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**RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment Viasaga Lands Part of Lots 15 and 18, Beasley's Broken Front Concession, Geographic Township of Waterloo, City of Cambridge, Region of Waterloo, Ontario ", Dated Feb 11, 2019, Filed with MTCS Toronto Office on Jun 18, 2020, MTCS Project Information Form Number P017-0673-2018, MTCS File Number 0009758**

Dear Mr. Grimes:

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.<sup>1</sup> 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 Figures 3 to 4 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

#### 5.1 P1

Given the isolated nature of the non-diagnostic artifact, the CHVI of P1 is judged to be sufficiently documented. P1 does not fulfill the criteria for a Stage 3 archaeological investigation as per Section 2.2 of the *Standards and Guidelines* (Government of Ontario 2011). Therefore, no further archaeological assessment is recommended for P1.

#### 4.2 P2 (AiHc-492)

Given the results of the Stage 2 assessment, P2 (AiHc-492) has been interpreted as a small activity area of unknown function, occupied by Aboriginal people during the Middle Archaic period. The Stage 2 assessment resulted in the documentation of at least one diagnostic artifact in addition to two or more non-diagnostic artifacts within a 10m by 10m pedestrian survey area. As a result, P2 (AiHc-492) meets the criteria for a Stage 3 assessment as per Section 2.2 Standard 1.a.i(1) of the *Standards and Guidelines*

(Government of Ontario 2011) and retains CHVI. To further evaluate the site's CHVI, a Stage 3 archaeological assessment is recommended for P2 (AiHc-492).

The Stage 3 archaeological assessment of P2 (AiHc-492) will be conducted according to Section 3.2.2 of the Standards and Guidelines (Government of Ontario 2011). Typically, a Stage 3 assessment begins with an intensive controlled surface pickup across the Stage 2 limits of site, conducted as per Section 3.2.1 of the Standards and Guidelines (Government of Ontario 2011). During the Stage 2 pedestrian survey, however, all artifacts for P2 (AiHc-492) were digitally mapped individually and collected for laboratory analysis. Thus, the conditions for a Stage 3 CSP at the site were met during the Stage 2 assessment. Given that it is not yet evident that the level of CHVI at the site will result in a recommendation to proceed to Stage 4 (see Section 4.3), the Stage 3 assessment of P2 (AiHc-492) will consist of the hand excavation of 1m square test units every 5m in systematic levels and into the first 5cm of subsoil as per Table 3.1, Standard 1 of the Standards and Guidelines (Government of Ontario 2011). Additional 1m test units, amounting to 20% of the grid total, will be placed in areas of interest within the site extent as per Table 3.1, Standard 2 of the Standards and Guidelines (Government of Ontario 2011). All excavated soil will be screened through six-millimetre mesh; all recovered artifacts will be recorded by their corresponding grid unit designation and collected for laboratory analysis. If a subsurface cultural feature is encountered, the plan of the exposed feature will be recorded and geotextile fabric will be placed over the unit before backfilling the unit.

#### 4.3 P3, P4, P6, P7, P9, P10, and P11

Given the isolated nature of these non-diagnostic artifact, the CHVI of P3, P4, P6, P7, P9, P10, and P11 is judged to be sufficiently documented. P3, P4, P6, P7, P9, P10, and P11 do not fulfill the criteria for a Stage 3 archaeological investigation as per Section 2.2 of the Standards and Guidelines (Government of Ontario 2011). Therefore, no further archaeological assessment is recommended for P3, P4, P6, P7, P9, P10, and P11.

#### 4.4 P5

Given the isolated nature of these non-diagnostic artifacts, the CHVI of P5 is judged to be sufficiently documented. P5 does not fulfill the criteria for a Stage 3 archaeological investigation as per Section 2.2 of the Standards and Guidelines (Government of Ontario 2011). Therefore, no further archaeological assessment is recommended for P5.

#### 4.5 P8 AiHc-505

Given the isolated nature of these non-diagnostic artifacts, the CHVI of P8 is judged to be sufficiently documented. P8 does not fulfill the criteria for a Stage 3 archaeological investigation as per Section 2.2 of the Standards and Guidelines (Government of Ontario 2011). Therefore, no further archaeological assessment is recommended for P8.

#### 4.6 P12

Given the isolated nature of this non-diagnostic artifact, the CHVI of P12 is judged to be sufficiently documented. P12 does not fulfill the criteria for a Stage 3 archaeological investigation as per Section 2.2 of the Standards and Guidelines (Government of Ontario 2011). Therefore, no further archaeological assessment is recommended for P12.

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

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Sandy Acchione, Intermarket Real Estate Group  
Jane Gurney, Region of Waterloo

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