RECORD OF INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT

Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment:
Golden Leaf Agrivoltaics
Part Lot 16 and 17, Concession 10
Geographic Township of Elmsley,
Township of Drummond / North Elmsley
Lanark County, Ontario

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1.0 Record of Engagement

Indigenous engagement is a mandatory pre-submission requirement for applicants seeking a Renewable Energy Approval (REA) under Ontario Regulation 359/09 of the Environmental Protection Act. Communities for engagement for the project were determined by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP). Indigenous Engagement for this Stage 2 assessment included the seven Williams Treaties First Nations of Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, as well as the Nation Wendat, the Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, the Algonquins of Ontario, and the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan.

Indigenous liaisons from the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan and the Algonquins of Ontario were present on-site on July 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, and 22, and September 8 and 11, 2026 during all Stage 2 field work. A final draft of this report will be shared with Indigenous communities for review with comments to be addressed prior to MCM submission.

Provided below is a record of all email correspondence, a sample of the notification letter sent to the communities, and review comments received from the communities.

Community/ Organization	Contact	Email	Phone Number
Alderville First Nation	Chief Taynar Simpson c/o Julie Kapyrka, Consultation Coordinator	tsimpson@alderville.ca consultation@alderville.ca jkapyrka@alderville.ca	905-352-2011
Curve Lake First Nation	Chief Laurie Hockaday Lilly Boggs, Consultation Lead, Energy	Consultation@curvelake.ca lillyb@curvelake.ca	705-657-8045
Hiawatha First Nation	Chief Laurie Carr c/o Tom Cowie, Lands Resource Consultation Liaison	chiefcarr@hiawathafn.ca tcowie@hiawathafn.ca	705-295-4421
Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation	Chief Kelly LaRocca c/o Don Richardson, Consultation Coordinator	klarocca@scugogfirstnation.com consultation@scugogfirstnation.com drichardson@scugogfirstnation.com	905-985-3337
Chippewas of Beausoleil First Nation	Chief Joanne Sandy c/o Dana Monague, Co-Lands Manager	jsandy@chimnissing.ca council@chimnissing.ca danamonague@chimnissing.ca	705-247-2051
Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation	Chief Donna Big Canoe c/o JL Porte, Community Consultation Worker	donna.bigcanoe@georginaisland.com jl.porte@georginaisland.com	705-437-1337
Chippewas of Rama First Nation	Chief Ted Williams	tedw@ramafirstnation.ca consultation@ramafirstnation.ca	705-325-3611

Community/ Organization	Contact	Email	Phone Number
Algonquins of Ontario	Jim Meness; **Ethan Huner**; Candise Todd; Josee Rochon	jmeness@tanakiwin.com ; ehuner@tanakiwin.com; ctodd@tanakiwin.com; jrochon@tanakiwin.com ; finance@tanakiwin.com	(905) 466-0452
Algonquins of Pikwakanagan	**Britney Sarazin**, Kyle Sarazin, Amanda Two-Axe Kohoko, and Katy Dimmer, Karen Brethour	archreq@pikwakanagan.ca, guardians.clerk@pikwakanagan.ca; consultation@pikwakanagan.ca; katy.dimmer@thefirelightgroup.com	(613) 625-1551
Wendat Nation	Grand Chief Remy Vincent c/o Dominic Sainte-Marie, Consultation Coordinator	consultations@wendake.ca	
Kawartha Nishnawbe Council	Nodin Webb	kawarthanishnawbecouncil@outlook.com nodin.webb@hotmail.com	

Table 1: Contacts engaged for this project.

2.0 Project Notification Letter Example

PROJECT NOTIFICATION LETTER

June 18, 2026

Greg Sarazin
Algonquins of Pikwakanagan
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Notification of Archaeological Assessment Letter – MH1499 - Dillon - ST12 - Golden Leaf, Lanark

Matrix Heritage has been retained by Dillon Consulting Limited to conduct a Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment in advance of a solar farm project. The assessments are in support of an environmental due diligence process being conducted by Dillon. The study area is location on Part Lots 16 and 17, Concession 10 in the Geographic Township of Elmsley, Lanark County, Ontario.

Name	Latitude:	Longitude:
Golden Leaf	44.924891	-76.186783

Our research has determined that the planned activities are within your community's traditional territory, as shown in the attached map, and as such we are providing this notice.

The site requires Stage 1 and 2 archaeological assessment in the form of shovel testing of areas that cannot be ploughed. This fieldwork is anticipated for July 13-31, 2026, depending on weather conditions. Work will be conducted under the direction of an archaeologist holding a Professional Archaeological license issued by the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

At this stage of the project, we are requesting that your community provide any comments and/or concerns with the proposed archaeological project, including but not limited to:

- The level of interest in the project from the community for participation and further engagement.
- The best methods to communicate and engage with your community as the archaeological project progresses.

Your input and questions are valued and an asset to our project. We hope to learn how we can assist the Indigenous Communities through this process to address their concerns.

To provide your comments, confirm field participation/monitoring, or to request additional project information, please contact Matrix Heritage at email engagement@matrixheritage.ca or by phone at (613) 807-2071. If possible, we ask for a response by July 2, 2026.

Best Regards,
Jeff Dillane, M.A.
Operations Manager

CC:

Rosa Scarcelli	projectco11@pikwakanagan.ca
Sage Hazen	archreq@pikwakanagan.ca
Amanada Two-Axe Kohoko	consultation@pikwakanagan.ca
Kyle Sarazin	guardians.clerk@pikwakanagan.ca

