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Dear Mr. Henry,

RE: Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled *2011 Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment of BEMP Holdings 1, Part of Lot 12, Concession 11, Formerly in the Township of Innisfil, Now in the City of Barrie, County of Simcoe (AMICK File #11801-P/MTC File #P058-776-2011)* Dated September 2, 2011, Filed by MTCS Toronto Office on October 26, 2011, MTCS Project Information Form Number P058-776-2011, MTCS RIMS Number 43SB502

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. 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 5 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

Stage 1 Recommendations

Under Section 7.7.4 of the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (MTC 2011: 133) the recommendations to be made as a result of a Stage 1 Background Study are described.

1) Make recommendations regarding the potential for the property, as follows:

a. if some or all of the property has archaeological potential, identify areas recommended for further assessment (Stage 2) and areas not recommended for further assessment. Any exemptions from further assessment must be consistent with the archaeological fieldwork standards and guidelines.

b. if no part of the property has archaeological potential, recommend that the property does not require further archaeological assessment.

2) Recommend appropriate Stage 2 assessment strategies.

The study area has been identified as an area of archaeological potential.

1) Within the study area the land consists of mostly ploughable lands, an area of lowlying at wet in the North portion of the study area as well as a large disturbed area in the West portion. The study area contains a small amount of forest area. The areas not consisting of low-lying and wet areas were determined to have potential and Stage 2 assessment was therefore conducted using a combination of pedestrian and test pit survey methodologies in accordance with the Standards governing the use of each method. All portions of the property that could be ploughed were ploughed in advance of the assessment and were well weathered. The pedestrian survey was completed on all ploughed lands at an interval of 5 metres in between individual transects. Any areas that could not be ploughed were subject to assessment using the test pit methodology. Test pits were dug at a fixed interval of 5 metres across the surface area. Test pits measured a minimum of 30 centimeters in diameter and were dug at least 5 centimeters into the subsoil beneath the topsoil layer. All excavated earth was screened through 6 mm wire mesh to ensure that any artifacts contained within the soil matrix are recovered. All test pits were back filled and restored as much as was reasonably possible to the level of the surrounding grade.

Stage 2 Recommendations

Under Section 7.8.4 of the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (MTC 2011: 139) the recommendations to be made as a result of a Stage 2 Physical Assessment are described.

1) For each archaeological site, provide a statement of the following:

a. Borden number or other identifying number

b. Whether or not it is of further cultural heritage value or interest

c. Where it is of further cultural heritage value or interest, appropriate Stage 3 assessment strategies

2) Make recommendations only regarding archaeological matters. Recommendations regarding built heritage or cultural heritage landscapes should not be included.

3) If the Stage 2 survey did not identify any archaeological sites requiring further assessment or mitigation of impacts, recommend that no further archaeological assessment of the property be required.

As a result of the physical assessment of the property, no significant archaeological resources were encountered. One isolated find containing one Brewerton Side-Notched point was found. However, after further survey no other find spots were found. Consequently, it is recommended that the proposed development be considered cleared of any further requirement for archaeological fieldwork. Any current or future condition of development respecting archaeological resources should be considered as addressed.

Based on the information contained in the report, the ministry is satisfied that the fieldwork and reporting for the archaeological assessment is consistent with the ministry's 2011 *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* and the terms and conditions for archaeological licences. This report will be 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,

Paige Campbell
Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Mr. Ray Duhamel, Jones Consulting Group
Mr. Ryan Windle, City of Barrie

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