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Mr. Rob Miller – Via Email
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RE: **SunE Westbrook Solar Farm**

**Location: Lot 4 and of Lot 5, Concession V (Western Addition), City of Kingston, former
Kingston Township, County of Frontenac**

OPA Reference Number: F-000622-SPV-130-505

FIT Contract Number: FDNXGQE

MTCS DPR File no.: PLAN-10EA035

Dear Mr. Miller:

This letter constitutes the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's written comments as required by s. 23(3)(a) of O. Reg. 359/09 under the *Environmental Protection Act* regarding heritage assessments undertaken for the above project.

Based on the information contained in the report you have submitted for this project, the Ministry is satisfied with the heritage assessment. Please note that the Ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the heritage assessment report.*

The report recommends the following:

8.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

The proposed SunEdison Westbrook Solar Farm has the potential to impact identified cultural heritage resources in a variety of ways. These resources retain significance on the basis that they provide information about the settlement of the former Kingston Township, the City of Kingston and the early settlement of the Province. However the identified resources are in a ruinous state with the outbuildings in a state of collapse. The state of all of these buildings means that it is unlikely that they could be rehabilitated and/or restored.

Based on the results of the background data collection, the field review, and a consideration of the exceptional state of all the identified built heritage resources and notably, the principal structures, the following recommendations are provided:

1. The recommended approach is avoidance of identified cultural heritage resources and/or partial retention of the intact landscape features in the core area (i.e., around the identified structures). The condition of the two principle structures (log cabin and farmhouse) is such that it precludes most, if not all, conservation strategies as well as long-term maintenance strategies. As such, it is recommended that the area of Lot 4, Concession V which contains the two principle structures, the unidentified stone foundation and the intact landscape features be avoided and, as a first choice, the solar panels/modules would be relocated away from this area. This may include, but not be limited to, partial retention of landscape features and building remnants and installation of a plaque or signage near the frontage of Bur Brook Road.
2. Prior to any land alteration activities, it is recommended that full documentation of both of the two principle structures (log cabin and farmhouse) as well as further investigation/documentation of the stone foundation be undertaken by a qualified heritage consultant.

The Ministry is satisfied with these recommendations.

This letter does not waive any requirements which you may have under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. Also, this letter does not constitute approval of the renewable energy project. Approvals of the project may be required under other statutes and regulations. It is your responsibility to obtain any necessary approvals or licences.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

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A/Heritage Planner

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