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**RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "REVISED 20 July 2021 Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment of Riverbank Drive, Part of Lots 15, 16, 17, and 18, Beasleys Broken Front Concession (Geographic Township of Waterloo, County of Waterloo), City of Cambridge, R. M. of Waterloo (AMICK File #19947/MHSTCI File #P038-1004-2020)", Dated Jul 20, 2021, Filed with MHSTCI Toronto Office on Jul 23, 2021, MHSTCI Project Information Form Number P038-1004-2020, MHSTCI File Number 0012756**

Dear Ms. Cornies:

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 Map 8 and Map 10 in the Supplementary Documentation and Map 1 and Map 6 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

As a result of the property Assessment of the study area, two isolated findspots were documented. Based on the characteristics of the findspots and the analysis of the artifacts, there is no further CHVI for Findspot 1; there is however further CHVI for Findspot 2 (the Riverbank (AiHc-508) Site). Consequently, the following recommendations are made:

1. The Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (CHVI) of the Riverbank (AiHc-508) Site, or Findspot 2, has not been completely documented. There is potential for further CHVI for this location. The Riverbank (AiHc-508) Site requires Stage 3 Site-specific Assessment to gather further data to determine if Stage 4 Mitigation of Development Impacts will be required. There is no further CHVI for Findspot 1.

2. A Stage 3 Site-specific assessment of the Riverbank (AiHc-508) Site must be completed for this site in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (MTC 2011). The Stage 3 Site-specific assessment will consist of the excavation of 1 by 1 metre square test units on a 5 by 5 metre square grid; the grid squares will be referred to by the intersection coordinates of their southwest corner. An infill of 20% of the total grid squares will need to be excavated. Each test unit will be excavated stratigraphically by hand into the first 5 centimetres of subsoil. Each unit will be examined for stratigraphy, cultural features, or evidence of fill, and all soil was screened through wire mesh of 6 millimetre width. All artifacts will be retained and recorded by the corresponding grid unit designation and will be held at the Lakelands District corporate offices of AMICK Consultants Limited until such time that they can be transferred to an agency or institution approved by the Ontario Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI) on behalf of the government and citizens of Ontario.

3. An intensified CSP survey has been completed as part of the Stage 2 Property Assessment and are not required as part of the Stage 3 Site-specific Assessment of the Riverbank (AiHc-508) Site as these components of the Stage 3 requirements are already satisfied.

4. No soil disturbances or removal of vegetation shall take place prior to the acceptance of the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI) of a report recommending that all archaeological concerns for the Riverbank (AiHc-508) Site have been addressed and that there is no further cultural heritage value or interest for this site.

5. It is anticipated that the fieldwork and reporting of the Stage 4 Mitigation of Development Impacts (if required) will be completed in the spring of 2021 and it is not anticipated that any development activity will be necessary within the study area before 2022

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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