



FILM OFFICE UPDATE



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Overview

The City of New Westminster's Film office has supported film activity for many years, with a particular emphasis in the past 10 years. The Film Office generates significant revenue for the City, and operates on a cost recovery model to ensure the cost of staff time and facility use is covered.



INTRODUCTION

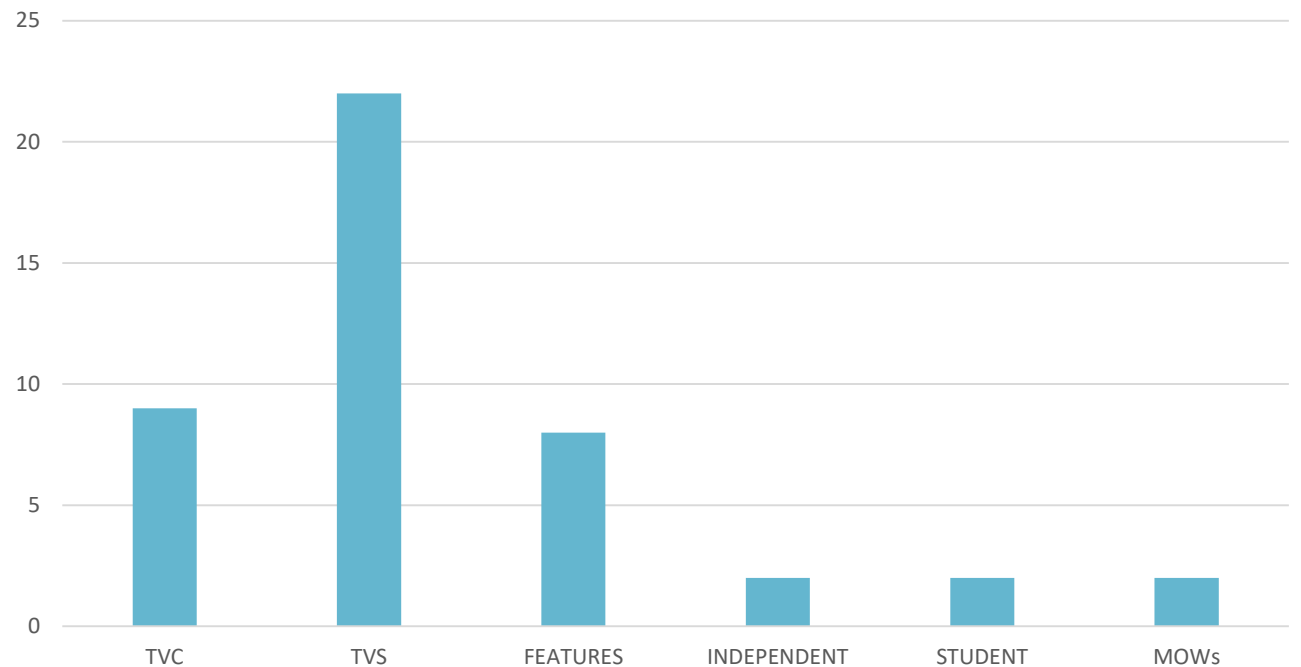
- Filming in BC
- Chameleon City: [Vancouver is Hollywood's Chameleon](#)
- Film Office: Engineering → Part time in Parks and Recreation → Full time since 2021
- 2024: Film Office has transitioned to Community Services, in the Community Partnerships function of the Economic Development division

What's Filming Here?

The Film Office works with *all* types of commercial productions ranging from; feature films, television series & commercials, both student and independent films, music videos and photo shoots. The majority of the permits issued are for Television Series and Commercials.

