

BC THOROUGHBRED OWNERS & BREEDERS ASSOCIATION

"One Voice for Thoroughbred Owners & Breeders in British Columbia"

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It was announced last weekend by Great Canadian Gaming Corporation that this could be the last year of thoroughbred racing in B.C. The lease arrangements with the City of Vancouver and Great Canadian Gaming are ongoing.

There has been much concern, bordering on panic, shown by the stakeholders (breeders, owners, trainers, etc.) in the industry. We are writing to try and relieve some of the stress of this situation by keeping everyone informed.

Whether Great Canadian is the track operator or not, we are confident that we will have live racing for the foreseeable future. The Horse Racing Industry Management Committee has a mandate to revitalize horse racing in British Columbia and we are hopeful they will be successful in that mandate. The track operator may be Great Canadian, or may be a different one next season, but it is important for everyone to know that we should be racing in 2013 and beyond.

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