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**RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports:  
Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "Stage 3 Site-Specific Assessment of  
the James Taggart Site (BaHb-19), Melancthon Pit Expansion, Part of Lots 13 and  
14, Concession 4 Old Survey, Township of Melancthon, Dufferin County, Ontario ",  
Dated Nov 3, 2021, Filed with MHSTCI Toronto Office on Mar 14, 2022, MHSTCI  
Project Information Form Number P125-0313-2021, MHSTCI File Number 0008669**

Dear Ms. MacDonald:

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 of the study area as depicted in Figure 2 and Supplementary Documentation Figure 2 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

1. The James Taggart site (BaHb-19) meets the MHSTCI criteria of a site type with CHVI. Therefore, Stage 4 mitigation of impacts is required. The recommended Stage 4 protocol is the hand-excavation of additional one-metre square units around the high-yielding deposits, starting with Stage 3 units 500N-190E, 510N-205E, 510N-210E, and 515N-210E until yields drop to 90 artifacts per square, in order to salvage excavate the midden. Any cultural features exposed must also be buffered by two metres during the hand excavation. Following the block excavation, mitigation would continue with the removal of the plough zone by mechanical means (Gradall or backhoe equipped with a smooth bucket) to expose potential features within the B-horizon. The stripped area must be buffered by at least 10 metres of subsoil free of features. The exposed subsoil should then be cleaned by shovel ("shovel shine") or trowel and the resulting subsoil surface examined for cultural features. Afterward, full hand-excavation and documentation of all features should follow.

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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Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer  
Tricia Cook, Duivenvoorden Haulage Ltd.  
Seana Richardson, MNRF

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