

**SUPPLEMENTARY DOCUMENTATION  
Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment  
Alma Subdivision, 31 Church Street, Alma**

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Part of Lot 9, Registered Plan 134 and  
Lot 1, Concession 1 West of Grand River,  
Geographic Township of Pilkington,  
Township of Mapleton, County of Wellington

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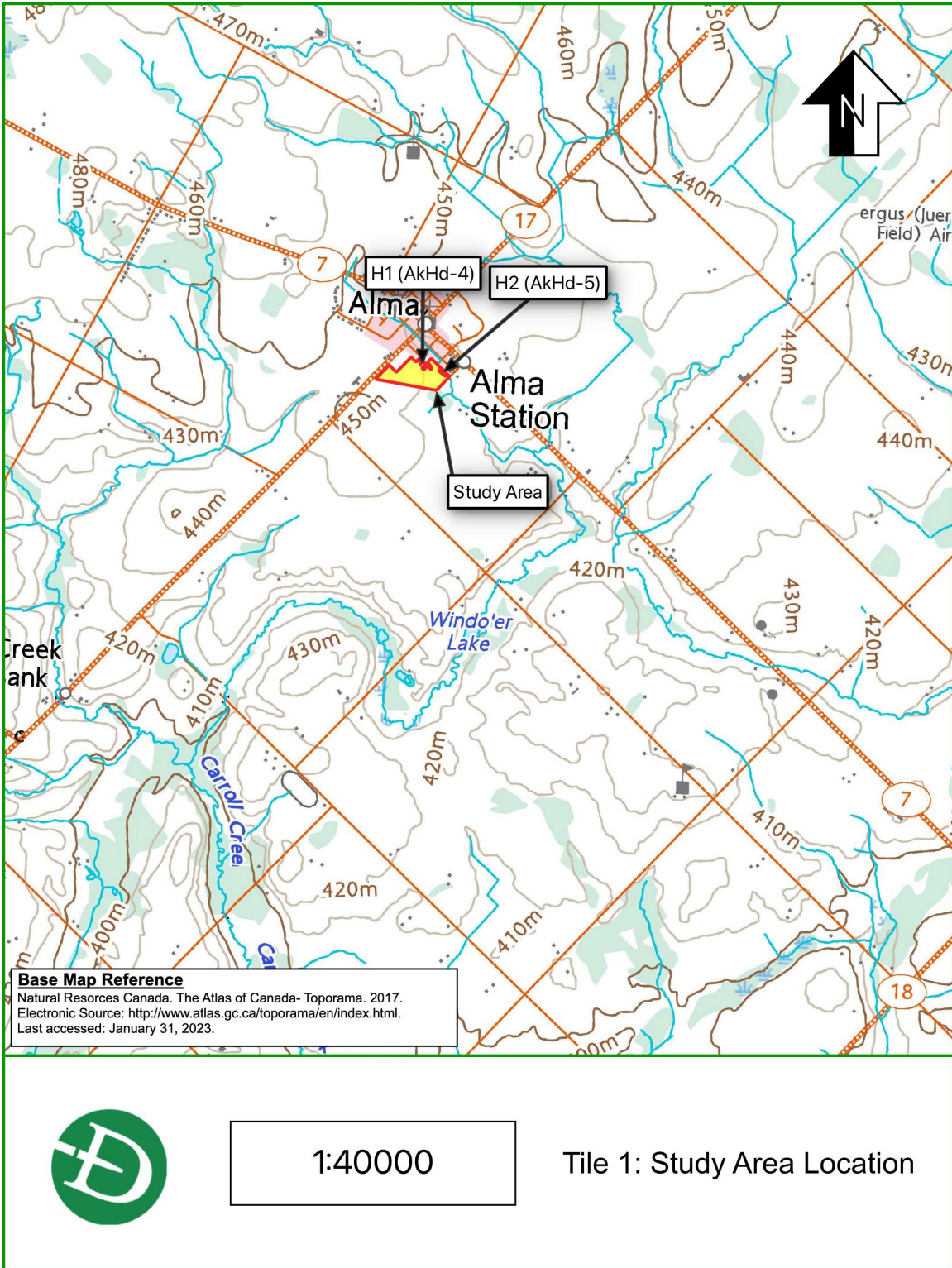
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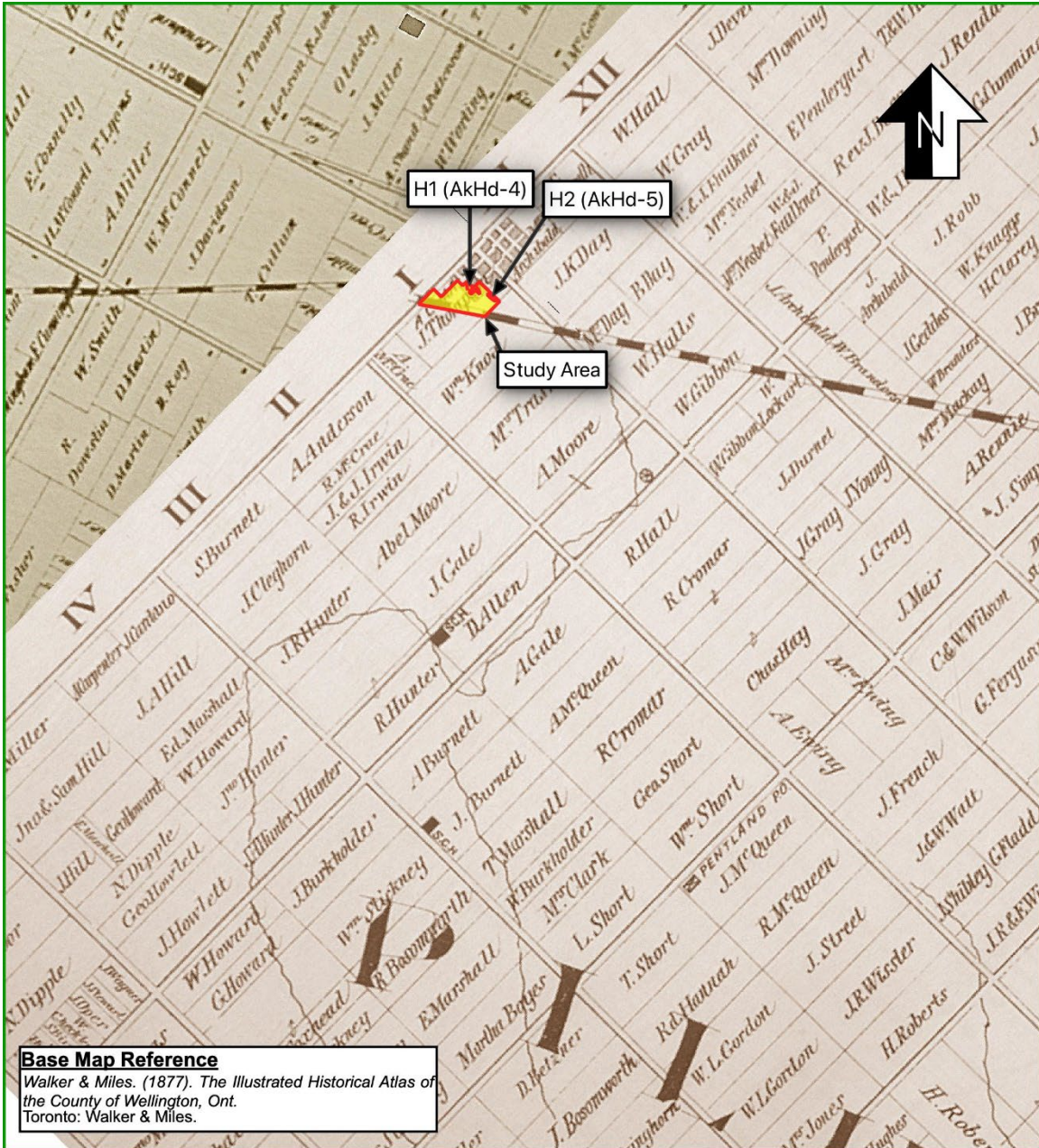
# 1.0 Maps

