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September 9, 2026

Marie-Térèse Little, PhD, Chair
Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee

Dear Dr. Marie-Térèse Little:

Thank you for your August 3, 2026 letter to Honourable Anne Kang, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, and Honourable Brenda Bailey, Minister of Finance, regarding the Community Gaming Grants (CGG) program. I am replying on the Minister's behalf.

I appreciate you taking the time to share the Victoria Family Court and Youth Justice Committee's perspective on the importance of Community Gaming Grants funding. The Province recognizes the valuable role that non-profit organizations, volunteers, and community leaders play in supporting children, youth, families, students, and vulnerable populations throughout B.C.

The Community Gaming Grants program continues to provide important support to eligible non-profit organizations across the province. The program helps organizations deliver programs and services that benefit British Columbians while maintaining transparent funding criteria, predictable intake timelines, and clear communication with applicants. Consistent with current practice, program information and updates will continue to be shared through the Community Gaming Grants website and ongoing sector engagement activities.

Your letter requests that the Province restore Community Gaming Grants funding to \$140 M for the current fiscal year and consider increasing annual funding to \$200 M beginning with Budget 2027. The Province recognizes that many organizations are experiencing increasing operating costs, volunteer capacity challenges, and growing demand for services. At the same time, funding decisions are considered through government's annual budget and fiscal planning processes, alongside a range of provincial priorities and fiscal pressures.

For 2026/27, the Branch is carefully managing within appropriations approved by the Legislature. Our focus remains on minimizing disruption to grant recipients and the people they serve, while ensuring responsible stewardship of public resources.

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The Ministry values feedback from organizations and community representatives regarding the delivery and future direction of the Community Gaming Grants program. Input from stakeholders helps inform ongoing program administration and policy discussions.

Thank you again for writing and for your continued support of organizations that contribute to the well-being of children, youth, families, and communities throughout B.C.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David E. Pyatt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'D' and 'P'.

David Pyatt
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Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

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