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On Thursday, Oct. 1, the province of Alberta, Canada unveiled its new government-operated and -regulated online gambling site. Called Play Alberta, it is run by the Alberta Gaming, Liquor and Cannabis Commission (AGLC) and powered by NeoPollard Interactive.

Back in February 2019, we reported on the fact that Alberta was seeking RFPs for a tech partner to assist it in creating a real money online gaming platform. Then following a period of contract negotiations, NeoPollard was announced as the winner in June 2020. The current agreement extends for 7 years with an option to extend it by another 12 years.

NeoPollard has already worked with several U.S. states, like Michigan, Virginia, and New Hampshire, to provide them with iLottery solutions. Notably, NeoPollard joined in the suit that New Hampshire filed against the Department of Justice challenging the DoJ's 2019 reinterpretation of the Wire Act, which could have repercussions for online lottery sales in the United States.

Provincial leaders speculate that the casino will bring in \$3.74 million in 2021 and \$150 million during its first five years. We believe that these projections are unduly optimistic for reasons that we'll go into below.

The PlayAlberta.ca gaming portfolio is available to residents of Alberta. They must be physically located within the province to register an account or play any of the games for real money. The minimum age to play is 18.

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The titles at Play Alberta are divided into three categories: Casino, Instants, and Lottery. Casino contains the familiar forms of casino gameplay that you would expect, like slots, blackjack, and roulette. Instants is comprised of various keno, scratchcard, and instant-win selections. Lottery has a few additional keno, draw, and scratchcard games.

Although the menu at Play Alberta includes some prominent hits, like "Cleopatra" and "The Price Is Right," both from IGT, the overall lineup of casino thrills is a bit lacking. Most of the basic staples are present, but there are a few noteworthy exceptions, like Craps and Pai Gow Poker.

In total, there are 30 entries in the Casino area, 15 in Instants, and a mere 5 in Lottery. Actually, there are fewer 50 games altogether because some of them are listed in more than one category.

Regarding other product verticals, there are none. Despite being managed by a lottery vendor, Play Alberta doesn't let users purchase lottery tickets. There's also no poker or sportsbook although a banner on the site indicates that betting on sports is coming soon.

Even for a new enterprise, the Play Alberta gaming setup is a bit weak. There are indications that it will be expanded going forward, but until that happens, the paucity of games offered will likely not be enough to satisfy most potential customers.

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There's only one promotion listed on the PlayAlberta.ca website, which is a \$20 welcome bonus upon making a deposit of \$10 or more. The 200% match is pretty good, but the bonus size of just \$20 is very modest compared with what other internet casinos provide.

This \$20 bonus must be wagered through 20 times for a wagering requirement of \$400. However, table games and video poker only contribute 10% of the amount bet, so the effective WR for the most advantageous games is \$4,000 or 200x: a pretty steep playthrough to meet.

There are many alternatives to PlayAlberta that offer superior gaming experiences. In addition to online casino games, sports betting and poker

games are available at many reputable offshore websites.

Given that the operator is conducting business with the full backing and approval of the provincial government, one would expect it to be able to process transactions through a broad range of deposit and withdrawal channels. After all, this is the case in other regulated online gaming jurisdictions, like New Jersey.

However, Play Alberta only allows deposits by Visa and MasterCard while sending players' winnings solely via electronic bank transfer. This lack of flexibility may deter people who don't use credit cards or who don't wish to mix together their personal bank account funds with money from online casino wins.

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There's something else worrisome about cashouts at this site. Within the FAQ entry "How do I withdraw my winnings?" on the PlayAlberta.ca website is the following line:

NOTE: Please keep in mind that you are only able to withdraw account winnings and not deposits made; this is a security measure used to prevent fraudulent deposit and withdrawal requests.

This is a confusing sentence. It could mean that any deposit you make must be bet through once before making a withdrawal. This would be a fairly standard term that's present also at many other internet gambling destinations.

