

Nova Scotia's gaming industry profits remain stable

July 13, 2017 – Halifax: Nova Scotia's gaming industry profits remained on par with the previous fiscal year. According to figures released by the Nova Scotia Provincial Lotteries & Casino Corporation (NSPLCC), the crown corporation provided \$144.6 million in 2016-17 in its payment to the province, up 2.3 per cent from its payment of \$141.4 million in 2015-16.

“Nova Scotia's regulated gaming industry is helping to fund what matters with 100 per cent of profits going to essential services like, healthcare, roads, schools, sport and cultural programs,” says Bob MacKinnon, President & CEO at NSPLCC. “Being able to deliver critical funding that is also managed in a socially responsible manner is an important part of what we do.”

NSPLCC works to ensure the province's regulated gaming industry offers games that are fun, safe and responsible to adult Nova Scotians who choose to gamble. Working closely and collaboratively with its operators, Atlantic Lottery Corporation and Casino Nova Scotia, NSPLCC offers oversight and training to an industry that employs more than 500 Nova Scotians.

Overview of Nova Scotia's gaming industry for 2016-17:

- \$144.6 million payment to province;
- \$21.7 million in wages and benefits for more than 500 employees;
- 1,350+ retailers, primarily small businesses, received \$38.1 million in commissions;
- \$6.6 million for the prevention, education and treatment of problem gambling; and,
- \$6 million to fund important community-based programs, including sport, culture, and the arts.

NSPLCC's flagship program *Support4Sport* continues to be the largest single source of sport funding in the province and Nova Scotians have raised more than \$3.6 million this year to support athletes of all abilities. An additional \$2.3 million was raised through the *Support4Culture* program for Nova Scotia arts, culture and heritage, while the *Support4Communities* helped charities raise over \$116,000 for good causes.

“As Nova Scotians, NSPLCC and our operators are committed to helping our communities thrive and we understand that it is critical to do so in a social responsibility manner,” says MacKinnon.

NSPLCC's 2016-17 Summary of Results and Financial Statements are available on its website at www.gamingns.ca/AR.

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As a crown corporation, NSPLCC's priority is to manage a regulated gaming industry that is socially responsible and economically sustainable.

It is mandated to manage gaming in a safe, fun and responsible manner to adult Nova Scotians who choose to gamble.

This includes working with operators to provide training to over 500 Nova Scotians who work in the industry and raising more than \$6 million for sport, culture, arts, and community programs.

The Financial Statements are available at [w-w-w dot gaming-n-s dot c-a forward slash a-r](http://www.gaming-n-s.ca/forward/slash-a-r).

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