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RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "The Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment of the 2433170 Ontario Inc. Property, Part of Lot 20, Concession 2 N.D.S., Geographic Township Of Trafalgar, Town of Oakville, Halton Region", Dated Apr 28, 2017, Filed with MTCS Toronto Office on May 8, 2017, MTCS Project Information Form Number P013-1175-2016, MTCS File Number 0006049

Dear Mr. Sutton:

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 6 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

As detailed in this report, one archaeological site was found as a result of the assessment and consists of a mid to late 19th century Euro-Canadian homestead. The site has been registered as a historic site (AiGw-987). This site is a potentially significant archaeological resource and will require a Stage 3 assessment in order to determine its cultural heritage value. No soil disturbance or development activity can take place until after this site has been subjected to further assessment.

The historic site (AiGw-987) represents the location of a homestead that was likely occupied during the mid to late 19th century. As per the MTC's Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (2011: 35), 19th century domestic archaeological sites where most of the time span of occupation dates to before 1870 are considered to have cultural heritage value and will require a Stage 3 assessment and Stage 4 mitigation. Most historic sites that date to after 1870 are not considered to have cultural heritage value and do not require further. In order to more precisely determine the date of occupation of the historic site (AiGw-987), this site will require a Stage 3 assessment. For this type of site this would involve conducting a controlled surface collection and test excavations. A series of one metre square test units should be

excavated at 10 metre intervals across the site. Additional units, amounting to 40% of the initial grid total, should also be excavated in areas of interest within the site (MTC 2011: 28).

Archival research must also be conducted in order to identify the individual or family who may have occupied this homestead. No soil disturbance or development activity can take place until after AiGw-987 has been subjected to further assessment.

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
Josh Berry, Weston Consulting
Charlie McConnell, Town of Oakville

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