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HAVE YOUR VOICE HEARD!

Responsible Gaming Strategy 2011-2016

www.gov.ns.ca/gamingstrategy

On May 11, 2010, the provincial government announced its intention to develop a new **Responsible Gaming Strategy** for Nova Scotia for the period of 2011-2016. **Ron L'Esperance**, a former deputy minister in the provincial government, will lead the development of the new Responsible Gaming Strategy and has called for stakeholder input on the development and direction of the new strategy.

Recently, NSGF stakeholders have expressed concern about the direction of the gambling industry in the province and how it may impact individuals, families, and communities in Nova Scotia. Over the years, many stakeholders have also expressed concern about limited public consultation in the development of the original **2005 Gaming Strategy** and the role of the **Nova Scotia Gaming Corporation** in problem gambling prevention and research. The NSGF encourages Nova Scotians to take this opportunity to express their thoughts, feelings, and comments about gambling-related issues.



The Government of Nova Scotia welcomes your input, which can be provided in one of the following four ways:

1. Through an **online comment form**;
2. Mailed to **this address**;
3. Phoned in to the hotline at **1.877.424.8588**;
4. Emailed to **GamingStrategy@gov.ns.ca**.

In the interest of supporting balanced dialogue on gambling-related issues in Nova Scotia, the NSGF urges you to visit the Responsible Gaming Strategy 2011-2016 website at www.gov.ns.ca/gamingstrategy. There, you will find information about the development of the new strategy, including **terms of reference**, a **statement from the Minister** responsible for the Gaming Control Act (Minister Graham Steele), and the original **2005 Gaming Strategy**.

Until next time,
Jen Wheatley

