

The City of Richmond is home to another large gambling facility operated

Great Canada Gaming Corporation, and is armed with competitive plans from operators to turn Rockibal Casino's existing revenue into Precival Casino's proximity.

The city of Richmond reiterated its opposition to the construction of a full-fledged gambling facility south of Fraser, and Richmond City Council was negative about the construction of a new entertainment facility before BCLC selected Delta as a priority.

Members against the establishment of a new casino in the Delta region On November 25, 2016, Richmond Council sent a report to BCLC and Delta Corporation suggesting that "the casinos in Delta should be far enough away from Richmond", further explaining that it was an idea to protect the existing riverlock casinos, considered a stable and sure source of revenue.

Richmond's letter opposing the construction of a new casino in the area has angered Delta lawmakers. Last September, Delta received preliminary approval to build a casino in Town and Country Inn. The BCLC explained that the corporation granted approval for Delta Town & Country In after hearing opinions from communities and municipalities.

BCLC also conducted a survey with third-party consultants to learn that the proposed site would generate revenue without hurting the profitability of other gambling facilities in Richmond, Surrey and New Westminster. BCLC's Chris Fairclaw explained that Gateway's casino proposal is to make the most of the market's potential, not "take it from my hand and give it to my right hand."

Recently, the BCLC sent a letter to the Delta Commission reminding it that to advance the Gateway's casino project, it should discuss Gateway's casino plans for the construction of casino/hotel complexes with affected municipalities within 5 km of the proposed gaming facility. Gateway's zoning application is expected to appear on the Delta Commission desk after the city holds several public meetings on the application. The first public meeting will run from February 1 to 8 at Harris.