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Re: Notice of Intent to Designate Trillium Cemetery, North of the Future Britannia Avenue West, West of the Future Windfields Farm Drive West, Oshawa

Pursuant to Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O. 18, please be advised that the Council of the Corporation of the City of Oshawa intends to designate the following property as a property of cultural heritage value or interest:

Trillium Cemetery
North of the future Britannia Avenue West, West of the future Windfields Farm Drive West
(described as Part 1, Plan 40R-28768) City of Oshawa

Reasons for the Proposed Designation

Location and Description of Property:

Trillium Cemetery is a burial ground for distinguished horses owned by Windfields Farm and the Taylor family 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; Part 1, Plan 40R-28768, 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 thoroughbred horses which dominated Canadian and American horse racing for decades.

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

1. Lady Angela (1944-1966) was the matriarch of the Northern Dancer dynasty. When bred with Nearco, produced a foal 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.
2. Iribelle (1942-1952) had four foals, of which three were stakes winners.
3. 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.
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.
6. Phillip (1965-1995) was E. P. Taylor's personal riding horse.

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

Description of Heritage Attributes:

The defining heritage attributes of the property are:

- The burial sites of distinguished horses, including many award-winning thoroughbreds, owned by Windfields Farm and the Taylor family
- 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.

The full particulars of the Reasons for Designation are available for inspection in the Planning Services Branch, 8th Floor at 50 Centre Street South between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

ANY PERSON MAY, ON OR BEFORE THE 29th DAY OF MAY 2015, SEND BY REGISTERED MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE CITY CLERK, a Notice of Objection to the proposed designation, together with a statement of their reasons for the objection and all relevant facts. If a Notice of Objection is received, the Council of the City of Oshawa will refer the matter to the Conservation Review Board for a hearing and a report.

If you require further information or clarification, please contact me at the address shown or by telephone at (905) 436-3311, extension 2945 or at mkish@oshawa.ca.



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