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The Corporation of the Town of Fort Erie

FORT ERIE LIVE RACING CONSORTIUM ANNOUNCES THE CONTINUATION OF RACING IN 2012

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At a press conference held at 2:00 p.m., the Fort Erie Live Racing Consortium (FELRC) confirmed that racing at the Fort Erie Race Track will continue in 2012, with a slightly adjusted race schedule.

Following an FELRC Board meeting earlier in the day, it was confirmed that the racing season would begin one week later than the 2011 start date and the last two weeks of racing would be eliminated. The end result is a 69 race day Thoroughbred season at the 114 year old track.

In addition, consideration is being given to 7 Quarterhorse race days.

The FELRC also confirmed that they have accepted a 2012 lease with the owners of the Track, Nordic/EI Ad.

Mayor Martin congratulated the hard work of the Consortium, noting “this would not have been possible without the dedication and efforts of the FELRC and Track staff. This announcement today should let the horsemen, their families, businesses that provide services to the many facets of racing and the visitors to the Track know that Fort Erie is still open for business”.

Next steps for the Consortium include applying for the revised race dates and detailing budget and business plans for 2012.

Further discussions are also being planned with Nordic/EIAd to secure future lease arrangements which will translate into a new set of business plans for 2013 and beyond.

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