Stage 1&2 Archaeological Assessment of Longueuil TS Malbouef, Part of Lots 6 and 7, Concession 7, Township of Alfred and Plantagenet, Regional Municipality of Prescott and Russell, Ontario

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1 INTRODUCTION

The Archaeologists Inc. was contracted by Hatch Ltd. of Oakville, Ontario, to conduct a Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment of Longueuil TS Malbouef, Part of Lots 6 and 7, Concession 7, Township of Alfred and Plantagenet, Regional Muncipality of Prescott and Russell, Ontario (Figure 1).

The subject property, which comprised approximately 103.9 hectares, is located east of Station Road, north of Concession Rd. 8, and is bordered on the north by Rang Saint Jean. Hatch Ltd. is applying for a Renewable Energy

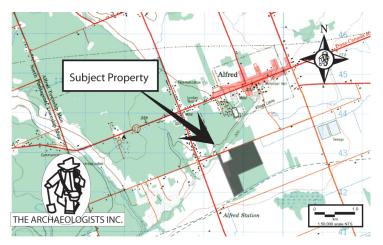


Figure 1; The Subject property depicted on 1-50,000 NTS Mapping 31 G/10 edition 5 1927

Approval under Ontario Regulation 359/09 of the Green Energy Act.

Under O. Reg 359/09, s. 20 (1) and s. 21, the project must determine if there will be an impact to archaeological resources, and the carry out an archaeological assessment under s. 22. The Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment was conducted under the project direction of Mr. T. Keith Powers. Fieldwork was performed in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act (1990) under an archaeological consulting license (P052-219-2010) issued to Keith Powers of *The Archaeologists Inc.* Permission to access the study area, and undertake all activities required to complete this archaeological assessment, was granted to *The Archaeologists Inc.* by Hatch Inc. Mr. Powers conducted fieldwork of the subject property in June 11th, 2010.

2 BACKGROUND RESEARCH

2.1 Previous Archaeological Research

In order that an inventory of archaeological resources could be compiled for the study area, three sources of information were consulted: the site record forms for registered sites housed at the



Ministry of Culture; published and unpublished documentary sources; and the files of *The Archaeologists Inc.*

In Ontario, information concerning archaeological sites is stored in the Ontario Archaeological Sites Database (O.A.S.D.), a database maintained by the Ministry of Culture. This database contains archaeological sites registered within the Borden system. The Borden system was first proposed by Dr. Charles E. Borden, and is based on a block of latitude and longitude. A Borden block is approximately 13 kilometers east west by 18.5 kilometers north south. Sites within each block are numbered sequentially as they are found. The study area under review is located within Borden block *BjFr*.

Information on the known archaeological sites in the vicinity of the study area was obtained from Mr. Robert von Bitter, Ministry of Tourism and Culture. No archaeological sites have been registered within 1 kilometer of the subject property. Regional sites can be expected to relate to the cultural/temporal categories outlined in Table 1.

Table 1: Outline of Southern Ontario Prehistory

Period	Archaeological Culture	Date Range	Attributes
PALEO-INDIAN			
Early	Gainey, Barnes, Crowfield	9000-8500 BC	Big game hunters
Late	Holcombe, Hi-Lo, Lanceolate	8500-7500 BC	Small nomadic groups
ARCHAIC			
Early	Nettling, Bifurcate-base	7800-6000 BC	Nomadic hunters and gatherers
Middle	Kirk, Stanly, Brewerton, Laurentian	6000-2000 BC	Transitional to territorial settlements
Late	Lamoka, Genesee, Crawford Knoll, Innes	2500-500 BC	Polished/ground stone tools (small stemmed points)
WOODLAND			
Early	Meadowood	800-400 BC	Introduction of pottery
Middle	Point Peninsula, Saugeen	400 BC- AD 800	Incipient horticulture
Late	Algonkian, Iroquoian	AD 800-1300	Transition to village life and agriculture
	Algonkian, Iroquoian	AD 1300-1400	Establishment of large palisaded villages
	Algonkian, Iroquoian	AD 1400-1600	Tribal differentiation and warfare
HISTORIC	-		
Early	Huron, Neutral, Petun, Odawa, Ojibwa	AD 1600-1650	Tribal displacements
Late	Six Nations Iroquois, Ojibwa	AD 1650-1800's	
	Euro/Canadian	AD 1800-present	European settlement

2.2 Historical Land Use Summary

The 1881 Prescott and Russell Supplement to the Illustrated Atlas of the Dominion of Canada was reviewed to determine the potential for finding historical archaeological remains within the study area (Figure 2).

The 1881 *Atlas* does not indicate ownership for the Lots 6 and 7 and no structures are depicted within the subject property.



It must be noted that not all features of interest today would have been considered within the scope of the *Atlas* at the time of publication. Nevertheless, the *Atlas* is considered one source for the assessment of archaeological potential. It can therefore be concluded that the study area has potential for the identification of historic archaeological remains.

2.3 Physiography

The study area lies within the boundary of the Russell and Prescott Sand Plains (Chapman and Putnam 1984:208). These are composed of a group of large sand plains separated by the clays of the lower Ottawa valley, and measure approximately 65 miles in length. The depth of the sand plain varies from 20 to 30 feet, thinning out along the clay plains along its southern boundary (Chapman and Putnam 1984:209).

The study are is within the Upper St. Lawrence sub-region of the Great Lakes -St. Lawrence

Forest Region. The trees characterizing this sub-region include sugar maple, beech, red maple, yellow birch, basswood, white ash, largetooth aspen, red and burr oak. Coniferous species



Figure 2; Approximate location of the study area as depicted on The 1881 *Prescott and Russell Supplement to the Illustrated Atlas of the Dominion of Canada*

include eastern hemlock, eastern white pine, white spruce and balsam fir. Much of the study area was probably cleared during the nineteenth century due to both lumbering and agricultural activities.

