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| Project: | Goshen Wind Energy Centre |
| OPA Reference Number: | FIT-FETX82X |
| Report Title: | Appendix A - Built Heritage Inventory Addendum |
| Applicant: | NextEra Energy Canada, ULC |
| Location: | Municipalities of Bluewater and South Huron, Huron County |
| MTC File No.: | 40EA044 |

Dear Meaghan Rivard:

This office has reviewed the above-mentioned addendum (the "Addendum"), which has been submitted to this ministry as required under O. Reg. 359/09, as amended (Renewable Energy Approvals under the *Environmental Protection Act*) (the "REA regulation"). This letter constitutes the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (the "Ministry") comments for the purposes of Section 23(3)(a) of the REA regulation regarding the supplemental heritage assessment undertaken for the above project.

The Addendum recommends the following:

A detailed inventory was undertaken to identify and evaluate potential heritage resources. Through a windshield survey, 86 sites 40 years of age or older were documented and evaluated according to Ontario Regulation 09/06. This included a total of 135 potential heritage resources; 67 residences and 68 barns or barn complexes. Of these, 99 (46 houses and 53 barns) were identified to have potential cultural heritage value or interest. Following the evaluation of anticipated impacts, both direct and indirect, according to InfoSheet #5 (MTC, 2006), no anticipated impacts were identified.

The Project Location was determined to represent a single cultural heritage landscape. Primarily mixed-use agricultural activity, it is consistent with the historic division of land and can be characterized by evolving cash crops, pasture, woodlots, social institutions and two transportation corridors. Due to the typical nature of the landscape, cultural heritage value or interest was not identified according to Ontario Regulation 9/06.

As there are no anticipated impacts to the cultural heritage features, no further work is recommended.

Based on the information contained in the Report, the Ministry is satisfied that the heritage assessment process and reporting are consistent with the applicable heritage assessment requirements established in s. 23 of O. Reg. 359/09. Please note that the Ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the heritage assessment report (please see Note 1).

This letter does not waive any requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

This letter does not constitute approval of the renewable energy project. Approvals or licences for the project may be required under other statutes and regulations. Please ensure that you obtain all required approvals and/or licences.

Please ensure that the proponent is aware that, if new information or substantive project changes arise after issuance of this letter, the applicant should discuss them with you to determine if any additional assessment or reporting is required. If additional reporting or revisions are required, they should be submitted to the Ministry for review. Upon completion of that review, the Ministry will determine if any revisions to the content of this letter are required.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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