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Ms. Ann Whiteaker
President
BC Confederation of
Parent Advisory Councils
350 – 5172 Kingsway
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Dear Ms. Whiteaker:

Thank you for your letter of March 31, 2011, addressed to Honourable Shirley Bond, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General, regarding several resolutions passed at the BCCPAC AGM. As Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, responsible for community gaming grants, I am pleased to respond on behalf of Minister Bond.

I am advised that District Parent Advisory Councils (DPAC) are funded at the flat rate of \$2,500 each to support parental education, while Parent Advisory Councils (PACs) are funded at \$20 per student to support the extra-curricular activities of the students at the school. On March 24, 2011, Honourable Christy Clark, Premier, announced an additional \$15 million for gaming grants. Each PAC received an additional \$5 per student for a total of \$25 per student, and DPACs received an additional \$625 each. In addition, BCCPAC was provided its own gaming grant of \$50,000 in each of the last three years. These funds were provided to support the conferences that it provides for PAC parent representatives. If PACs were permitted to use their gaming funds for their BCCPAC membership dues, then the BCCPAC would no longer be eligible for its own gaming grant.

You may be aware that Premier Christy Clark announced that in the coming months a prominent individual, who is independent of government, will be appointed to head a review of the Community Gaming Grant (CGG) program to examine the role of government in gaming, with input from charities, community members, industry representatives and local government. Once the review is announced, I encourage non-profit organizations to participate in the consultation process by taking their suggested recommendations and options forward.

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I encourage you to participate in the community consultations of the gaming review, as it is the appropriate forum to suggest changes to the CGG program.

Thank you again for your letter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ida Chong".

Ida Chong, FCGA
Minister

pc: Honourable Christy Clark
Premier

Honourable George Abbott
Minister of Education

Honourable Shirley Bond
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Mr. James Gorman
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