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**RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports:  
Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Stage 1-2 Archaeological  
Assessment, Blair Business Park, West Parcel, 228 Old Mill Road, Cambridge Lots  
6 and 7, Beasley's Old Survey, Geographic Township of Waterloo, Historical  
County of Waterloo, now the City of Cambridge, Regional Municipality of Waterloo,  
Ontario ", Dated Sep 29, 2021, Filed with MHSTCI Toronto Office on Oct 1, 2021,  
MHSTCI Project Information Form Number P389-0525-2021, MHSTCI File Number  
0014515**

Dear Dr. McCall:

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 assessment of the study area as depicted in Figure 4 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

#### 5.1 H1 (AiHc-519)

Given the presence of at least 20 artifacts that date the period of use to before 1900, H1 (AiHc-519) meets the criteria for a Stage 3 assessment as per Section 2.2, Standard 2c of the *Standards and Guidelines* (Government of Ontario 2011), and therefore retains CHVI. A Stage 3 archaeological assessment is recommended for H1 (AiHc-519).

The Stage 3 assessments of H1 (AiHc-519) will be conducted according to Section 3.2 of the *Standards and Guidelines* (Government of Ontario 2011). Typically, a Stage 3 assessment for a site documented during a pedestrian survey of ploughed agricultural land begins with an intensive controlled surface pickup ('CSP') across the Stage 2 limits of site. H1 (AiHc-519) was identified during a test pit survey of a

manicured lawn; therefore, the Stage 3 assessment of the site will consist of test unit excavation only, conducted as per Section 3.2.2 of the Standards and Guidelines (Government of Ontario 2011).

Because it is not yet evident if the level of CHVI at H1 (AiHc-519) will result in a recommendation to proceed to Stage 4 (see Section 4.3 above), the Stage 3 assessment at the site will consist of the hand excavation of 1m square test units across its Stage 2 limits, as per Table 3.1, Standard 1 of the Standards and Guidelines (Government of Ontario 2011). Additional 1m test units, amounting to 20% of the grid total, will be placed in areas of interest within each site extent as per Table 3.1, Standard 2 of the Standards and Guidelines (Government of Ontario 2011). All excavated soil will be screened through six-millimetre mesh; all recovered artifacts will be recorded by their corresponding site and grid unit designation and collected for laboratory analysis. If a subsurface cultural feature is encountered, the plan of the exposed feature will be recorded and geotextile fabric will be placed over the unit before backfilling the unit.

## 5.2 FS1

Given the results of the Stage 2 assessment, FS1 does not fulfill any of the criteria for a Stage 3 assessment listed in Section 2.2 of the Standards and Guidelines (Government of Ontario 2011). The CHVI of FS1 is judged to be sufficiently documented; therefore, no further archaeological assessment is recommended for findspot FS1.

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The recommendations above apply to the current Study Area only, which corresponds with the residential property at 228 Old Mill Road, identified as the West Parcel (Figure 6). The remaining three properties included within the Blair Business Park Project Location were subject to separate investigations. Archaeologix conducted a Stage 1-2 assessment at 140 Old Mill Road in 2000. No additional work was recommended (Archaeologix 2000; 2000-002-100). The properties at 128 and 134 Old Mill Road, identified collectively as the East Parcel, were assessed by Detritus at the same time as the assessment of the East Parcel. No additional work was recommended (Detritus 2021; P389-0515-2021).

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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Jane Gurney, Region of Waterloo

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