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Integrated Illegal Gaming Enforcement Team

- Business case was approved in 2003 to full implementation and staffing to be completed by end of Fiscal Year 2004/2005. (March 31, 2005).
- The Integrated Illegal Gaming Enforcement Team's mandate is to ensure the integrity of public, legalized gaming in British Columbia through an integrated approach that includes the RCMP, and the Provincial Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch (GPEB). IIGET is in place to preserve the integrity of legalized gaming in the province of British Columbia through the enforcement of the criminal Code of Canada and other statutes
- A Memorandum of Understanding between the team's integrated members was signed in 2003 outlining the units mandate, roles and responsibilities, and governance.
- Roles and responsibilities of RCMP: enforce Criminal Code; investigate unlawful activities in legal venues; investigate illegal gambling; collect and produce intelligence; recommend charges to Crown Counsel; produce "Report to Crown Counsel"; participate in prosecutions.
- Roles and responsibilities of the Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch (GPEB): enforce the "Gaming Control Act"; enforce terms and conditions of registration and certification; receive complaints; investigate regulatory violations; produce "Report to Crown Counsel" on regulatory offences; in conjunction with police; impose sanctions; assist police in the investigation and prosecution of unlawful activity in legal venues, and illegal gaming; collect and produce intelligence; participate in prosecutions.
- Roles and responsibilities of BC Lotteries Corporation (BCLC): conduct, management and operation of provincial gaming and provide intelligence as requested by the IIGET with respect to illegal gaming.
- The RCMP part of the team consists of 12 members and one support staff (S/Sgt. NCO i/c, Sgt, Cpl (4), Cst.(6) RCMP) who are co-located with Gaming Policy and Enforcement investigators in the Lower Mainland, Prince George, Victoria and Kelowna.

- Funding for the team (approximately \$1.5 million annually) is being provided by the BC Lottery Corporation. Funding has been secured until 2008.
- The unit is accountable (operational) to “E” Division RCMP Chief Superintendent Al Macintyre, Deputy Criminal Operations Officer (Contract) and governed (directional advice) by a Consultative Board of Directors. (members include Gaming Policy and Enforcement Branch, Police Services, RCMP, and BC Lottery Corporation (BCLC have a limited role in respect to funding only).