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Ministry of Community, Sport and Cultural Development

### **Schedule set for Community Gaming Grant Review**

VICTORIA – British Columbia’s Community Gaming Grant Review will visit 14 communities across the province during August and September, Skip Triplett announced today.

Appointed earlier this month by Premier Christy Clark as the independent reviewer of the province’s community gaming grant process, Triplett will begin a 14-city tour on Aug. 11 in Campbell River and conclude with a Sept. 16 session in Vancouver.

The Community Gaming Grant Review is examining the role of government in allocating gaming revenue with input from charities, community members, industry representatives and local government.

The Terms of Reference include reviewing and providing options for:

- Existing legislation governing community gaming grant funding.
- Funding formula.
- Criteria/eligibility for community gaming grants.
- Processes involved with applying for and receiving community gaming grants.
- A multi-year funding model.
- The future role of government in community gaming grants.

Review forums will be held in the North, Interior, Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. Submissions will also be accepted via the gaming grant website and by email, FAX, or mail. Triplett’s final report is due to government by Oct. 31.

### **Quotes:**

#### **Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development –**

“We recognize how valuable this program is to people and communities across British Columbia. The Premier decided that it was time to look at the whole process of awarding community gaming grants so that the program can operate in an equitable, efficient, transparent and sustainable way. Now we’re asking British Columbians to tell us their views on community gaming grants by participating in person at a community forum or making a written submission – we want everyone who wants to, to be part of this conversation.”

### **Skip Triplett, lead, Community Gaming Grant Review –**

“What really matters here is to find out what British Columbians want – and the way to do that is to listen to what people have to say. This Community Gaming Grant Review is all about going out and gathering the information from taxpayers, and coming back to lay out options. Ultimately, it’s about helping the government engage British Columbians to help make smart decisions with the money that comes in and to distribute it in a way that nurtures communities and is both prudent and fair.”

### **Quick Facts:**

- Community Gaming Grants currently help support the delivery of programs and services in the following sectors:
  - human and social services
  - public safety
  - youth arts and culture
  - fairs, festivals and museums
  - parent advisory councils and
  - sports for youth and people with disabilities.
  
- Gaming generates more than \$1 billion in revenue per year for the B.C. government.
- In 2010-11, \$135 million in Community Gaming Grants – a 12.5 per cent increase over the previous year – was distributed to approximately 6,000 non-profit and charitable organizations in BC.

### **Learn More:**

Find out more about the review, including the time and location of community forums, as well as registration and presentation information, through the Community Gaming Grant Review Website: [www.communitygaminggrantreview.gov.bc.ca](http://www.communitygaminggrantreview.gov.bc.ca)

Submissions can be made up to 5 p.m. on Sept. 16, 2011:

- through the website: [www.communitygaminggrantreview.gov.bc.ca](http://www.communitygaminggrantreview.gov.bc.ca)
- by mail: PO Box 9827 Stn Prov Gov’t, Victoria BC, V8W 9W4
- fax: 250 356-2842
- email: [communitygaminggrantreview@gov.bc.ca](mailto:communitygaminggrantreview@gov.bc.ca)

A backgrounder follows.

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## Gaming Grant Review schedule

Community Forums will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the following locations:

<b>Vancouver Island</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Campbell River	Coast Discovery Inn Texada Boardroom 975 Shoppers Row, Campbell River	Thursday, Aug. 11
Nanaimo	Vancouver Island University Building 356, Room 109 900 Fifth St., Nanaimo	Friday, Aug. 12
Victoria	Hotel Grand Pacific Vancouver Island Ballroom 463 Belleville St., Victoria	Thursday, Sept. 8
<b>Northern B.C.</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Fort St. John	North Peace Cultural Centre 10015 100 <sup>th</sup> Ave., Ft. St. John	Tuesday, Aug. 23
Terrace	Coast Inn of the West 4620 Lakelse Ave., Terrace	Thursday, Sept. 1
Prince George	Prince George Native Friendship Centre Power of Friendship Hall 1600 3rd Ave., Prince George	Thursday, Sept. 15
<b>Interior</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Castlegar	Sandman Hotel 1944 Columbia Ave., Castlegar	Monday, Aug. 15
Kamloops	Thompson Rivers University, Barber Centre, 900 McGill Rd., Kamloops	Tuesday, Aug. 16
Williams Lake	Pioneer Complex 351 Hodgson Rd., Williams Lake	Thursday Aug. 18
Cranbrook	Prestige Rocky Mountain 209 Van Horne St. South, Cranbrook	Thursday, Aug. 25

Kelowna	Ki-Low-Na Friendship Society 442 Leon Avenue, Kelowna	Monday, Sept. 12
<b>Lower Mainland</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date</b>
Abbotsford	Ramada Plaza and Conference Centre 36035 North Parallel Rd., Abbotsford	Monday, Aug. 29
Surrey	Kwantlen Polytechnic University 12666 72nd Ave., Surrey	Wednesday, Sept. 7
Vancouver	Renaissance Vancouver Harbourside Hotel 1133 West Hastings St., Vancouver	Friday, Sept. 16

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