

Development Services Department

Date: January 19, 2015

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To: Heritage Oshawa

From: Margaret Kish, Senior Planner and Heritage Oshawa Policy Advisor

Re: Trillium Cemetery Designation Statement and Description

Background:

The purpose of this memo is to obtain Heritage Oshawa's endorsement of the Designation Statement and Description (which identifies those heritage features to be protected) and proposed area intended to form part of a heritage designation by-law to be passed by Council for the Trillium Cemetery in Lot 15, Concession 5, City of Oshawa.

On June 23, 2014 Council passed a resolution pursuant to Report DS-14-136 dated June 11, 2014 authorizing City staff to initiate the process to designate the Trillium Cemetery under the Ontario Heritage Act including retaining a consultant to prepare a heritage research report.

Attachment 1 is a copy of the Designation Statement and Description which identifies those features of the Trillium Cemetery property in Part of Lot 15 Concession 5, City of Oshawa to be protected.

Attachment 2 is a surveyor's sketch prepared by J. D. Barnes, Reference Number 08-25-054-08 which identifies the area to be used as the basis for the creation of the survey plan.

Attachment 3 is a copy of Heritage Evaluation, Trillium Cemetery, Part of Lot 15, Concession 5, City of Oshawa dated December 2014 that was completed by Martindale Planning Services.

The designation of the Trillium Cemetery, Part of Lot 15, Concession 5, City of Oshawa, is governed by Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act for individual property designation.

The proposed Designation Statement and Description for the Trillium Cemetery is attached to this memo and includes the Description of Property, Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and Description of Heritage Attributes.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that:

1. Heritage Oshawa endorse the Designation Statement and Description and proposed area for Trillium Cemetery, located on the easterly edge of the Oshawa Creek in Lot 15, Concession 5, City of Oshawa and shown in Attachment 1 and Attachment 2; and
2. Heritage Oshawa recommends that Council appropriately include the Designation Statement and Description and area in the heritage designation by-law.

If you have any questions please contact Margaret Kish at 905-436-3311, extension 2945 or by email to mkish@oshawa.ca.



Margaret Kish, MCIP, RPP, Senior Planner
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Attachments

**North of Britannia Avenue West, West of Windfields Farm Drive
Trillium Cemetery
Designation Statement and Description**

Location and Description of Property:

Trillium Cemetery is a burial ground for 18 racehorses owned and bred by Windfields Farm and is located on the easterly edge of the Oshawa Creek in Lot 15, Concession 5, City of Oshawa. It is situated approximately 500 metres east of Thornton Road North and approximately 195 metres north of the future Britannia Avenue West. The cemetery is part of a pastoral setting within an attractive grove of mature maple trees and has a pronounced "bowl-like" appearance due to the site possessing a physical depression. There are four memorial stones in the cemetery as follows:

- Memorial stone listing 15 horses;
- Memorial stone identifying Chop Chop;
- Memorial stone identifying Tessa; and
- An unmarked memorial stone.

Legal Description:

The property is located in Lot 15, Concession 5, City of Oshawa and is legally described as; xxxxx OSHAWA.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest:

The Trillium Cemetery is of cultural heritage value because it has a direct association with the former owner of the site, famed Canadian businessman and the creator of the internationally renowned Windfields Farm, Edward Plunket Taylor. Under the auspices of the Argus Corporation, Taylor pursued a successful strategy of acquiring and consolidating enterprises. Argus was unique among Canadian businesses as almost every Canadian was affected by one or more of their corporations. Taylor was, by the 1950s, one of Canada's most prominent businessmen.

Windfields Farm was the breeding ground of an international calibre of racehorses and a stable which dominated Canadian and American racing for decades.

The significance of five of the eighteen horses buried in the Trillium Cemetery are particularly noteworthy:

1. Iribelle (1942–1952) had four foals, of which three were stakes winners.
2. Chop Chop (1940-1963) was the leading sire in Canada from 1959 through 1963. He sired four Queen's Plate winners and was inducted into the Canadian Horse Racing Hall of Fame in 1977.
3. Lady Angela (1944-1966) produced a sire named Nearctic who went on to sire Northern Dancer, the phenomenal racer and sire. Northern Dancer won the Kentucky Derby, Preakness Stakes and Queen's Plate among other races, and became the most successful sire of the 20th century.

