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RE: Concurrence with Report and Executive Summary Entitled “The Stage 1-3 Archaeological Assessment of the Home Hardware Property, Part of the South half of Lot 40, Concession 8, Town of Collingwood, County of Simcoe,” P013-322-2007 and “Executive Summary of the Stage 4 Excavation of the McWatt Site (BcHb-061), Home Hardware Property, Part of the South half of Lot 40, Concession 8, Town of Collingwood, County of Simcoe,” P013-337-2007 MCL File 43SP290.

Dear Mr Sutton:

This office has had the opportunity to review the above noted Stage 1-3 archaeological assessment report (dated September 2007 and received by this office October 12, 2007) and the Stage 4 Executive Summary for the McWatt site received the same day. The Stage 1 background research determined that the subject property had archaeological potential. Based on the background research, a Stage 2 archaeological assessment of the subject property was conducted.

The Stage 2 determined that portions of the subject property were disturbed and were not surveyed. The remaining portion of the property was surveyed by test pit at a five metre interval. The survey resulted in the discovery of one archaeological site: the McWatt Site (BcHb-061). Limited Stage 3 test excavations were conducted and determined that the site represented a significant archaeological site. The Stage 1-3 report recommends that Stage 4 mitigation of the McWatt site be conducted. This Ministry concurs with this recommendation.

The Stage 4 Executive Summary outlines the Stage 4 mitigation of the McWatt site. The Stage 4 investigations of the site are considered to have completely mitigated the site. In consequence, the Stage 4 Executive Summary recommends that the archaeological concerns for the subject property be considered addressed. This Ministry concurs with this recommendation.

Given the above, this Ministry is satisfied that Provincial concerns for archaeological sites have been met for the subject property as depicted in Figure 5 of the above noted Stage 1-3 report. If

deeply buried cultural remains (including human remains) are uncovered during construction, this office should be contacted immediately.

If you have any questions concerning the above, please do not hesitate to contact us if you require further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jim Sherratt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "S".

Jim Sherratt
Archaeology Review Officer

cc. MCL Archaeology Licence Administrator
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