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**HAPPY CANADA DAY 150! - AJAX DOWNS, TOWN OF AJAX ,OLG**  
**Canada Day Extravaganza**

**AJAX DOWNS, JUNE 29, 2017** – There will be fireworks on and off the track at Ajax Downs on Canada Day, July 1 celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of our country. Quarter Horse racing, which got its start in Canada in the 1950s, will begin the day with a post time of 12:30 for the first of seven races.

The features on the day are two Trial dashes for the **\$50,000 Ontario Sires Stakes Maturity** for some of the top older horses in the province.

Fiesty Icon, the 2015 Horse of the Year at Ajax, will be a heavy favourite to win the first Trial which goes as race four. Rick Kennedy's superstar won the exact race last year following a Trial victory.

The filly Dinahlicious heads the second Trial, race five, for Durham region's Marie Broadstock.

The first 1000 fans at the track on Saturday will receive a Canada Day visor and following racing, a party on the patio and BBQ will feature **Juno Nominee Jay Kartier**.

At 6 p.m., the track's infield opens up for a carnival-type celebration with a **concert**

**at 8 p.m. by SLOAN** followed by Spherus Cirque Show at 9:30pm and a spectacular fireworks show ending the evening at 10:00 pm.

Admission is free.

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