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RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, “Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, Jericho Wind Inc., Jericho Wind Energy Centre, Additional Report, Various Lots and Concessions, Lambton and Middlesex Counties, Ontario,” Revised Report Dated 23 January 2013, Filed by MTCS Toronto Office on 25 January 2013, MTCS Project Information Form Number P366-016-2012, MTCS File Number HD00098

Dear Erin:

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

¹ This letter constitutes the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport's written comments where required pursuant to section 22 of O. Reg. 359/09, as amended (Renewable Energy Approvals under the Environmental Protection Act), regarding the archaeological assessment undertaken for the above-captioned project. Depending on the study area and scope of work of the archaeological assessment as detailed in the report, further archaeological assessment reports may be required to complete the archaeological assessment for the project under O. Reg. 359/09. In that event Ministry comments pursuant to section 22 of O. Reg. 359/09 will be required for any such additional reports.

² In no way will the ministry be liable for any harm, damages, costs, expenses, losses, claims or actions that may result: (a) if the Report(s) or its recommendations are discovered to be inaccurate, incomplete, misleading or fraudulent; or (b) from the issuance of this letter. Further measures may need to be taken in the event that additional artifacts or archaeological sites are identified or the Report(s) is otherwise found to be inaccurate, incomplete, misleading or fraudulent.

ministry, and that the archaeological fieldwork and report recommendations are consistent with the conservation, protection and preservation of the cultural heritage of Ontario.²

The report documents the Stage 2 assessment of the study area as depicted in Figures 2-1 through 2-14 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

5.1 Location 277 (AgHk-155)

The Stage 2 assessment of Location 277 resulted in the recovery of a scatter of mid-to-late 19th century historic Euro-Canadian artifacts. A total of 107 historic artifacts were recovered from four positive test pits over an approximate 15 metre by five metre area. Location 277 falls within the area previously known as Pine Hill, and is fairly close to the location of Widder Post Office as noted on the the 1880 Illustrated Historical Atlas of the County of Lambton (Belden and Company 1880). This information in addition to the presence of more than 20 artifacts dating the period of use prior to 1900 lends cultural heritage value or interest to the site; these artifacts include the previously discussed ironstone and whiteware ceramics. Based on this consideration, the artifacts identified fulfill the criteria for a Stage 3 archaeological investigation as per Section 2.2 Standard 1c of the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (Government of Ontario 2011), to further evaluate its cultural heritage value or interest. Given this, it is recommended that Location 277 be subject to a Stage 3 assessment prior to any ground disturbance activities to further test the nature and density of the site.

The Stage 3 assessment should employ both the controlled surface pick-up and hand excavated test unit methodology as outlined in Sections 3.2 and 3.3, as well as Table 3.1, of the MTCS' Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (Government of Ontario 2011). The test unit excavation should consist of one metre by one metre square test units laid out in a systematic grid and should be excavated by hand to a depth of five centimetres within the subsoil. Site specific land registry research to supplement the previous background study concerning the land use and occupation history specific to Location 277 should also be conducted as part of the Stage 3 assessment. Location 277 has been registered with the MTCS under Borden number AgHk-155.

5.2 Location 278

The Stage 2 assessment of Location 278 resulted in the recovery of 18 pre-contact Aboriginal artifacts over a 120 metre by 20 metre area including 17 pieces of chipping detritus and one biface. No areas were identified at Location 154 where 10 non-diagnostic artifacts or one diagnostic and two non-diagnostic artifacts were recovered within an isolated 10 metre by 10 metre area. Given the small number of recovered artifacts over a relatively large spatial area and the lack of diagnostic specimens, the information potential and cultural value of Location 278 was judged to be low. As a result, the site is considered to be sufficiently documented and no further archaeological assessment is recommended for Location 278 (Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists, Section 2.2 Standard 1, Government of Ontario 2011).

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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