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RE: RE Waubaushene 3 Solar Generation Facility, Lot 78 and 77, Concession 1, Tay Geographic Township, Simcoe County, Ontario, FIT-FLP29UZ, MTC File no. HD00491, PIF No. P316-061-2010.

Dear Proponent:

This letter constitutes the Ministry of Tourism and Culture's written comments as required by s. 22(3)(a) of O. Reg. 359/09 under the *Environmental Protection Act* regarding archaeological assessments undertaken for the above project.

Based on the information contained in the report you have submitted for this project, the Ministry believes the archaeological assessment complies with the *Ontario Heritage Act's* licensing requirements, including the licence terms and conditions and the Ministry's 1993 Archaeological Assessment Technical Guidelines. Please note that the Ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the Report.*

The report [P316-064-2010] recommends the following:

As detailed in Section 4.0 of this report, the Stage 1 background study determined that there were no documented past archaeological investigations or sites within the RE Waubaushene 3 property. However, it also determined that known First Nations archaeological sites were located in the vicinity of the property, and that the property had at least a moderate potential for as-yet undiscovered sites. Not withstanding the inferred potential, the subsequent Stage 2 survey of the RE Waubaushene 3 property determined that there is only one archaeological site within the property. It is a late 19th to early 20th century Euro-Canadian refuse deposit. This site is not considered to represent a significant archaeological resource or planning concern. Given the negative results of the assessment, it is recommended that no further archaeological investigations or concerns are warranted for the proposed RE Waubaushene 3 Solar Generation Facility.

Further to the above, it is recommended that the Ministry of Tourism and Culture issue a letter accepting the present report into the Provincial registry (sic) of archaeological reports. It is also recommended that the letter include a statement that the Ministry concurs with the recommendations and other findings presented in the report. Finally, it is requested that a copy of the letter be forwarded by email to Bob Leah, Director of Development, Canada, Recurrent Energy. His email is Bob.Leah@recurrentenergy.com. In due course, this letter and the related archaeological assessment report will be submitted by Recurrent Energy

and hatch Ltd. to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment as part of the complete REA application for the development of the proposed solar generation facility on the RE Waubaushene 3 property.

The above conclude the property-specific recommendations of this report. Nevertheless, it should be emphasized that no archaeological assessment can be considered to totally negate the potential for deeply buried cultural remains, including human burials. Accordingly, it is recommended that archaeological staff of the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture be notified immediately if any deeply buried archaeological remains should be discovered during earthmoving or construction related to the proposed solar generation facility. In the event that human remains should be encountered, it is similarly recommended that the proponent contact Jim Sherratt, Archaeological Review Officer, Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture (email address Jim.Sherratt@ontario.ca, telephone 416-314-7132) and Michael D'Mello, the Registrar of the Cemeteries Regulation Unit of the Ontario Ministry of Small Business and Consumer Services (telephone #416 326-8404; email address Michael.D'Mello@ontario.ca).

The Ministry is satisfied with these recommendations.

This letter does not waive any requirements which you may have under the Ontario *Heritage Act*. A separate letter addressing archaeological licensing obligations under the Act will be sent to the archaeologist who completed the assessment and will be copied to you.

This letter does not constitute approval of the renewable energy project. Approvals of the project may be required under other statutes and regulations. It is your responsibility to obtain any necessary approvals or licences.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Jim Sherratt

Archaeology Review Officer

Eastern Region

c. Ms. Sherri Pearce, D.R. Poulton & Associates Inc.

Mr. Bob Leah, Recurrent Energy

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