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RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "the Stage 1-3 Archaeological Assessment of the Rainsong Land Development Inc. Property, Part Of Lot 15, Concession 11, Township Of Innisfil, Simcoe County", Dated Sep 29, 2014, Filed with MTCS Toronto Office on Oct 14, 2014, MTCS Project Information Form Number P013-1041-2013, P013-1051-2014

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 1 (p.21) "Location of the Subject Property", Figure 4 (p.24) "Archaeological Survey Coverage and Techniques", Figure 5 (p.25) "Results of the Stage 3 Assessment of the George Warnica Site (BcGv-40)", and Supplementary Mapping "Location of the Archaeological Site", of the above titled report and recommends the following:

1. As detailed in this report, one archaeological site was found as a result of the Stage 1-3 assessment and has been registered as the George Warnica site (BcGv-40). This site is a late 19th century Euro-Canadian homestead. Our firm carried out a Stage 3 assessment of the site in May, 2014. The Stage 3 assessment consisted of a controlled surface collection and the excavation of a total of 39 one metre square test units at 5-10 metre intervals across the site.
2. The results of the Stage 3 assessment indicate that the vast majority of the site occupation postdates 1870. As per the MTC's Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (2011: 35), domestic Euro-Canadian archaeological sites in southern Ontario which were primarily occupied before 1870 (80% or more), have cultural heritage value. Euro-Canadian domestic sites which were primarily occupied after 1870 generally do not have cultural heritage value and do not require Stage 4 mitigation. Given the relatively late date of occupation, the George Warnica site (BcGv-40) is not considered to have cultural

heritage value. This site will not require Stage 4 mitigation and is no longer a planning concern.

3. The results of the Stage 1-3 archaeological assessment indicates that the subject property does not contain any archaeological sites that have cultural heritage value. Accordingly, there are no other further concerns for impacts to archaeological resources on this 50 hectare parcel of land. No further archaeological assessment of this parcel of land is required.

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,

Katherine Bishop
Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer
Mark Resnick, Great Gulf
Kathy Brislin, City of Barrie

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