

Clarington

Leading the Way

March 28, 2012

Members of Parliament

RE: HORSE RACING INDUSTRY
FILE NO.: R00.GE

At a meeting held on March 26, 2012, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington passed the following resolution:

"WHEREAS Ontario Slots at Racetracks program has, for over a decade, provided mutual benefit to the Province of Ontario and the horse racing industry; and

WHEREAS the Government has announced the cancellation of the Slots at Racetracks Program, jeopardizing the future of the horse racing and breeding industry in Ontario at the cost of thousands of jobs and \$2 billion in economic activity; and

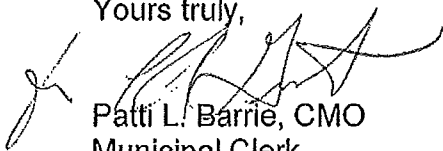
WHEREAS Clarington Council supports the various sectors of agriculture with regard to policies that affect the health, economic viability and sustainability of agriculture; and

WHEREAS the horse breeding, rearing and training industry in Clarington, plus the spin-off jobs for farmers that grow the feed, veterinarians, blacksmiths, tack industry, mechanics, drivers and racetrack employees;

NOW BE IT RESOLVED THAT Clarington Council request the Government of Ontario work with the horse racing industry to reinstate and improve the Slots at Racetracks Program with its revenue sharing agreement to sustain and grow the horse racing industry to the benefit of our communities; and

FURTHER THAT this resolution be circulated to the Legislative Assembly of Ontario and all members of AMO."

Yours truly,



Patti L. Barrie, CMO
Municipal Clerk

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cc: Members of Association of Municipalities of Ontario