An alternate reading of this text, however, implies that you can never withdraw the amount you deposited. We're almost certain that this is not what is intended, but this language could be easily misinterpreted and lead to potential visitors abandoning the site with haste.

A minor point that we noticed while examining the Play Alberta casino for practice chips is that every game has a RTP (Return to Player) percentage listed in the game information window. But this figure is rounded to the nearest percent!

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For example, the Jacks of Better video poker game, which employs a full-pay schedule, ought to show an RTP of 99.54%. This is displayed simply as "99%." It's the same story with Blackjack and Baccarat both of which show an RTP of "99%."

It appears that Play Alberta is rounding down all fractions of a percent because if it was rounding up or down, to the nearest percent, then Jacks or Better and Blackjack would have to be listed as 100% RTP.

Curiously, several of the games include help screens created by the developers wherein the true RTP is available for viewing. These numbers extend two places to the right of the decimal point. So the programmers of these titles have provided accurate metrics regarding their games, which the AGLC has, for whatever reason, opted to truncate.

Although nothing solid has been promised, provincial leaders have dropped hints that poker may be added to Play Alberta at some point. With a population of just 4.4 million, it's probable that the province will not be able to host a sustainable online poker room especially given the strong competition coming from the likes of PokerStars, PartyPoker, 888poker, et cetera.

It's possible that the AGLC has designs of entering the inter-provincial traffic pool maintained by the provincially run poker sites in Quebec, British Columbia, and Manitoba. This operation has its issues though, like the fact that it relies on outdated software. Even with a combined population of 14.5 million to draw upon, this network only has enough player liquidity to rank 31st in the world according to industry resource GameIntel. It's unlikely that the addition of Alberta's 4.4 million populace would make much of a difference.

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With the inauguration of PlayAlberta.ca, there is only a single remaining province that does not have any form of province-controlled internet wagering: Saskatchewan.

Much attention has been focused on Play Alberta being a fully regulated and legal wagering service, kind of implying that others are illegal. This isn't really true though.

The laws that deal with this subject are, for the most part, applicable throughout Canada rather than being specific to Alberta or any other sub-national jurisdiction. They only make it a crime to run an unlicensed gambling business if it has a physical presence within Canada's borders. Therefore, offshore poker rooms, casinos, and sportsbooks are totally OK from a legal perspective.

There's nothing at the Canadian federal level comparable to the Wire Act or the UIGEA in the United States. There never was a Canadian equivalent of the Black Friday persecutions of online poker firms; the legal and legislative tools to enable such ill-conceived enforcement actions simply don't exist in The True North, Strong and Free.

The individual provinces can, if they wish, launch their own internet real money wagering parlors. Yet, they're not permitted to exercise monopolistic control. They must compete for market share with privately held entities – an endeavor in which most public-sector businesses fall flat on their faces.

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Unless and until Play Alberta gets its act together and enhances its offerings significantly, there are superior places for Albertans and all Canadians to get their fill of online gaming. Check out this Canadian online poker guide for tips on where to play and how to sign up. Also consider checking out this guide to the best online casinos.

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For players in restrictive jurisdictions like Australia, New Jersey, etc, we recommend the crypto sportsbook NitrogenSports instead.

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The country of Thailand is very anti-online-gambling and has shut down more than two thousand eight hundred "illegal" gambling websites in 2022.

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If you are interested in any of these positions, simply contact us and let us know why you are the person for the job!

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AGLC maintains the integrity of gaming activities, while maximizing the financial return to the programs and services that support Albertans.

Play Alberta is the only regulated online gambling website in the province. All revenue generated through Play Alberta goes directly back into Alberta's General Revenue Fund to support programs and services that Albertans rely on every day.

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This website is for the use of adults in the Province of Ontario, Canada. Lottery and charitable gaming products are only available to those persons 18 years of age and over, while casinos and slot facilities in Ontario are restricted to those persons 19 years of age and over.

