

From: Harriet Fredericks <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
Sent: Tuesday, February 6, 2024 8:46 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>; * Council <council@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Wind field farm as part of open doors tour 2024

Hello,

I would join the open doors tour just to see the gravesite of northern dancer. I am certain that it would be one of the most popular sites if you include it on this year's tour.
Kind regards,

Harriet

From: Louise Hoar <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
Sent: Wednesday, February 7, 2024 3:18 PM
To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Cc: * Council <council@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Winfield's farm on Doors Open

Hello

I wish to extend my wishes that this wonderful facility be added to Doors Open Oshawa. It is an important part of Oshawa history and a vital element in Thoroughbred history that can never be forgot.

Not sure why it wouldn't have been included all along but feel very insistent that it be included this year.

Please consider allowing it to be a part of Oshawa's celebration and remembering all the wonderful things that Oshawa should be so very proud of

Thanking you in advance

Louise Hoar
Dorchester, Ontario

From: Marianne Ortepi <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>
Sent: Saturday, February 17, 2024 3:54 PM
To: * Council <council@oshawa.ca>
Cc: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>
Subject: Support for having the core of Windfields Farm open to the public

To whom it may concern,

I am writing you today to express my support of the consideration to have the core of Windfields Farm open to the public for Doors Open Oshawa this year.

I was fortunate enough to have grown up at Windfields as my father was the resident veterinarian there. We actively participated in the 2014 Doors open at the core when it was open to the public and would be happy to be there to do the same this year.

I believe it to be such an important property with so much history not only because of the Taylor Family and Windfields but also because that land was once Parkwood Stables owned by Col. Sam McLaughlin

I truly hope that you will consider opening the core to the public. If not forever, at least on this one day.

Thank you,
Marianne Ortepi

From: Sarah Reeves <M.F.I.P.P.A. Sec 14(1)>

Sent: Tuesday, February 20, 2024 11:37 AM

To: clerks <clerks@oshawa.ca>

Subject: Winfields Farm- Doors Open Toronto- May 2024

My Grandfather, William (Bill) Reeves passed away on 2/3/24. He was 95 years old.

Born in Toronto, he was an avid horseman. At the young age of 16 he left home & traveled from track to track living his dream of race riding.

He started working at the Oshawa farm with the stallions, foaling mares and yearlings. Later he became Pete McCann's Assistant Trainer at the Toronto farm on York Mills. After Pete retired he continued to train and race the Taylor horses at Woodbine and Fort Erie.

In the fall of 1971 he was transferred to be the Trainer at the Maryland farm where most of the yearlings were broke and the older horses were sent for rest. His two sons, my Uncle & Father, worked for Winfield's as well. Continuing the legacy. He worked for Windfields Farm for 32 years, retiring at 65.

I was born on Winfield's Farm in Maryland. Some of my fondest childhood (& adult) memories are sitting with my Grandfather listening to his stories, flipping through photo albums & Winfield's books. Now that he's passed, they bring me comfort in his absence.

He's named in "The Legacy of Windfields Farm: Turquoise and Gold, Bred in the Purple" by Colin Nolte & Michael Armstrong.

Per Muriel Lennox: His recollections of Windfields and the horses and the people were critical to my book "Dark Horse: unraveling the mystery of Nearctic."

Per Bruce Walker: "He and Pete McCann had a great deal to do with development of Northern Dancer. Bill was the first guest speaker at the Toronto Thoroughbred Racing Club's inaugural meeting back in the early 60s".

He was a truly incredible horseman. It would mean the world to me to have the opportunity to visit Northern Dancer's grave site as a farewell to my amazing Grandfather.

Thank you,

Sarah Reeves Foley



February 2, 2024

Sent via email to: Clerks@oshawa.ca; council@oshawa.ca

Please accept this endorsement in support of:

ED-24-21 - Windfields Farm/Northern Dancer Cemetery Participation in Doors Open

Oshawa has within its boundaries one of the most iconic properties associated with Canadian horse racing, a property that is responsible for numerous stories that we must strive to bring to the public in tangible ways. In so doing, community members and visitors alike will be reminded of the important contributions made in Oshawa, Canada and indeed all over the world to Thoroughbred racing.