3.0 Record of Engagement

Community	Date	Sent / Received	Sender	Communication
Alderville First Nation	19-Jun-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Notification of work sent out, asking for response by July 2
	25-Jun-26	Received	A. Phillips	Sorry about the delay. Could you please send me the signing authority for the AFN agreement.
	25-Jun-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Signing authority will be the same for this one as the Elmbrook project: Jonathan Cheszes President Elmbrook Agrivoltaics Inc. 192 Spadina Ave, Suite 506 Toronto ON, M5T 2C2 647-234-3124 Let me know if you have any questions.
	25-Jun-26	Received	J. Cheszes	Jeff, Amanda, It will be a different entity that is paying for AFNs review.
	29-Jun-26	Received	A. Phillips	Hi Jonathan and Jeff, attached is the AFN Agreement for the Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment for Lots 16 and 17 Concession 10, Elmsley, Lanark County, Ontario. Please review, sign , and return for full execution.
	29-Jun-26	Received	J. Cheszes	The signature line for us says Dillon Consulting. Can you update it to say Gold Leaf Agrivoltaics Inc. Please?
	29-Jun-26	Received	A. Phillips	Hi Jonathan. Attached is the corrected signing authority. Sorry for any confusion.
	29-Jun-26	Received	B. Mistry	Some additional changes are required before execution. Please see the attached marked up version with the required updates.
	30-Jun-26	Received	A. Phillips	Apologies for the mistake, please see the attached corrected agreement. Sorry for any for any confusion I may have caused.
	30-Jun-26	Received	J. Cheszes	Please see attached signed agreement.
	03-Jul-26	Received	A. Phillips	Good afternoon, Jonathan. Please see the attached FULLY EXECUTED AFN Agreement for your records.
	13-Oct-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Matrix Heritage Inc is pleased to provide you with the Stage 1/2 report for the Golden Leaf Agrivoltaics project which was carried out this summer and Fall in Lanark County. The attached link contains the report and the supplementary documentation. If you have any issues accessing the link, please let me know and I will make sure you get the report. We kindly request your comments and Feedback by October 27, 2026.
	12-Nov-26	Sent	J. Dillane	We have not received a response to our request for review of the report for MH1499 - Dillon - ST12 - Golden Leaf, Lanark by the requested October 27 response date, and we are going to submit the report to MCM. However, our client wanted to inform you of the 60-day review period under the REA process during which you are welcome to submit questions or feedback. Here is the link to the Project Website: goldenleafagrivoltaics.ca Thank you and please let me know if you have any questions or require additional information.
Beausoleil First Nation	19-Jun-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Notification of work sent out, asking for response by July 2
Curve Lake First Nation	29-Jun-26	Received	D. Paauw	Thank you for engaging Curve Lake First Nation regarding the upcoming Stage 1 and 2 archaeological assessments of the Golden Leaf solar farm project near Perth, in Lanark County. CLFN has moved away from the liaison program, and our focus is on providing traditional knowledge to assist archaeologists with determining archaeological potential within a project area and CHVI of any Indigenous cultural material that may be uncovered. We also ask as part of the consultation process, we may review any draft assessment reports prior to submission to the MCM. My colleague, Deb, will be sending you a Level 2 letter shortly, which provides a general overview of the CLFN consultation process. The project area is located within the lands of the Crawford Purchase of 1783. The Crawford Purchase was negotiated between Captain William Redford Crawford and Michi Saagiig leadership at Carleton Island on October 9, 1783. The Crawford Purchase is unique in that no treaties, maps, or legal documents formed part of negotiations. As such, it forms part of continued legal disputes between the Michi Saagiig and the Crown, represented by the federal government. The project area is also located within the Algonquin Land Claim. I encourage you to also reach out to the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan. Both the Michi Saagiig and the Algonquins are park of the Anishinabek Nations and share a common language (Anishinaabemowin) and cultural practices and traditions. I have included a copy of the general Michi Saagiig background information. You've likely seen this before and you may use the document in whole or in part if you choose. Unfortunately, I do not have much, if any knowledge, of the project area. The vast marshes to the north would have been used for harvesting plants and animals. Although manoomin was notlikely found in the marshes here, it would have been in the lakes to the south. I also found an article in the OA journal that may be of interest: https://ontarioarchaeology.org/wp-content/uploads/oa050-01_watson.pdf. It pulls Indigenous habitation of the region back to Paleo times. Please let me know if you wish me to confer with cultural staff regarding any more in-depth information. Moving forward, please email myself (apadmin@curvelake.ca; consultation@curvelake.ca), Deb (coordinator@francischua.com), and Lily Boggs, who is the consultation lead for energy projects. Please don't hesitate to reach out to us if we can be of assistance. Have a wonderful day!
	29-Jun-26	Received	D. Balika	Please find correspondence attached from Curve Lake First Nation regarding Notification of Archaeological Assessment Letter – MH1499 - Dillon - ST12 - Golden Leaf, Lanark.
	27-Jul-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Thank you for providing this letter and my apologies for the delayed response. We would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the project with you at your earliest convenience, let us know what works for you.
	27-Jul-26	Received	J. O'Hara	Thank you for your request to book a meeting. We would be happy to schedule a meeting with you and I have provided some dates of availability below: August 7 at 3pm August 11 morning August 19 morning Please find attached an invoice for the filing fee as outlined within the letter.
	27-Jul-26	Received	J. O'Hara	It seems there was an error with the attachment, so re-issuing.
	27-Jul-26	Sent	J. Dillane	See below the dates below that Curve Lake has proposed and let me know which dates work for you, the 11th or 19th work best for me as Im off on the 7th but I can make it work if needed. They also provided an invoice which is their file creation fee.
	27-Jul-26	Received	D. Restivo	If we are needed to support this engagement with Curve Lake First Nation, Anni and/or I are available on the following dates/times: August 11 morning August 19 morning (9 - 11 am) Bhavin - Please confirm that you will process the invoice provided by Jaimi O'Hara.
	31-Jul-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Bhavin, Did you have a preference for when we can meet with Curve Lake, I can be there for either the 11th or the 19th.
	04-Aug-26	Received	B. Mistry	Jeff, Let's schedule for August 11. Currently my availability is as follows: 9-10am, 11am-12pm, 1-4pm est. @Restivo, Dave, for the purpose of consultation reporting, can we have Anni also join?
	04-Aug-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Hi Jaimi, We have availability the morning of the 11th, if you are still available. Would a time range from 9-10am or 11am-12pm work on your end?
	04-Aug-26	Received	J. O'Hara	Hello Jeff, I hope you had a great long weekend.

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				We can do 9-10am on the 11th. I will send the Teams invite.
	05-Oct-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Hello, I wanted to provide a brief update on the status of the Golden Leaf project in Lanark County. Our crew is currently wrapping up fieldwork, with completion expected today, and no significant archaeological resources have been identified. We anticipate very quick completion of the report so you should have it for your review in the next week. I've also attached the requested record of communication requested in our meeting this summer. I apologize for the delay in getting this to you. I understand Derek Paauw has left Curve Lake and was wondering who the new point of contact for archaeology will be?
	05-Oct-26	Received	D. Balika	Thank you for the update. For now, it would be helpful if you sent all correspondence to the Consultation Email inbox- "Consultation Email" <consultation@curvelake.ca> and the "apadmin" <apadmin@curvelake.ca> email address. David Rewniak should also be cc'd as he is currently leading the Consultation work. Please cc myself so that I can support the process ("Coordinator at Francis Chua Consulting" <coordinator@francischua.com>)
	13-Oct-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Matrix Heritage Inc is pleased to provide you with the Stage 1/2 report for the Golden Leaf Agrivoltaics project which was carried out this summer and Fall in Lanark County. The attached link contains the report and the supplementary documentation. If you have any issues accessing the link, please let me know and I will make sure you get the report. We kindly request your comments and Feedback by October 27, 2026.
	30-Oct-26	Received	D. Balika	We are just completing the review and will submit to you early next. Many thanks for your understanding,
	4-Nov-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Thanks for letting us know, what is the timeline for receiving the comments?
	5-Nov-26	Received	D. Balika	I will be sending the completed review by the end of the week.
	9-Nov-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Can we expect the review today? We need to get the report submitted to the Ministry asap. If we haven't received it by tomorrow, we will have to proceed with submission, though there will still be a 60-day review period under the REA process during which you are welcome to submit questions or feedback, so any feedback regarding the report could be made through this process instead.
	9-Nov-26	Received	D. Balika	My apologies for the delay. Please find Curve Lake First Nation's Review Comments on the Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment for the Golden Leaf Agrivoltaics Project, located in Lanark County attached.
Chippewas of Georgina Island first Nation	19-Jun-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Notification of work sent out, asking for response by July 2
Chippewas of Rama First Nation	19-Jun-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Notification of work sent out, asking for response by July 2
Hiawatha First Nation	19-Jun-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Notification of work sent out, asking for response by July 2
Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation	19-Jun-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Notification of work sent out, asking for response by July 2
Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation	19-Jun-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Notification of work sent out, asking for response by July 2
	19-Jun-26	Received	N. Webb	Aaniin, KNFN is interested in sending liaisons to the fieldwork. Do you have a liaison monitoring agreement? If not we can provide ours. Miigwech,
	23-Jun-26	Received	B. Mistry	Hope all is well. We don't have a monitoring agreement. Could you please share your version for review and execution? Please note: The Stage 2 site assessment commenced Tuesday June 23 and is anticipated to be completed by Monday June 29, weather permitting.
	26-Jun-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Please send your monitoring agreement.
	13-Oct-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Matrix Heritage Inc is pleased to provide you with the Stage 1/2 report for the Golden Leaf Agrivoltaics project which was carried out this summer and Fall in Lanark County. The attached link contains the report and the supplementary documentation. If you have any issues accessing the link, please let me know and I will make sure you get the report. We kindly request your comments and Feedback by October 27, 2026.
	14-Oct-26	Received	N. Webb	For a stage 1-2 review KNFN requires capacity funding in the amount of $3,000.00. If this is available, please reply invoice information such as name and address and we can have it completed within 2 weeks.
	16-Oct-26	Received	N. Webb	Miigwech for the invoice information. Can the report be sent as a direct attachment to an email and sent to me? I can't log into the portal system that is in the email so I'm unable to access the report at this time.
	19-Oct-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Attached is the main report, I'll send the supplementary documentation in a second email. Here is the supplementary documentation.
	20-Oct-26	Received	N. Webb	Miigwech, we will begin working on the review and have at completed prior to October 27. We will send the invoice at along with the completed review.
	28-Oct-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Are you going to be able to have your review complete soon?
	28-Oct-26	Received	N. Webb	Yes, I'm finishing it up today and it would be sent either tomorrow or Friday before 4pm. Miigwech,
	30-Oct-26	Received	N. Webb	Attached is the completed review of the stage 1 & 2 archaeological report for Golden Leaf.
Nation Wendat	19-Jun-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Notification of work sent out, asking for response by July 2
Algonquins of Ontario	19-Jun-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Notification of work sent out, asking for response by July 2
	19-Jun-26	Received	C. Todd	Thank you for consulting us on this project. I will send you our monitors information once I have confirmation.
	10-Jul-26	Received	C. Todd	Can you please give me an update for this project? Will the crew still be going out on Monday? If so I need to book Paul Clouthier's hotel room.
	10-Jul-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Yes we're still a go for Monday, here is the information:

