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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.



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Gaming in Mission: 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 Mission, more than **14,200** registered players play our games.



Gaming Contributes to the Local Economy

- **36** local jobs created by Chances Mission
- Chances Mission supports local vendors and suppliers in Mission ranging from trades companies and printing services to local media

Our players look for more than just gaming. As a result, most of our facilities include additional amenities such as **The Lounge**; the perfect place to grab a bite to eat, enjoy a cold drink and catch the game.

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 District of Mission received **\$664,000** generated by Chances Mission to fund local initiatives.

- The District of Mission used a portion of its share of provincial gaming revenue to build the District's tourism strategy. The District allocated approximately **\$45,000** for visitor information services in 2017. This grassroots tourism program extended the work of the local visitor information centre and engaged residents and visitors in enjoying and celebrating active living in the breathtaking, natural environments in and around the community.

Sponsorships

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

Mission Hospice Society—The Mission Hospice Society is a non-profit, volunteer-based organization offering a wide range of programs and services, supporting families and loved ones through end of life compassionate care. The Chances Mission team proudly attended the Hike for Hospice fundraiser held in September 2017 where they donated \$1,751 to the support of the Society's work in the community.

The Fraser Valley Humane Society (FVHS)—FVHS provides a temporary home and veterinary care for stray or abandoned cats before they are placed into a forever, caring home. The team at Chances Mission presented the Society with a cheque for \$1,637 in June 2017 to help achieve their goal of eliminating the suffering of stray and abandoned cats in the Mission community.

Community Gaming Grants

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

- **35** organizations in Mission received funding last year
- **\$725,995** 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.

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

A stylized landscape illustration featuring green mountains of varying heights and shades, a row of dark green trees, and a blue lake in the foreground. The sky is white with a large, light gray curved shape at the top and a smaller cloud-like shape below it. The overall style is clean and modern.

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