

Filming Toolkit for Businesses

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Who do I reach out to for questions?

Before and during filming, the **Assistant Location Manager** can help resolve problems quickly. Questions after filming finishes should be directed to the **Location Manager**, or you can reach out to the film offices/representatives in your municipality.

Contact information can be found on the notification letter you received prior to filming taking place. Alternatively, you can also reach out to the Provincial Film Commission at Creative BC.



Common Misconceptions

How it Works

All productions have large budgets.

Every production has a different budget, and not every production will provide the same compensation.

Every business is entitled to inconvenience fees when there is filming activity nearby.

Businesses might not be compensated every time. Production provides compensation for the property that is impacted by it.

All crew members are from Hollywood.

The majority of film crews are made up of B.C. residents, with over 90,000 people in the province employed in the film industry. B.C. is renowned for its top-tier talent and skilled crew base, trusted by industry leaders.

The neighborhood doesn't benefit from filming.

In addition to generating jobs and economic benefits, the motion picture industry supports local charities, increases traffic to local businesses, and showcases B.C. neighborhoods.

For further information contact
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3 Compensation Types

When a production is filming in your community, understand the assets you may offer such as a parking area or support spaces. Providing these can help alleviate a production's footprint on the street, which supports a positive experience for the neighborhood.

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Use of your Business

When your property is directly used for filming activity, you can negotiate a usage fee with the production prior to filming.

Filming Location	Lunchroom
Utility/Support Space	Set Dressing
Use of Private Parking	Extra Holding

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Impact to your Business

Typically, a production will be aware of the potential impact on your business in advance and may negotiate an impact fee accordingly. These arrangements are handled on a case-by-case basis, as the impact can vary.

Street Closures	Exceptional Activity
Early/Late Hours	Excessive Noise

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Loss of Business

If there is an unexpected impact on your business and you can demonstrate a loss of revenue, you may request business loss compensation from the production after filming has concluded.

Parking Loss	Restricted Storefront Entrance
Street Closures	Unforeseen Circumstances

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