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				Field Services or Report Review? field liaisons and report review Project # MH1499 Borden Code: Study Area Info: Extensive meadow and grazing field areas Field Work Requested: shovel testing across entire study area Dates Requested on site? July 13-31, 2026 Number of Field Liasons on Site? 1 PPE: hi-vis vest, safety boots Field Director Name/ Contact Info: Em Miller 902 412-2983 Meeting Location: https://maps.app.goo.gl/WBWd57QTvD4PpmiT7 Any Additional information About Aite? Arch Stage: Stage 2 Our crew will meet on site at 8am.
	10-Jul-26	Received	C. Todd	Ok, great, I will pass this along to Paul. Here is Paul's phone number: 613-639-4882.
	13-Jul-02	Sent	J. Dillane	We are cancelling work on this project tomorrow due to the heat, we will resume on Wednesday.
	15-Jul-26	Received	C. Todd	If the crew will be continuing with MH1499 that same week I will just send out another monitor
	22-Jul-26	Received	C. Todd	Paul was mentioning that the fieldwork was stopped today due to the rain and also the pits being too wet and that the site supervisor mentioned that this project will be done early. Today being the last day for this week. Can you please confirm so I can cancel his hotel room for the rest of the week?
	22-Jul-26	Sent	J. Dillane	With the wet condition we're going to delay this project until Monday so you can cancel Paul's hotel. We're anticipating being on site Monday, Thursday and friday next week with Tuesday looking like a rain day and Wednesday we're anticipating the site being too wet.
	22-Jul-26	Received	C. Todd	Thank you for the update, I will let Paul and Ralph know of the changes.
	24-Jul-26	Sent	J. Dillane	We may have to delay resuming this project until thursday next week. I'll confirm later today.
	24-Jul-26	Received	C. Todd	Thank you for the update, I will let Ralph know.
	28-Jul-26	Sent	J. Dillane	With the volume of rain we are getting we are going to push this project back until at least next Tuesday.
	28-Jul-26	Received	C. Todd	thank you for the update. I will let Ralph know.
	02-Aug-26	Sent	J. Dillane	With the forecast pushing the rain into tomorrow I think we'll need to push this one to Wednesday. Sorry about the weekend change.
	03-Aug-26	Received	C. Todd	Ok I will let Ralph know.
	04-Aug-26	Received	C. Todd	Ralph has had a family emergency so I will be reaching out to one of our other monitors. Once I have their confirmation, I will send you their information.
	04-Aug-26	Received	C. Todd	Debbie Delaurier will be joining the crew tomorrow. Her phone number is 613-732-3563.
	04-Aug-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Em just stopped by to check conditions and it is still too wet, we're going to push it to Thursday for now and hope for the best. Sorry, the weather is not our friend this season.
	04-Aug-26	Received	C. Todd	I let Debbie know, thanks Jeff.
	05-Aug-26	Received	C. Todd	What will the start time for this one be tomorrow?
	05-Aug-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Em is requesting a 7am start time.
	05-Aug-26	Received	C. Todd	Thanks Jeff, I will let Deb know
	06-Aug-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Em informs me that when they arrived this morning there had just been a couple down hours so the site is still flooded. We're going to have to wait until this one has a longer drying period. Em has informed Debbie, we won't be there tomorrow.
	06-Aug-26	Received	C. Todd	Yes, Debbie let me know as well. Thank you for the update.
	04-Sep-26	Sent	J. Dillane	This is a project we started in july. We will be sending our crew back to this project on Tuesday. Here are the project details for your liaison: MH1499 - Dillon - ST12 - Golden Leaf, Lanark PIF:P378-0170-2026 location: NEW MEETING LOCATION: https://maps.app.goo.gl/A1wVVEZHXqaYN2tZA?g_st=com.microsoft.skype.teams.extshare Field Director: Carina 613 355-8207 Project Description: St2 test pitting of extensive fields and meadows PPE requirements: hi-vis vest, safety boots Parking: the access laneway is deeded to the lot with the burned down house. The owner of that lot is doing showings to try to sell the lot. the instructions are: drive up the laneway, go south through the gate, pull off to the right (east) and park in the field.
	04-Sep-26	Received	M. Olsheski	YAY! I will get a monitor out! Can you tell me the start time? Is it a hard Tuesday start or weather dependent? I can book the hotel for Monday night today if you're pretty sure they'll go out.
	04-Sep-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Start time 8am. Its weather dependant but at this point the weather for Tuesday is looking good, so we should be good to go unless the forecast changes. We've had to stop work at this site a number of times because of wet conditions so you may just want to book for Monday night for now until we know how much work we will be able to get done on it next week. For future communications can you reply all? Our client wants to be kept in the look on engagement for this project.
	04-Sep-26	Received	M. Olsheski	Hey Jeff, I have the coordinates- but you don't happen to have a civic address do you? For ease of travel?
	04-Sep-26	Sent	J. Dillane	The nearest address I have for the access driveway where they will be parking is 1221 Drummond Concession 1. I hope that helps.
	04-Sep-26	Received	M. Olsheski	I got it, I'll send it to the monitor. It's Debbie Delaurier and she will be ready to go Tuesday am.
	08-Sep-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Tomorrow is going to be a rain day, Debbie has been informed. Thursday is looking fine.
	08-Sep-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Hi Mallory, change of plans, our field director has concerns that the clay soil will retain too much of the rain tomorrow, so we're going to come back Friday instead to allow it to dry out. Sorry for the sudden change hopefully you can push the hotel booking to thursday night instead?
	09-Sep-26	Received	M. Olsheski	Deb will join you Friday. I assume same start time, same meeting place, same PPE etc? Is this job expected to complete Friday? Do you think it will potentially resume Monday? I would like to ensure that I am organized to make it all easier
	02-Oct-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Would you be able to send a liaison for this project on Monday at 8am? We have a last minute assessment to do. Sorry for the short notice. MH1499 - Dillon - ST12 - Golden Leaf, Lanark PIF:P378-0170-2026 location: NEW MEETING LOCATION: https://maps.app.goo.gl/A1wVVEZHXqaYN2tZA?g_st=com.microsoft.skype.teams.extshare Field Director: Em Miller Project Description: St2 test pitting of extensive fields and meadows PPE requirements: hi-vis vest, safety boots Parking: the access laneway is deeded to the lot with the burned down house. The owner of that lot is doing showings to try to sell the lot. the instructions are: drive up the laneway, go south through the gate, pull off to the right (east) and park in the field.

