

**Who Does What in the Gaming Industry?**

**Nova Scotia Government**

- The Nova Scotia Government, and ultimately the people of Nova Scotia, are the shareholders and owners of the gaming industry in the province. Cabinet makes policy decisions about:
  - ▶ The province's involvement in gaming;
  - ▶ Limitations or changes in gaming; and,
  - ▶ Overall gaming policy.

**Nova Scotia Provincial Lotteries and Casino Corporation**

- NSPLCC is responsible for the business of gaming in Nova Scotia. It is a Crown corporation governed by the *Gaming Control Act*, and is charged with leading an economically sustainable and socially responsible gaming industry for the benefit of Nova Scotians and their communities.
- The *Gaming Control Act* requires the Nova Scotia Provincial Lotteries and Casino Corporation (NSPLCC) to report to the Minister any defect, abuse, illegality, or criminal activity regarding gaming and provide quarterly and annual financial reports.
- In May 2012, government announced that the board of directors would be made up of three Deputy Ministers and one senior government official, with the option available to have an additional three members beyond this group. The cross-departmental collaboration outlined in the 2011 Responsible Gaming Strategy was realized within NSPLCC and other government departments.
- NSPLCC annually invests in prevention, education and treatment programs, including \$6.6 million in 2016-17.

**Atlantic Lottery Corporation and Casino Nova Scotia**

- NSPLCC operations include ticket lotteries, video lotteries and casinos. The day-to-day operations of these business lines are carried out by NSPLCC's operators, the Atlantic Lottery Corporation (ALC) and Casino Nova Scotia (CNS).
- ALC was established in 1976 by the four Atlantic Provinces to operate lotteries for the benefit of Atlantic Canadians. Nova Scotia is a one-quarter shareholder in ALC which operates the various business lines in Nova Scotia on behalf of NSPLCC. All profits generated by these products are provided

to NSPLCC for the benefit of Nova Scotians and their communities.

- Great Canadian Gaming Corporation (GCGC) owns and operates two CNS locations in Nova Scotia, Halifax and Sydney, under the terms of an operating contract with NSPLCC. GCGC is a publicly traded company and a leading entertainment provider with casino and entertainment operations in three Canadian Provinces.

**Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Division of the Department of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations**

- The Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Division (AGFTD) of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations acts as the regulator for gaming licences in Nova Scotia and monitors the conduct of casinos, bingos, lotteries, and other games of chance (except harness racing), to ensure that these games are carried out in the best interest of Nova Scotians and abides by the regulations.
- The AGFTD also issues gaming licences to organizations that raise funds for charitable purposes, including bingos, ticket lotteries, and carnival games of chance.

**Office of Aboriginal Affairs**

- Gaming on First Nation reserves is governed through agreements between the Province and individual Bands. The First Nations Gaming team is responsible for the negotiation of these agreements and acts as a liaison between First Nations and government on all matters related to gaming.

**Department of Health and Wellness**

- The Department of Health and Wellness is responsible for defining core services; the development and review of standards and best practices for service delivery; the development of provincial policy; monitoring and auditing of programs; consultation with service providers in the District Health Authorities (DHAs); the facilitation of provincial program development and research; and the management of the Gambling Support Network.

Addiction programs and services are delivered to Nova Scotians through the DHAs. Services span the continuum from prevention, community education, early identification, and referral, to treatment and rehabilitation.

**Gambling Awareness Nova Scotia (formerly Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation)**

- Gambling Awareness Nova Scotia is a not-for-profit, arms-length government organization that offers funding to Nova Scotia community groups and researchers creating projects in their communities to help address the consequences of gambling problems.
- NSPLCC and video lottery retailers provided \$500,000 in funding to Gambling Awareness Nova Scotia for 2014-15, \$500,000 in 2015-16 and \$500,000 in 2016-17.

**Harness Racing**

- Live harness racing began in Nova Scotia in 1765 and continues today. Last year, three harness racing tracks offered wagering on live and simulcast races at the tracks and at teletheatres throughout the province.
- Management and monitoring of Harness Racing falls to the Federal government through the Pari-Mutuel Agency of Canada.