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**RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports:
Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment:
1300, 1316, 1326, 1342, and 1350 Bronte Road, Part Lot 31, Concession 2, Trafalgar
Township, Halton County, now Town of Oakville, Region of Halton, Ontario", Dated
Oct 12, 2021, Filed with MHSTCI Toronto Office on Oct 15, 2021, MHSTCI Project
Information Form Number P1153-0006-2020, MHSTCI File Number 0006337**

Dear Mr. Long:

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 of the study area as depicted in Map 1 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

Given the paucity of finds from Euro-Canadian findspots H1, H2, and H3, they do not hold Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and should be considered free of further archaeological concern. No further assessment is recommended for findspots H1, H2, and H3.

AiGw-1028 retains Cultural Heritage Value or Interest and further archaeological assessment is recommended. It is further recommended that AiGw-1028 be subject to a Stage 3 site specific assessment in order to more fully identify the character, significance, and extent of the archaeological deposit. The Stage 3 site specific assessment should be completed as outlined in the *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* (MHSTCI 2011) whereby:

1. The Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment shall begin with the establishment of a recording grid across the site based on a permanent datum, the position of which has been recorded using a GPS.

2. This will be followed by the excavation of a series of 1 m x 1 m square test units across the site at five metre intervals within the established grid in order to determine the extent and nature of the cultural deposits. An additional 20% of the total number of units excavated on the grid will be strategically excavated around units of high artifact counts, or areas of other interest. The test units should be excavated five centimetres into sterile subsoil and soil fills screened through six-millimetre wire mesh to facilitate artifact recovery. The subsoil will be trowelled, and soil profiles examined for cultural deposits.

3. The results of the Stage 3 assessment will be used to evaluate the significance of the site, and this will determine whether Stage 4 mitigation will be required.

It is requested that this report be entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports, as provided for in Section 65.1 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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,

Melissa Wallace
Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer
Scott Bland, ARGO Development Corporation
Susan Schappert, Town of Oakville Planning Department

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