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**RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "REVISED 23 February 2022 Stage 3 Site-Specific Assessment of the Riverbank (AiHc-508) site, Part of Lots 15, 16, 17 and 18 Beasley's Broken Front Concession (Geographic Township of Waterloo, County of Waterloo), City of Cambridge, R. M. of Waterloo (AMICK File #2020160/MHSTCI File #P058-1907-2020)", Dated Feb 23, 2022, Filed with MHSTCI Toronto Office on Feb 24, 2022, MHSTCI Project Information Form Number P058-1907-2020, MHSTCI File Number 0012756**

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.<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 9 and Map 13 of the Supplementary Documentation and Map 1 and Map 8 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

The Stage 3 Site-specific Assessment of the Riverbank (AiHc-508) site produced no further artifacts or features. Despite producing no archaeological resources, the Riverbank (AiHc-508) site is recommended for Stage 4 Mitigation of Impacts in accordance with Standard 3.4.1e (2011) since the site produced a projectile point that dates to the Woodland Period. While the Standards and Guidelines are not specific as to the types of Woodland Period sites that must proceed to Stage 4, previous isolated finds dating to the Woodland Period have been interpreted by MHSTCI Archaeological Review Officers to meet this criterion and have enforced a requirement for Stage 4 excavation. Accordingly, the Riverbank (AiHc-508) site retains potential for further Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (CHVI). Therefore, the site will require Stage 4 Mitigation in order to excavate and document the remainder of the site. This report was provided to the Mississauga of the Credit First Nations and to the Six Nations of the Grand for input into the Stage 4

strategy. The Mississauga of the Credit First Nation agreed with the proposed recommendation for Stage 4 Mitigation by Excavation of the site and with the Stage 4 strategy. We have not been able to obtain a response from Six Nations of the Grand.

1. Since no artifacts or features were encountered during the excavation of the Riverbank (AiHc-508) site, the site limits are herein defined as the location of the single findspot encountered during the Stage 1-2 assessment.
2. No soil disturbances or removal of trees shall take place within any part of the study area prior to the acceptance of the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI) of a report detailing the conduct and findings of Stage 4 Mitigation of Development Impacts of the Riverbank (AiHc-508) site, where any such activity may be contemplated;
3. An area within a ten-metre radius of the Riverbank (AiHc-508) site will undergo excavation by heavy machinery using a backhoe with a flat-ended shovel that will gradually pull away the dirt in order to excavate the area while minimizing the risk of damaging any further artifacts that remain. A plan showing the extent of the hand excavation and heavy machinery excavations is included in the supplementary package of this report;
4. The Mississauga of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand will be invited to have representatives present for the Stage 4 excavations and will be invited to review and comment on the report prepared to document the Stage 4 fieldwork.

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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