



The Purpose of Tonight's Meeting

Present an overview of gaming and proposed gaming expansion in Vancouver

Provide an opportunity to speak with City staff and provide feedback about gaming in Vancouver, prior to the Public Hearing: Thursday, February 17 7:30 pm

Council's Decisions

On February 17th at a Public Hearing Council will be considering the following:

- 1) A rezoning to consider a Hotel/Entertainment/ Casino Complex adjacent to BC Place
- 2) The relocation of Edgewater Casino
- 3) The expansion of Edgewater Casino

At the Public Hearing on Feb. 17 members of the public may make presentations to Council





Existing Edgewater Casino

- Approved by Council in 2004
- Opened in 2005
- Located on the Plaza of Nations site
- 75 Table Games and 600 Slots
- 700 full time employees
- Development Permit Expires in 2013





Gaming Facilities in Vancouver and Adjacent Municipalities

Existing Gaming Facilities in Vancouver:

Edgewater, Hastings Racecourse and Planet Bingo

Casino Facilities in Adjacent Municipalities

Burnaby:

1 large convention/hotel complex

1,000 slots

54 tables



The Edgewater Casino at Plaza of Nations

Richmond

1 resort casino

985 slots

113 tables



Hastings Racecourse

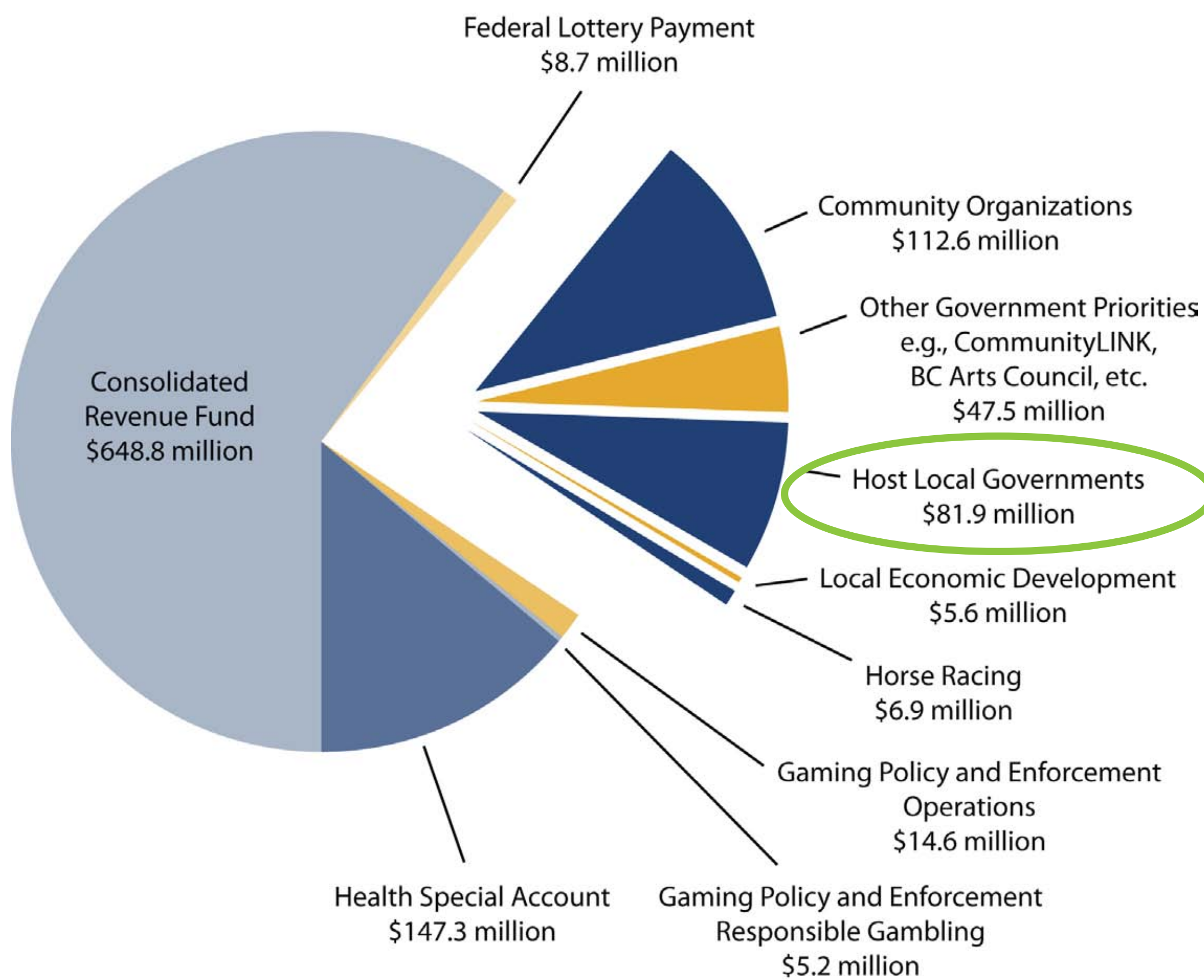
Inventory of Gaming – Dec. 2010

| | Canada | B.C. | Metro | City |
|-------------------|---------|--------------|--------|-------|
| Race tracks | 38 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Casinos | 67 | 17 | 6 | 1 |
| Bingo Halls | 570 | 28 | 5 | 1 |
| Lottery Terminals | 29,001 | 4,074 (14%) | 1,266 | 488 |
| VLTs | 36,561 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Table Games | 1,984 | 485 (24%) | 387 | 65 |
| Slot Machines | 46,052 | 10,196 (22%) | 6,005 | 1,082 |
| Jobs (Direct) | 135,773 | 16,403 | 11,000 | 2,400 |



Distribution of Provincial Revenue (2009/2010)

Figure 1: Where the Money Goes (2009/10)



NET INCOME

Casino: \$731.3M

Lottery: \$266.7M

Bingo: \$81.1M

TOTAL: \$1.08 Billion

Where the Money Goes – Province Wide

| Year | Net Provincial Income | Local Governments | Charities Grants | Provincial Income Remaining |
|-----------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 2001/2002 | \$606.1 | \$32.5 | \$103.2 | \$470.4 |
| 2002/2003 | \$670.9 | \$38.2 | \$126.0 | \$506.7 |
| 2003/2004 | \$728.0 | \$45.0 | \$132.0 | \$551.0 |
