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RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "STAGE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT - SP Belle River Wind LP, Belle River Wind Project, Various Lots and Concessions, Geographic Townships of Maidstone, Rochester and Tilbury West, Essex County, Ontario", Dated Nov 19, 2014, Filed with MTCS Toronto Office on Nov 21, 2014, MTCS Project Information Form Number P311-0277-2014

Dear Mr. Drouin:

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 Map 1 and Map 11 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

Based on the background research, it is recommended that Stage 2 archaeological assessment be performed for all areas that will be impacted by the proposed project, including turbine sites, access roads, transmission lines, collection systems and transformer stations (Map 11). The following methods are recommended for the Stage 2 property survey:

A Stage 2 archaeological assessment will be conducted by a licenced archaeologist using the pedestrian survey method at 5 metre intervals in all areas that will be impacted by the project and where ploughing is possible (e.g., agricultural fields). This assessment will occur when the agricultural fields have been recently ploughed, weathered, and exhibit at least 80% surface visibility;

A Stage 2 archaeological assessment will be conducted by a licenced archaeologist using the test pit survey method at 5 metre intervals in all areas that will be impacted by the project and where ploughing is not possible (e.g., wood lots, overgrown areas, manicured lawns);

Areas of low or no archaeological potential such as poorly drained areas, areas of steep slope and areas of previous disturbance (e.g., pipelines, road ROWs, buildings) identified during the Stage 2 assessment within all areas that will be impacted by the project are to be mapped and photo-documented, and if necessary subjected to judgemental test pitting; and,

The Stage 2 archaeological assessment will follow the requirements set out in the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (Government of Ontario 2011).

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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