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**RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports:
Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment
Duncan Site (BfGd-9), Part of Lot 5, Concession 10, Dalhousie Township, Lanark
County, Ontario", Dated Feb 9, 2021, Filed with MHSTCI Toronto Office on Feb 17,
2021, MHSTCI Project Information Form Number P1107-0029-2020, MHSTCI File
Number 0013076**

Dear Dr. Hahn:

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 SD Map 1 of the Supplementary Documentation and Map 1 and Map 4 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

- 1) The Duncan site (BfGd-9) is of sufficient cultural heritage value or interest to warrant mitigative measures through a Stage 4 mitigation of development impacts.
- 2) As complete avoidance of the site is not considered to be a viable option, Stage 4 mitigation would entail mechanical topsoil removal followed by the hand excavation of cultural features. This strategy was developed in consultation with an MHSTCI review officer on September 10, 2020.
- 3) Mechanical topsoil removal will employ an excavator with a flat-edged bucket and follow Standards 2 to 6 of Section 4.2.3 of the *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* (MHSTCI 2011).
- 4) As per Standard 1 of Section 4.3 of the *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* (MHSTCI 2011), mechanical excavation must extend to a minimum of 10 m beyond uncovered cultural features or to the end of the project boundary.

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

cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer
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