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Community Impact Report

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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 Vancouver: 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 Vancouver, more than **250,400** registered players play our games.



#### Gaming Contributes to the Local Economy

- **1,119** local jobs created by Edgewater Casino, Hastings Racecourse Casino and Planet Bingo
- Edgewater Casino, Hastings Racecourse Casino and Planet Bingo support many local vendors and suppliers in Vancouver 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 **Eclipse Lounge** at Hastings Racecourse; relax in this indoor lounge that hosts full entertainment amenities including full-service bar, large projector screen a fully outfitted stage. Perfect for cocktail receptions or private dining.

## 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 Vancouver received **\$9,657,000** generated by the Edgewater Casino and Hastings Casino Racecourse to fund local initiatives.

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## Sponsorships

Edgewater Casino, Hastings Racecourse Casino and Planet Bingo provide support for local non-profit and charitable organizations and events.

**Kiwassa Neighbourhood House**—A special grant from the City of Vancouver through the Hastings Community Legacy Fund supports the Kiwassa Neighbourhood House to create local, multicultural special events and festivals open to all. Each year, Hastings Racecourse invests \$100,000 into its Community Legacy Fund. The City of Vancouver manages the Fund and with community direction, uses it to provide benefits to, and mitigate problems in Hastings-Sunrise.

**The Kettle Society**—Edgewater Casino supports the Kettle Society, a not-for-profit organization that helps people with mental illness to lead healthier lives. Edgewater's support helps the Society provide housing, employment, and advocacy and support services, raise awareness of mental health issues, and promote inclusion of people living with mental illness in all aspects of society.

## Community Gaming Grants

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

- **500** organizations in Vancouver received funding last year.
- **\$17 million** went to support 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.

## Did you know?

Planet Bingo is owned and operated by over **20** charitable organizations that directly benefit from the profits of the bingo operation each year.

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



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