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.

Gaming in Prince Rupert:

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 Prince Rupert, more than 6,000 registered players play our games.

Gaming Contributes to the Local Economy

- 72 local workers are employed by Chances Prince Rupert.
- Chances Prince Rupert supports many local vendors and suppliers in Prince Rupert ranging from electricians, printers, and cleaning services to local media.
- Chances Prince Rupert paid $184,580 in municipal taxes to the City of Prince Rupert in 2016.

Our players look for more than just gaming. As a result, most of our facilities include additional amenities such as the North Coast Meeting & Convention Centre. The Convention Centre has over 7,000 square feet of exhibit and meeting space with state of the art technology and versatility with a wide range of events.

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

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

Provincial & Community Programs
35c For health care, education and consolidated revenue
7c For host local governments and gaming grants to community organizations
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 Prince Rupert received $483,000 generated by Chances Prince Rupert to fund local initiatives.

- The City of Prince Rupert allocates its entire share of provincial gaming revenue to Community Enhancement Grants. These grants are awarded to applicants that provide a community amenity considered public in nature for the benefit of citizens. In 2016, seven organizations in Prince Rupert received Community Enhancement Grants, including $125,000 to The Performing Arts Centre Society. The Society manages the Lester Centre of the Arts; a state-of-the-art 700 seat facility benefiting the people of the Pacific Northwest.

Sponsorships

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

North Coast Health Improvement Society—The North Coast Health Improvement Society raises funds to support programs and purchase equipment that will benefit the health and wellness of residents of the North Coast. On August 4, 2017 Chances Prince Rupert presented the North Coast Health Improvement Society with a cheque for more than $3,000 to support a healthy community in Prince Rupert.

Prince Rupert Relay for Life—Chances Prince Rupert was proud to support the 2017 Prince Rupert Relay for Life benefiting the Canadian Cancer Society. In May 2017, Chances Prince Rupert presented the Society with a cheque for $2,735. 2017 marked the 19th year of the event in Prince Rupert.

Community Gaming Grants

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

- 16 organizations in Prince Rupert received funding last year.
- $262,820 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 $1.31 billion in net income to the Provincial Government.

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