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MANITOBA LIQUOR & LOTTERIES ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT OF CEO PETER HAK FOLLOWING 35 YEARS OF SERVICE

The Manitoba Liquor and Lotteries Corporation announced today that Peter Hak, President and Chief Executive Officer, will retire from the corporation at the end of June 2019.

“On behalf of the Board of Directors, I extend my sincere thanks to Peter for his leadership, not only as President and CEO over the past two years, but over the course of a distinguished 35-year career with the corporation,” said Board Chair Polly Craik.

Manitoba Liquor & Lotteries (MBLL) is a provincial Crown Corporation responsible for the sale of liquor and gaming in Manitoba. Their core mandate is to provide revenue to the Province of Manitoba to support provincial programs and initiatives such as healthcare, education, social services, housing and infrastructure. All profits generated from its operation, including Manitoba Liquor Marts and the Casinos of Winnipeg, are paid to the province for the benefit of all Manitobans.

Craik noted Liquor & Lotteries has achieved significant growth during Hak’s tenure, ensuring that MBLL operated in the best interest of Manitoba, generating over \$610 million for the province in fiscal 2017-18, which is an increase in profit of \$24 million from the previous year.

“Our success reflects the commitment and dedication of our employees, and I’m grateful to the many friends and colleagues who have made my career with Liquor & Lotteries so rewarding,” said Hak.

Craik indicated that Hak played a central role in improving the corporation’s profitability through increased efficiencies, strengthening Liquor & Lotteries’ internal culture and placing renewed focus on customer service and satisfaction. Last year, customer satisfaction scores in the Casinos of Winnipeg and Liquor Marts reached their highest-ever annual levels.

Hak, who is a Chartered Professional Accountant by profession, and also holds an MBA, served in a number of senior executive positions during his time with the corporation including having overall responsibility for the gaming operations, corporate services and the finance areas.

A national search for a successor will begin in the coming weeks.

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