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B.C.'s Gaming Industry

BCLC games are available in almost every community in B.C.

- **3,500** lottery locations
- **6** bingo halls
- **17** casinos
- **18** community gaming centres
- **2** racetracks

BCLC partners with private sector companies to operate gambling facilities in B.C. Under the *Gaming Control Act*, BCLC is responsible for the security and integrity of the games and setting responsible gambling standards and practices.

Gaming is a significant contributor to the B.C. economy

The Province of B.C. created BCLC to give back to British Columbia and help communities grow. **Thanks to players, more than \$20 billion has been invested in B.C. communities over the past 32 years.** Today, **\$0.88** of every dollar played goes back into the Province.



Across the province gaming employs more than 37,000 workers.

Gaming in Castlegar: Local Benefits

Players and Facilities

75 per cent of adults in British Columbia gambled with BCLC in the past year: that includes playing a lottery game, visiting a casino, or playing online at PlayNow.com. In Castlegar, more than **6,100** registered players play our games.



Gaming Contributes to the Local Economy

- **54** local jobs created by Chances Castlegar
- Chances Castlegar supports more than **29** local vendors and suppliers in Castlegar ranging from electricians, food suppliers, and janitorial services to local media
- Chances Castlegar paid **\$120,000** in municipal taxes to the City of Castlegar in 2016

Our players look for more than just gaming. As a result, most of our facilities include additional amenities such as **B's Eatery and Public House** at Chances Castlegar. B's Eatery and Public House boasts service excellence and a delicious menu that can be enjoyed year-round. Featuring space for large parties, celebrations and meetings, and a patio with a view and crisp mountain air in the summer months, B's Eatery has something for everyone.

Gaming Revenue Funds Local Initiatives

Local governments that host a gaming facility receive a 10 per cent share of the net income those facilities generate. Last year, the City of Castlegar received **\$482,000** generated by Chances Castlegar to fund local initiatives.

- The City of Castlegar contributes its share of provincial gaming revenue to general revenue to fund various municipal projects such as library services, winter road maintenance, policing services, and infrastructure upgrades.

Community Gaming Grants

The Province of B.C. allocates **\$135 million** annually to community organizations through the Community Gaming Grant Program.

- **16** organizations in Castlegar received funding last year
- **\$220,020** went to support those organizations in the human and social services sector, public safety, sports, arts and culture, and parent advisory councils

Did you know?

In 2016/17, BCLC delivered \$1.3 billion in net income to the Provincial Government.

Sponsorships

Chances Castlegar provides support for local non-profit and charitable organizations and events, including:

Kootenay Family Place Society for Children and Youth (KFP)—The KFP is a non-profit organization offering 14 different programs to support the needs of children, youth, and families throughout the West Kootenay Boundary region. On August 15, 2017, Chances Castlegar presented the Kootenay Family Place Society for Children and Youth with a \$1,394 donation to support.

Castlegar Sculpture Walk—Sculpture Walk, located on a walking tour in Downtown Castlegar, is an outdoor exhibit of original sculptures created by local and international artists. Each year, viewers are encouraged to vote for their favourite sculpture and the winning sculpture is purchased for permanent display in the City. Chances Castlegar is a proud sponsor of the event, which is now in its eighth year and expanding regionally. In 2017, the event brought 30 works of art to the City of Castlegar.

Read more about how gaming revenues help communities grow at playitforward.bclc.com



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