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Subject: Re: Meeting (Great Canadian Gaming Corporation - Minister of Public Safety - March 28, 2017  
Date: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 9:05:02 AM

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Thx Len.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 29, 2017, at 9:03 AM, Meilleur, Len FIN:EX <[Len.Meilleur@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Len.Meilleur@gov.bc.ca)> wrote:

Good morning John:

I received a call from Tom Steenvorden of Police Services yesterday who informed me that the executive of Great Canadian did meet with their Minister yesterday. I was advised that:

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John I have not copied OADM. Anna please advise ADM and I of your findings.

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Regards,

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**MINISTRY OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND SOLICITOR GENERAL  
POLICING AND SECURITY BRANCH  
BRIEFING NOTE**

**PURPOSE:** For INFORMATION for the Honourable Mike Morris,  
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

**ISSUE:** Meeting with representatives of the Great Canadian Gaming Corporation regarding  
the initial progress of the Joint Illegal Gaming Investigation Team (JIGIT)

**SUMMARY:**

- JIGIT is a collaboration between the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit of British Columbia (CFSEU-BC) and the Ministry of Finance. The objective of JIGIT is to provide a dedicated, integrated, and coordinated multi-jurisdictional investigative and enforcement response to illegal gambling houses and unlawful activities within BC gaming facilities, with an emphasis on top-tier organized crime and gangs.

**BACKGROUND:**

- The Great Canadian Gaming Corporation is a BC based company that operates 20 gaming, entertainment and hospitality facilities across Canada and the United States, with nine located within BC. In 2015, the company reported gross gaming revenues of almost \$900M and total assets of almost \$1B.
- At the provincial-level, the Ministry of Finance's Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch (GPEB) and the British Columbia Lottery Corporation (BCLC) oversee the BC gaming industry, and the companies within it. GPEB regulates all gaming in BC, ensures the integrity of gambling industry companies, people and equipment, and investigates allegations of wrongdoing. This includes regulatory oversight of BCLC. Meanwhile, BCLC manages and operates the province's gambling industry and seeks to maintain its integrity and security. BCLC owns the games and equipment used in casinos and oversees the private sector service providers who maintain the facilities and manage day-to-day operations.
- In April 2016, JIGIT was formed to disrupt organized crime and gang involvement in illegal gaming, prevent criminals from using BC gaming facilities to legalize the proceeds of crime, and conduct criminal investigations of illegal gambling houses and activities.
- JIGIT is located within CFSEU-BC and, when fully operational in 2017/18, it will be comprised of 22 law enforcement positions and five GPEB personnel appointed as investigators under the *Gaming Control Act* and Special Provincial Constables under the *Police Act*.

- The law enforcement positions will be responsible for conducting criminal investigations while GPEB's investigators will provide subject-matter expertise to the team, though the scope of their role is limited by what is legally permissible.
- BCLC also supports JIGIT through gathering and reporting information to GPEB on occurrences where the conduct, activity or incidents in, around or related to provincial gaming involves the commission of an offence under the *Criminal Code* or the *Gaming Control Act*.
- Since forming in mid-2016, members of JIGIT have engaged in specialized training and they are now operational. On February 6, 2017, CFSEU-BC made the first public announcement regarding JIGIT after two individuals were charged as a result of an investigation conducted by the team at Lake City Casino in Kelowna (which is owned by Gateway Casinos and Entertainment Limited).
- There are several mechanisms in place to monitor and assess the success of JIGIT. For instance, CFSEU-BC has committed to providing a range of qualitative and quantitative measures that relate to mission success, impact on society and demonstrated dollar for value in several regular reports. Additionally, GPEB will provide BCLC with bi-annual performance information based on reporting received from CFSEU-BC. The report will outline the efforts of JIGIT and include gambling specific metrics.
- It is important to note that any reports generated or produced in connection to JIGIT, including performance reports and financial reports, will remain confidential unless otherwise agreed to by PSSG and GPEB or where required by law or regulatory disclosure requirements. In addition, all public-facing communications of JIGIT activities, such as media releases and press conferences are within CFSEU-BC's jurisdiction.