## Tile 1: Study Area and H1 (AkHd-4) and H2 (AkHd-5) Locations





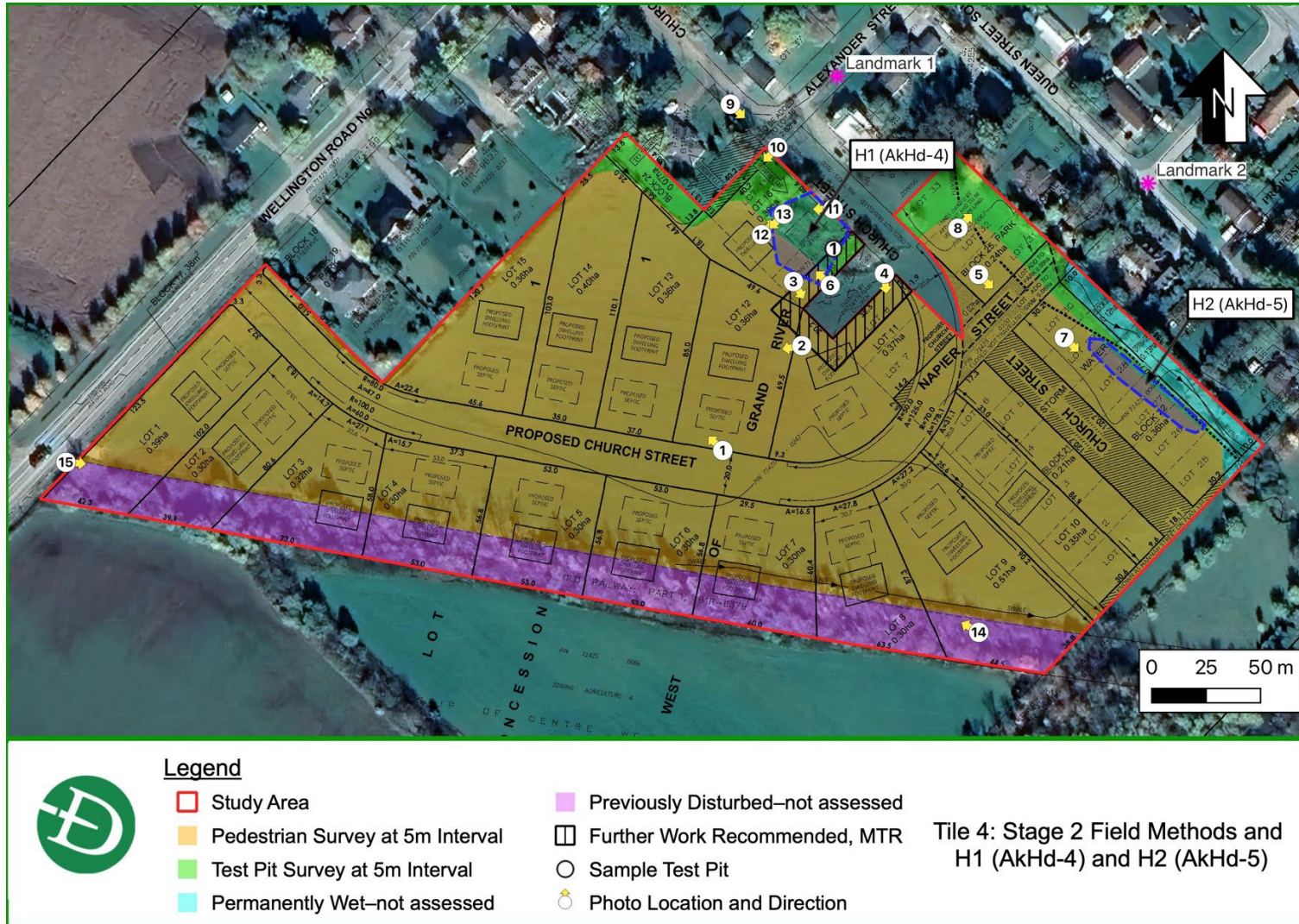
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