

LOCATIONS BRAINSTORM



Write down 3 or more locations that you know of in the area you live that match the movie genres we're about to go through



Just add enough of a description that we could look it up after --- a memory jogger



If you can think of a contact person, great, but not essential



Think inside and outside the box!



We'll take about 2 minutes per genre

ROMANCE

- Rolling hills, meadows, flower fields
- Rustic farmhouses, cozy cottages
- Vinyards, orchards for romantic walks
- Lakeside docks for first kisses
- Snowy slopes and chalets
- Coffee shops, bookstores
- Can be public or private spaces



SPORTS

- Winter locations
- Summer locations
- Water locations
- Arenas / Sites
- Parks
- Trails
- Gyms
- Outdoor / Indoor



HORROR



- Abandoned buildings
- Lonely outpost
- Decay or rust piles
- Ruins / broken bridges
- Creepy places
- Scary signs / trails
- Terrifying outdoor areas
- Grafitti sites

PERIOD PIECES – OLD AND NEW

- Heritage Sites
- Public or Privately owned
- Late 1800s or early 1900s
- Mansions
- Secluded modern homes
- Unusual architecture – all eras
- Stunning log cabins
- Era street or neighbourhood



EMPTY SPACES

Colleges

Airport hangars

Quonset

Big barns

Warehouses

Studio space

Office space

Accommodations

Any other ideas
you have

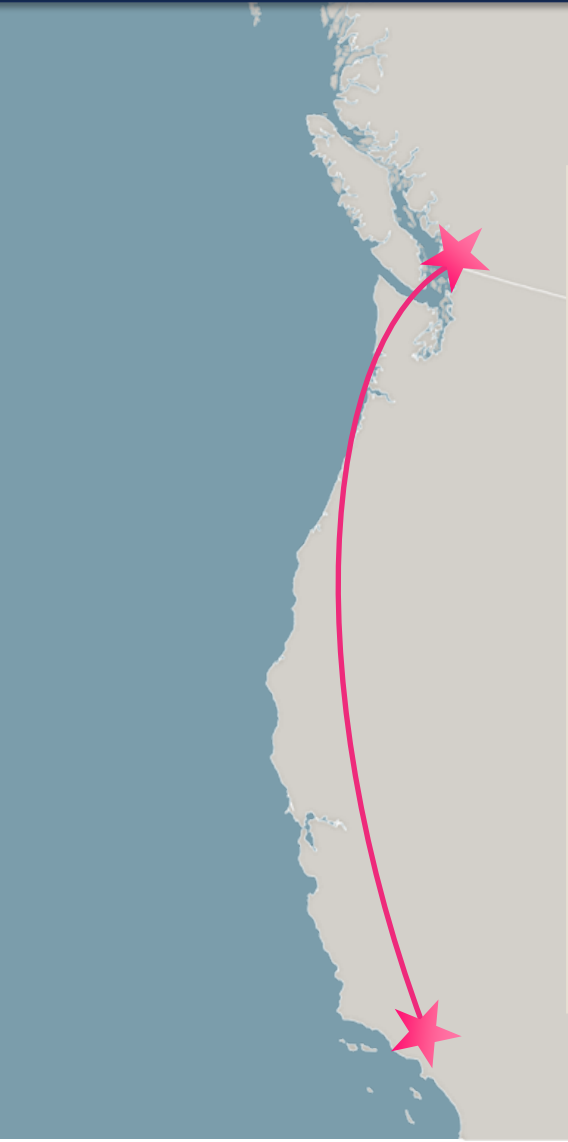
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Kootenay Regional Film Commission

BC Film Ecosystem



Why British Columbia?



Experienced
Crew

**Local Govt.
Support**

Post-Production
VFX Hub

Ecosystem
Vendors & Suppliers

Purpose-built
**Studio
Space**

TAX
Incentives

Geography
forest to urban,
mountains to ocean

Close to LA Studios
Proximity

Scale of BC's Motion Picture Industry

\$2.3B

In Production Spend in 2023

70,774 People

Including freelancers

230+ Businesses

Serviced the motion picture industry in 2023

Source: Motion Picture Tax Credit Report

BC Tax Incentives Increases

Effective for productions starting in 2025



PSTC | PRODUCTION SERVICES TAX CREDIT

Increases from **28%** to **36%**

Additional **2%** for productions over **\$200 million**

FIBC | FILM INCENTIVE BC

Increases from **35%** to **40%**

PSTC & FIBC

Animated productions restored:
Physical locations required WFO
at least **50%** of the time

BC Tax Incentives

Film Incentive BC (FIBC)

2 certificates required to complete the program: Eligibility & Completion

Basic Tax Credit 40%

+ Regional	+ Distant	+ DAVE	+ Training	+ Scriptwriting
12.5%	6%	16%	30%	35%

Based on qualified BC Labour Expenditures

Production Services Tax Credit (PSTC)

1 pre-certification notice and 1 certificate required to complete the program

Basic Tax Credit 36%

+ Regional	+ Distant	+ DAVE
6%	6%	16%

Based on accredited BC Labour Expenditures incurred *in BC*

Questions?



