## **GAMBLING** IN B.C.

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

- casinos
- community gaming centres
- racetrack casinos
- bingo hall

\$1.16 billion

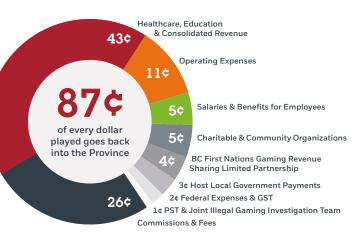
3,400 lottery **locations** 

\$28+ billion

in gambling revenue has been invested in B.C. communities by the Province of B.C. since 1985

billion in net income delivered to the Province of B.C. in 2022/23.

Thanks to players, \$1.6







DID YOU KNOW?

Over the course of three months, staff and customers at Starlight Casino raised a total of \$4,000 and 500lbs of food and necessities for the Purpose Society in New Westminster.

During the 2022 holiday season, the team from Starlight Casino volunteered at Union Gospel Mission, serving lunch to those most in need in the New West community. They also donated more than \$2,500 to support Union Gospel Mission's community services in New Westminster.

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#### **CUSTOMER SUPPORT**

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## **New Westminster** Community **Impact Report**



#### **GAMBLING CONTRIBUTES**

# TO THE NEW WESTMINSTER ECONOMY

8,493+ registered players

59 lottery locations



\$6.49 million

generated in 2022/23 by Starlight Casino for the City of New Westminster to fund local initiatives

## S11.77 million

Prizes paid out at BCLC's head offices for 151 winning lottery tickets purchased in New Westminster in 2022 \$942,444

\$130.51

million

in provincial gambling

revenue shared with the

City of New Westminster

since 1999

paid in municipal taxes by Starlight Casino to the City of New Westminster in 2022

Each year,
municipal and First Nation
governments in B.C. that host a
gambling facility receive a 10 per cent share
of net gambling income generated at those
facilities. Last year, 33 Host Local Governments
across B.C. received \$100.8 million in provincial
mbling revenue to fund local projects and initiatives.

Read more about how gambling revenues help communities grow at: corporate.bclc.com

#### **GAMBLING REVENUE**

# FUNDS LOCAL INITIATIVES IN NEW WESTMINSTER

Last year, the Province of B.C. allocated approximately **\$140 million** to not-for-profit organizations through its Community Gaming Grants program.

## \$2.6 million

went to support those organizations in the human and social services sector, public safety, sports, arts and culture, and parent advisory councils 59

organizations in New West received funding last year

# Photo: Uptown like the Leavest

## SPONSORSHIP UPTOWN LIVE

BCLC rocked the streets of New Westminster this summer at Uptown Live, New West's ultimate street party! Uptown Live is a community event with interactive exhibits, local artisans, food trucks, live music and more! BCLC is proud to sponsor events that bring the community together to celebrate arts and culture.

#### **GENERATING WIN-WINS**

### IN NEW WESTMINSTER

In 2022, the City of New Westminster used a portion of its share of provincial gambling revenue from hosting Starlight Casino to help fund several public infrastructure projects that will create vibrant community spaces throughout the city.

Sixth Street Great Street is one such project that aims to reorient the area towards the public realm with more flexible uses and improved accessibility.

Work on this project has included planning, engagement, and design for streetscape improvements in the Uptown neighbourhood and interim plaza improvements on Belmont Street to create an expanded community space that will enable community events, activations and other programming in the area.

Provincial gambling revenue was also used to complete repair work on the riverfront esplanade, which included new piles and timber decking.

Additionally, new off-leash dog enclosures were created in the downtown and Queensborough neighbourhoods and new sidewalks and lighting were installed in the Connaught Heights area to ensure residents have a safe walk to the community park and school.

# PLAYER HEALTH GAME BREAK



It's important to take breaks when gambling. It's a way to pause and regain perspective. However, when it becomes harder to fit in breaks and gambling just doesn't seem fun anymore, BCLC's Game Break program can be the first step towards getting help.

In January 2023, BCLC launched Game Break, a reconceptualized self-exclusion program with an active reinstatement process that strives to reduce stigma and empower individuals to make the right choices for themselves.

When a Game Break term is completed, individuals take part in an online program that encourages self-reflection and awareness before they return to gambling, if they choose to at all. If they are not ready, they have the option to extend their break.

For more information on Game Break visit GameSense.com