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	02-Oct-26	Received	M. Olsheski	Unfortunately I had a monitor lined up but when it got pushed back he said he would make plans to hunt, and I contacted him again and he said he had made his plans. I don't have anyone else right now thanks to the season and the harvest. I have one but I just put her on another job- so she will be busy for a week there. I'm so sorry. But I will do my best to accommodate next Thursday if that helps
	02-Oct-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Thank you anyway, we completely understand, it's that time of year!
	13-Oct-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Matrix Heritage Inc is pleased to provide you with the Stage 1/2 report for the Golden Leaf Agrivoltaics project which was carried out this summer and Fall in Lanark County. The attached link contains the report and the supplementary documentation. If you have any issues accessing the link, please let me know and I will make sure you get the report. We kindly request your comments and Feedback by October 27, 2026.
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	12-Nov-26	Received	M. Olsheski	I was certain that we sent you this report. Didn't you ask me specifically if all this report was read? It's been a LONG few months. I will attach it again for you now.
	12-Nov-26	Sent	J. Dillane	thank you for your comments and review. I will add those in, sorry if I missed an email with the report earlier.
Algonquins of Pikwakanagan	19-Jun-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Notification of work sent out, asking for response by July 2
	23-Jun-26	Received	K. Sarazin	The Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation are interested in participating in this upcoming project as it pertains to the Agrivoltaics project. My manager has indicated to me that this is a priority project for us to be involved and be on site for. I have attached our archaeology intake form, If you could please fill this and return, I will schedule to have a liaison on site in the coming weeks. Also through our consultation office is the best communications method, that would be myself, Sage and Amanda.
	09-Jul-26	Received	K. Sarazin	Just wanted to follow up to see if I could get the intake form for this project MH1499. I'll be sending Derrick Amikons out and just need the meeting details to share with him.
	10-Jul-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Please find attached the information for Monday. Our crew will be on site for 8am.
	10-Jul-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Sorry, The attachment failed to attach.
	13-Jul-26	Sent	J. Dillane	We are cancelling work on this project tomorrow due to the heat, we will resume on Wednesday.
	22-Jul-26	Sent	J. Dillane	We're delaying this project until Monday due to wet conditions. We're anticipating being there Monday Thursday and Friday based on the current forecast.
	22-Jul-26	Received	K. Sarazin	Thank you for the update. I will let our liaisons know the plan for next week. I believe sage sent the visitor form back to you this morning for derrick, Please let us know if everything is good to go by Friday preferably.
	24-Jul-26	Sent	J. Dillane	We may have to delay resuming mh1499 until next Thursday, I'll confirm later today. Sorry about this change.
	28-Jul-26	Sent	J. Dillane	With the volume of rain we are getting we are going to push this project back until next Tuesday.
	28-Jul-26	Received	K. Sarazin	thank you for the updates we will look to next week for scheduling.
	02-Aug-26	Sent	J. Dillane	With the forecast pushing the rain into tomorrow I think we'll need to push this one to Wednesday. Sorry about the weekend change.
	04-Aug-26	Received	K. Sarazin	Thank you for the updates we'll be preparing for tomorrow. I will be liaisons to site assuming no changes.
	04-Aug-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Sorry for the short notice but we got confirmation that most of the site is covered in standing water at this point. We are going to give it a try thursday instead, hopefully things dry out a bit tomorrow.
	06-Aug-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Em informs me that when they arrived this morning there had just been a couple down hours so the site is still flooded. We're going to have to wait until this one has a longer drying period. We won't be there tomorrow.
	06-Aug-26	Received	K. Sarazin	Kwey Jeff, thanks for the update, I suspected this might be the case. Please let us know when you plan to return to site.
	03-Sep-26	Sent	J. Dillane	We are planning to have a crew back on site for this project next Tuesday Sept 8th. Carina will be field directing. Let us know if a liaison is available.
	04-Sep-26	Received	S. Hazen	good morning, yes, we have a liaison available . I'm confirming that we will be sending Derrick Amikons and his direct phone number is 343-544-7199. If there are any urgent change of plans, please call Derek directly and provide information via email to us as well. Have a good long weekend!
	08-Sep-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Tomorrow is going to be a rain day, Derrick has been notified. Thursday is looking fine.
	08-Sep-26	Received	S. Hazen	Thank you for the update
	08-Sep-26	Sent	J. Dillane	change of plans, our field director has concerns that the clay soil will retain too much of the rain tomorrow, so we're going to come back Friday instead to allow it to dry out.
	02-Oct-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Hi Sage, Would you be able to send a liaison for this project on Monday at 8am? We have a last minute assessment to do. Sorry for the short notice. MH1499 - Dillon - ST12 - Golden Leaf, Lanark PIF:P378-0170-2026 location: NEW MEETING LOCATION: https://maps.app.goo.gl/A1wVVEZHXqaYN2tZA?g_st=com.microsoft.skype.teams.extshare Field Director: Em Miller 902 412 2983 Project Description: St2 test pitting of extensive fields and meadows PPE requirements: hi-vis vest, safety boots Parking: the access laneway is deeded to the lot with the burned down house. The owner of that lot is doing showings to try to sell the lot. the instructions are: drive up the laneway, go south through the gate, pull off to the right (east) and park in the field. Thanks Jeff
	02-Oct-26	Received	S. Hazen	Kwey Jeff, unfortunately, due to limited liaison availability we won't be able to attend this project. My apologies!
	02-Oct-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Hi Sage, Thanks for letting us know. Jeff
	13-Oct-26	Sent	J. Dillane	Matrix Heritage Inc is pleased to provide you with the Stage 1/2 report for the Golden Leaf Agrivoltaics project which was carried out this summer and Fall in Lanark County. The attached link contains the report and the supplementary documentation. If you have any issues accessing the link, please let me know and I will make sure you get the report. We kindly request your comments and Feedback by October 27, 2026.
	29-Oct-26	Received	K. Sarazin	Please see attached review for Golden leaf agrivoltaics project.
	29-Oct-26	Sent	J. Dillane	We will incorporate your feedback.