This OLG.ca Player Agreement – Terms and Conditions of Use for OLG.ca contains the terms and conditions that govern the use of

OLG's OLG.ca online gaming platform. By checking the "accept" box, an Intending Player, Prospective Player, or a Player is confirming that they understand and agree to be bound by the terms and conditions of this Agreement. If a Prospective Player, Intending Player, or a Player does not agree with any of the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the individual (i) is not permitted to register an account with OLG.ca, and (ii) if the individual already has a Player Account (as defined in Section 2 below), they are not permitted to log into their Player Account and play any Games or purchase any products that are offered on or through OLG.ca.

OLG reserves the right to revise this Agreement from time to time in such manner as OLG, in its sole discretion, determines to be appropriate.

OLG will post a notice on OLG.ca advising Players when this Agreement has been revised, and Prospective Players (prior to registering an account with OLG.ca), Intending Players (prior to completion of the registration for a Player Account) and Players (prior to logging into their Player Account) will be required to acknowledge and agree to be bound by the revised terms and conditions from and after that date. Each

Prospective Player, Intending Player, and Player is responsible for familiarizing themselves with all of the terms and conditions of this Agreement and ensuring that they understand and agree to be bound by them prior to registering an account with OLG.ca or logging-in to their Player Account.

In the case of a Prospective Player, Intending Player, or a Player breaching or otherwise failing to comply with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, OLG will have the right to exercise any or all of the remedies described in this Agreement or otherwise available to it at law or in equity. Those remedies may include, for example, (i) the right to terminate a Prospective Player's, Intending Player's, or a Player's eligibility to register or maintain a Player Account, (ii) to lock, Suspend, and/or Deactivate a Player Account, and (iii) to retain any or all Unutilized Funds (as defined in Section 2 below) associated with a Player Account.

The following terms have the respective meanings specified below, and grammatical variations of such terms have corresponding meanings:

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"AGCO" means the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario and the successors thereof;

"AGCO Standards" means the Registrar's Standards for Gaming and the Registrar's Standards for Gaming: Lottery Sector, as prepared and issued by the Registrar of the AGCO, as amended or replaced from time to time;

"AGCO iGaming Standards" means the Registrar's Standards for Internet Gaming;

"Agreement" means this Player Agreement – Terms and Conditions of Use for OLG.ca, as amended or replaced from time to time by OLG;

"Bonus Funds" means a notional amount corresponding to Canadian dollars that is loaded into a Player Account by OLG. Bonus Funds, subject to the applicable Bonus Funds Terms, can be used by a Player to play Pay-to-Play Games or Draw-Based Lottery Games Played Online, or both, without charge to the Player;

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"Bonus Funds Terms" has the meaning specified in Section 8.1. Subject to Section 3 of this Agreement, the Bonus Funds Terms are incorporated into and form part of this Agreement;

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, a Sunday, a statutory holiday in Ontario or any day on which banks are not open for business in Toronto, Ontario;

"Closed Account" means a Player Account that is described in Section 11.1;

"Close" or "Closure" means the act of a Player closing their Player Account as described in Section 11.1;

"Deactivate" or "Deactivation" means that a Player Account has been set to a Deactivated Account as described in Section 12.2;

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"Direct Pay" means the online payment for the purchase of Draw-Based Lottery Games Played Online (subject to system availability), executed through the permitted payment card of the Player without the need to fund the Player Account, rather than through the use of Unutilized Funds and/or Bonus Funds.

"Direct Pay Subscription Terms" means the terms and conditions applicable to a subscription for tickets for a Draw-Based Lottery Game Played Online made through Direct Pay in accordance with Section 5.

"Dormant Account" means Player Account that is described in Section 10.2 but does not include the Player Account of an individual registered for My PlayBreak;

"Draw-Based Lottery Game Played Online" means any of the games made available through OLG.ca from time to time that: (i) constitutes a "lottery scheme" for purposes of the Criminal Code (Canada), (ii) requires the Player to select a set of numbers or other play elements (whether chosen by the Player and/or randomly generated), and (iii) has its outcome or result being determined by a draw, but does not include any Pay-to-Play Game or any Play-for-Free Game.