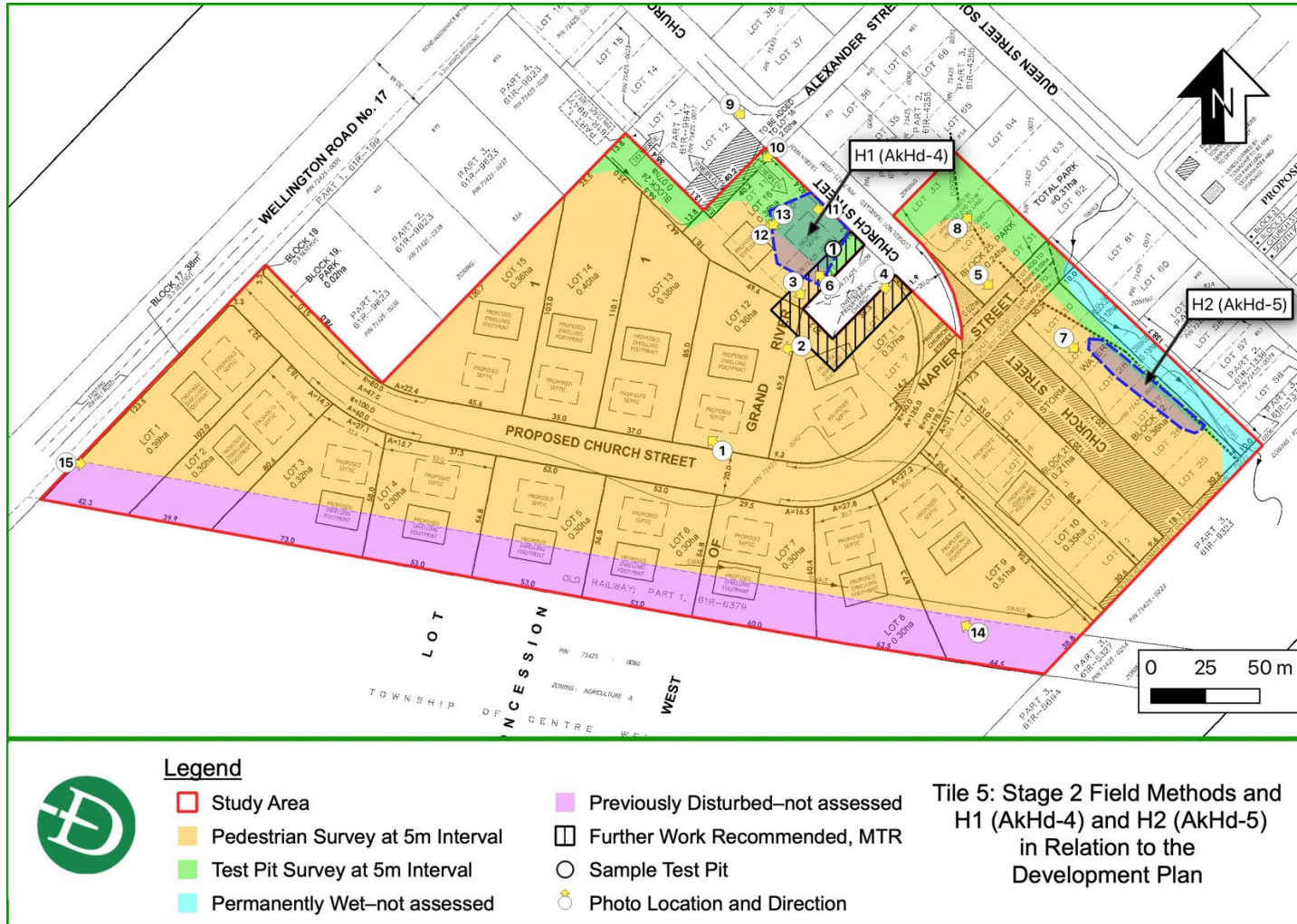
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Tile 4: Field Methods Map: H1 (AkHd-4) and H2 (AkHd-5)