It is particularly apropos for Windfields Farm to be featured as part of the 2024 Doors Open project as this year marks the 60th Anniversary of the great Northern Dancer's primary achievements on the racetrack when he won the Kentucky Derby in track record time as well as Canada's Queen's Plate. No other horse before or since has won both the Derby and the Plate. Northern Dancer continues to be Canada's most successful racehorse of any breed and is the only racehorse to ever be inducted to Canada's Sports Hall of Fame, as well as the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame. Additionally, as a sire, Northern Dancer's legacy is in the pedigrees of the vast majority of today's Thoroughbred horses.

Northern Dancer retired to stud in 1965 at Windfields Farm in Oshawa, Ontario, Canada. He was an immediate success when his first crop reached racing age in 1968, and the success of his second crop, led by English Triple Crown winner Nijinsky, brought his name to the international stage. Northern Dancer was relocated to the Maryland branch of Windfields Farm, where he became the most sought-after sire of his time. The move was necessitated by his world-wide popularity.

Northern Dancer became the greatest stud horse in history. By the time of his death, 467 of his 635 registered foals had won races and over 150 had won stakes races. Many of today's best thoroughbreds trace their lineage to him. Some of his more important offspring include Epsom Derby winners Nijinsky and The Minstrel.

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Northern Dancer was one of the 20th century's most successful Thoroughbred sires. From 645 named foals, he sired 411 winners (63.7%) and 147 stakes races.

The Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame, is a national organization whose mission is to honour and preserve the best in Canadian Horse Racing. Founded in 1976, the CHRHF honours both Standardbred and Thoroughbred racing for their significant contributions to the Canadian horse racing industry.

Among our Hall's celebrated members are many who have direct connections to Windfields Farm. In fact, the initial class of inductees to the CHRHF in 1976 included not only E.P. Taylor and Northern Dancer but also Victoria Park and Northern Dancer's offspring Nijinsky II. Additionally, Col. R. S. McLaughlin's Parkwood Stables, as the property was known prior to E.P. Taylor purchasing it, saw Queen's Plate success with winning horses Horometer and Kingarvie, both of which were part of the CHRHF's inaugural list of inductees. Col. Sam McLaughlin himself was inducted just one year later.

E.P. Taylor is considered the architect of Canadian racing was the dominant breeder in the game worldwide and all of which started on the grounds of Windfields Farm. Mr Taylor's Plate statistics are truly phenomenal. Between 1949 and 1998 horses bred and owned by Mr. Taylor won the Plate race 11 times, while an additional 11 horses bred by Taylor/Windfields, were victorious.

In total, 24 horses bred and owned by E. P. Taylor are members of the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame. Six of these horses are buried in the Northern Dancer cemetery: Northern Dancer, Victoria Park, Canadiana, New Providence, Vice Regent and Windfields. Additionally, Lady Angela is buried in the Trillium Cemetery.

The impact of Windfields Farm within Canadian horse racing does not end with Mr. Taylor and the many horses he bred, raised and raced. Oshawa native Sandy Hawley, a member of the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame, the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame in Saratoga, Canada's Sports Hall of Fame and the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame, are among the organizations to recognize his mercurial career, got his start at Windfields Farm.

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Including this historic property as a Doors Open venue will provide an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the owners and horses affiliated with the property. Additionally, it has the potential to attract significant interest and traffic reaching throughout the Canadian and international horse racing world.

We would like to applaud the City of Oshawa for the continued efforts to keep the legacy of Windfields Farm alive by honouring this very important part of Canada and its horse racing history, which extends through the achievements by Windfields Farm and its previous incarnation, Parkwood Stables.

The Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame offers our resources and support to this initiative as it comes to fruition.

Respectfully,

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