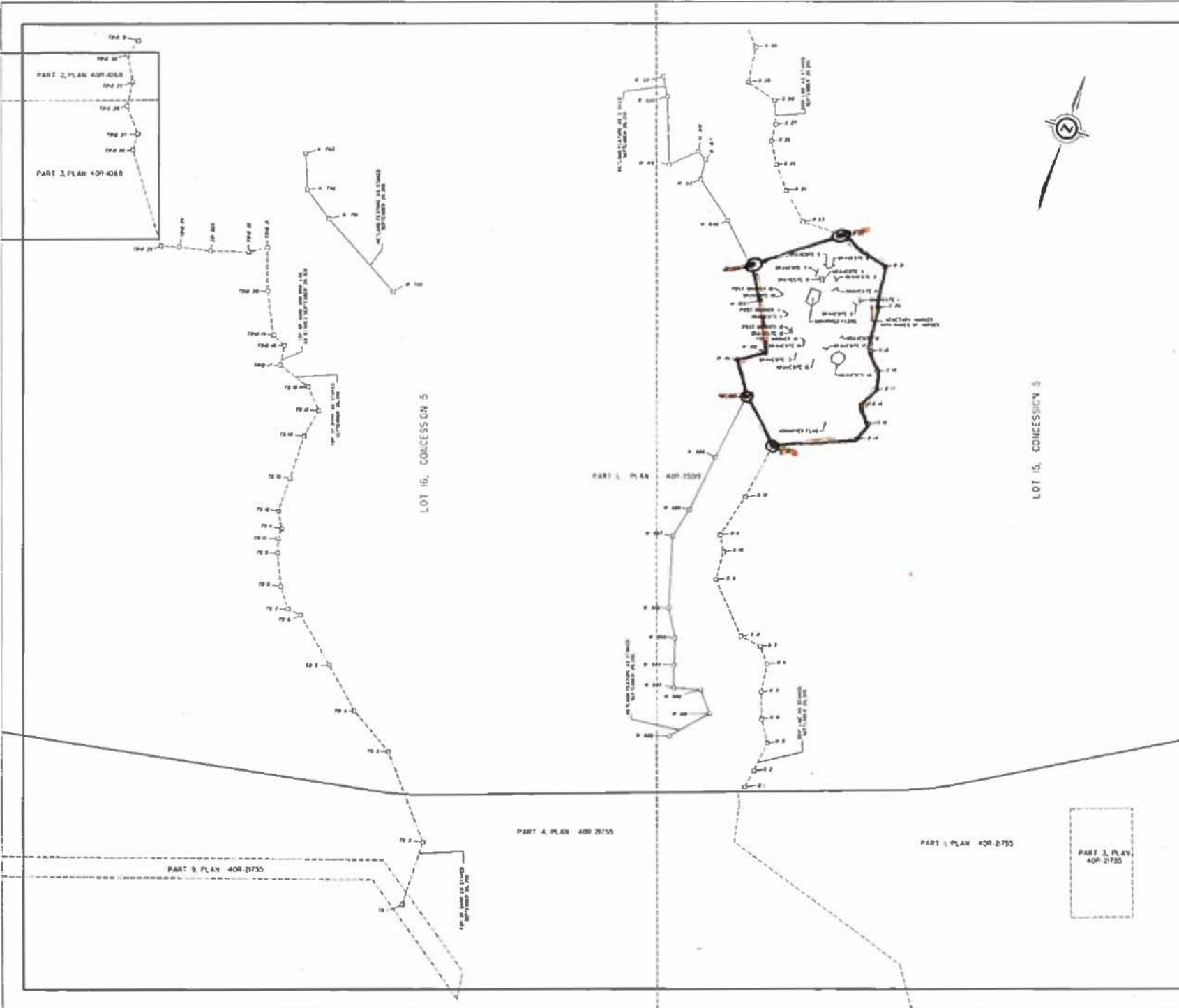
4. Flaring Top (1947-1966) was the dam of Flaming Page who, when mated with Northern Dancer, produced Nijinsky II who was voted British Horse of the Year in 1970.
5. Bridle Path (1976-2005) finished sixth in the 1979 Queen's Plate and won the 1979 Breeders' Stakes.

The cemetery contributes to the character of the landmark that is the former Windfields Farm. Trillium Cemetery is in proximity to the former core farm area which features several important buildings from the Windfields Farm operation including the Arena, Northern Dancer Cemetery, Stallion Barn, Barn 2 and Barn 6 (Foaling Barn).

Description of Heritage Attributes:

The defining heritage attributes of the property are:

- The 18 burial sites of descendants of stakes-winning thoroughbreds owned and bred by Windfields Farm
- The naturalness of the site, which gives the cemetery its appropriate character, almost like a sacred grove of trees
- The bowl-like depression or declivity in the topographical setting at the valley brow overlooking the Oshawa Creek
- The carpet of trilliums beneath the grove of predominantly maple trees, some very old, some more recent and some growing up among the graves.



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 CONCESSION 5
 CITY OF OSHAWA
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