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Jan 17, 2020

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**RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports:  
Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment  
Kingston Prison for Women Property (P4W) 40 Sir John A MacDonald Boulevard  
Block 182, Registered Plan 54 Part of Lot 20, Concession 1, Geographic Township  
of Kingston City of Kingston Frontenac County, Ontario Revised Report", Dated  
Jan 3, 2020, Filed with MTCS Toronto Office on Jan 16, 2020, MTCS Project  
Information Form Number P246-0381-2018, MTCS File Number 0001187**

Dear Dr. Berry:

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.<sup>1</sup> 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/mitigation of the study area as depicted in Map 4, Map 16, and Figure 14 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

- Given that the established archival history of the property and finds recovered during Stage 2 assessment which date the original period of use to the early 19th century the West Yard area should be considered archaeologically significant. Subsequently a Stage 3 archaeological assessment is recommended for the site which should focus upon determining the limits and level of cultural heritage value of the site, gathering a representative sample of finds from the site, and attempting to determine the nature and extent of surviving architectural features from each of the successive phases of occupation in the properties history.
- The Stage 3 excavation of BbGd-17 should be completed by a combination of methodological tools. The Stage 3 should utilize standard methods in compliance with Table 3.1 in the *Standards and Guidelines* as per small post-contact sites where it is clearly evident that the level of cultural heritage value or interest will result in a recommendation to proceed to Stage 4.

- A ten metre grid should be established which incorporates the positive Stage 2 test units with Stage 3 units placed on a 10 m interval and with additional in-fill test units amounting to 40% of the initial grid unit total (2011). An appropriate number of the additional in-fill 1m units should be placed so as to investigate the observed structural foundation wall and reveal evidence on its construction and subsequent use.

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,

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cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer  
Nate Doornekamp, ABNA Investments Ltd.  
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Mar 26, 2021

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**RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment Of the Wardens Residence Site, BbGd-17 Union Park Former Kingston Prison for Women Property (P4W) 40 Sir John A MacDonald Boulevard Block 182, Registered Plan 54 Part of Lot 20, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Kingston City of Kingston Frontenac County, Ontario Original Report", Dated Jan 18, 2019, Filed with MHSTCI Toronto Office on Mar 17, 2021, MHSTCI Project Information Form Number P246-0385-2018, MHSTCI File Number 0001187**

Dear Dr. Berry:

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.<sup>1</sup> 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 Stage 3 assessment of archaeological site BbGd-17 within the project area as depicted in Map 17 and Map 18 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

Based upon these results the licensee makes the following recommendations with regard to the study area (Map 17).

- The Wardens Residence Site (BbGd-17) requires Stage 4 mitigation in the form of mitigation excavation in the area of the structural remains only. Stage 4 mitigation should be carried out following the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport Stage 4 requirements for the mechanical stripping of topsoil and excavation of deeply buried archaeological sites (2011: Section 4.2.3, 4.2.8).

o The Stage 4 mitigation excavation at the structure feature should consist of the mechanical stripping of the modern soils around the exterior with a combination of hand excavation and mechanical excavation, if determined to be more effective, of the modern destruction related infilled soils. The Stage 4 excavation should expose and record the structure with the combined hopes to determine the structural history and

adaptation of the building as well as uncovering any early deposits related to the original building and use of the structure.

o The Stage 4 mitigation excavation should additionally entail the mechanical stripping of an area of 10 m around the feature, in compliance with the MTCS Standards and Guidelines unless alternative methodologies are called for based upon the on-site finds.

- Due to an existing Restrictive Covenant which prohibits any land alteration within the area south of the West Yard line the Stage 3 assessment was limited to the West Yard line and areas to the north. Any future proposed development or sub-surface disturbance within the area located south of the West Yard line will require that additional Stage 3 testing is completed within this area.

- The remaining areas of the property assessed during the Stage 3 contain secondary fill deposits dating to c. 1871. These areas do not retain any cultural heritage value and do not require any further archaeological assessment.

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.

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Jul 2, 2021

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Dear Dr. Berry:

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.<sup>1</sup> 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 mitigation of impacts for the part of the Warden's Residence (BbGd-17) archaeological site as depicted in Maps 18-22 of the above titled report and in the accompanying map P246-0391-2018\_18June2021\_MP-St4 Warden's Residence BbGd-17.pdf and recommends the following:

Based upon these results the licensee makes the following recommendations with regard to the study area (Map 19).

- The Stage 4 mitigation of the Wardens Residence Site (BbGd-17) recommended in the Stage 3 archaeological assessment has been completed and the site has no further cultural heritage value or interest.

- As cited in the Stage 3 report (Berry, 2018b), due to an existing Restrictive Covenant which prohibits any land alteration within the area south of the West Yard line the Stage 3 assessment was limited to the West Yard line and areas to the north. Any future proposed development or sub-surface disturbance within the

area located south of the West Yard line will require that additional Stage 3 testing is completed within this area.

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.

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