**Tile 5: Field Methods Map and Development Plan: H1 (AkHd-4) and H2 (AkHd-5)**

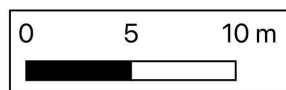


**Tile 6: Stage 2 Results: H1 (AkHd-4)**



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|  Study Area         |  Controlled Surface Pickup Location |
|  H1 (AkHd-4) extent |  Positive Test Pit Location         |



**Tile 6: Stage 2 Field Methods Results – H1 (AkHd-4)**

**Tile 7: Stage 2 Results: H2 (AkHd-5)**

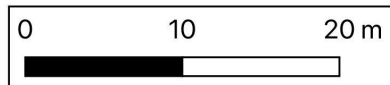


**Legend**

□ Study Area

◇ Controlled Surface Pickup Location

▭ H2 (AkHd-5) extent



Tile 7: Stage 2 Field Methods Results – H2 (AkHd-5)

## 2.0 Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates

The Universal Transverse Mercator ('UTM') coordinates recorded during the Stage 2 assessment are provided below. The UTM coordinates were recorded using a Garmin eTrex 10 GPS unit with a minimum accuracy 1-2.5m (North American Datum 1983 ('NAD83') and UTM Zone 17T). The UTM coordinates for H1 (AkHd-4), H2 (AkHd-5), and two landmarks are presented in Table 1 below.

**Table 1: UTM Coordinates for the Archaeological Sites and Landmarks Recovered During the Stage 2 Assessment**

Site	Context	Easting	Northing
H1 (AkHd-4)	PTP 1	540075	4841718
H1 (AkHd-4)	PTP 2	540079	4841730
H1 (AkHd-4)	PTP 3	540063	4841722
H1 (AkHd-4)	PTP 4	540065	4841737
H1 (AkHd-4)	PTP 5	540067	4841741
H1 (AkHd-4)	PTP 6	540062	4841739
H1 (AkHd-4)	PTP 7	540054	4841737
H1 (AkHd-4)	PTP 8	540053	4841735
H1 (AkHd-4)	PTP 9	540047	4841736
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP1	540049	4841720
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP2	540052	4841720
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP3	540049	4841723
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP4	540056	4841708
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP5	540051	4841716
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP6	540054	4841716
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP7	540052	4841713
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP8	540057	4841715
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP9	540059	4841716
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP10	540064	4841711
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP11	540064	4841709
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP12	540070	4841705
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP13	540067	4841704
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP14	540067	4841707
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP15	540061	4841707
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP16	540063	4841715
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP17	540061	4841713
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP18	540058	4841712
H1 (AkHd-4)	CSP19	540059	4841709
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP1	540194	4841671
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP2	540196	4841671
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP3	540201	4841663
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP4	540205	4841667

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<b>Site</b>	<b>Context</b>	<b>Easting</b>	<b>Northing</b>
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP5	540205	4841663
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP6	540206	4841662
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP7	540199	4841667
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP8	540209	4841665
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP9	540209	4841661
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP10	540201	4841669
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP11	540200	4841673
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP12	540213	4841655
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP13	540215	4841660
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP14	540217	4841653
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP15	540209	4841657
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP16	540212	4841658
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP17	540212	4841661
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP18	540218	4841656
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP19	540223	4841650
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP20	540226	4841648
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP21	540227	4841646
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP22	540229	4841639
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP23	540230	4841642
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP24	540231	4841645
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP25	540233	4841642
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP26	540237	4841635
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP27	540238	4841635
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP28	540244	4841635
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP29	540240	4841639
H2 (AkHd-5)	CSP30	540234	4841638
H1 (AkHd-4) and H2 (AkHd-5)	Telephone Pole south side of Alexander Street	540078	4841796
H1 (AkHd-4) and H2 (AkHd-5)	Centre of intersection at Alma Queen St. S and Napier Street W	540220	4841745

### **3.0 Bereavement Authority of Ontario**

The Bereavement Authority of Ontario ('BAO') was contacted about the possibility of the cemetery remains within the Study Area. A Cemetery Investigation Authorization ('CIA') for St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church and Cemetery, 31 Church Street, Alma, Ontario.