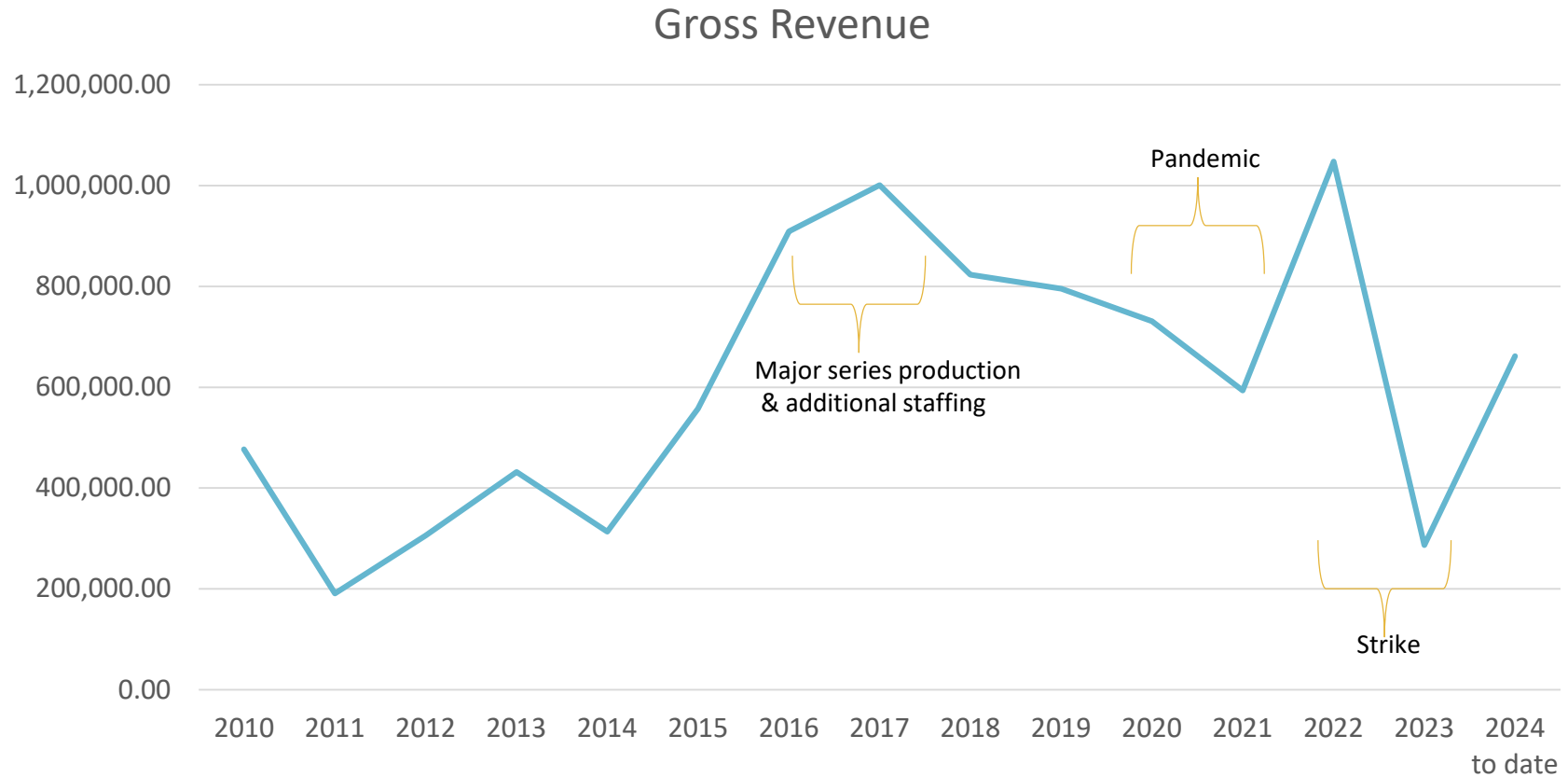


FILM TYPES 2024 (to October 1 2024)



The Economics of Film in New Westminster

Film brings revenue to the City, provides jobs and rental fees to residents, and has economic benefits for local businesses.



Challenges and Opportunities

These are the current challenges and opportunities the Film Office faces:

REGIONAL APPROACH

Each municipality regulates their own jurisdiction however, production is regional

PARKING AND DENSITY

Balancing neighbourhood needs versus the reality of what productions need

PRODUCTION EXPECTATIONS

Tight timelines, non-typical working hours, stunts, alterations and road closures – production is BIG now.

STAFF CAPACITY

One film coordinator with specialized expertise and complex systems

RECENT PRODUCTIONS













Thank you!