4.0 Indigenous Review Comments

Algonquins of Ontario

October 15th, 2026

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BY EMAIL ONLY

To whom it may concern,

SUBJECT

Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment – Golden Leaf Agrivoltaics

Algonquins of Ontario

The Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) appreciate the opportunity to provide comments on this report.

The Algonquins lived in present-day Ontario for thousands of years before Europeans arrived. Algonquin territory originally extended from the St. Lawrence River to the French River in the west, south to the Adirondack mountains in New York State, and north above Lake Abitibi. Over the past several hundred years, the description of Algonquin Territory has changed to be the lands and waters on both sides of the Ottawa River watershed from modern Hawkesbury to Lake Nipissing and north past the headwaters of the Ottawa River. Today, ten Algonquin communities comprise the Algonquins of Ontario:

- The Algonquins of Pikwakanagan First Nation
- Antoine
- Kijicho Manito Madaouskarini
- Bonnechere
- Greater Golden Lake
- Mattawa/North Bay
- Ottawa
- Shabot Obaadjiwan
- Snimikobi
- Whitney and Area

Algonquins of Ontario

Based on a Protocol signed in 2004; these communities are working together to provide a unified approach to negotiate a modern-day Treaty. The Algonquins of Ontario Settlement Area includes a territory of nine million acres within the watersheds of the Kichi-Sìbì[1] (Ottawa River) and the Mattawa River in Ontario.

This unceded territory encompasses most of eastern Ontario, including the City of Ottawa, and most of Algonquin Provincial Park. More than 1.2 million people live and work within the unceded AOO Settlement Area. There are 84 municipal jurisdictions fully and partially located within the unceded AOO Settlement Area, including 75 lower and single tier municipalities and nine upper tier municipalities.

On October 18, 2016, the AOO and the Governments of Ontario and Canada reached a major milestone in their journey toward reconciliation and renewed relationships with the signing of the Agreement-in-Principle (AIP). The signing of the AIP is a key step toward a Final Agreement, which will clarify the rights of all concerned and open up new economic development opportunities for the benefit of the AOO and their neighbours in the Settlement Area in eastern Ontario.

Furthermore, by signing the AIP, the AOO and the Crown have expressed, in a formal way, their mutual intention and desire for a lasting partnership. This event signaled the beginning of a new relationship between the AOO and the Crown, one in which the mistakes of the past must be supplanted by a new type of mutual respect and cooperation.

The AIP is not a legally binding document. Rather, it opens the way for continued negotiations toward a Final Agreement that will define the ongoing rights of the Algonquins of Ontario to lands and natural resources within the Settlement Area in Eastern Ontario.

The Negotiation Teams are now hard at work to ensure that the next phase of negotiations towards a Final Agreement will succeed. If a Final Agreement is achieved through this next phase, and if it is ratified by Algonquins and by the federal Parliament and provincial Legislature, it will take the form of a modern-day treaty setting out Algonquin Aboriginal and treaty rights protected under Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982*.

Review of the report

To begin, the Algonquins of Ontario would like to extend its thanks to Matrix for your continued consultation with the AOO and we look forward to working with you on future projects.

The AOO has found no concerns within the report provided.

[1] *The Ottawa River, otherwise known as the Big River or Kichi-Sìbì, has also been referred to in the Algonquin language as "Kichisipi", "Kichissippi", "Kitchissippi" and "Kichisippi"*

Algonquins of Ontario

Moving Forward

If there are any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Algonquins of Ontario Consultation Office.

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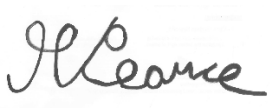

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Matrix Heritage Report Review

Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment: Golden Leaf Agrivoltaics

Part of Lot 16 and 17, Concession 10

Geographic Township of North Elmsley, Township of Drummond/ North Elmsley

Lanark County, Ontario

Reviewed by Jenna Lanigan (Cultural Heritage Coordinator) and Kyle Sarazin (Guardians Clerk) in accordance with AOPFN Criteria for Assessing Archaeological Reports.

What was done well:

The outline of objectives and how these objectives were to be reached was clearly identified.

The author provided a non-technical summary and description of the overview and work with appropriate introductory statements. There was enough information given to properly understand the potential and possibility of artefacts/culture and heritage resources.

The author informed the reader of previous studies, assessments, and known archaeological and historic resource sites within and adjacent to the project area. Background research identified that there were no archaeological sites located within a 1km radius of the study area and only one identified within 3km (BfGb-19. No affinities included due to not being listed in site registry). Two archaeological assessments (Stage 1 and 2) were also completed (Past Recovery and USR Canada) in 2014 with no further work being recommended. Some archaeological research of the area has been completed, mainly consisting of CRM studies related to specific properties or development projects. The author states that absence of sites does not equal absence of evidence which AoPFN agrees with.

The report provided good archaeological and historical background. It does not focus heavily on European presence/history in the area rather than First Nation ancestors. Report does include references to Indigenous knowledge and written/oral traditions.

Clear physiographical, topographical, and geological backgrounds with related maps provided. Maps of the project area and historic maps of interest provided. An accurate description of nature of site surveyed.

Report includes criteria and rational related to potential of the sites. AOPFN agrees with the level of importance assigned to the site and what the potential of harm/risk to the Study Area would be. The author states that the study area has both pre-contact (low) and historical Euro-Canadian archaeological potential.

A clear statement regarding Indigenous community involvement was provided.

AOPFN advisors were available for the assessment.

AOPFN would like to continue to be contacted in the event of future work and be informed as early as possible.

Field methods were provided which AoPFN agrees with. AoPFN participation and input were considered during assessment.

Record of finds with photographs and related maps provided.

Recommendations were included along with rationale which AOPFN agrees with.

To consider:

Goals
Goals and objectives not development with AOPFN however has no concerns regarding them.

Methodology
AOPFN input did not inform methodology but participated in assessment work and has no concerns regarding this.

Recommendations
AOPFN agrees with the recommendations however the author does not state that in the event of cultural heritage findings, archaeological resources, artifacts of Indigenous interest, or human remains being encountered during any future development/construction of the subject property, AOPFN should also be contacted if not present.

CURVE LAKE FIRST NATION

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SENT VIA EMAIL

Re: *Golden Leaf Agrivoltaics Project, Lanark County — Review Comments on the Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment*

Aaniin Mr. Dillane,

Curve Lake First Nation ("CLFN") appreciates the opportunity to review the Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment: Golden Leaf Agrivoltaics Project and the accompanying Record of Indigenous Engagement, prepared by Matrix Heritage Inc. on behalf of Dillon Consulting Limited. We acknowledge the efforts of Matrix Heritage and the project team to engage Indigenous communities throughout the archaeological assessment process and to invite their review and comments before submission.

