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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 New Westminster: 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 New Westminster, more than **32,500** registered players play our games.



Gaming Contributes to the Local Economy

- **609** local jobs created by Starlight Casino
- Starlight Casino supports many local vendors and suppliers in New Westminster ranging from trades companies and food services to local media.

Our players look for more than just gaming. As a result, most of our facilities include additional amenities such as **Match Eatery & Public House**, a contemporary themed Pub offering a great sporting and entertainment experience, featuring live entertainment and Dueling Pianos every Wednesday.

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 New Westminster received **\$6,381,000** generated by Starlight Casino to fund local initiatives.

- Gaming revenue in New Westminster is used to help fund the development of community centres. More than **\$6 million** of the City's share of provincial gaming revenue was put towards the expansion of the Queensborough Community Centre.
- The City of New Westminster uses a portion of its share of provincial gaming revenue to help improve local parks. \$5 million was put towards parkland improvements in Queensborough including the Queensborough Perimeter Trail. With its river vistas and wheelchair accessibility, the trail helps promote active and healthy living for residents.

Community Gaming Grants

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

- **38** organizations in New Westminster received funding last year.
- **\$1.21 million** went to support those organizations in the human and social services sector, public safety, sports, arts and culture, and parent advisory councils.

In 2016/17, BCLC delivered **\$1.3 billion** in net income to the Provincial Government to support communities, provincial programs and services, charities and major events that have helped shape B.C.

Sponsorships

Starlight Casino provides support for local non-profit and charitable organizations and events, including:

Douglas College Foundation—The Starlight Casino Bursary was established in 2011 to assist students in financial need who are enrolled in Adult Special Education Programs at Douglas College. The bursary is used to assist students who cannot afford basic necessities such as food, rent, and course supplies. Each year, Starlight Casino contributes \$2,500 to the bursary.

The Lookout Society—The Lookout Society is an organization that provides housing and support services to adults with low to no income. The team at Starlight Casino campaigned to support the Society and GatewayGIVES matched employee donations. In April 2017, a cheque for \$1,130 was presented to the Lookout Society of New Westminster to assist the organization in its goal to help reduce homelessness.

Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation—In March 2016, Starlight Casino and Gateway GIVES announced a multi-year partnership with Royal Columbian Hospital Foundation to support the new Mental Health and Substance Use Wellness Centre being built as part of a large hospital redevelopment. The three-year commitment of \$45,000 will support the 75-bed Mental Health and Substance Use Wellness Centre. Royal Columbian Hospital provides acute psychiatric care for more than 4,000 British Columbians every year.

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



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