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BC's Creative Sector



Film Commissions

are specialized screen sector organizations focused on economic development.

Film Commissions Operate

at the city, provincial, regional or national level. They are established under the authority of a government department (commonly Arts/Culture, Tourism and Economic Development), or administrative office, may be a non-profit organization outside government.



The Role of Film Commissions

is to promote their jurisdiction's capabilities (including locations, infrastructure, cast, crew, and any incentive/rebate/credit offered) to attract production, post-production, animation, and VFX work.



Creative BC

Is a non-profit organization supported by the provincial government and serves as a key economic driver for British Columbia's creative industries. As an industry catalyst, it supports the sector reach its economic, social, environmental and creative potential at home and globally.

Creative BC supports British Columbia's creative sector through leadership, collaboration and investment.

- ❑ Funding Programs
- ❑ Motion Picture Tax Credits
- ❑ **BC Film Commission**
- ❑ Sector Leadership
- ❑ Research
- ❑ Export Initiatives

BC Film Commission

Established in 1978, The BC Film Commission merged with BC Film + Media in 2013 to Form Creative BC, consolidating their programs under one organization.

The BC Film Commission at Creative BC delivers and supports the resources crucial to sustaining motion picture activity throughout BC, including seven Regional Film Commissions. Its services include:

- ❑ Library + Production Services
- ❑ Industry + Community Affairs
- ❑ 3 Strategic Initiatives

Province Wide Services

PROVINCIAL

BC Film Commission at Creative BC ●

REGIONAL

Cariboo Chilcotin Coast Tourism ●

Kootenay Film Commission ●

Northern BC Tourism ●

Okanagan Film Commission ●

Thompson Nicola Film Commission ●

Vancouver Island North Film Commission ●

Vancouver Island South Film & Media Commission ●

DISTANT

REGIONAL

BASIC

Province Wide Collaboration

How the BC Film Commission and the Regional Film Commissions Collaborate

Production Services + Location Library

- ✓ Engage with local and international producers to develop tailored picture packages highlighting Regional locations
- ✓ Facilitate connections between producers and Regional Film Commissions providing guidance and local insight for the search of film locations
- ✓ Provide all Regions with access to Creative BC's location library to manage and maintain local location files

Regional Film Commissions

- ✓ Administer a database of local crew and vendors that support production needs
- ✓ Update and grow the number of location files in the location library
- ✓ Serve as a reference hub for productions; provide logistical support and Regional permitting information; provide location expertise
- ✓ The BC Film Commission administers provincial funding for Regional Film Commissions and supports film friendly development across the province through tailored Regional support

Industry + Community Affairs

- ✓ Engage in provincial and local government policy support
- ✓ Provide production expertise, toolkits, and other resources
- ✓ Collaborate to manage location related issues

From Script to Screen

Script-Driven Considerations



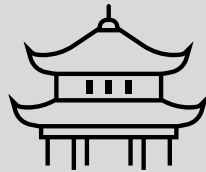
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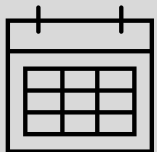
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Aesthetic



