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RE: Review and Acceptance into the Provincial Register of Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Report on the 2009 Stage 1 Archaeological Background Research of the Blue Sails Developments, within Lakeshore Drive, Bradford Street, Bunkers Creek & High Street, Part of Lots 24 & 25, Concession 5, Township of Springwater (formerly within Vespra Township), City of Barrie, County of Simcoe," Report Dated April 2009 and Received April 27, 2009, Revised Report Received November 23, 2009. MCL Project Information Form Number P058-461-2009, MCL RIMS Number 43SP298.

Dear Mr. Henry:

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 is to ensure that the licensed professional consultant archaeologist has met the terms and conditions of their archaeological licence, that archaeological sites have been identified and documented according to the 1993 technical guidelines set by the Ministry and that the archaeological fieldwork and report recommendations ensure the conservation, protection and preservation of the cultural heritage of Ontario.

As the result of our review, this Ministry accepts the above titled report into the Provincial register of archaeological reports. The report indicates that the subject property has low archaeological potential and, consequently, a Stage 2 assessment is not required. This Ministry concurs with this recommendation.

Given the above, this Ministry is satisfied that concerns for archaeological sites have been met for the area of this development project as depicted by Figure 10 of the above titled report.

I trust this information is of assistance. Should you require any further information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Jim Sherratt
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evident that it had been placed over an extended period of time and from different sources."

(Terraprobe 2008: 3, 4)

4.2 Results

As a result of the archaeological background research, it was determined that the area contained within the proposed limits of the proposed Blue Sails development area is an area of high archaeological potential for significant sites related to First Nations activity and an area of low potential for significant sites related to Euro-Canadian activity. Several archaeological sites related to First Nations habitation and land use have been documented within and in close proximity to the study area. However, soil data retrieved during examinations of the subject property by Terraprobe Limited on May 22 and June 6, 2008, indicate that 1-to-4 metres of fill material was encountered throughout the entirety of the subject property. As well, during photo documentation by AMICK Consultants Limited on April 9, 2009, visible fill material and concrete areas were located throughout the entirety of the subject property, except in low-lying and wet areas. A detailed plan of this property is contained in this report as Figures 9 & 10.

5.0 CONCLUSIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

AMICK Consultants Limited was engaged by AECOM to undertake this study on March 25, 2009. As a result of the archaeological background research, it was determined that the area contained within the limits of the proposed Blue Sails Development is an area of high archaeological potential for significant sites related to First Nations activity and an area of low potential for significant sites related to Euro-Canadian activity. However, soil data retrieved during examinations of the subject property by Terraprobe Limited on May 22 and June 6, 2008, indicate that 1-to-4 metres of fill material was encountered throughout the entirety of the subject property. As well, during photo documentation by AMICK Consultants Limited on April 9, 2009, visible fill material and concrete areas were located throughout the entirety of the subject property, except in low-lying and wet areas.

As a result of the Stage 1 Background Research, it is recommended that any current or future condition of the proposed undertaking respecting archaeological concerns within the proposed Blue Sails Development Area be considered as addressed and that no further archaeological investigations are warranted.

It must be noted at this time that no archaeological survey, regardless of its intensity, can entirely negate the possibility of deeply buried cultural material, notably human interments. In consequence, it is further recommended that should any such remains be encountered during construction activities, the Regulatory Operations Group, Ontario Ministry of Culture and/or the Cemeteries Regulation Group of the Ontario Ministry of Consumer and Commercial Relations and AMICK Consultants Limited be contacted immediately.