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BCTOBA NEWSLETTER
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Hastings Racecourse opened this morning for trainers to start setting up their barns as horses arrive from farms to get ready for the upcoming season that begins on Saturday, April 13th. The main track opens for training on Tuesday, February 5th and will continue on a Tuesday to Sunday schedule. Once again, the track will be closed on Mondays. The training hours, to start, will be 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. with no breaks.

The Horse Racing Industry Management Committee met yesterday in an effort to finalize the greatly anticipated Industry reports. The Committee is scheduled to convene next week and the report will likely be released then. In the meantime, the Committee has thanked everyone for their patience and I have included a memo, below, from the January 31st meeting.

Memo to Industry Principals

The B.C. Horse Racing Industry Management Committee met today (Jan. 31), to continue finalizing recommendations that will be contained in its strategic report on the future of horse racing in the Province.

The Committee recognized the Industry is very anxious for its report to be released, but wants to ensure that the fundamental issues yet to be resolved are given full consideration and thought. The Committee plans to meet again in early February to continue the approval process and will release its report to the Industry as soon as practical.

We appreciate the patience of all stakeholders as this process unfolds. The Committee believes its recommendations will have the potential to set the Industry on a sustainable footing for many years to come.

B.C. Horse Racing Industry Management Committee
January 31st, 2013