

## 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 Gaming Corporation**

- Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation (NSGC) is responsible for the business of gaming in Nova Scotia. It is a Crown corporation governed by *Part 1 of 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 NSGC to report to the Minister any defect, abuse, illegality, or criminal activity regarding gaming and provide quarterly and annual financial reports.
- NSGC annually invests in prevention, education and treatment programs, including \$6.6 million in 2018-19.

### **Atlantic Lottery and Casino Nova Scotia**

- NSGC operations include ticket lotteries, video lotteries and casinos. The day-to-day operations of these business lines are carried out by NSGC's operators, Atlantic Lottery and Casino Nova Scotia.
- Atlantic Lottery 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 Atlantic Lottery which operates the various business lines in Nova Scotia on behalf of NSGC. All profits generated by these products are provided to NSGC for the benefit of Nova Scotians and their communities.

- Great Canadian Gaming Corporation (GCGC) operates two Casino Nova Scotia locations in Halifax and Sydney, under the terms of an operating contract with NSGC. GCGC is a publicly traded company and a leading entertainment provider with casino and entertainment operations in four 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 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 wagers on harness racing), to ensure that these games are carried out in the best interest of Nova Scotians and abides by the regulations.
- Alcohol, Gaming, Fuel and Tobacco Division also issues gaming licenses to organizations that raise funds for charitable purposes, including bingos, ticket lotteries, and carnival games of chance.

### **Office of Aboriginal Affairs**

- Gaming in Mi'kmaw communities is governed through agreements between the Province and individual Bands. The First Nation gaming team is responsible for the negotiation of these agreements and acts as a liaison between Nova Scotians, First Nation and government on all matters related to gaming.

### **Department of Health and Wellness**

- The Department of Health and Wellness is responsible for health system leadership through setting policy direction, priorities and standards; public funding of quality health system services to ensure appropriate access for Nova Scotians; and measuring and monitoring health system performance to ensure accountability for this

funding. The Department also manages the Gambling Support Network.

Addiction programs and services are delivered to Nova Scotians through the Department of Health and Wellness. 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.
- NSGC and video lottery retailers annually provide approximately \$500,000 in funding to Gambling Awareness Nova Scotia.

**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.