

Who Does What in the Gaming Industry

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 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.

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 may make policy decisions about:

- the province's involvement in gaming,
- limitations or changes in gaming, and
- is accountable for overall gaming policy.

The *Gaming Control Act* requires NSGC to report to the Minister any defect, abuse, illegality or criminal activity regarding gaming and, as well, provide him with quarterly and annual financial reports.

NSGC Operators – Atlantic Lottery Corporation 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 agents, the Atlantic Lottery Corporation (ALC) and Casino Nova Scotia (CNS).

ALC operates the ticket and video lottery businesses.

Great Canadian Gaming Corporation (GCGC) owns and operates casinos in Halifax and Sydney through Casino Nova Scotia.

Alcohol and Gaming Division

The AGD licenses and monitors the conduct of casinos, bingos, lotteries and other games of chance (except harness racing, and gaming activities conducted on Reserve Lands), to ensure that these games are carried out in the best social and economic interests of Nova Scotians. The Alcohol and Gaming 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 on First Nation reserves is governed through agreements between the Province and individual First Nations. The Office of Aboriginal Affairs is responsible for the negotiation of these agreements and acts as a liaison between First Nations and government on matters related to gaming.

Department of Health Promotion and Protection

The Department of Health Promotion and Protection (HPP) is responsible for promotion, prevention and protection in creating a healthier and safer Nova Scotia.

NSHPP is responsible for managing the Department of Health Promotion Problem Gambling Helpline (1-888-347-8888).

The Addiction Services Division of the Department of Health Promotion and Protection/Department of Health 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), and the facilitation of provincial program development and research.

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.

Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation

The Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation 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.

Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation and retailers helped to support the Gaming Foundation through a total contribution of \$842,000 in 2005-06.

Harness Racing

Live harness racing with wagering began in Nova Scotia in the 1920's and continues today. Last year, three harness racing tracks offered wagering on live and simulcast races at the tracks and at five teletheatres throughout the province.