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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: Spencer Pit Part of Lots 14 to 18, Concession B Township of Guelph-Eramosa, Wellington County, Ontario ", Dated Nov 6, 2013, Filed with MTCS Toronto Office on Nov 18, 2013, MTCS Project Information Form Number P001-741-2013, MTCS File Number 0000447

Dear Mr. Wilson:

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 of the study area as depicted in Figure No. 1: General Project Location and Figure No. 4: Stage 2 Methods of the above titled report and recommends the following:

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 LOCATION 1

The artifact assemblage from Location 1 contains less than 20 artifacts that date prior to 1900 and background information related to the 20th century occupation of the study area does not indicate possible cultural heritage value or interest. Therefore, Location 1 does not fulfill the criteria of Section 2.2 of the 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (Government of Ontario 2011) and retains no further cultural heritage value or interest. Thus, no further work is recommended for Location 1.

5.2 LOCATION 2

The artifact assemblage from Location 2 contains less than 20 artifacts that date prior to 1900 and background information related to the 20th century occupation of the study area does not indicate possible cultural heritage value or interest. Therefore, Location 2 does not fulfill the criteria of Section 2.2 of the 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (Government of Ontario 2011) and retains no further cultural heritage value or interest. Thus, no further work is recommended for Location 2.

5.3 SUMMARY

Two archaeological locations were documented during the Stage 1-2 assessment of the Spencer Pit study area. Both Location 1 and Location 2 retain no further cultural heritage value or interest and are not recommended for further Stage 3 assessment or mitigation. Therefore, no further archaeological assessment of the Spencer Pit study area is recommended.

The MTCS is asked to review the results presented and accept this report into the Ontario Public Register

of Archaeological Reports.

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,
Sarah Roe
Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer
Rick Esbaugh, Tri City Lands
unknown unknown, Ministry of Natural Resources

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