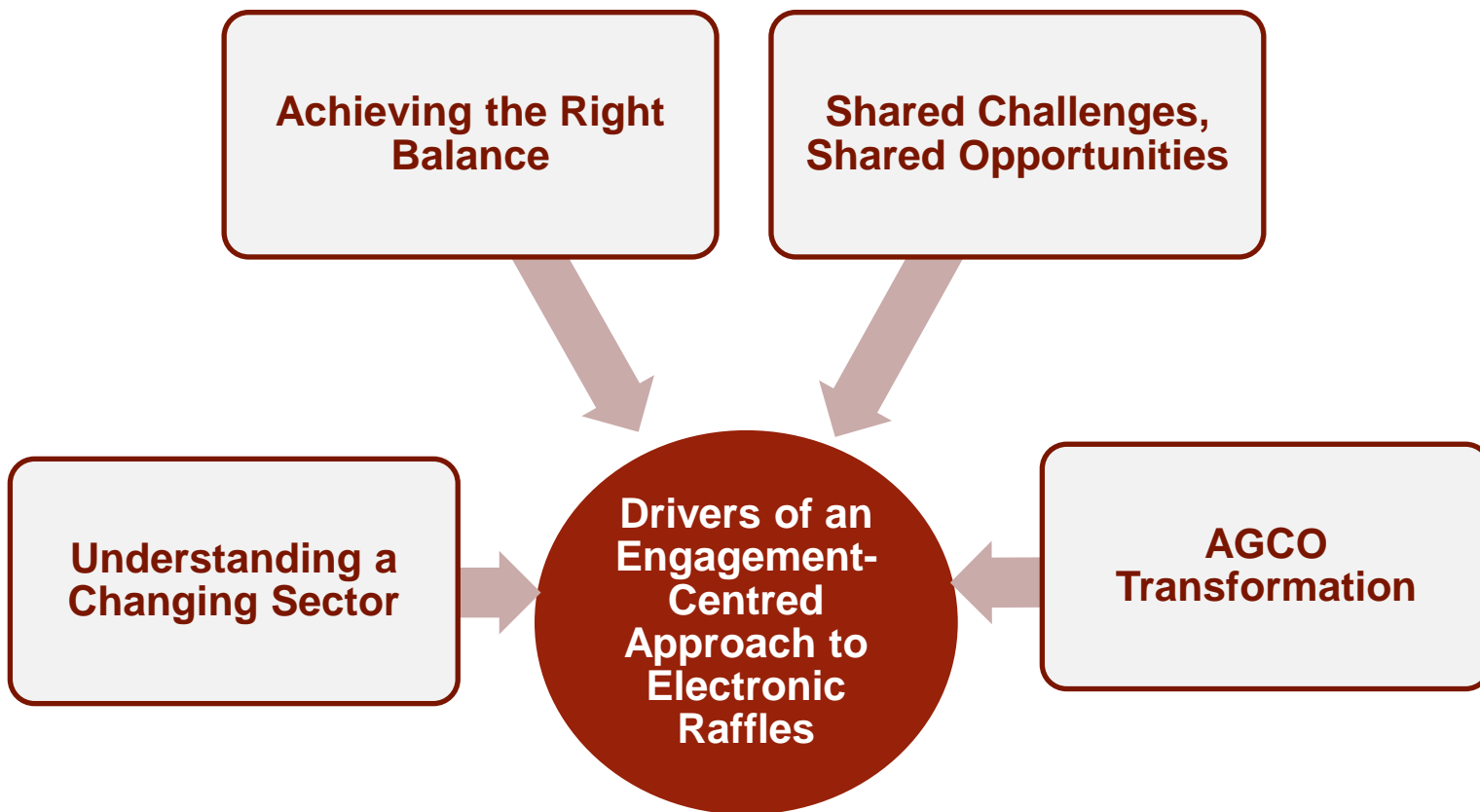
# Open Government in Ontario

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# Electronic Raffles - The Engagement Imperative



# Key Standing Consultative Bodies

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**Charitable Strategic Working Group (Ontario)**



**Mega-Raffle Working Group (Ontario)**



**Canadian Association of Gaming Regulatory Agencies**



**CCSO - Gambling**

# Our Engagement Commitment

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## CONSULTATION

*Meaningful contributions to decision-making*

*Confidence that stakeholder input is taken seriously.*

## DIALOGUE

*Two-way dialogue to ensure that we build regulatory services that are responsive and balanced.*

## TRANSPARENCY

*Open and transparent communication to ensure stakeholders have opportunities to participate and are informed of decisions and progress.*



# Questions?

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