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B.C. Association for
Charitable Gaming

News and Update

August 2015

*2015 Symposium
October 6 & 7, 2015
River Rock Casino Resort
More details inside.*

BCACG News

- ◆ The board applied for a Community Gaming Grant to develop and strengthen the regional CCGA's.
- ◆ The Board met in person March 5 & 6 to review the mission, mandate and work plan (summarized in the sidebar) and to renew the executive director's contract.
- ◆ In April the Chair and ED met with the new Executive Director, David Horricks and the Assistant Deputy Minister John Mazure.
- ◆ Since April, the ED has met with CCGA's in Victoria, Port Alberni, Courtenay and Campbell River. He spoke to the BC Arts Council conference in Penticton and, with the Chair attended the Okanagan CCGA AGM.
- ◆ Supporting members with their application and reconsiderations; working with the CCGAs' facilitators and boards.

Work Plan 2015

- Outreach to members with information, consultation, presentations and planning support.
- Coordination & development that increases number, reach, effectiveness, governance & planning for CCGA's.
- Develop communications lines with Ministries of Finance & Community, Sport and Cultural Development, with BCLC and the gaming operators.
- Support the Board, liaise with the funder, strategic planning, finance management & record keeping.

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promotes the
charitable gaming
interests of
community groups in
British Columbia.*

News from GPEB

Even though there are major changes in leadership at the Community Gaming Grants program, we're assured that major change is not in store for the Community Gaming Grant program.

David Horricks, formerly Director of Responsible Gambling is the new *Executive Director of the Community Support Division*. In our conversations, he advises that there are a couple of things that are on their agenda, with a view to making the program more effective and sustainable.

New staff are being hired in Admin and two Analyst positions are being filled and **David Pyatt**, formerly of the Audits Division fills a new position as *Director of Grants*.

He has also talked about working on the Guidelines to make them clearer and respond to some of the areas that cause some common challenges for applicants.

Things to Expect

Reconsiderations, interestingly, are an indicator of the success of the program. There are 750 Requests for Reconsideration per year at 10%, high by any standard, nearly 3 per day. We can all agree that reducing Reconsiderations would increase efficiency for everyone.

The Reconsideration process is defined in the Internal Review Procedures paper found here: <https://www.gaming.gov.bc.ca/legislation-policies/docs/internal-review-procedures.pdf?>

Reconsiderations won't be removed, but their purpose is in case of an error at the application review stage, not an appeal for an increase to the grant that was awarded. The CCGA's will work with you emphasizing the eligibility of your program and assisting with crafting a strong application.

"Any change will be incremental and forecasted. We know the strengths of this program."

*David Horricks, Executive Director,
Community Supports Division*

Save the date **SYMPOSIUM 2015**

Community groups that broadly represent Arts & Culture, Public Safety, Sports, Environment, Human & Social Services, PAC's and Service Clubs are gathering for dialogue and learning at the Annual Symposium.

Tuesday & Wednesday October 6 & 7, 2015

River Rock Resort, Richmond, BC
www.RiverRock.com

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Pre-conference October 5 for
BCACG Board of Directors and Community Charitable Gaming Associations

REGISTRATION IS OPEN—BY CHEQUE OR CREDIT

UNTIL SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

Members	2 Days: \$250.00
	1 Day: \$150.00
Non-Members	2 Days: \$300.00
	1 Day: \$175.00

AFTER SEPTEMBER 15, 2015

2 Days: \$300.00
1 Day: \$175.00
2 Days: \$350.00
1 Day: \$200.00

Draft Agenda

October 6

Registration
Opening Speakers
Workshops
Lunch
AGM
David Horricks, GPEB
Reception—Retirement party for Ursula, Networking and Trade Show

October 7

Registration
Opening Speakers
Workshops
Lunch
Anna Fitzgerald, GPEB Audits
Closing

Workshops include: Gaming Grant applications, Taking a Good Picture, Changes to the BC Society Act, Communicating your message.

Ursula Cowland retired after 35 years of service to the British Columbia public. She has been loyal to the citizens of the province and frank and fair to the programs and services provided by community groups in all corners of BC.

Ursula, it has been an honour to work with you for the betterment of the community sector in BC. Thank you for your engagement, for your capacity to know our organizations individually and for your dedication to a strong gaming grant program.

Board of Directors 2015

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Grace Unger North Shore Optimist Club

Art Villa Chilliwack Community Resource Centre

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