“Event” has the meaning specified in the applicable Pay-To-Play Game Rules;

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“Excluded Individual” means an individual who is not permitted to register an account with OLG.ca or, if the individual already has a Player Account, to maintain that Player Account in an activated state, including:

“FINTRAC” means the Financial Transactions and Reports Analysis Centre of Canada and the successors thereof;

“Future Game Transaction” has the meaning specified in Section 5.3;

“Games” means, collectively, Draw-Based Lottery Games Played Online, Pay-to-Play Games and Play-for-Free Games;

“iGaming System” means the system that is used by OLG for the purpose of registering and administering Player Accounts, facilitating the playing of Games by Players, and paying prizes;

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“Inactive Account” means a Player Account that is described in Section 10.1 but does not include the Player Account of an individual registered for My PlayBreak;

“Live Stream” or “Live Streaming” means the real-time or near real-time audio-visual stream of a specific sporting match, game, competition, tournament or special event which a Player can access by meeting the eligibility requirements set out in Section 4.5;

“Lottery Game Rules” means any terms, conditions, explanations, rules and procedures, including the prize structure, issued by OLG or the Interprovincial Lottery Corporation from time to time (in addition to this Agreement) which apply to a Draw-Based Lottery Game Played Online and which are designated by OLG as Lottery Game Rules. Subject to Section 3, the Lottery Game Rules are incorporated into and form part of this Agreement;

“Mobile Applications” means any application developed by or on behalf of OLG that Prospective Players and Players can install on their mobile device, such as mobile phone or tablet, and through which select Games are made available to eligible Players from time to time;

“Multi-Factor Authentication” has the meaning specified in Section 4.4.

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“My PlayBreak” has the meaning specified in the Responsible Gambling and My PlayBreak Policy;

“OLG” means Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation and the successors thereof;

“OLG.ca” means OLG’s websites and Mobile Applications through which select Games are made available to eligible Players from time to time;

“Pay-to-Play Game” means any of the games or products made available through OLG.ca from time to time that: (i) constitutes a “lottery scheme” for purposes of the Criminal Code (Canada), (ii) requires the Player to place a bet or make a wager as a condition to entering the game, and (iii) affords the Player a chance to win a Prize but does not include any Draw-Based Lottery Game Played Online or any Play-for-Free Game. Examples of Pay-to-Play Games include Sports Betting Games Played Online and casino style games such as roulette and slots;

“Pay-to-Play Game Rules” means the terms, conditions, explanations, rules and procedures (for example, how a Prize is won, the value and odds of winning Prizes for an individual Pay-to-Play Game, the Prize tiers within a Pay-to-Play Game) issued by OLG from time to time (in addition to this Agreement) which apply to a particular Pay-to-Play Game and which are designated by OLG as Pay-to-Play Game Rules. Subject to Section 3, the Pay-to-Play Game Rules are incorporated into and form part of this Agreement;

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“Player” means an individual (for certainty, other than an individual who is or becomes an Excluded Individual) who has successfully registered a Player Account that has not been Suspended, Deactivated, or Closed;

“Player Account” means a Player’s account of notional funds corresponding to Canadian dollars that is maintained on the iGaming System, and also includes the Player’s registration information, deposit and withdrawal transaction history, and game-play information that the Player can access through OLG.ca from time to time;

“Player Contact Information” means a Player’s contact information that is associated with a Player Account and stored in the iGaming System at the relevant time including, for example, the Player’s name, e-mail address, mailing address and telephone number;

“Player-Initiated Transaction” has the meaning specified in Section 10.1;

“Play-for-Free Game” means any of the free games made available through OLG.ca from time to time that contain some the features of a “lottery

scheme” for purposes of the Criminal Code (Canada) but do not afford a chance to win a Prize or require any payment to play;

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“Player Support” means OLG.ca's customer support services, which can be contacted in accordance with Section 18.1;