

CITY OF HAMILTON NOTICE of MOTION

Council Date: April 11, 2012

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR PARTRIDGE.....

8.1 Confirmation of Hamilton City Council's Support for Flamboro Downs Slot & Race Track

WHEREAS Hamilton has an existing casino/slots and horse track facility located in Flamborough for 30 years;

AND WHEREAS the operator of this facility, Great Canadian Gaming Corporation, as an important business partner has committed and invested \$80 million into the facility and local economy in support of the slots and race track;

AND WHEREAS Flamboro Downs facility contributes significantly to the \$1.5 billion local agri-business economy in Hamilton, is an important Hamilton Tourism partner, employs many Flamborough/Hamilton residents, provides financial viability to local horse breeders, equipment and feed suppliers, veterinarians and farmers who's very existence is dependant on the race facility, as well as contributing to the spill over economy generated by Flamboro Downs;

AND WHEREAS the city of Hamilton has benefitted by approximately \$4 million annually in tax revenues, as well as tax revenues generated by affiliated area businesses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Hamilton City Council confirms its support of Flamboro Downs Slots and Race Track, Great Canadian Gaming Corporation, the Ontario Horse Race Industry Association (OHRIA) and other affiliated associations, as well as the local area farms and businesses; and,
- (b) That, notwithstanding discussions about any other gambling facilities in Hamilton, the existing Flamboro Downs facility remains Council's number one priority; and,

- (c) That Hamilton City Council request the Government of Ontario to continue to work with the slots and horse race combined facilities (Ontario Slots and Racetracks Program) identified as viable, to continue a joint business venture, to look at new formulas to keep operations such as Flamboro Downs Slots and Race Track sustainable to the benefit of our community.
- (d) That this resolution be circulated to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Horse Race Industry Association (OHRIA) and the Ontario Harness Horse Association.

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SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR McHATTIE.....

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting the Confirmation of Hamilton City Council's Support for Flamboro Downs Slot & Race Track.

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