| 2004/2005 | \$818.9 | \$53.0 | \$134.6 | \$631.3 |
| 2005/2006 | \$922.7 | \$65.0 | \$137.7 | \$720.0 |
| 2006/2007 | \$1,018.8 | \$76.1 | \$142.4 | \$800.3 |
| 2007/2008 | \$1,088.9 | \$83.0 | \$146.1 | \$859.8 |
| 2008/2009 | \$1,082.0 | \$83.9 | \$156.3 | \$841.8 |
| 2009/2010 | \$1,079.1 | \$81.9 | \$112.5 | \$884.7 |

NOTE: all figures in Millions

City of Vancouver Revenue from 1999 to date: \$59.2 million
Source: BCLC Annual Reports



Problem Gambling

It is estimated that in B.C. 4.6% of the adult population suffers from problem gambling. In the City of Vancouver this involves up to 21,000 residents.

Problem Gambling is the commonly used term for gambling behaviour that has a negative effect on an individual's personal, family or work life. Although problem gamblers often gamble frequently, not all frequent gamblers experience problems.

Pathological Gambling (about 1% of adult population) is a progressive disorder characterized by a continuous or periodic loss of control over gambling; a preoccupation with gambling and with obtaining money with which to gamble; irrational thinking; and a continuation of the behaviour despite adverse consequences (Rosenthal, 1992)

Responsible Gambling Strategy (B.C.)

The Strategy's goals are to:

- Reduce the incidence of problem gambling;
- Reduce the harmful impacts of excessive gambling; and
- Ensure the delivery of gambling in a manner that encourages responsible gambling and healthy choices.

Some of the Problem Gambling Initiatives are:

- Help Line (6,228 calls fielded in 2009 and 2,864 referred to Problem Gambling Counsellors)
- Community-based Counselling
- Education and Awareness Services
- Research

<http://www.pssg.gov.bc.ca/gaming/responsible-gambling/index.htm>



Gambling Related Crime:

1. Gambling venue crimes:
 - crimes that occur in and around gambling locations, such as loan sharking, money laundering, passing counterfeit currency, theft, assault, prostitution and vandalism;
2. Crimes to support gambling addiction:
 - such as forgery, embezzlement, and fraud;
3. Illegal gambling:
 - gambling activity that is counter to Criminal Code of Canada statutes, such as bookmaking, or keeping a common gaming house; and
4. Family abuse:
 - victimization of family members caused by another family member's gambling involvement, (e.g., domestic violence, child neglect, suicide, and home invasion).

