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RE: Review and Acceptance into the Provincial Register of Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, *The 2010 - 2011 Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment of the Black Creek Meadow Site (BfGa-33), Proposed RE Smiths Falls 2, Solar Generation Facility, Lot 4, Concession 10, Drummond/North Elmsley Township, Lanark County, Ontario* Dated October 21, 2011 Received by MTC Toronto Office October 25, 2011. Revised report dated November 7, 2011, received MTC Thunder Bay office November 7, 2011.

**MTC Project Information Form Number P316-130-2011
MTC RIMS Number HD00481**

Dear Sherri,

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. This review is to ensure that the licensed professional consultant archaeologist has met the terms and conditions of their archaeological licence, that archaeological sites have been identified and documented according to the 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consulting Archaeologists set by the Ministry, and that the archaeological fieldwork and report recommendations ensure the conservation, protection and preservation of the cultural heritage of Ontario.*

As a result of the Stage 3 archaeological assessment, the euro-canadian component of the site was found to be of low cultural heritage value or interest. The First Nations component of the site,

however, was found to hold cultural heritage value or interest and has been recommended for Stage 4 mitigation or avoidance. In our review of the report, we note that Aboriginal communities with a potential interest in the archaeological assessment and mitigation of the site were engaged by the consultant as part of the Stage 3 assessment.

Given the above, this Ministry concurs with the recommendations for archaeological site BfGa-33, referred to as Location 3 in the report, as depicted in Figure 2 of the above titled report and supplementary documentation.

The reports will be accepted into the Ontario Provincial Register of Archaeological Reports.

Please feel free to contact me with any concerns or questions regarding this letter.

Yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "A Hinshelwood.", is displayed on a light blue rectangular background.

Andrew Hinshelwood
Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Archaeological Licensing Office

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