

HTG-14-39

Honouring the Windfields Farm Legacy

All of the following elements are intended to include community consultation:

Preservation

- Designate:
 - Windfields Stone House (Tribute) (Underway)
 - Harriet Cock House (RioCan) (Short-Term, 1-2 years)
 - Northern Dancer gravesite (Short-Term, 1-2 years)
 - Trillium Cemetery (Short-Term, 1-2 years)
- Heritage and Re-Use Study for core farm area buildings including Arena (A-19) and Barn No. 2 & possible designation (Short-Term, 1-2 years)
- Artifacts from G. McLaughlin Stone House provided to Heritage Oshawa, including:
 - Front door & hardware (Complete)
 - Roof ornament (Complete)
 - Stonework around basement window (Complete)
- Stonework from G. McLaughlin Stone House salvaged for re-use in future parkette in King Meadow subdivision (Complete)
- Tree-lined laneway of farm (Underway)
- Stone pillars, gates and sign from original farm (Short-Term, 1-2 years)
- Protection of natural heritage features (e.g. woodlot) (Underway)
- Farm memorabilia in Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame (Underway)
- Permanent exhibits in the Canadian Museum of History/Civilization (Underway)

Education

- Prepare a 10 minute video documentary of history of Windfields Farm (Short-Term, 1-2 years)
- Prepare a 20 page publication (e.g. e. book and print) on history of farm (Short-Term, 1-2 years)
- Prepare a brochure for all new residents between Winchester, Thornton, Conlin and Oshawa Creek (East Branch) on history of the area and street names (Short-Term, 1-2 years)

- Homeowners Brochure regarding the area's sensitive natural features and best management practices homeowners can employ to ensure the features remain healthy (Short-Term, 1-2 years)
- Display video, publication & brochure on City webpage (Short-Term, 1-2 years)
- Interpretive plaques (Medium-Term, 3-5 years)
- Create an educational local history unit for local elementary school students (Short-Term, 1-2 years)
- Annual essay writing contest for local Gr. 6 students on topics related to Windfields, administered by Heritage Oshawa; with a prize provided in Judy Mappin's name (Short-Term, 1-2 years)

Events

- Annual Northern Dancer Festival in Spring (Short-Term, 1-2 years):
 - Guided tours of core farm area by Heritage Oshawa
 - 10 km run
 - 3 year old "dash"
 - 1 ¼ mile "derby"
 - Race trophies to be funded by Taylor Family
- Initial (1-2 years) annual guided tours of core farm area prior to Britannia Ave. W. being extended (Underway)
- Presidents of UOIT and Durham College travel by horse-drawn carriage to convocations (Short-Term, 1-2 years)
- Create an annual E.P. Taylor/Windfields Farm Champion Award for someone who exemplifies innovation and has overcome adversity (Short-Term, 1-2 years)
- Annually, at first Council meeting in May, honour E.P. Taylor and Windfields Farm by showing Northern Dancer's Kentucky Derby Win, having 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. Present E.P. Taylor/Windfields Farm Champion Award (Short-Term, 1-2 years)

Commemoration

- Northern Dancer's induction into the Oshawa Sports Hall of Fame (Underway)
- Name streets, parks, woodlots, bridges & trails after family, farm, horses and horse racing (Underway)
- Name educational buildings or spaces on campus after E.P. Taylor family, farm and horses (Medium-Term, 3-5 years)

- Name boardroom at City Hall after Northern Dancer & include full size mural on wall of Northern Dancer (Short-Term, 1-2 years)
- Public Art competition/ installation (e.g. horse statue) or find a more public and prominent location for the horse statue designed by Lishman (Medium-Term, 3-5 years)
- Art competition coordinated by Heritage Oshawa & McLaughlin Art Gallery for pieces that are based on the Farm, horses or horse racing. Winner to be displayed at City Hall (Medium-Term, 3-5 years)
- Concrete imprints on Britannia Ave W. bridge (e.g. horses, horseshoes, farm building) (Medium-Term, 3-5 years)
- Landscape design competition for main gravesite area and for Trillium Cemetery (Short-Term, 1-2 years)
- Urban Design & Architectural Elements
 - Arts & Craft style homes in new subdivisions (Underway)
 - Gateway features into new subdivisions & technology parks (Underway)
 - Roadway medians (Underway)
 - Re-creation of farm fencing along tree-lined laneway (Long-Term, 5+ years)
 - Designs reflective of Windfields Farm architecture:
 - Park structures (Medium-Term, 3-5 years)
 - Firehall No. 6 (Underway)
 - Commercial Centre (Medium-Term, 3-5 years)