

Lottery ticket sales to return to Rankin Inlet

Iqaluit lottery terminals sold \$1.6 million in tickets last year

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Lottery ticket sales could soon be back in Rankin Inlet, Nunavut, at the community's Northern Store.

Todd Shafer, general manager of the NWT Sport and Recreation Council which manages Western Canada Lottery sales in both territories, says he's got approval from the lottery authority, Rankin Inlet hamlet council and the Government of Nunavut.

"This would include all of our scratch and win tickets as well as the online games of 649, Lotto Max, Western Lotto Max, Western 649 and the Sports Select games," he said.

It's still not clear when the Northern Store will begin lottery ticket sales.

Right now, lottery tickets are only sold in Iqaluit, at NorthMart and at Baffin Gas.

Last year, those two terminals sold \$1.6 million worth of lottery tickets.

Of that, about \$1 million went towards prizes and direct expenses, about \$100,000 went to the Western Canadian Lottery Corporation for administrative expenses and more than \$500,000 went to Sport Nunavut.