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Andrew Clish (P046)
ASI Archaeological and Cultural Heritage Services
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RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "STAGE 1 ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF FINCH AVENUE WEST AND WESTON ROAD PART OF LOT 20, CONCESSION 5 WYS GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF YORK, YORK COUNTY CITY OF TORONTO", Dated Feb 1, 2016, Filed with MTCS Toronto Office on Feb 16, 2016, MTCS Project Information Form Number P046-0112-2015, MTCS File Number 20RD063

Dear Mr. Clish:

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 Figure 9 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

In light of these results, the following recommendations are made:

1. It is recommended that no further archaeological assessment of the property be required. NOTWITHSTANDING the results and recommendations presented in this study, Archaeological Services Inc. notes that no archaeological assessment, no matter how thorough or carefully completed, can necessarily predict, account for, or identify every form of isolated or deeply buried archaeological deposit. In the event that archaeological remains are found during subsequent construction activities, the consultant archaeologist, approval authority, and the Cultural Programs Unit of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport should be immediately notified.

The documentation related to this archaeological assessment will be curated by Archaeological Services Inc. until such a time that arrangements for their ultimate transfer to Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario, or other public institution, can be made to the satisfaction of the project owner(s), the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and any other legitimate interest groups.

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,

Kaye Boucher
Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer
Jaime Shedletsky, Medallion Developments Inc.
Susan Hughes, City of Toronto

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