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**RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment 240-248 Main Street East, Grimsby Lot 3, Concession 1; Lot 3, Concession 2; and Road Allowance between Concession 1 and 2 Geographic Township of Grimsby, Historical County of Lincoln Now the Region of Niagara, Ontario ", Dated Jul 7, 2020, Filed with MTCS Toronto Office on Jul 16, 2020, MTCS Project Information Form Number P389-0365-2018, MTCS File Number 0009108**

Dear Dr. McCall:

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.<sup>1</sup> 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 Figure 3 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

Given the presence of at least 20 artifacts in the Stage 2 assemblage that date the period of use at the site to before 1900, H1 (AhGv-48) fulfills the criteria for a Stage 3 archaeological investigation as per Section 2.2 Standard 1c of the *Standards and Guidelines* (Government of Ontario 2011) and retains CHVI.

As was noted above, following the completion of the Stage 2 assessment, the Proponent removed the property at 242 Main Street East from the Study Area, avoiding the majority of H1 (AhGv-48). Therefore, the portion of the site that extends into 240 Main Street East is still recommended for Stage 3 assessment. The remainder of the site will be subject to avoidance and protection. Detailed recommendations for the avoidance and protection of the excluded portion of H1 (AhGv-48) will be included in the forthcoming Stage 3 assessment report.

The Stage 3 assessment of the portion of H1 (AhGv-48) within the reduced Study Area will be conducted

according to the procedures outlined in Section 3.2 of the Standards and Guidelines (Government of Ontario 2011). Typically, a Stage 3 assessment for a site documented during a pedestrian survey begins with an intensive controlled surface pickup ('CSP') across the Stage 2 limits, conducted as per Section 3.2.1 of the Standards and Guidelines (Government of Ontario 2011). Because H1 (AhGv-48) was documented during a test pit assessment of a manicured lawn, no CSP is required.

Given that it is not yet evident that the level of CHVI at H1 (AhGv-48) will result in a recommendation to proceed to Stage 4, the Stage 3 assessment will consist of the hand excavation of 1m square test units every 5m across the portion of the site that occurs within the reduced Study Area, as per Table 3.1, Standard 1 of the Standards and Guidelines (Government of Ontario 2011).

Following this, additional test units amounting to 20% of the grid total will be excavated, focusing on areas of interest within the site extent. The Stage 3 test units will be excavated in systematic levels and into the first 5cm of subsoil. All excavated soil will be screened through six-millimetre mesh to facilitate the recovery of small artifacts.

All recovered artifacts will be recorded and catalogued by their corresponding grid unit designation. If a subsurface cultural feature is encountered, the plan of the exposed feature will be recorded and geotextile fabric will be placed over the unit before backfilling it.

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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