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NSGF Submits Gambling Recommendations

The Nova Scotia Gaming Foundation has presented its submission to the province's *2011-2016 Responsible Gaming Strategy*. Informed by stakeholder input, critical reflection on gambling prevalence rates, and our strategic priority of positioning gambling as a public health issue, the NSGF made 14 recommendations, a sampling of which follow:

- **Recommendation #2:**
Undertake an independent review to examine the mandate and scope of responsibilities and activities for the several different organizations involved in or addressing gambling in Nova Scotia.
- **Recommendation #3:**
Develop a comprehensive framework for addressing gambling harm, including a public-health approach, a coordinated research agenda, measurable outcomes for prevention and treatment, and a proactive public policy agenda.
- **Recommendation #11**
Review and expand existing treatment options to meet the needs of the over 90% of problem gamblers who are currently not accessing treatment.
- **Recommendation: #12**
Conduct a review of the existing and emerging trends in internet gambling, including associated harms, before embarking on any expansion as a source of revenue generation.
- **Recommendation #13**
Make the My-Play System "universal," requiring all players to use a card for all VLT play, and expand the capabilities of the system to allow clinicians access to player information as part of a treatment program.
- **Recommendation #14**
Rename the new Gaming Strategy from a "Responsible Gaming Strategy" to a "Strategy for Moderation in Gambling" or a "Gambling Strategy."

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Until next time,
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