A copy of the email correspondence between Detritus and the BAO can be found below at Section 3.1.

#### **3.1 Email Correspondence**

The following is email correspondence between Detritus and the BAO regarding the CIA.

Email #1

4/13/22, 10:36 AM

Gmail - RE: Fw: RE: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Cemetery - 31 Church Street South, Alma



Walter McCall <waltermccall.arch@gmail.com>

**RE: Fw: RE: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Cemetery - 31 Church Street South, Alma**

Michael D'Mello <michael.dmello@thebao.ca> Tue, Jan 18, 2022 at 5:43 PM  
To: Walter McCall <waltermccall.arch@gmail.com>, Garth Grimes <garth@golden.net>, "Prowse, Shari (MTCS)" <Shari.Prowse@ontario.ca>  
Cc: Michael D'Mello <michael.dmello@thebao.ca>, Carey Smith <carey.smith@thebao.ca>, Ray Porrill <ray.porrill@thebao.ca>, Gillian Glover <Gillian.Glover@thebao.ca>, Jim Cassimatis <Jim.Cassimatis@thebao.ca>

Hello Walter:

This will acknowledge receipt of your e-mail of January 18, 2022, copied below, with the attached application for a Cemetery Investigation Authorization RE: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Cemetery - 31 Church Street South, Alma.

I will review the application and submitted proposed work strategy submitted to the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries and issue the Cemetery Investigation Authorization in due course.

Thank you for your cooperation and for contacting the Bereavement Authority of Ontario.

Mike

**Michael F. D'Mello | Deputy Registrar**

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**Subject:** Re: Fw: RE: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Cemetery - 31 Church Street South, Alma

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Good afternoon Michael,

Please find attached our updated CIA request that correctly notes Exact Construction Ltd. as the land owner and not Jon Scott. None of the remaining information has changed since we have not learned anything new since we last submitted uor request.

Please let me know if you need anything else.

Cheers,

Walter McCall, PhD  
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## Stage 1-2 Supplementary Documentation, Alma Subdivision, 31 Church Street, Alma

4/13/22, 10:36 AM

Gmail - RE: Fw: RE: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Cemetery - 31 Church Street South, Alma

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Hello Garth and Walter:

This will acknowledge receipt of your e-mail of January 14, 2022, copied below, regarding the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Cemetery - 31 Church Street South, Alma

Yes, I met with Shari Prowse on this matter and can now provide you with more direction. The Bereavement Authority of Ontario recommends that the property be treated as a cemetery if there are no records to indicate or substantiate that it was closed. As such, a Cemetery Investigation Authorization should be obtained in advance of this fieldwork. If any human remains or human burials are encountered, please contact the BAO and other appropriate authorities immediately.

MHSTCI recommends that a Stage 3 cemetery investigation take place after any necessary Stage 2. The Stage 3 cemetery investigation should consist of mechanical topsoil removal, or conducted through hand excavations as appropriate, to confirm the presence/absence of human remains/human burials. Areas not subject to Stage 2 assessment previously should be assessed in advance of this work. If you would like to discuss this fieldwork strategy further, please contact Shari Prowse, MHSTCI. I've cc'd her on this e-mail.

I hope this is clear. Thank you for contacting the Bereavement Authority of Ontario.

Mike

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4/13/22, 10:36 AM

Gmail - RE: Fw: RE: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Cemetery - 31 Church Street South, Alma

Hello Garth:

This will acknowledge receipt of your e-mail of January 3, 2022, cc'd below regarding the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Cemetery lands at 31 Church Street South, Alma.

The Bereavement Authority of Ontario was unable to confirm that this is a currently licensed cemetery site.

The application for the Cemetery Investigation Authorization does not identify the owner of the land and simply identifies John Scott, St. Andrews Presbyterian Church, as being the proponent. Is he the landowner or does he represent the landowner. My understanding, from my research is that the land is owned by Exact Construction and not John Scott.