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# GREAT CANADIAN GAMING CORPORATION

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June 21, 2017

Mike Morris  
Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General

Via Email: [mike.morris.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:mike.morris.MLA@leg.bc.ca)

Minister Morris:

On behalf of Great Canadian Gaming, I want to express our gratitude for the recent actions conducted by the Combined Forces Special Enforcement Unit (CFSEU) and the Joint Illegal Gaming Investigation Team (JIGIT), in which it was reported that these teams shut down a number of illegal gaming facilities operating in the lower mainland. As conveyed to you earlier this year, the notion related to the operation of these illegal facilities have been a concern to Great Canadian Gaming and we are very pleased to see the Province take action with them.

Along with other casino operators in the Province, we adhere to strict and detailed anti-money laundering (AML) protocol required by the BC Lottery Corporation, the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch of the Ministry of Finance, and FinTRAC (the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada) to ensure the effective implementation of AML procedures at their properties, and we will continue to work with these entities to ensure our AML protocol is robust, effective and impactful when it comes to preventing attempts to launder funds at BC casinos.

When the formation of JIGIT was announced in April, 2016, we commended your government for doing so, and we are very pleased to see the teams' recent action related to illegal operations in the Province, and we remain committed to assisting the CFSEU and JIGIT when called upon to do so.

Sincerely,

**Great Canadian Gaming Corporation**

Terrance Doyle  
Chief Operating Officer

cc: Hon. Mike de Jong, Minister of Finance

**From:** [Jomha, Robin GPEB:EX](#)  
**To:** [Steenvoorden, Tom PSSG:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Backgrounder on GCGC  
**Date:** Thursday, February 23, 2017 4:44:41 PM

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Hi Tom,

I am not sure precisely what you need so I will lay out what I think is important to know and then feel free to ask me anything additional that you need.

Great Canadian Casino Corporation (GCGC) is a public traded entity. The only two substantially large shareholders are investment firms, Burgundy Asset Management with 19.16% and BloombergSen Inc. which has 10.95%.

The Chairman of the board is Peter Meredith. CEO is Rod Baker. CFO (very new to the position) Andreas Thompson. COO Terrance Doyle. Mr. Baker has been there for several years and Mr. Doyle goes back many years having worked his way up to the position.

As mentioned in the briefing note that Len sent you, GCGC is the largest gaming company by revenue in BC although Gateway Casinos is not far behind after recent acquisitions. GCGC's River Rock casino in Richmond is by far the largest money maker in the province and dominates high roller play.

GCGC Operates Casinos and Horse Racing tracks in four Canadian provinces but they are based out of BC and the majority of their business is here. Their sites break down as follows:

British Columbia

4 casinos

1 casino with racetrack

1 racetrack with slot machines

3 Community gaming Centres (bingo halls with slot machines)

20 horseracing teletheatres which GCGC partially owns

Ontario

2 Racetracks with slot machines

The right to build 3 new casinos in Ontario East

Nova Scotia

2 casinos

New Brunswick

2 casinos

Hope this helps. Let me know if there is anything else you need.

Regards,

Robin

-----Original Message-----

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Thanks Robin.

Len

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Subject: RE: Backgrounder on GCGC

Sure.

David can you get me the information on this? I don't know exactly what they are up to in Eastern Canada these days.

Thanks,

Robin

-----Original Message-----

From: Meilleur, Len FIN:EX

Sent: Thursday, February 23, 2017 11:02 AM

To: Jomha, Robin FIN:EX

Subject: Backgrounder on GCGC

Robin:

Are you able to forward Tom Steenvoorden a backgrounder on the key leadership role and locations they own in Canada etc. The company has requested a meeting with the Minister of Public Safety and Sol Gen. to discuss JIIGT. I am also having Jeff send an old briefing note we had prepared for a meeting they requested with our DM that got cancelled. I know they have met with Minister DeJong in the past as well.

Thanks

Len

Sent from my iPad