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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 Port Alberni: 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 Port Alberni, more than **7,500** registered players play our games.



#### Gaming Contributes to the Local Economy

- **43** workers are employed by Chances RimRock.
- Last year, Chances RimRock spent approximately **\$1.1 million** on contracts with Port Alberni vendors and suppliers ranging from janitorial services and restaurant purchases to local advertising.
- Chances RimRock paid **\$84,000** in municipal taxes to the City of Port Alberni in 2016.

Our players look for more than just gaming. As a result, most of our facilities include additional amenities such as the **Cypress Restaurant & Lounge** at Chances RimRock. The Cypress offers an innovative menu that is always evolving, along with historical elements like the 500 year old sentinels that frame the fireplace of the lounge.

## 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 Port Alberni received **\$454,000** generated by Chances RimRock to fund local initiatives.

- The City of Port Alberni allocated **\$225,000** of its share of provincial gaming revenue to the McLean Mill National Historic Site in 2017. The McLean “Steam” Sawmill is the only commercial steam-operated saw mill in Canada, and has been rebuilt to operate as it did in 1965. The site offers a complete collection of industrial and personal memories of the people that lived and worked there for current Port Alberni residents and visitors to enjoy.
- Gaming revenue in Port Alberni supports the City’s tourism strategy. In 2017, the City allocated **\$84,840** to support the City’s Visitor Centre.

## Did you know?

Chances RimRock is home to the RimRock Brew Pub, Port Alberni’s only micro-brewery featuring TV screens to watch the game and local entertainment.

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

Chances RimRock provides support for local non-profit and charitable organizations and events.

**Kiwanis Hilton Children’s Centre**—The Hilton Centre is made up of a group of registered charitable not-for-profit agencies working together in one facility to provide services for children. Chances RimRock supports Hilton Centre with found money donations to assist the organization in its mission to provide children and families with the services they need in a familiar, safe and comfortable place.

### Alberni Valley Hospice Society—

The Hospice Society relies on grants and donations to continue operation. Chances RimRock supports the Alberni Valley Hospice Society through donations to Ty Watson House. As a four-bed community hospice, Ty Watson House offers 24-hour care for people facing life limiting illnesses.

## Community Gaming Grants

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

- **33** organizations in Port Alberni received funding last year.
- **\$707,040** went to support those organizations in the human and social services sector, public safety, sports, arts and culture, and parent advisory councils.

*Read more about how gaming revenues help communities grow at [playitforward.bcl.com](http://playitforward.bcl.com)*



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