

The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin Kenosha Intergovernmental Agreement Fact Sheet



Payments to the City and County

- Under the IGA payment schedule, the City and County are projected to receive more than \$521 million over the first 22 years of casino operations, according to City analyses. By comparison, Dairyland currently pays less than \$600,000 a year in taxes. In fact, tax revenue – both real and personal property – generated by all manufacturing property in Kenosha County in 2003 was just \$10.9 million, according to the Wisconsin Department of Revenue.
- Under the agreement, the Tribe will pay the City and County a share of its casino profits, or “net win.” For the first eight calendar years after gaming begins, the Tribe will pay a total of 3 percent of its net win. Thereafter, the Tribe will pay the City and County 4 percent of its net win annually for 20 years, at which time the agreement can be renegotiated. The City and County will determine how the Tribe’s payment will be divided and used.

The Kenosha City
Council approved the
IGA by a vote of 13-2.

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The Kenosha County
Board of Supervisors
approved the IGA by a
vote of 22-5.

Payments to Kenosha Schools

- The Tribe will make a \$1.5 million annual gift to assist students and teachers in the Kenosha Unified School District. That donation will be used at the District’s discretion.
- In addition, the City of Kenosha will annually distribute \$500,000 of its casino payment to KUSD for capital projects. The County will distribute \$500,000 of its payment to the Kenosha school districts west of Interstate 94.

Payments to Kenosha Charities

- When the Tribe closes its purchase of the Dairyland site, it will make a \$5 million contribution to be used for three purposes: to establish a trust fund to support the City’s public museums and reduce their dependence on property taxes, to establish a trust fund to meet the needs of the community’s homeless people and to address cultural and charitable needs in Kenosha County.
- The Tribe will establish a charitable contributions policy to govern donations to Kenosha County charities. The Tribe will also create a committee to draft and implement such a policy, with consultation from Kenosha County citizens.

Other Provisions

- **Responsible gaming:** The Tribe will establish a comprehensive responsible gaming program and match County funds up to \$150,000 annually for assessment and treatment of problem gamblers.
- **Sovereign immunity:** The Tribe will waive its sovereign immunity from lawsuits in connection with disputes or claims arising under the IGA and has consented to be sued in the federal courts or state courts, if the situation arises.
- **Law enforcement:** The Kenosha Police Department and Kenosha County Sheriff’s Department will have jurisdiction over the entertainment center and casino grounds and have the authority to enforce all non-gaming criminal laws on the property.
- **Public health, safety standards and ordinances:** The facility will comply with state health and safety standards for public buildings, including smoking, electrical wiring, fire prevention, plumbing and sanitation. In addition, the Tribe will adopt ordinances mirroring City and County ordinances governing land use, smoking and public health, noise control and shore land/flood plain.
- **Alcohol beverages:** The Tribe will comply with all state laws related to the sale or consumption of alcohol beverages. No alcohol will be sold for off-premise consumption. Alcohol beverages will be served only during the hours permitted by state law.
- **Local and minority vendors and recruitment:** The Tribe will establish a goal of 25 percent minority employment, and will designate a compliance officer to help meet the goal. In addition, preference will be given to local vendors. The Tribe has agreed to appoint a minority supplier development manager to

facilitate efforts to award 15 percent of contracts to state certified minority business enterprises and 10 percent to businesses owned, controlled or managed by women or Indians.

- **Limits on expansion:** The current Dairyland site fulfills the needs of the Tribe's master plan. The Tribe will not seek to expand federal trust land in Kenosha without the written consent of the City and County.