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**RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "The 2012 Archaeological Monitoring of the Demolition & Site Servicing for 160-164 and 152-158 Wyndham Street North, Part of Lots 74 & 73, Canada Company Survey, City of Guelph, Wellington County, Ontario", Dated Jan 25, 2013, Filed with MTCS Toronto Office on Jan 29, 2013, MTCS Project Information Form Number P242-009-2012**

Dear Mr. Neill:

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.<sup>1</sup> 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 monitoring of the study area as depicted in Figure 5 and Supplementary Documentation Figure 1 the above titled report and recommends the following:

The archaeological monitoring of construction activities and site servicing for 160-164 and 152-158 Wyndham Street North resulted in the formulation of a series of recommendations and requests. They are as follows:

1. It is recommended that any further construction activity in this area should require a prior archaeological assessment and/or archaeological monitoring, as appropriate.
2. In the event that plans for the proposed Baker Street Parking Facility should be revived, it is recommended that the City of Guelph implement the outstanding recommendations that were outlined in the report by D.R. Poulton & Associates Inc. (2007: 31). They would include archaeological monitoring of construction related activities as well as Stage 3 test excavations and Stage 4 salvage excavations.
3. In the event that the northern portion of the existing Baker Street parking lot should be confirmed to be the preferred site for the new location of the main branch of the Guelph Public Library, it is recommended that the City of Guelph implement archaeological excavations to mitigate the concerns for unmarked human graves and human remains.
4. It is recommended that the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport issue a letter of satisfaction accepting the present report into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports.

5. It is requested that a copy of the Ministry's letter be forwarded to Rob Broughton, Project Manager, Community Services Group, City of Guelph. His e-mail address is Rob.Broughton@guelph.ca.

6. In the event that any deeply buried cultural remains should be discovered during future earthmoving or construction within the 160-164 and 152-158 Wyndham Street North properties or the adjacent Baker Street municipal parking lot and road rights-of-way to the west and southwest, it is recommended that the discovery be reported immediately to archaeological staff of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport by telephone (416 212- 8886) or by e-mail (Archaeology.ontario.ca.). Staff will then allocate an Archaeological Review Officer to respond to the reported discovery.

7. In the event that any human remains should be discovered during future earthmoving or construction within the 160-164 and 152-158 Wyndham Street North properties or the adjacent Baker Street municipal parking lot and the road rights-of-way to the west and southwest, it is similarly recommended that the discovery be reported immediately to archaeological staff of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and to the police, the coroner and Michael D'Mello. Mr. D'Mello is the Registrar of the Cemeteries Regulation Unit of the Ontario Ministry of Consumer Services. His telephone number is 416 326-8404 and his e-mail address is Michael.D'Mello@ontario.ca.

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,  
Andrea Williams  
Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer

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