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**RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports:
Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological
Assessment Duncan Pit Property, Part of Lot 5, Concession 10, Dalhousie
Township, Lanark County, Ontario", Dated Oct 5, 2020, Filed with MHSTCI Toronto
Office on Oct 9, 2020, MHSTCI Project Information Form Number P1107-0027-2020,
MHSTCI File Number 0013076**

Dear Dr. Hahn:

This office has reviewed the above-mentioned report, which has been submitted to this ministry as a condition of licensing in accordance with Part VI of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c 0.18.¹ This review has been carried out in order to determine whether the licensed professional consultant archaeologist has met the terms and conditions of their licence, that the licensee assessed the property and documented archaeological resources using a process that accords with the 2011 *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* set by the ministry, and that the archaeological fieldwork and report recommendations are consistent with the conservation, protection and preservation of the cultural heritage of Ontario.

The report documents the assessment/mitigation of the study area as depicted in Map 2, Map 6, and Map 7 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

The Stage 1 and 2 AA has provided the basis for the following recommendations:

- 1) The Turnbull site (BfGd-8) possesses Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and the site should be subject to Stage 3 site-specific archaeological assessment prior to any development impacts.
- 2) The Stage 3 assessment of the Turnbull site (BfGd-8) should involve the hand excavation of 1 m x 1 m test units in a 5 m grid across the site and the excavation of additional 1 m x 1 m infill test units amounting to 20% of the grid unit total, as outlined in Sections 3.2 and Table 3.1 of the MHSTCI' Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (MHSTCI 2011). As a controlled surface pickup was completed during the Stage 2, one is not required as part of the Stage 3 archaeological assessment. The test unit excavation should consist of one metre by one metre square test units laid out in a systematic grid at 5 m intervals.

- 3) The Duncan site (BfGd-9) possesses Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and the site should be subject to Stage 3 site-specific archaeological assessment prior to any development impacts.
- 4) The Stage 3 assessment of the Duncan site (BfGd-9) should involve the hand excavation of 1 m x 1 m test units in a 5 m grid across the site and the excavation of additional 1 m x 1 m infill test units amounting to 20% of the grid unit total, as outlined in Sections 3.2 and Table 3.1 of the MHSTCI' Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (MHSTCI 2011). As a controlled surface pickup was completed during the Stage 2, one is not required as part of the Stage 3 archaeological assessment. The test unit excavation should consist of one metre by one metre square test units laid out in a systematic grid at 5 m intervals.
- 5) Should ground disturbance extend beyond the present Stage 1 and 2 study area, additional archaeological assessment may be required.

Based on the information contained in the report, the ministry is satisfied that the fieldwork and reporting for the archaeological assessment are consistent with the ministry's 2011 *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* and the terms and conditions for archaeological licences. This report has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. Please note that the ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of reports in the register.

Should you require any further information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer
Phil White, Thomas Cavanagh Construction Ltd.
Julie Stewart, Lanark County Planning Department

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