

# New casino proposed for North Shore or south of the Fraser

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**BCLC says it wants to hear from local governments if they are interested in hosting a new casino**

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BCLC is looking for local partners to build a new Casino on Vancouver's North Shore or south of the Fraser.

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The B.C. Lottery Corporation is asking local governments on the North Shore and south of the Fraser River if they are interested in having a new casino.

But spokeswoman Angela Koulyras says they are not looking for public input yet.

"At this point we simply want to get a sense of what the level of interest is among those local governments," she said.

She also says it's too early to talk about any specific locations or size.

"Once we've selected a preferred host local government in those regions, we would work with them to determine the location, the type of the facility and the size of the facility."

Ten per cent of the revenue would be given back to the host local government, said Koulyras.

She notes under the Gaming Control Act, any municipality considering a new casino would need to consult with local residents and adjacent communities.

"It's ultimately their decision to say yes or no at the end of the day."

## Millions in revenue forecast

According to a BCLC-commissioned study, a new casino south of the Fraser could bring in \$25 million to \$50 million in new gambling revenue, while a North Shore casino could bring \$25 million to \$40 million, she said.

But the BCLC study did not look at the impact a new facility might have on gambling addiction rates in the communities, or the impact on nearby businesses.

"It's not a health impact assessment," she said.

The following local governments have been contacted about the proposal.

- City of North Vancouver
- **District of North Vancouver**
- District of West Vancouver
- Squamish Nation
- Tsleil-Waututh Nation
- City of Surrey
- Corporation of Delta
- Tsawwassen First Nation

Three years ago the City of Surrey [rejected a proposal for a \\$100-million casino](#).

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