



August 3, 2026

Attention: The Hon. Anne Kang, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport
The Hon. Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance
Re: Funding cuts to the BC Community Gaming Grants Program

Dear Ministers Kang and Bailey,

On June 25, 2026, the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee (VFCYJC) directed, through a motion by our Highlands Council representative Marcie McLean, that I write you regarding our concerns over funding cuts and needed future increases to the BC Community Gaming Grants Program.

Ms. McLean noted that program funding was reduced from \$140 million to \$138.6 million in this year's provincial budget. While seemingly a minor reduction, this cut will nonetheless have significant impacts on non-profit organizations in Greater Victoria and will negatively affect their day-to-day operations.

As you know, most non-profits function with a component of volunteers, many who need to be thoroughly trained and organized. They are led by professionals in their fields who deliver often critical services at a fraction of what it would cost various levels of government.

Since its launch in 2001, the BC Community Gaming Grants Program has provided a helpful, predictable source of funding for non-profit organizations and registered societies in BC. This funding stability is particularly important at a moment in time when British Columbia and Canada as a whole is dealing with skyrocketing costs driven by unprecedented inflation.

The VFCYJC requests that the Province of BC demonstrate its commitment to BC not-for profits and the valuable services they provide to BC families, children, youth, students and youth-at-risk by:

- i) Restoring gaming grant funding to \$140 million this year; and**
- ii) Given that funding has remained fixed at this same level since 2017, consider increasing program funding to \$200 million annually starting with the 2027 BC Provincial Budget.**

Thank you for your consideration of this important matter and we look forward to a favourable reply.

Sincerely,

Marie-Térèse Little, PhD
Chair, Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee
Vice-Chair, Capital Regional District Board of Directors
Mayor, District of Metchosin

cc Premier David Eby

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