The terrain in the vicinity of the study area is fairly flat with poorly drained land resulting in the formation of a number of marsh and low-lying wetland areas. There are few streams within the sand plains as water percolates into the sand beds and drains into clay floored valleys. The soils are variable and dependent upon sand type. Dry sand plains have mature Podzol soils with thin ash-grey deposits. Coarse sand loams exhibit humic podzols. The podzol soils are low in fertilizer. Finer sand loams exhibit more productive Castor soils.

An unnamed water course flows through the northwestern portion of the study area.

The Ministry of Culture (former Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation) Primer on Archaeology, Land Use Planning and Development in Ontario (1997: 12-13) stipulates that undisturbed land within 300 metres of a primary water source (lakeshore, river, large creek, etc.), and undisturbed land within 200 metres of a secondary water source (stream, spring, marsh, swamp, etc.), as well as undisturbed land within 300 metres of an ancient water source, are considered to have archaeological potential. Given the location of a water course within the subject property, the study area exhibits high archaeological potential.



3 STAGE 2 FIELD ASSESSMENT

3.1 Methods

The Stage 2 archaeological field assessment of Longueuil TS Malbouef, Part of Lots 6 and 7, Concession 7, Township of Alfred and Plantagenet, Regional Muncipality of Prescott and Russell, Ontario, was completed under the field direction of Mr. Keith Powers on June 11th, 2010. Weather conditions and visibility were excellent with sunny skies and warm temperatures. The subject property, which comprised approximately 103.9 hectares, is located east of Station Road, north of Concession Rd. 8, and is bordered on the north by Rang Saint Jean.

The subject property consists of previously cultivated agricultural field. The subject property was assessed by means of a pedestrian survey at 5 metre intervals. Prior to the initiation of the survey, the field was ploughed and allowed to weather through at least one significant rainfall. The field was well-weathered and ground visibility was considered to be excellent.

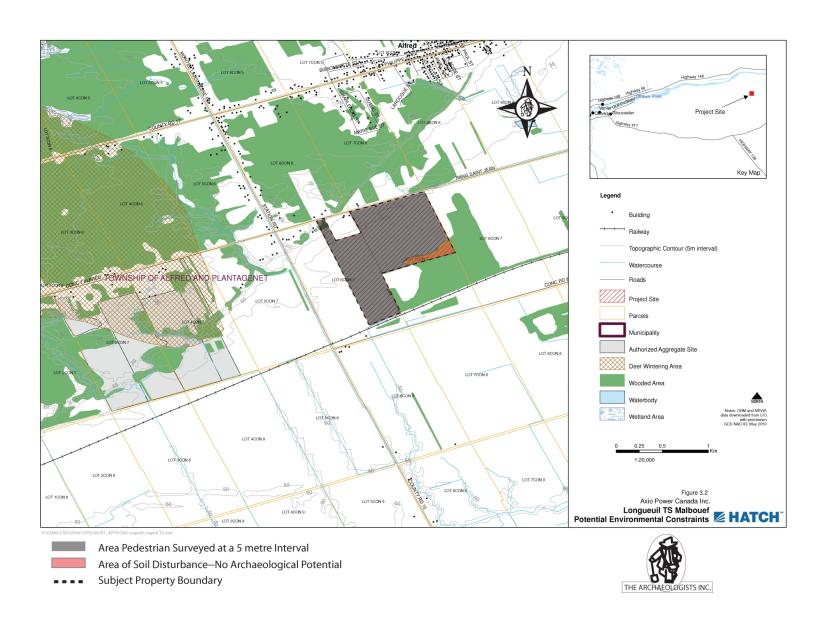
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3.2 Results of the Stage 2 Assessment

Despite careful scrutiny, no archaeological resources were identified during the Stage 2 archaeological assessment of the subject property.



Figure 3: The Stage 2 archaeological assessment of Longueuil TS Malbouef property.



4 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

During the course of the Stage 1 and 2 archaeological assessment of Longueuil TS Malbouef, Part of Lots 6 and 7, Concession 7, Township of Alfred and Plantagenet, Regional Municipality of Prescott and Russell, it was determined that the physiographic setting of the property demonstrates a high potential for the recovery of cultural resources. Background research revealed that no archaeological sites had been registered previously within the study area or within a one-kilometre radius, and no structures were depicted on the illustrated historical atlas of the area. However, a water course does flow through the northern portion of the study area, indicating high archaeological potential. Given this information, a Stage 2 archaeological assessment was conducted.

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In light of these results, it is recommended that:

- 1. The entire study area as depicted by Figure 3 should be considered free of any archaeological concern.
- 2. Should deeply buried archaeological remains be found on the property during construction activities, the Culture Programs Unit of the Ministry of Tourism and Culture (MTC) should be notified immediately.
- 3. In the event that human remains are encountered during construction, the proponent should immediately contact both Ministry of Culture, and the Registrar or Deputy Registrar of the Cemeteries Regulation Unit of the Ministry of Consumer and Business Services (416) 326-8404.

The documentation related to the Archaeological Assessment of the subject property shall be curated by *The Archaeologists Inc.* until such a time that arrangements for their ultimate transfer to Her Majesty the Queen in right of Ontario, or other public institution, can be made to the satisfaction of the landowner, the Ministry of Culture, and any other legitimate interest groups.

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PLATES



Plate 1; Pedestrian survey at a 5 metre interval



Plate 2; Looking at area of previous disturbance/grubbing

