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All Service Providers, BC Casinos  
All Service Providers and Charity Associations, BC Bingo Halls

**Re: Freeze on Relocation of Gaming Facilities**

I am writing on behalf of, and to convey a decision by, the Honourable Rich Coleman, Minister Responsible for Gaming.

As you may know, the Government is reviewing current gaming policy. One of the issues being considered is the operational definition of this Government's policy of "No Gaming Expansion".

During the review, and effective July 6, 2001, the Minister has placed a temporary freeze on any new gaming facility relocations. Any relocation that has been formally initiated may be completed. No new relocation proposal will be considered or initiated. Any relocations where there may have been discussions, but that have not been formally started, may not proceed.

In the next day or two, I will convey a summary of the Province's expectations in regard to relocations that have been formally started, but not completed, to affected facilities. The BC Lottery Corporation and the BC Gaming Commission are responsible for completing the relocations that have been started.

Once Government has had time to consider gaming policy, the Minister will be making final decisions about relocations and other matters.

If you have any questions, or require further information regarding the gaming facility relocation freeze, please contact me at 250 953-4482.

Sincerely,

*Original Signed by:*

Derek Sturko  
Executive Director  
cc: Honourable Rich Coleman

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