Sets

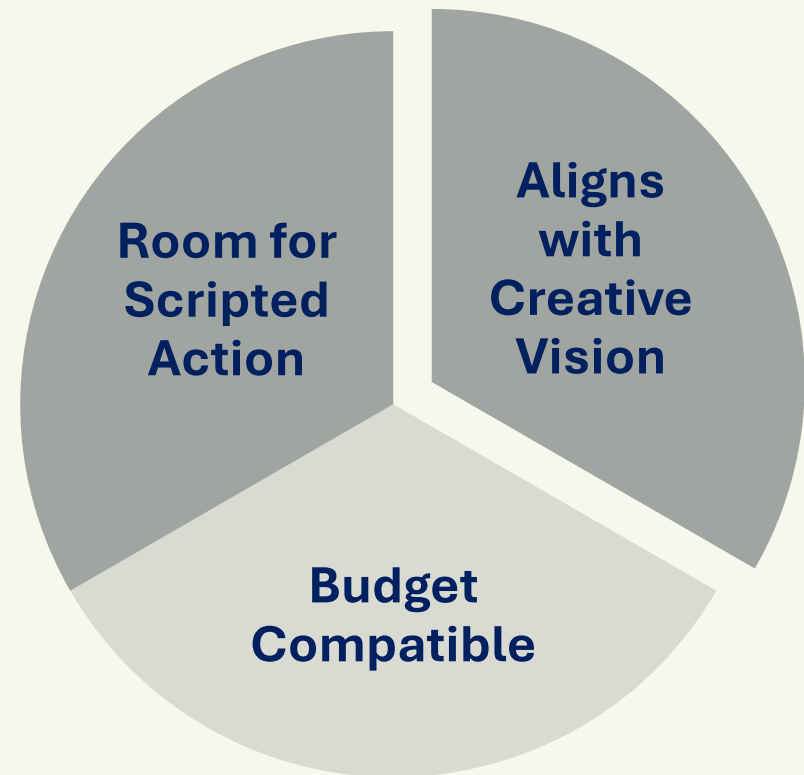


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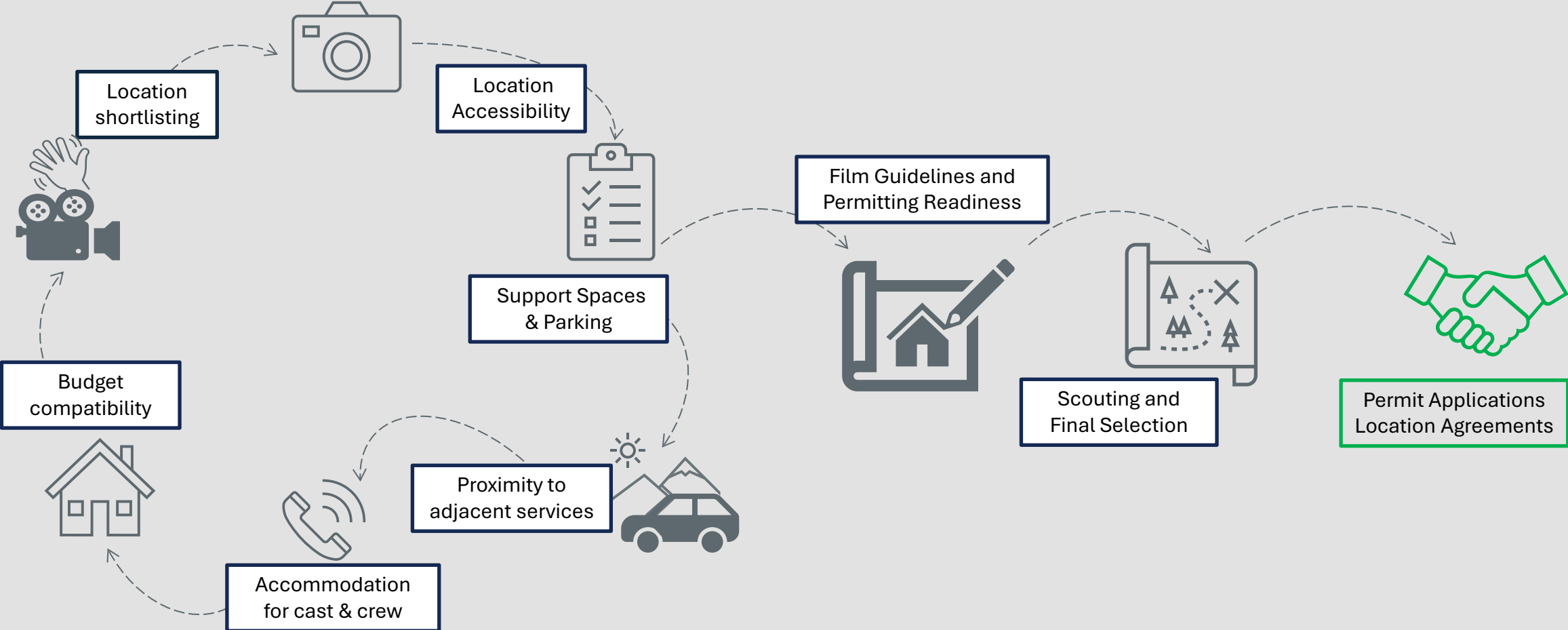


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Creative Checklist



Choosing Film Locations – Step by Step

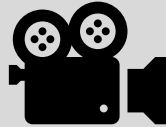


Film Readiness

What Productions Need



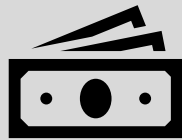
Basic Info on Website



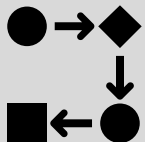
Filming Guidelines



Additional Permit + Documentation Requirements



Fee Schedule



Timeline + Process



Film Industry Resources + Contacts

Stakeholders and Partners Relations

- Technical Safety BC
- Transport Canada
- Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Agricultural Land Commission
- BC Ferries
- BC Housing
- BC Hydro
- BC Parks
- BC Transit
- Ministry of Water, Land, Resource Stewardship
- Ministry of Transportation and Transit
- WorkSafe BC/Actsafes
- Municipalities

Helpful Links



Toolkit for Business



Submit a location



Motion Picture
Industry Orientation
(MPIO) Course



Code of Conduct



BC Film Location
Policy



Kootenay Film



Creative Pathways™



Reel Green™

