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## **Notice to the Industry** **Ontario Racing Program**

### **ORC issues Notice of Decision to Rideau Carleton Raceway on redirection of purse funds and additional dates**

On September 13, 2013, the Ontario Racing Commission (ORC) issued a Notice of Decision to Rideau Carleton Raceway (RCR) in which the Director denied the application for the redirection of purse funds from the purse account that RCR holds “in trust for Belleville Area Horse People” to the purse account of RCR. As a result of the interrelation between the purse funding and the additional dates, the Director also did not approve the application for 14 additional Signature race dates.

RCR's application for the use of purse funds specifically focused on the full amount of purse monies held in trust by RCR. These purse monies represent the horse people's share of pari-mutuel commissions generated from teletheatres operated in the home market areas surrounding the former Quinte Raceway.

The application for the redirection of purse monies held in trust was received on June 4, 2013. On September 5, 2013, RCR filed an application for 14 additional Signature race dates on Thursdays beginning September 26 and requested that the two applications be decided and heard together.

After considering the submissions and applying the principles of the Ontario Racing Program, the Director made the decision to deny their applications. The reasons, included in the Notice of Decision, reference the lack of empirical evidence regarding horse supply and insufficient financial information related to RCR's business case and the purse account.

Please be advised that any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the Director's decision to the Commission.

Steve Lehman  
Executive Director