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Lawrence Jackson (P025) Northeastern Archaeological Associates Ltd. PO BOX 493 Port Hope ON L1A 3Z4

RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "STAGE 3 ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OF SITE AIGn-28, THE MASON HOMES PORT HOPE PHASE 4 & 5a, PORT HOPE, PART LOTS 9 and 10, CONCESSION 1, GEOGRAPHIC TOWNSHIP OF HOPE, MUNICIPALITY OF PORT HOPE, ONTARIO", Dated Nov 8, 2018, Filed with MTCS Toronto Office on Nov 30, 2018, MTCS Project Information Form Number P025-0585-2017, MTCS File Number 0005801

Dear Dr. Jackson:

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 10 and Supplementary Documentation Maps 3 and 4 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

"The Historic Euro-Canadian site AlGn-28 is suspected to have a mean occupation date in the mid to late 19th century and has been thoroughly disturbed by past infrastructure installation and ploughing, severely impacting the sites integrity and cultural heritage value.

This site does not match the location of any known historic structures. No evidence was recovered that the historic component represents any events of local cultural significance, and it is unlikely that further assessment would contribute significantly to our understanding of the cultural history of the Port Hope area. The site does not meet the requirements for further mitigation as outlined in Sections 3.4 and 3.4.2 of the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists. Nor does the site AlGn-28 meet the requirements for further Cultural Heritage Value or Interest as outlined in "THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF RURAL HISTORICAL FARMSTEADS" technical bulletin (MTCS 2014). It is therefore the recommendation of Northeastern Archaeological Associates that no further archaeological work be required on this component of the site."

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,

Andrea Williams Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer Ashley Mason, Mason Homes Ltd. Theodhora Merepeza, Municipality of Port Hope

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