Based on the materials provided, CLFN recognizes that the Stage 2 investigation was conducted in accordance with current provincial standards and guidelines. The fieldwork involved systematic shovel testing at five-metre intervals across the study area, providing comprehensive subsurface coverage of the lands identified for assessment. The investigation identified a limited historic-period artifact scatter that does not meet the Ministry's threshold for further archaeological investigation. On this basis, CLFN has no specific concerns regarding the technical execution of the fieldwork or the report's conclusion that no further archaeological assessment is presently warranted under the applicable provincial standards.

These findings should, however, be understood within the scope of an archaeological assessment. Archaeological clearance does not establish an absence of Indigenous history, traditional use, cultural significance, or ongoing Indigenous interests within the project area. While archaeological assessments identify and evaluate physical archaeological resources, Indigenous knowledge systems recognize relationships with the land that extend beyond what can be established through the recovery of archaeological materials alone.

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In this context, CLFN notes that the report assigns low potential for pre-contact Indigenous archaeological resources to the study area based on its distance from a primary water source and its shallow, stony, and poorly drained soils. Although this conclusion is consistent with the archaeological potential framework prescribed by provincial standards, CLFN respectfully observes that models emphasizing proximity to major watercourses may not fully reflect Indigenous understandings of traditional landscape use.

The project area lies within the Smiths Falls Limestone Plains physiographic region, which is characterized by shallow soils, exposed bedrock, localized wetlands, forest edges, and ecological transition zones. From an Indigenous perspective, such environments have historically supported seasonal harvesting, hunting, travel, and movement between larger watershed systems. These activities may leave little or no archaeological evidence detectable through contemporary assessment methods yet remain integral to the long-standing relationships Indigenous peoples have maintained with the landscape over countless generations.

The assessment also acknowledges wetlands, low-lying areas, and seasonally inundated portions of the broader landscape. During consultation on this project, CLFN identified the surrounding marsh and wetland systems as areas likely to have supported historical harvesting and resource use. These observations underscore the importance of considering the broader cultural landscape alongside archaeological findings, particularly where recurring seasonal activities may not have left readily identifiable material evidence.

CLFN further notes the report's acknowledgement that the project area is situated within the broader region associated with the Crawford Purchase, where Indigenous interests remain ongoing. As previously communicated during engagement, the historical circumstances surrounding the Crawford Purchase remain significant to the Michi Saagiig peoples, including Curve Lake First Nation. Accordingly, archaeological review constitutes only one component of the Crown's broader duty to consult and should not be interpreted as resolving or diminishing Indigenous rights, interests, or cultural connections to the lands and waters within the project area.

The shallow soils, exposed bedrock, and challenging drainage conditions described in the assessment may also affect the preservation and visibility of archaeological resources. CLFN therefore encourages care in drawing broader conclusions about past Indigenous use from the assessment results. An absence of identified archaeological resources should not, in itself, be taken as evidence that Indigenous presence or use was absent.

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In acknowledging the thorough field effort undertaken during the Stage 2 assessment, CLFN respectfully encourages the proponent and decision-makers to consider Indigenous cultural landscapes, traditional land use values, and Indigenous knowledge alongside archaeological findings. This broader perspective is important to understanding the significance of the project area and maintaining meaningful engagement as planning proceeds.

We respectfully request that these comments be included in the project record and considered as consultation and project planning continue. CLFN appreciates the opportunity to contribute to this review and looks forward to ongoing engagement on the Golden Leaf Agrivoltaics Project, including the review of future studies or project components as they become available.

Respectfully,

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INTRODUCTION TO CURVE LAKE FIRST NATION

The area, where your project is proposed, is situated within our homelands and Traditional Territory; Curve Lake First Nation (CLFN) is a part of the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg, whose traditional homelands stretched across the north shore of Lake Ontario. Our cultural landscapes include the northern shoreline of Lake Ontario, and the shorelines and mouths of its tributaries. The Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg are known as "the people of the big river mouths". Our winter harvesting grounds extended north of Lake Ontario.[1] The citizens of Curve Lake have long had, and continue to have, a deep and meaningful connection to the Lands and Waters in our beautiful homelands. We continue to be informed and guided by our responsibilities to, and relationships with our Relatives (Lands, Waters, Animals, Plants, etc.) in these areas.

Curve Lake First Nation must be involved in any decisions regarding our homelands and Treaty Territories. We must be consulted whenever decisions or activities that have the potential to adversely impact our Inherent, Aboriginal and Treaty Rights are contemplated. We continue to hold and exercise our Rights within our homelands and Treaty Territories, and they are recognized and protected by Section 35 of the *Canadian Constitution Act*. Our Rights were re-affirmed through the Williams Treaties First Nations Settlement Agreement of 2018 after nearly a hundred years of illegal Rights-denial which resulted from the Williams Treaties of 1923. In 2021, Canada enacted the United Nations Declaration of Indigenous Peoples Act (UNDA) which embedded the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) into Canadian positive law.

CONSULTATION FRAMEWORK

We appreciate that you have proactively informed Curve Lake First Nation of your project and its associated activities, which begins the consultation process. CLFN should be consulted on all activities related to your project which may involve decisions or impacts related to:

- the natural environment, including species of specific cultural, spiritual and relational value to Curve Lake First Nation citizens;
- cultural heritage and archaeological resources;
- watercourses and waterbodies, including wetlands.

Curve Lake First Nation reserves the right to be consulted about projects and involved in decision

[1] As shared by Michi Saagiig Anishinaabe Elder Gitiga Migizi-ban (Doug Williams-ban). Additional information regarding the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg can be found in "Michi Saagiig Historical/Background", prepared by Gitiga Migizi-ban, and attached as **Appendix A**.

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making processes occurring in our homelands and Treaty Territories, especially where potential impacts to our Rights or interests may exist. As such, we have developed *Consultation and Accommodation Standards* which outline the minimum standards and expectations for consultation and engagement activities. As set out in the Standards, Curve Lake First Nation will require a filing fee in the amount of $500.00 to support opening a file, an internal cursory review, and to support an initial meeting with the proponent.

REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

To assist us in understanding the project and to provide you with timely input, it would be appreciated if a summary statement, indicating how the project will address the following areas of concern to our Nation, could be forwarded as soon as possible:

- possible impact to the community;
- possible environmental impact;
- endangerment to fish and wild game;
- possible impacts to water;
- possible impacts on Aboriginal heritage and cultural values; and
- to endangered species; lands; savannas, etc.

Curve Lake First Nation is interested in receiving any recent project documentation (e.g., project plans, reports, memos, drawings, etc.), preferably in draft, to get a better understanding of the project itself, the assessments and studies to be conducted, mitigations identified, etc. This will give us better insight and understanding on what is being proposed.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

Curve Lake First Nation has adopted an *Archaeological Protocol*, which outlines the minimum standards we expect to be followed for archaeological activities taking place within our homelands and Treaty Territories. We ask that you keep us apprised of any archaeological activities. We expect engagement at Stage 1 of an archaeological assessment so that we may include Indigenous Knowledge of the land in the process. We may request a site visit in connection with any proposed archaeological activity, or in relation to a known or potential archaeological site within the vicinity of your project.

