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RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Stage 2 Property Assessment, Additional Lands and ROWs, Goshen Wind Energy Centre, FIT-FETX82X, Municipalities of Bluewater and South Huron, Multiple Lots and Concessions, Geographic Townships of Hay, Stephen and Osborne, Huron County, Ontario", Dated Oct 2, 2013, Filed with MTCS Toronto Office on Oct 9, 2013, MTCS Project Information Form Number P007-535-2013, MTCS File Number HD00762

Dear Mr. Racher:

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 of the study area as depicted in Map 2: View of the Northern Part of the Project Location and Map 3: View of the Southwestern Part of the Project Location and Map 4: View of the West-Central Part of the Project Location and Map 5: View of the Central Part of the Project Location and Map 6: View of the East-Central Part of the Project Location and Map 7: View of the Eastern Part of the Project Location and SD Map 1: Detailed Stage 2 Assessment Results - Field Methods for GSH1505/2252/1504 and recommends the following:

The Stage 2 property assessment of the additional lands and ROWs was completed in September 2013. Legal permission to enter and conduct all necessary fieldwork activities on project lands was granted by the property owners. This assessment resulted in the discovery of one location of archaeological material: Location 64 on parcel GSH1505. Location 64 comprised a 28 x 16 m scatter of 16 Euro-Canadian artifacts and 1 Pre-Contact lithic tool, and 16 artifacts were collected for laboratory analysis. The diagnostic artifacts indicated that the deposit dated to the late 19th and 20th centuries, but only two of these artifacts definitively dated to pre-1900 due to long periods of production and use. The lithic multi-tool was of an undetermined Pre-Contact date. Location 64 was found to be of no further CHVI.

Based on these findings, ARA recommends that no further archaeological assessment of Location 64 be required, and that the remainder of the assessed lands also require no further archaeological assessment. Should the proposed project location change in this area, additional archaeological work may be required. A Letter of Review and Acceptance into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports is requested, as provided for in Section 65.1 of the Ontario Heritage Act.

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,
Sarah Roe
Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer
Thomas Bird, NextEra Energy Canada, ULC

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