Source: Smith, Wynne, Hartnagel (2003)

Crime and Gambling

Gaming facilities are highly policed

Crimes in gaming facilities are a small proportion of all Criminal Code offences

- There are over 400,000 criminal code offences in BC every year.
- In 2009/2010: 2,362 files were opened for real or suspected Criminal Code offences in gaming facilities

Sources:

1. GPEB Annual Report 2009-2010
2. Crime Statistics in British Columbia: 2008. BC Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General



Charities Issues

Planet Bingo Charities Agreement with Paragon

- Resources for New Bingo Hall (New MOU signed Jan. 17 2011)

Recent cuts from Gaming grants

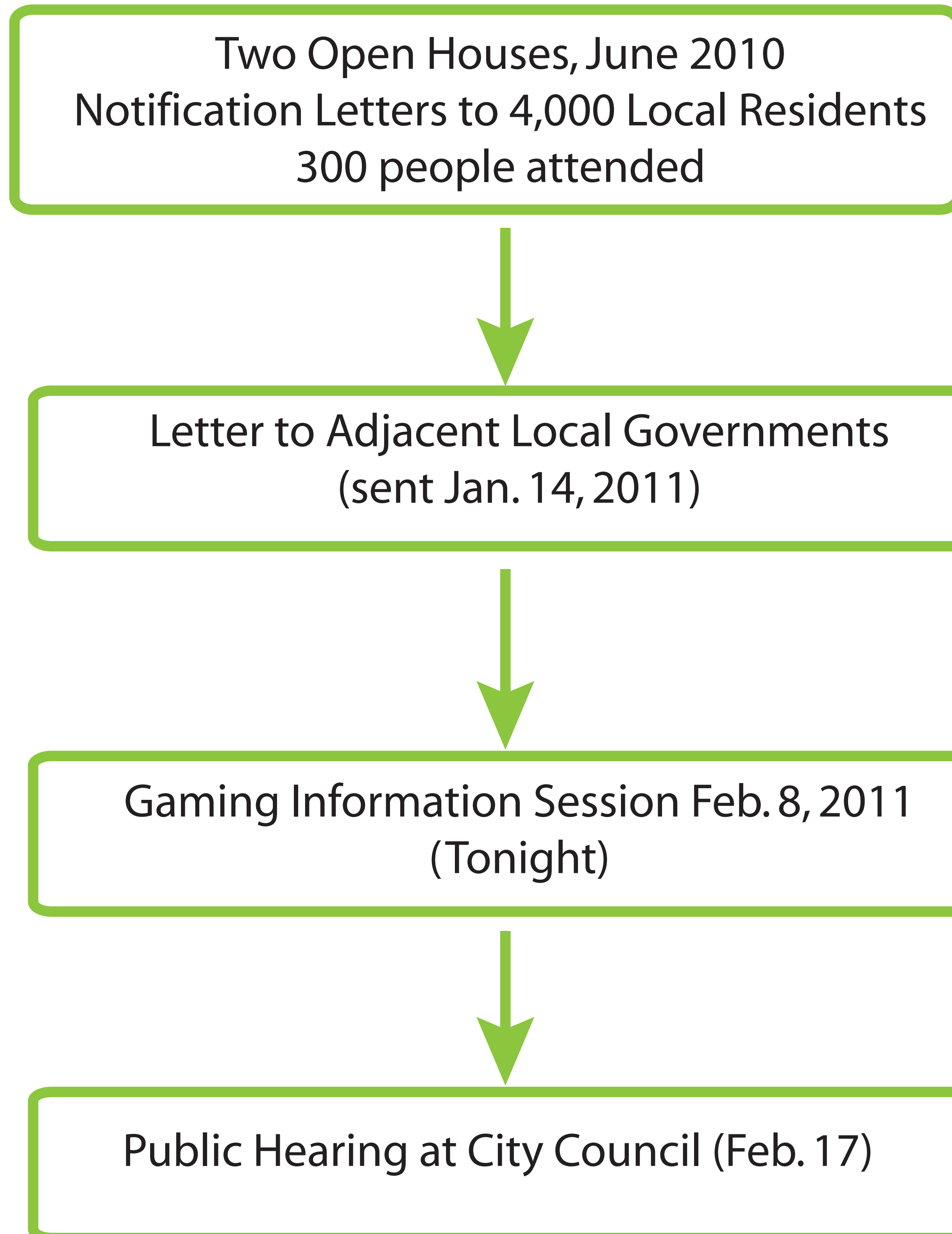
- Impacts to service levels and impacts to other community funders (including CoV).

Cuts have particularly affected Arts organizations and Sports related organizations (reduced from \$156M in 2008/2009 to \$112M 2009/2010, province wide).

British Columbia Association for Charitable Gaming Continues to advocate for adequate funding to charities



Process & Next Steps



Anyone who considers themselves affected by the proposed hotel/entertainment/casino complex and/or the relocation and expansion of the Edgewater Casino may speak at the Public Hearing:
Register individually by telephone before 5 pm, February 17. Call: 604.873.7191

OR

Submit your comments by mail to:
Mayor and Council, City of Vancouver,
453 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V5Y 1V4
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