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RE: Newboro 1 Solar Farm, Part of Lots 25 through 27, Concession 1, South Crosby, Township of Rideau Lakes, United Counties of Leeds and Grenville, Ontario
OPA FIT Reference No. FIT-FGJ9196
MTCS File No. HD00685
PIF No. P052-326-2011

Dear Mr. Miller:

This letter constitutes the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's written comments as required by s. 22(3)(a) of O. Reg. 359/09 under the *Environmental Protection Act* regarding archaeological assessments undertaken for the above project.

Based on the information contained in the report(s) you have submitted for this project, the Ministry believes the archaeological assessment complies with the *Ontario Heritage Act's* licensing requirements, including the licence terms and conditions and the Ministry's 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists. Please note that the Ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the report(s).*

The report recommends the following:

Stage 1 and 2 Revised Report Dated March 26, 2012, Received by MTCS Toronto Office on March 26, 2012, MTCS Project Information Form Number P052-326-2011:

Sites H1, H2 and H3 of of further cultural heritage value or interest and should be subject to Stage 3 site-specific assessment.

A Borden number will be retained for each site during the Stage 3 assessment.

The Stage 3 assessment of Sites H1 and H2 will include detailed historical documentation, a controlled surface pick-up, and test unit excavation as per Sections 3.1and 3.2 of the 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists.

The general Stage 3 test unit excavation will follow Section 3.2.2 of the 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists and the location and number of test units will follow the

strategy for small post-contact sites where it is not yet evident that the level of cultural heritage value or interest will result in a recommendation to proceed to Stage 4: test units will be placed and excavated in a 5 m grid across the site, and additional units amounting to 20% of the initial grid unit total will focus on areas of interest within the site extent, i.e. distinct areas of higher concentrations within a broader artifact concentration (e.g. possible midden area), and/or adjacent to high- yield units.

The Stage 3 assessment of Site H3 will include detailed historical documentation, and test unit excavation as per Sections 3.1 and 3.2 of the 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists.

The general Stage 3 test unit excavation will follow Section 3.2.2 of the 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists and the location and number of test units will follow the strategy for small post-contact sites where it is not yet evident that the level of cultural heritage value or interest will result in a recommendation to proceed to Stage 4: test units will be placed and excavated in a 5 m grid across the site, and additional units amounting to 20% of the initial grid unit total will focus on areas of interest within the site extent, i.e. distinct areas of higher concentrations within a broader artifact concentration (e.g. possible midden area), and/or adjacent to high- yield units.

The Ministry is satisfied with these recommendations.

This letter does not waive any requirements which you may have under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. A separate letter addressing archaeological licensing obligations under the Act will be sent to the archaeologist who completed the assessment and will be copied to you.

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,

Kathryn Bryant
A/ Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer
Keith Powers, The Archaeologists Inc.

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