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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 of 7449 Montrose Road, in Part of Lot 179 in the former Township of
Stamford, now City of Niagara Falls, County of Welland, Ontario", Dated Jan 17,
2021, Filed with MHSTCI Toronto Office on Feb 4, 2021, MHSTCI Project
Information Form Number P1289-0004-2020, MHSTCI File Number 0013413**

Dear Miss Adams:

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 Figure 4 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

The Stage 2 archaeological assessment was carried out in accordance with the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries' Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (Government of Ontario 2011).

Approximately 35% of the study area consists of woodlot and meadow, with varying degrees of grading and fill soils. Disturbance was not uniform throughout and these areas were subject to test pit survey at 5-metre intervals in accordance with Section 2.1.1 of the MHSTCI' 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (Government of Ontario 2011).

Approximately 65% of the study area consists of visual disturbance, including a large graded meadow, with some gravel lot installed, and the edge of an Enbridge gas easement along the West side of the study area. These areas were not deemed to retain archaeological potential and were not assessed but were subject to photographic documentation.

No archaeological resources were identified during the Stage 2 archaeological assessment of the study area.

All work met provincial standards and no archaeological sites were identified during the Stage 2 assessment. If construction plans change to incorporate new areas that were not subject to a Stage 2 field survey, these must be assessed prior to the initiation of construction. In keeping with legislative stipulations, all construction and demolition-related impacts (including, for example, machine travel, material storage and stockpiling, earth moving) must be restricted to the areas that were archaeologically assessed and cleared by the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries through acceptance of the assessment report into the provincial register.

No further archaeological assessment of the property is recommended.

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,

Michelle Davies
Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer
Rob McFarlane, Zelinka Priamo Ltd.
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