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To: "Direct to Mayor and Council - DL"

CC: "City Manager's Correspondence Group - DL"

Date: 8/20/2019 8:05:36 PM

Subject: Re: Hastings Park - CBSA investigation/arrests

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Mayor and Council,

Further to my initial message regarding the above matter, please see the following response received from CBSA to our request for additional information.

We will continue to track this issue and will advise if and when we learn more.

Best,
Paul

“While the Canada Border Services Agency (CBSA) does not give details about ongoing investigations, we can confirm the CBSA was conducting investigations related to the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* at the Hastings Race Course in Vancouver yesterday.

“The CBSA conducts enforcement actions when it is believed that a contravention of the *Customs Act* or the *Immigration and Refugee Protection Act* has occurred. As the investigation is ongoing, it would be inappropriate to provide any further details at this time. Further, the CBSA is bound by the parameters of the *Privacy Act*. A specific individual’s file with the CBSA is protected by these parameters. In investigative cases, information does not become public unless charges are laid, and only at that time.”

On Aug 20, 2019, at 07:43, Mochrie, Paul <Paul.Mochrie@vancouver.ca> wrote:

Good morning Mayor and Council,

Several of you have reached out regarding media reports of an incident that occurred at Hastings Park racecourse yesterday involving CBSA and the Gaming Enforcement Branch. Specifically, it was reported that a number of CBSA and GEB officers attended the racecourse and that CBSA arrested several people working there. Hastings Park subsequently confirmed that the individuals arrested are employed by horse owners and are not employees of the track.

To confirm, the City has no jurisdiction or involvement in relation to customs or immigration enforcement. At this point, we have no information regarding the focus of CBSA’s investigation or the suspected involvement or impact on the individuals who were arrested, apart from the details that have been conveyed by the media. We will reach out to CBSA for more information but, given privacy and investigative considerations, it is not clear what they might be in a position to share beyond their formal statement.

If you have any further questions or concerns at this time, please let me know.

Many thanks,
Paul

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