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To Whom This May Concern,

It is with great disappointment that I and the other members of Windfields Farm News and Notes need to bring to your attention the final demise of three of the stone pillars located on Simcoe Street north at the property entrance to the former Windfields Farm.

Yesterday, Tuesday March the 18, 2014, one of our group members saw a pile of rocks and stones where the three stone pillars once stood, surrounded by what seemed to be a pile stones and a rope/cable of some sort within the debris.

It would appear that the pillars had a cable tied around them and an attempt was made to pull them down by force. This morning the pile of stones and rubble was still lying in situ. It is clear by the carelessness of the deconstruction; there was absolutely no consideration for restoration. Many of the stones were crushed and broken in the dismantling, and well beyond repair.

I would like to bring attention to the Heritage Oshawa Minutes, dated Nov 28, 2013. It was written, "The Senior Planner advised that in keeping with the Heritage Oshawa recommendation regarding preservation of the stone gates at Windfields Farm, the pillars and gate from the former main entrance that are currently in the regional road right of way will be dismantled and preserved for future use."

We at WFNN understand that the pillars had to be moved but that they were going to be preserved for future use by UOIT. However, it is inconceivable how these stones will be salvaged and re-created into their former characteristic; that which clearly defined and marked the entrance to the farm that still holds so much history. There is already so very little saved from this Oshawa landmark, it is a shame to see such terrible destruction of what was expected to be salvaged by UOIT. It is our hope that maybe there could be more care taken in the removal of the last pillar that is left standing.

Sincerely,
Marianne Ortepi
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