Your communication indicates that the history of the cemetery dates to the 1870's, and that the burials were disinterred and reinterred elsewhere by Lieutenant Governors Order-in-Council but John Scott has no documentation to support that claim. If this is a cemetery it is required to be licensed!!

If the cemetery was closed by the Order mentioned above, then it is not cemetery land and the Bereavement Authority of Ontario would not have jurisdiction. If human remains are discovered the burial site provisions of the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*, administered by Crystal Forrest, Registrar, MGCS would be applicable.

Maybe we should have a chat to discuss my concerns.

Thank you for contacting the Bereavement Authority of Ontario.

Mike

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**Subject:** Fw: Re: CIA request, 31 Church Street South, Alma

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Hi Michael,

Happy new year!

Hope you had a great holiday.

Can you let me know where we are at with this CIA request?

Thanks.

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Sent: 11/5/2021 9:40:26 AM

Subject: Re: CIA request, 31 Church Street South, Alma

Good afternoon Michael,

I have placed the details in the proper form, but have also included the original letter in case additional clarification is needed. Again, the only

information I cannot provide is the legal name of the cemetery, as it no longer exists on the property, and obviously the cemetery operator.

If you need anything else, please let me know.

Cheers,

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On Fri, Nov 5, 2021 at 11:14 AM Michael D'Mello <[michael.dmello@thebao.ca](mailto:michael.dmello@thebao.ca)> wrote:

Hello Walter:

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4/13/22, 10:36 AM

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Please review your submission as the only application page rec'd does not have the answers/responses to each question. In fact, I have just reformatted the form and indicated "Response:" for each question because of your submission!! See attached.

Thanks for the cooperation.

Mike

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Good morning Michael,

I completed this checklist and included it as the last page of the letter. The only two pieces of information I cannot provide is the legal name of the cemetery and the cemetery operator, mostly because the cemetery was moved to a new location in the late 19th century so neither a cemetery nor a cemetery operator exist anymore at that location.

I believe all other information has been provided in the letter. If there is something specifically that I do not seem to have, please let me know.

Cheers,

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## Stage 1-2 Supplementary Documentation, Alma Subdivision, 31 Church Street, Alma

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On Fri, Nov 5, 2021 at 10:18 AM Michael D'Mello <[michael.dmello@thebao.ca](mailto:michael.dmello@thebao.ca)> wrote:

Hello Walter:

This will acknowledge receipt of your e-mail of November 4, 2021 cc'd below with the attached letter request for a Cemetery Investigation Authorization to be conducted in or on a previously known cemetery associated with the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church.

Please complete the application with the answers/information to each of the required questions/fields in the application form and provide an explanation for information not provided. It makes the processing more time consuming if I have to identify the correct answers to each question.

Feel free to call me if you have any other questions of issues

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mike

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## Stage 1-2 Supplementary Documentation, Alma Subdivision, 31 Church Street, Alma

4/13/22, 10:36 AM

Gmail - RE: Fw: RE: St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Cemetery - 31 Church Street South, Alma

Good afternoon Michael,

Please find attached our request for a Cemetery Investigation Authorization in advance of the Stage 1-2 assessment of the property at 31 Church Street South in Alma.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Garth Grimes.

Cheers,

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I'm not sure where the lines of communication crossed and short-circuited...LoL!

However, a review of my files located the attached Cemetery Investigation Authorization issued 12 September 2023 to Garth Grimes. Please review and advise/clarify.

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## Stage 1-2 Supplementary Documentation, Alma Subdivision, 31 Church Street, Alma

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Good morning,

I have an update on my previous email regarding the archaeological investigation at 31 Church Street in Alma. Garth reminded me that the cemetery closure documents for the St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Cemetery were destroyed in the fire that destroyed the church.

In your original message from February 8th (see below), you had asked for the confirmation of the cemetery closure or the proposed and reviewed archaeological work strategy in order for you to issue the Cemetery Investigation Authorization. However, there are no such closure documents that exist. Therefore we are still in the same quandary, as detailed in my message below from July 20th of last year (see below).

