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B.C.'s Gaming Industry

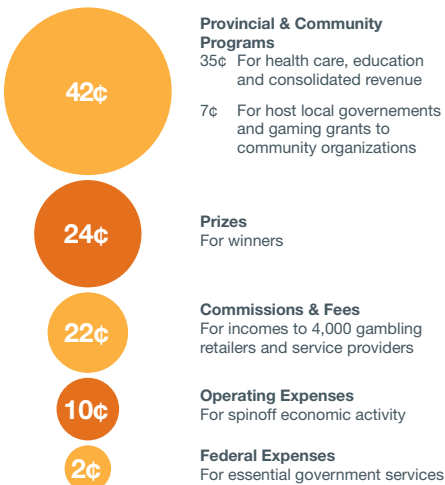
BCLC games are available in almost every community in B.C.

- **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.



Provincial & Community Programs

35¢ For health care, education and consolidated revenue

7¢ For host local governments and gaming grants to community organizations

Prizes

For winners

Commissions & Fees

For incomes to 4,000 gambling retailers and service providers

Operating Expenses

For spinoff economic activity

Federal Expenses

For essential government services

Gaming in Penticton: 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 Penticton, more than **26,700** registered players play our games.



Gaming Contributes to the Local Economy

- Cascades Casino Penticton and Playtime Penticton employ **304** people in our community.
- Cascades Casino Penticton and Playtime Penticton support many local vendors and suppliers in Penticton ranging from local butchers to electricians to local radio stations and the newspaper.

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.

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 Penticton received **\$1,687,000** generated by Cascades Casino Penticton to fund local initiatives.

- The City of Penticton allocated **\$2.5 million** of its share of provincial gaming revenue towards maintenance of the South Okanagan Events Centre; the Okanagan's premier sports and entertainment venue. The state-of-the-art 5,000 seat arena brings world-class concerts and events to Penticton. The Events Centre is also home to the Penticton Vees Junior 'A' Hockey team and the prestigious Okanagan Hockey school.
- Gaming revenue in Penticton helps to keep parks and sports fields safe and fun. The City uses a portion of its share of provincial gaming revenue to upgrade Penticton's sports fields and park land. The City maintains eleven parks that offer a range of features and amenities for residents to get outdoors, and eleven sports fields that provide a place for adults and children to play soccer, baseball, slo-pitch, and rugby.

Community Gaming Grants

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

- **41** organizations in Penticton received funding last year.
- **\$778,730** went to support organizations in the human and social services sector, public safety, sports, arts and culture, and parent advisory councils.

Sponsorships

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

BC Children's Hospital—In July 2017, GatewayGIVES was represented by three of its Okanagan sites including Cascades Casino Penticton at the Bats for a Cause charity softball tournament in support of BC Children's Hospital. Together, the sites raised a total of \$11,540 through barbecues, raffle sales and other fundraising efforts. Gateway has been part of the tournament every year since it started nine years ago and during that time, has raised more than \$35,000 for the hospital.

United Way of the Central & South Okanagan / Similkameen—Cascades Casino Penticton was proud to be a gold sponsor of the 6th annual United Way CSO Drive Thru Breakfast held at the Penticton Lakeside Resort and Conference Centre on September 12, 2017. All of the money raised at the event stayed in the South Okanagan and went towards upwards of 23 different community charities and agencies in the region.

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

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



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