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MEMO

Date: 16 October 2009
To: HBPA of Ontario Members
From: Sue Leslie, President
Re: Fort Erie Racetrack

Negotiations regarding the future of Fort Erie Racetrack are stalling. In our observations the offers made to Nordic Gaming are not in line with their expectations in terms of the racetrack's value.

It is a disappointment to everyone involved that we sit in mid October with no commitment or solution going forward.

The HBPA of Ontario continues to hold regular meetings with Nordic Gaming and Fort Erie Development Consortium (FEDC) but to be quite frank the meetings are frustrating.

We continue to update the Ontario Racing Commission, the Ontario Government and the Woodbine Entertainment Group of the dire situation at Fort Erie Racetrack.

The Board of Directors of the HBPA recognize the importance and the relevance of keeping the racetrack open for thoroughbred racing so let me assure you that we are committed to finding a solution.

We remain hopeful that the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance will see the value of financially assisting the not-for-profit consortium so that we can manage our own destiny. We encourage you again to write the Honourable Dwight Duncan, Minister of Finance, Ministry of Finance, 7th Floor, Frost Building South, 7 Queen's Park Crescent, Toronto, Ontario M7A 1Y7, Fax: 416-325-0374, email: dduncan.mpp@liberal.ola.org.

As we learn of any significant developments we will update the members via the HBPA of Ontario Website.

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