

Delta selected as preferred Host Local Government for potential gaming and entertainment facility

November 9, 2016, Vancouver B.C., BCLC has concluded its Expression of Interest (EOI) process in the South of the Fraser market area and has selected the Corporation of Delta as the preferred host local government for a potential new gambling and entertainment facility.

Overseen by a third-party fairness monitor, BCLC's evaluation committee selected Delta based on a variety of factors including strong market potential, community plans and transportation access.

The potential gambling facility in Delta would be a relocation of Surrey's Newton Community Gaming Centre, which would be expanded to include more gambling and entertainment options.

Gateway Casinos & Entertainment Ltd., the private-sector service provider of the Newton Community Gaming Centre, would own or lease the potential gambling facility in Delta on BCLC's behalf, and operate it on a day-to-day basis.

While Delta has suggested the Delta Town and Country Inn as a potential location, BCLC has determined that it is not a suitable location due to its distance from the identified market opportunity and its proximity to the River Rock Casino Resort. In collaboration with Gateway, BCLC will determine a more suitable location that, combined with size and scope details, will form a gaming facility proposal for Delta's consideration.

On June 1, 2016, BCLC invited Delta, the City of Surrey and Tsawwassen First Nation (TFN) to express interest in hosting a potential gambling and entertainment facility. Delta and TFN responded with interest; Surrey declined.

BCLC respects the authority of local governments to choose whether they want a gambling facility in their community and will only consider pursuing development in communities where local governments indicate interest.

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