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**RE: Napier Wind Project, FIT F-002194-WIN-130-601, Parts of Lot 8 and 10, Concession 4 SER, Geographic Township of Adelaide, Township of Adelaide Metcalfe, Middlesex County, Ontario, MTCS Project Information Form No. P007-381-2011 and P007-385-2011, MTCS RIMS File HD00704**

Dear Proponent:

This letter constitutes the Ministry of Tourism and Culture's written comments as required by s. 22(3)(a) of O. Reg. 359/09 under the *Environmental Protection Act* regarding archaeological assessments undertaken for the above project.

Based on the information contained in the report(s) you have submitted for this project, the Ministry believes the archaeological assessment complies with the *Ontario Heritage Act's* licensing requirements, including the licence terms and conditions and the Ministry's 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists. Please note that the Ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the Report(s).\*

The report recommends the following:

Stage 1-2 Report, P007-381-2011 and P007-385-2011, Revised Report Dated June 8, 2012, Filed with MTCS on June 11, 2012, Entered into Ontario Public Register of Reports on July 4, 2012

*The Stage 1 and 2 archaeological assessments of the study area were completed in December 2011. The Stage 1 assessment demonstrated that only the two rectilinear parcels in the northwestern and northeastern parts of the study area had archaeological potential, as the other areas within the ROWs of existing roadways were completely disturbed. The Stage 2 property assessment encompassed all areas of archaeological potential that could be impacted by the proposed project.*

*The Stage 2 assessment, conducted under optimal conditions, resulted in the identification of two archaeological findspots (Findspots 1 and 2). Findspot 1 consisted of an isolated lithic artifact, and Findspot 2 (Galbraith; AfHk-32) comprised a 78 x 40 m scatter of 400+ Euro-Canadian artifacts. The artifacts from Findspot 2 date to the 19th and early 20th century, and the scatter is believed to be a site locality/midden associated with the demolished Galbraith homestead.*

*Both assemblages were compared against the criteria established by the MTCS for determining whether an archaeological site warrants further assessment (MTC 2011:39–40). Findspot 1 did not meet any of the criteria, and the site was found to be of no further CHVI. Findspot 2, on the other hand, consisted of a minimum of 20 pre-1900 Euro-Canadian artifacts, and therefore met one of the established criteria. Since Findspot 2 was of further CHVI, ARA recommended that the site be avoided, or, if avoidance were not possible, that it be subjected to a Stage 3 site specific assessment.*

*In order to avoid impacts to this site, the proponent modified the project location. In accordance with the direction set out in Section 7.8.5 of the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (MTC 2011:140–141), a buffer of 70 m now exists between Findspot 2 (Galbraith; AfHk-32) and any potential areas of impact.*

*ARA is satisfied with these avoidance measures, and recommends that no further archaeological assessment be required within the project location. In the event that the project location is modified in the future (i.e. it is altered to accommodate new proposed infrastructure), further archaeological work may be required. ARA also recommends that a Stage 3 site-specific assessment be conducted if any future developments are planned in the vicinity of Findspot 2 (Galbraith; AfHk-32). A Letter of Review and Acceptance into the Provincial Register of Reports is requested, as provided for in Section 65.1 of the Ontario Heritage Act.*

The Ministry is satisfied with these recommendations.

This letter does not waive any requirements which you may have under the Ontario *Heritage Act*. A separate letter addressing archaeological licensing obligations under the Act will be sent to the archaeologist who completed the assessment and will be copied to you.

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,

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Archaeology Review Officer

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