

2011 Equine Canada & Horse Council BC Service Agreement

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**HORSE COUNCIL
BRITISH COLUMBIA**

On Saturday, March 26th, 2011 the Horse Council BC Board of Directors voted not to accept the 2011 "Service Agreement" proposed by Equine Canada. The board undertook careful and extensive review and deliberation of the agreement but determined that the restrictions and conditions would impact negatively on the members of HCBC. The main areas of concerns are allowing affordable grassroots sport development at the provincial level and ensuring affordable entry into equestrian sport at a grassroots level. At this late date it is unlikely that an agreement will be reached for the 2011 calendar year.

In anticipation of an agreement with Equine Canada, Horse Council BC has been collecting \$5 per individual and \$12.50 per family plus HST on each Horse Council 2011 membership. Horse Council BC will give each member the option of a refund, credit towards any purchase or a donation to the affiliate or program of your choice. Details on how to donate will be made available shortly.

Moving forward Horse Council BC will continue with the reform process with Equine Canada and the other provincial and territorial associations, who published a press release on March 15, 2011 called "*Provincial & Territorial Equestrian Sport Federations Join Equine Canada to Revise Canada's Sport Model*," following the mediation session in Toronto earlier this month. [Read More](#). Horse Council BC anticipates the revised sport model agreement will be in place for the 2012 membership year. It is critical to the health of the industry that the Service Agreement fairly represents the best interests of all our members and delivers services that are relevant to the equine industry we serve. Horse Council BC membership will be the only requirement for participation in the BC General Performance circuit. Those BC members requiring a sport license, passport, permits or other Equine Canada services will access these directly from the Equine Canada office or online.

HCBC apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause our members and we appreciate your continued support. Any HCBC member that has any questions or concerns may direct them to Lisa Laycock, Executive Director, by emailing administration@hcbc.ca.

Sincerely,



Orville Smith
President, Horse Council BC