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Socially responsible gambling the focus for Minister Lindsay at Las Vegas conferences

Edmonton... Alberta Solicitor General and Minister of Public Security, Fred Lindsay, travels to Las Vegas, Nevada, November 16 to 19 to attend the ninth-annual National Center for Responsible Gaming Conference. Presentations from experts will feature the latest in scientific research on gambling disorders and innovative ideas for prevention, treatment and responsible gambling.

In addition, Minister Lindsay, who is also responsible for the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission, will attend the Global Gaming Expo to view the latest innovations from industry including technology that will further assist the province to provide gambling in a socially responsible manner.

“The government maintains a well-regulated gaming industry and ensures gambling entertainment is provided in a socially responsible manner,” said Lindsay. “At the same time, we are actively monitoring other jurisdictions for best practices to ensure our province’s gaming industry benefits all Albertans.”

Presentations at the Responsible Gaming Conference include:

- How Addictions Develop and Addicted People Recover;
- Government Support for Addressing Gambling Disorders;
- Evaluating Self-exclusion Programs: From Theory to Practice; and,
- Analyzing the Costs and Benefits of Gambling: Cultural, Historical and Economic Perspectives.

The Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission has introduced various projects to help reduce the risk of people becoming problem gamblers, including:

- the Responsible Gambling Information Campaign;
- 14 Responsible Gambling Information Centres in casinos and a Racing Entertainment Centre (REC); and,
- mandatory training programs for employees of casinos/RECs, bingo halls and VLT retail outlets.

Total estimated cost of the trip for Lindsay and his executive assistant is \$3,900.

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Backgrounder: Minister Lindsay’s general itinerary

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Minister Fred Lindsay's itinerary*

Sunday, November 16	Travel to Las Vegas Attend National Centre for Responsible Gaming Conference
Monday, November 17	Attend National Centre for Responsible Gaming Conference Tour Bally Manufacturing Facility
Tuesday, November 18	Meeting with gaming vendors at the Global Gaming Expo
Wednesday, November 19	Travel to Edmonton

** This itinerary is accurate at the time of its release, but may change without notice.*

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