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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,
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