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The Toronto locations that show up in Aaron Sorkin's *Molly's Game*



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Though *Molly's Game* is set almost entirely in New York City and Los Angeles, the film's true roots are in Toronto. Writer-director Aaron Sorkin filmed it here in late 2016, and it premiered at TIFF last fall. The movie recounts the real-life exploits of Molly Bloom (Jessica Chastain, no stranger to the GTA after shooting *Miss Sloane* and *Crimson Peak* here), a world-class freestyle skier who became a hostess of ultra-exclusive poker games after an accident ended her athletic career. *Molly's Game* is up for two Golden Globes this Sunday—one for Sorkin's screenplay and the other for Chastain's performance—and could soon get an Oscar nod or two. Here, some of the GTA locales that show up onscreen.

The skiing accident that ended Bloom's Olympic prospects took place in Utah. But the filmmakers managed to capture everything they needed at the Beaver Valley Ski Club:



The dingy office where Molly first plies her trade, taking orders from the exploitative owner of the fictional Cobra Club, is supposed to be in L.A. Apparently there's something Hollywood-like about Leaside, because the scene was filmed at an unimpressive commercial building at the corner of Bayview Avenue and Belsize Road: