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PLAYGROUND GRANT PROGRAM SIGNIFICANTLY REVISED

VICTORIA – Eligibility requirements for playground grants offered through the community gaming grant program have been revised, allowing for more schools to take advantage of the new criteria.

Under the changes, schools that do not have a functioning parent advisory council (PAC) can now have a service club or organization apply on the behalf of the school's students. In addition, the matching funds requirement has been eliminated. Before these changes, only parent advisory councils were eligible to apply for funding and they had to match grant contributions dollar-for-dollar.

The maximum grant a PAC or service club can receive through the playground grant program is \$20,000. Grants must be used to develop new or renovate existing school playgrounds including replacing old or purchasing new equipment. In order to be eligible for the program, the school must teach the provincial curriculum to its students.

Applications will be reviewed by the Ministry of Housing and Social Development's Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch. Priority will be given to schools that do not have existing playground equipment, or have playground equipment scheduled to be removed or replaced, and to schools that have the support of their local authority for the installation of equipment.

The application period for 2008/09 playground grants runs from Sept. 15 to Nov. 30, 2008. All grants will be awarded by March 31, 2009. Application forms and information is available online www.hsd.gov.bc.ca/gaming/grants/playground.htm.

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