We have particular concern for the remains of our ancestors. There may be the presence of burial or archaeological sites in your proposed project area. Should excavation unearth bones, remains, or other such evidence of a native burial site or any other archaeological findings, we must be notified without delay. In the case of a burial site, Council reminds you of your obligations under the *Cemeteries Act*;

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The nearest First Nation Government or other Indigenous community, which is willing to act as a representative and whose members have a close cultural affinity to the interred person, must be notified immediately. The regulations further state that such a representative is needed before the remains and associated artifacts can be removed. Should such a find occur, we request that you contact our Archaeological Program Administrator immediately (APAdmin@curvelake.ca).

NEXT STEPS IN CONSULTATION PROCESS

Should your project proceed, Curve Lake First Nation invites a meeting with you and any relevant project team members or consultants to understand more about the project in our Territory. We would like to initiate discussions and pre-planning for consultation and engagement with our Nation, including:

- clarifying the scope of your project and associated activities;
- discussing our Special Consultation Framework (if applicable);
- establishing a preliminary scope of consultation and engagement activities;
- taking steps to build an ongoing and meaningful relationship.

Such discussions can establish an appropriate consultation and engagement budget to support our involvement in your project.

Costs associated with consultation are to be borne by Proponents. As with other similar engagements and consultations, we would like to initiate negotiations with you regarding a Framework Agreement to support consultation and engagement activities. Such an agreement ensures that Curve Lake First Nation can be reimbursed for our efforts related to consultation and engagement activities such as:

- time to prepare for and attend project meetings;
- review of project materials and submission of comments, as applicable;
- participation in field surveys or site visits, as mutually agreed upon;
- internal governance processes.

CONCLUDING REMARKS

Curve Lake First Nation kindly requests to be kept apprised throughout all phases of this project as it advances through the planning and approvals process. The comments provided in this letter reflect our preliminary review of the materials shared to date and are intended to support early understanding of the proposal and the potential implications for our Rights, interests, and responsibilities within our homelands and Treaty Territory.

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Please note that this letter is not formal consultation; rather, it marks the start of the engagement process. Formal consultation will occur once adequate project information, technical studies, and draft materials are provided for review, and once appropriate consultation arrangements—including a Framework Agreement and associated budget—are established.

Should you have any questions or require clarification, our team is available to support you in navigating Curve Lake First Nation's consultation processes. We look forward to continued dialogue and to receiving additional project documentation, including draft study materials, as they become available.

Sincerely,

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Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation - Archaeological Assessment Review

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REVIEW ABBREVIATIONS

KNFN	Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation
2011 S&Gs	2011 Standard and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists
CHVI	Cultural Heritage Value or Interest
CSP	Controlled Surface Pickup
IK	Indigenous Knowledge

IDENTITY

KNFN is a Mississauga Treaty 20 First Nation. We do not fall under the Indian Act and we are not a reservation. Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation is equal to any other Mississauga Treaty 20 First Nation.

REVIEW WRITER

This review has been completed by KNFN Council Member and Archaeological Coordinator Nodin Webb.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "3.0 PROJECT PERSONNEL"

KNFN appreciates that the Indigenous liaisons who participated in the fieldwork were included. To further add to this, KNFN suggests including which First Nations were consulted and/or conducted archaeological report reviews if those First Nations consent to sharing such information.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "4.0 PROJECT CONTEXT"

Found under item "4.2.3 European Contact – Aftermath of War":

"The introduction of European diseases, the devastating influence of alcohol, and the increasing pressure to convert to Christianity massively contributed to the weakening of the Algonquin people and their traditional culture" (Jackson, 2026 p. 7).

KNFN appreciates the inclusion of this history in the report and acknowledges this report has a high-level of advocacy for Indigenous people's history, culture and relationship to the land. This shows progression in the archaeological field and does not hide the injustices done to the Indigenous peoples.

Found under item "4.2.3 European Contact – The Long Way Back":

"development pressures and assimilation policies implemented by the colonial government saw Indigenous lands taken up, albeit under increasing protest and without consideration for Indigenous claims, for settlement and industry. Algonquin lands began to be encroached upon by white settlers involved in the booming lucrative logging industry or having been granted the land as Loyalist soldiers or through other settler groups" (Jackson, 2026 p. 7-8).

KNFN appreciates the inclusion of this history in the report. This shows progression in the archaeological field and does not hide the injustices done to the Indigenous peoples.

"Struggles to officially secure title to their traditional land, as well as fight for hunting and fishing rights have continued into modern times" (Jackson, 2026 p. 8).

KNFN appreciates the inclusion of this in the report. We can speak to our own experience of this happening to our people and suggests adding the information provided below into the content item as it pertains to a First Nation fighting in court in regards to harvesting rights (fishing) and is welcomed to be referenced and cited:

"KNFN fought against a poaching charge in 2002. KNFN's harvesting rights were legally brought forward in the court case "R. vs. Johnson" in 2002. KNFN won the court battle and the KNFN member was not charged with poaching, this victory in court solidified the harvesting rights of KNFN in the eyes of Western law including OPP/MNR and the Government of Ontario" (KNFN, 2026).

Found under item "4.2.4. – Euro-Canadian Colonial History":

"Early Euro-Canadian land divisions into districts, counties, townships, etc. and the expansion of settlement were facilitated by the Indigenous Nations who agreed to enter formal treaty relationships with the newcomers to share the land and resources. The study area is located within the unceded traditional territory of the Anishniabe Algonquin peoples, and part of the lands of the Crawford Purchase" (Jackson, 2026 p. 8).

KNFN appreciates the clear distinction of which Treaty Lands the study area is situated on. The report could be strengthened by including a map of the Treaty Territories showing where the study area is situated, this gives the report reader a visual of the study area within the Treaty Lands and proximities to other Treaty Territories.

Found under item "4.3.4. – Registered Archaeological Sites and Commemorative Plaques":

"Caution must be used when reporting on the absence of archaeological sites as the absence of evidence is not evidence of absence. As most of the archaeological sites in the province are encountered and registered through development driven processes, areas without major development have an artificially exaggerated absence of registered archaeological sites" (Jackson, 2026 p. 15).

KNFN agrees and appreciate the inclusion of this in the report.

Found under item "4.4 Archaeological Potential":

"Potential for pre-contact Indigenous sites is based on physiographic variables that include distance from the nearest source of water, the nature of the nearest source/body of water, distinguishing features in the landscape (e. g. ridges, knolls, eskers, and wetlands), the types of soils found within the area of assessment and resource availability. The study area has low potential for pre-contact Indigenous archaeological sites due to the distance to a primary water source and the shallow, stoney, and poorly draining soils" (Jackson, 2026 p. 15).

KNFN does not see Indigenous knowledge written in this text where archaeological context and potential are mentioned to be established. KNFN requires consulting companies to seek Indigenous knowledge (through indigenous oral histories, indigenous knowledge keepers and elders, indigenous approved literature) pertaining to the study areas they are seeking information on. Indigenous histories and cultural context are not to be perceived as supplementary background but an interpretive foundation that informs archaeological potential assessments, cultural heritage value and clearance decisions. A failure to integrate these Indigenous knowledge systems can lead to under-recognition of culturally/spiritually significant areas/landscapes and archaeological potential.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "5.0 INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT":

"Indigenous Engagement for this Stage 2 assessment included the seven Williams Treaties First Nations of Alderville First Nation, Beausoleil First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, Chippewas of Georgina Island First Nation, Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, and the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, as well as the Nation Wendat, the Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation, the Algonquins of Ontario, and the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan" (Jackson, 2026 p. 15-16).

