



Economic and Development Services Department

Date: May 19, 2023 File: 12-03
To: Heritage Oshawa
From: Harrison Whilsmith, Planner A
Economic and Development Services Department
Re: **Update on Report DS-16-23 concerning the Proposed Program for Honouring the Windfields Farm Legacy**

At their meeting on April 20, 2023, Heritage Oshawa requested an update on Report DS-16-23 concerning the Proposed Program for Honouring the Windfields Farm Legacy (the “Windfields Legacy Plan”).

On February 22, 2016, City Council considered Report DS-16-23 and carried the following motion:

- “1. That the 2016 proposed program for honouring the Windfields Farm legacy, as generally set out in Attachment 1 to Report DS-16-23 dated February 3, 2016 be approved; and,
2. That any financial implications resulting from the proposed program for honouring the Windfields Farm legacy be addressed through annual capital budget and forecast and operating budget submissions to Council, or through separate staff reports on certain items as appropriate.”

The action items identified in the Council-approved Windfields Legacy Plan have been affixed to this memo as Attachment 1. The current status of each item has been identified.

Recommendation

That Report HTG-23-37, dated May 19, 2023, being the Update on Report DS-16-23 concerning the Proposed Program for Honouring the Windfields Farm Legacy, be received for information.

If you have any questions please contact Harrison Whilsmith at 905-436-3311, extension 2697 or hwhilsmith@oshawa.ca.

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Policy

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No.	Action Item	Lead	Timing
PRESERVATION			
1	Designate Windfields Stone House under the Ontario Heritage Act	City	Complete
2	Designate Trillium Cemetery under the Ontario Heritage Act	City	Complete
3	Include policies in the joint UOIT/DC Campus Master Plan (CMP) related to Cultural Heritage	Ontario Tech University / Durham College	Complete
4	Preserve the Northern Dancer Cemetery in accordance with the 500 year covenant with Windfields Farm Ltd.	Ontario Tech University	Complete
5	Undertake landscape improvements around the Northern Dancer Cemetery area (decorative fencing and landscaping)	Ontario Tech University	Complete
6	Undertake Building Condition Audit(s) and Heritage Research Report(s) to consider and identify feasible options for adaptive reuse of the historic buildings in the core farm area. (Section 4.2.6.1 of the Joint UOIT/DC Campus Master Plan)	Ontario Tech University	Complete
7	Re-use fieldstone pillars, gates and sign from Windfields Farm	Ontario Tech University	Complete
8	Provide artifacts from G. McLaughlin Stone House to the City, including: front door and hardware, roof ornament	Minto	Complete
9	Preserve tree-lined farm laneway south of Britannia Avenue West on UOIT and Tribute lands	Ontario Tech University and Tribute	Complete / Ongoing
10	Preserve Windfields Farm/E.P. Taylor artifacts and memorabilia in the Canadian Museum of History/Civilization	Canadian Museum of History/Civilization/ Taylor family	Complete
11	Convey the Trillium Horse Cemetery lands to the City	Tribute	Complete
12	Re-use the fieldstone pillars and concrete posts from along the Simcoe Street North frontage of the Tribute and Riocan lands in City lands	Tribute	Complete
EDUCATION			
1	Create and post on the City's webpage a brief history of Windfields Farm and provide links to additional relevant information including Northern Dancer's Kentucky Derby victory race	City	Complete
2	Participate in educational opportunities to share information about Windfields Farm (through Heritage Oshawa speaking engagements)	Heritage Oshawa	Ongoing
3	Undertake an annual essay writing contest for local Grade 8 students on topics related to Windfields Farm/E. P. Taylor	Heritage Oshawa	Not pursued
4	Request the DDSB/DCDSB to consider creating an educational history unit about Windfields Farm for local Oshawa elementary school students	DDSB / DCDSB	Complete

EVENTS			
1	Consider the creation of events that would highlight the history and contribution of E. P. Taylor and the Windfields Farm to the City of Oshawa, such as:		
	(a) An E.P. Taylor/Windfields Farm Champion Award for someone who exemplifies innovation and has overcome adversity	City	Complete
	(b) Honour E.P. Taylor and Windfields Farm by presenting, annually, at the first Council meeting in May, Northern Dancer’s Kentucky Derby Win and have the Mayor comment on how Oshawa’s future is built on the legacies of men and women like E.P. Taylor who were innovators, leaders and champions. Confer E.P. Taylor/Windfields Farm Champion Award upon the successful recipient	City	Complete
2	Request UOIT include the core farm area in the annual Doors Open Oshawa event	City	Complete
COMMEMORATION			
1	Name streets, parks, woodlots after Taylor family, Windfields Farm and its horses and horse racing.	City	Complete
2	Create designs reflective of Windfields Farm architecture/aesthetic:		
	(a) Park elements	City	Complete
	(b) Fire Hall 6	City	Complete
3	Incorporate urban design and architectural elements in built form in new subdivisions in the Windfields Part II Planning Area such as: Arts & Crafts style homes, decorative street lights and street signs, gateway features, roadway medians, Windfields Farm-style fencing along tree-lined laneway	City	Complete
4	Induct Northern Dancer into the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame and display associated Windfields Farm memorabilia	Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame	Complete
5	Consider incorporating concrete imprints on Britannia Avenue West bridge over Oshawa Creek (e.g. horses, horseshoes, farm building)	City	TBD
6	Request UOIT to consider a more public and prominent location for the True Power horse statue designed and created by Geordie Lishman	City	Complete
7	Request that RioCan install a commemorative plaque for Harriet Cock in an appropriate location	City	Complete
8	Recreate stone voussoir (shaped as a sheep’s head) from G. McLaughlin Stone House in future parkette in Kingmeadow subdivision	Minto	Complete
9	Include plaque in future Elmcroft Parkette in Kingmeadow subdivision which references former Windfields Farm	Minto	Complete
10	Request the Province to include embossments of horses on the Highway 407 bridge over Winchester Road East east of Harmony Road North	City	Complete
11	Request the Province to include a heritage plaque in the Simcoe Street North commuter parking lot for Highway 407 to honour the Windfields Farm legacy	City	Complete
12	Request that Tribute install a heritage plaque for the E. P. Taylor Woodlot	City	Complete
13	Request that Tribute install a heritage plaque describing the Trillium Cemetery	City	Complete

14	Recognize Mr. Charles Taylor, 1996 Inductee to the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame, President of Windfields Farm, with a plaque to be included in the Dantonbury subdivision.	City	Complete
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