



April 6, 2026

via: email

David Milburn, President
HBPA of BC

Dear David:

HRBC delivered March 26, 2026, a proposal entitled “**Immediate Requirements for Horse Racing in B.C.**”

In essence, CTHSBC, and HBPABC have been asked to agree to 1 of 2 proposals put forward. BCTOBA was included in the mail out as I understand it because GPEB recognizes that organization.

HBPABC responded to CTHSBC with a draft response that rejected the position taken by HRBC. It is understood that the response was a draft for further consideration.

CTHSBC at the board level discussed the HRBC proposal and were made aware of the draft objection taken by HBPABC.

In the end, CTHSBC would like to pursue with HBPABC an agreement to move forward with **Option #1 as proposed by HRBC**. We do not see any purpose in attempting to oppose the steps being taken by HRBC as it will keep some aspects of live racing viable in B.C.

CTHSBC would accept the terms of option #1 as set out by HRBC. If the \$1,000,000.00 was paid as proposed, what funds would HBPABC require if there were no live racing in B.C. during 2026?

CTHSBC would use any or all of the funds, with for its existing B.C. breeders program to pay bonus money to B.C. bred TB's competing successfully at other racetracks across the country, in Alberta, Manitoba and Ontario.



CTHSBC by using the funding to keep the breeding aspect of the racing industry alive in B.C. is a “positive” step in the right direction, if and when live racing would return to B.C.

It would be unfortunate if we were to reject this opportunity of funding that would keep part of the industry in British Columbia in business. Hopefully HBPABC will recognize and support the bigger picture and get on board with CTHSBC in this endeavor.

Yours truly,

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