KNFN appreciates including this in the report. To strengthen the report, KNFN suggests requesting a traditional history piece from the consulted First Nations to be included in the report. This will help the report reader/reviewer learn about the First Nations consulted as well add to Indigenous history content.

KNFN has provided a brief history and traditional background for reference below regarding our own First Nation and it is welcomed to be cited and used in this and other future reports, when discussing Indigenous peoples of Ontario:

"Since time immemorial, Island 31 (Located in what is now known as Burleigh Falls) has been a cherished destination for our people, who travelled to Burleigh Falls for trapping, fishing, hunting, gathering, and onward on their journey to Kinoomaagewapkong (the place of the white teaching rocks, known now as The Petroglyphs). Later, its strategic location between Lovesick Lake and Stoney Lake made it ideal for various industries, providing work as guides for many men catering to tourists. Between 1909 and 1912, construction began on the "Big Dam," prompting the Crown to forcibly remove our people from Island 31 to make way for the dam builders. This relocation moved our guiding families to Perry's Creek, which came to be known as the "Campground." Families who had travelled to live elsewhere in the winter time (as they would reside on Perry's Creek and surrounding areas for the spring-fall months to harvest fish such as Walleye and hunt a variety of game including deer seasonally) began to stay the full year and make permanent residence throughout the winter months as well. The five families who remained to live in Burleigh Falls - Brown, Boast, Hoggarth, Jacob, and Johnson – established permanent residences, and today, their descendants are recognized as the Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation.

Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation are Michi-Saagiig and Chippewa, and part of the broader Anishinabek Nation. Kawartha Nishnawbe are signatories to the Rice Lake Purchase of 1818 (Treaty 20), but did not sign the subsequent Williams Treaties of 1923. Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation is a Mississauga Treaty 20 First Nation that does not fall under the Indian Act and is not a reservation.

KNFN fought against a poaching charge against one of our members in 2002. Our harvesting rights were legally brought forward in the court case "R. vs. Johnson" in 2002. KNFN won the court battle with our lawyer Chris Ried; the member was not charged with poaching, this victory in court solidified our harvesting rights in the eyes of Western law including OPP/MNR and the Government of Ontario.

Known for being talented harvesters, particularly of the fish Ogaa (Walleye) this is done ethically (through the release of female fish and other methods) every year during the spring spawning run /fall feeding seasons through Burleigh Falls using methods such as angling and spearing. The Ogaa is represented on our First Nation's Emblem." - Kawartha Nishnawbe First Nation



KNFN's Emblem

"Indigenous liaisons from the Algonquins of Pikwakanagan and the Algonquins of Ontario were present on-site on July 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, and 22, and September 8 and 11, 2026 during all Stage 2 field work" (Jackson, 2026 p. 16).

KNFN appreciates that the Indigenous liaisons who participated in the fieldwork were included in the report. This helps to prevent Indigenous presence, participation and cultural histories being perceived as supplementary background instead of an

interpretive foundation that informs archaeological potential assessments, cultural heritage value and clearance decisions. As mentioned previously in the review, KNFN appreciates that they were included in "3.0 Project Personnel" as well early in the report.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "6.0 FIELD METHODS":

"Fieldwork took place on July 13, 15, 16, 17, 20, 21, and 22, and September 8 and 11, and October 5, 2026. Weather conditions varied from sunny, to humid and hazy, to overcast, to light intermittent rain with temperatures ranging from 15 to 32° C. Ground conditions were excellent with no undue ground cover to impede visual assessment" (Jackson, 2026 p. 17).

KNFN advocates for archaeological field work to be completed in weather and lighting conditions that permits for good-excellent ground visibility. KNFN recognizes that the weather and field conditions documented matches the photo images found later in the report. The report could be strengthened with the inclusion of more details pertaining to the weather such as exact temperatures of each day, this could be portrayed in a table format for example.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "7.0 RECORD OF FINDS":

"During the Stage 2 assessment, a total of 13 artifacts were collected from two positive test pits and subsequent intensification (Map 3). The initial positive test pits were identified over 40 metres apart in the central western portion of the study area. The assemblage consists of historic 19th to 20th century domestic material" (Jacksin, 2026 p. 17).

KNFN suggests adding more context to explaining why a low-zero Indigenous artifact count may occur. For example, First Nations and/or harvesting parties were often based on seasonal fish harvesting or hunting, making them very mobile and this could often result in leaving little or no artifacts or visible materials behind. Clarification should be given that just because low or zero Indigenous artifact counts are encountered, this does not reflect having a low CHVI; the lands use and cultural background in Indigenous views are not necessarily tied to artifacts left behind as it was the significance of land/culture/ceremony etc. that brought the Indigenous peoples to those locations to begin with.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "8.0 ANALYSIS AND CONCLUSIONS":

KNFN has no comments.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "9.0 RECOMMENDATIONS":

"Based on the results of this investigation it is recommended that:
1. No further archaeological study is required for the study area as defined in Map 1" (Jackson, 2026 p. 18).

KNFN agrees with the listed recommendation but would suggest adding context to the fact that there is always a chance that artifacts/features are within the study area unfound as a result of limitations of archaeological field methods. KNFN suggest leaving an open remark for the land owner that if they were interested in choosing to continue archaeological work, suggestions on how to do so could be discussed.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "10.0 ADVICE ON COMPLIANCE WITH LEGISLATION"

"When all matters relating to archaeological sites within the project area of a development proposal have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM), a letter will be issued by the ministry stating that there are no further concerns with regard to alterations to archaeological sites by the proposed development" (Jackson, 2026 p. 19).

KNFN would add ensuring that the duty to consult with First Nations is upheld and consultations with the First Nations have been addressed and deemed satisfactory to the First Nations having been consulted with prior to stating there are no further concerns with regard to alterations.

"Should previously undocumented archaeological resources be discovered, they may be a new archaeological site and therefore subject to Section 48 (1) of the Ontario Heritage Act. The proponent or person discovering the archaeological resources must cease alteration of the site immediately and engage a licensed consultant archaeologist to carry out archaeological fieldwork, in compliance with Section 48 (1) of the Ontario Heritage Act" (Jackson, 2026 p. 19).

KNFN would add here that ensuring the duty to consult with First Nations is upheld and consultations with the First Nations have been addressed and deemed satisfactory to the First Nations having been consulted with, whenever previously undocumented archaeological resources are discovered. Indigenous communities should be contacted and consulted with prior to any archaeological assessments so they can decide if they want liaisons on site to monitor the work done or perform ceremony prior to archaeological work. This way if human remains or Indigenous artifacts are found during the fieldwork the Indigenous communities will have a presence and ability to bring their culture/ceremony/perspectives and interests immediately.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "11.0 CLOSURE"

KNFN has no comments.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "12.0 BIBLIOGRAPHY AND SOURCES"

KNFN has no comments.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "13.0 IMAGES"

KNFN recognizes that the photo images of field conditions match the conditions and weather description given previously in the report.

Images showing artifacts are clear and easy to read.

REVIEW OF CONTENT ITEM "14.0 MAPS"

KNFN suggests to include a map showing the study area in relation to the Treaty lands. This will help the report reader easily identify which Treaty territory the study area is situated on and proximities to the neighboring Treaty lands.

References

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