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PRESENTED TO
REGULAR COUNCIL:
MARCH 27, 2012

Dear Essex County Clerks:

Re: County Council Resolution No. 57-12 – Harness Horse Industry

At the March 7th, 2012 meeting of Essex County Council, a delegation from Brian Tropea, General Manager of the Ontario Harness Horse Association expressed concerns that Ontario's harness horse industry would be devastated if the Province of Ontario were to implement recommendations proposed in the Drummond Report to no longer allocate a portion of net racetrack slot machine revenues to the horse racing and breeding industry.

Mr. Tropea, and Mr. Bob Ladouceur, who operates a harness race horse breeding farm in Ruscom, advised of the local economic impact the elimination of the harness horse race industry would have. A copy of Mr. Tropea's presentation is attached.

In response to the delegation, County Council adopted the following resolution:

- 57-12** Moved by Mr. Fazio
Seconded by Mr. Paterson
THAT the County of Essex hereby petitions the Province of Ontario to maintain its support and commitment to the horse racing industry in Ontario in order to preserve and enhance this historic industry,

AND FURTHER, that the Honourable Dalton McGuinty, Premier of Ontario, notify the County of Essex and its local member municipalities of the Province's intentions in this regard within a reasonable period of time,

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AND FURTHER, that this resolution be circulated to the County of Essex local member municipalities who are also home to horse racing industry,

AND FURTHER, that the County of Essex local member municipalities are encouraged to enact similar resolutions to express their support for Ontario's horse racing and breeding industries in writing to the Premier of Ontario, to preserve and enhance the live racing industry in Ontario.

--CARRIED

On behalf of Essex County Council, I would ask that you please include a copy of this resolution on your next Council agenda for consideration.

Regards,



Mary Brennan
Director of Council Services / Clerk

Attachment

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Re: Ontario Horse Racing Industry

The Municipal Council of the Town of Tecumseh, at their regular meeting held Tuesday, March 27, 2012, gave consideration to the County of Essex Resolution No. 57-12, respecting recommendations by the Drummond Report to no longer allocate a portion of net racetrack slot machine revenues to the horse racing and breeding industry in Ontario.

At the meeting, the Members passed the following resolution (RCM-96/12):

"THAT the Town of Tecumseh support the March 7, 2012 Resolution No. 57-12 passed by the Council of the County of Essex petitioning the Province of Ontario to maintain its support and commitment to the horse racing industry in Ontario in order to preserve and enhance this historic industry..."

Carried

Please consider this letter as confirmation of the Town of Tecumseh's support of the above matter. I remain,

Yours truly,

TOWN OF TECUMSEH

Laura Moy,
Director Staff Services / Clerk

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Enc.- County of Essex Resolution No. 57-12

cc.	Town of LaSalle	Town of Essex	Town of Kingsville
	Town of Amherstburg	Town of Lakeshore	Municipality of Leamington
	Taras Natyshak, MPP		
	Brian Tropea, General Manager, Ontario Harness Horse Association		