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## BOARD REPLACED AS PART OF GAMING REVIEW

VICTORIA – The board of the B.C. Gaming Commission has been replaced while government carries out a review of the gaming sector, Solicitor General Rich Coleman said today.

"As part of the government-wide core review, we've been asked to look at more sensible, effective ways to deliver services," said Coleman. "This is a first step to streamlining gaming, eliminating duplication and focusing on key mandates."

The ministry's review of the gaming sector, including the B.C. Gaming Commission, will develop recommendations for improving gaming policy, governance and operations. To facilitate the review, the board of directors of the B.C. Gaming commission has been replaced by an interim board consisting of acting deputy solicitor general Alison MacPhail.

The executive director of the Gaming Policy Secretariat will act as chief executive officer of the commission during the review, assuming responsibility for its operations.

"I assure charities and community groups that this decision does not change existing levels of support," said Coleman. "Funding remains available through the direct access and licensed programs and the financial guarantee to charities."

Final decisions about the commission and all gaming agencies will be made once the ministry's review is completed at the end of September.

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