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**Mr. Marc Rose**

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**RE: Bluewater Wind Energy Centre**

**Location: Multiple Lots in Municipalities of Bluewater and Huron East, Huron County**

**OPA Reference Number: FIT –FJ17S7X**

**MTC DPR File No.: PLAN-40EA042**

Dear Mr. Rose:

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:

**5.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Project Location was determined to represent a single cultural heritage landscape. Primarily mixed-use agricultural activity is consistent with the historic division of land and can be characterized through cash crops, pasture, woodlots and multiple small rural villages and hamlets that dot the landscape. Due to the typical nature of the landscape, cultural heritage value or interest was not identified according to *Ontario Regulation 9/06*.

A detailed inventory was undertaken to identify and evaluate heritage resources. Through a windshield survey, 48 sites 40 years of age or older were documented and evaluated against *Ontario Regulation 09/06*. This included a total of 76 structures; 45 residences and 31 barns. These structures contribute to the character of the vernacular rural landscape. Of these structures, 47 (20 houses and 27 barns) were determined to have cultural heritage value or interest.

No further mitigation is recommended as it was determined that there are no anticipated direct or indirect impacts as a result of the undertaking. The recommendations contained in this report are based on current provincial regulations and guidelines pertaining to the approvals process for wind energy projects in Ontario.

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,

**Laura Hatcher**  
Heritage Planner

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