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Hello Amanda:

This will acknowledge receipt of your e-mail of February 8, 2023, cc'd below, with a copy of my e-mail for Jan 14, 2022, acknowledging receipt of an application for a Cemetery Investigation Authorization and advising that I would be reviewing the various communications related to this application since there were discussions about the closure of this cemetery and communication with Ontario Archives to obtain a copy of the closure etc. The file dates to early 2021!!

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Please review your file on this site and provide the confirmation of the closure or provide the proposed and reviewed archaeological work strategy and I will issue the Cemetery Investigation Authorization immediately.

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Thanks and take care,

Amanda



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## 3.2 Cemetery Investigation Authorization



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### CEMETERY INVESTIGATION AUTHORIZATION

**Date:**

12 September 2023

**Name of Cemetery:**

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Cemetery - also known as – Alma Cemetery – Unlicensed Site  
Development property located at:  
31 Church St. South  
Alma, ON

**Note:** There is no visible evidence of the cemetery on this property. Proponent noted that the cemetery was moved to Elora in 1894 with St. Andrews Church, but no records exist before 1930. Most church records were destroyed in a 1931 fire. Archaeologist suggests that “the cemetery closure record was among these” (records). There are no records available which confirm the cemetery was closed and the burial moved.

**Full Legal Description of cemetery lands:**

The legal boundaries have not been confirmed. Once the existence of the cemetery is confirmed by the identification of any graves containing human remains, a legal survey of the cemetery boundaries must be prepared and provided to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario so that the cemetery site can be licensed under the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*.

**Landowner:**

Exact Construction Ltd.  
RR #3, 8262 Wellington Road  
Fergus, ON N1M 2W4  
P: (519) 853-1900

**Proponent & Contact:**

John Scott  
St. Andrews Presbyterian Church Tel: 519-846-5871

**Archaeologist:**

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Via email: [garth@golden.net](mailto:garth@golden.net)

**Archaeology PIF number:**

**P017-1056-2023 issued to Garth Grimes May 18, 2023**, for Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment, Cemetery Investigation, Proposed Alma Subdivision, Part of Lots 1-8, 10, 11, 25-20, Registered Plan 134 and Lot 1, Concession 1 West of Grand River, Geographic Township of Pilkington, Township of Mapleton, County of Wellington

**Re: Application to conduct a Cemetery Investigation received via e-mail dated 15 May 2023 (see attached) to conduct a:**

- Stage 2 archaeological assessment/investigation
- Stage 2 and Stage 3 archeological assessment/investigation
- Stage 3 archaeological investigation of lands within a proposed development that are within 10m of the purported cemetery.

**Archaeologist has provided a copy of the Stage 1 archaeological assessment: (See attached)**

- Yes
- No

**Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM) has previewed the recommendations made in the Stage 1 report and has approved the proposed methodology: (See attached e-mail dated 18 May 2023, 12:05 p.m.)**

- Yes – 18 May 2023
- No

**A Stage 2 or Stage 3 Archaeological Investigation report will be provided to the BAO upon completion and MTCS acceptance:**

- Yes
- No

**IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT:** If any human skeletal remains are identified during the excavations/shovel testing, the activity will stop and the discovery will be communicated to the local Police Service and other appropriate legislative authorities (BAO, MPBSD, MCM). The discovery of human remains will be recorded, mapped, and the remains placed in a respectable

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container and secured on site. No reinterments can be conducted until the BAO has been notified.

**The Bereavement Authority of Ontario requires that:** any human remains, and associated artifacts must be secured and protected from public view by the Archaeologist who will be responsible to ensure the security of the site from any theft of human remains. The location/origin of any human skeletal remains from within the areas of the assessments/investigation must be mapped-out and those lots/graves within this currently inactive, possibly “closed” cemetery must be confirmed, and that information must be provided to the BAO prior to the reinterment(s) being conducted. **Once the existence of any human burials is confirmed and the boundaries of the cemetery have been established, a legal survey of the cemetery boundaries may be prepared and provided to the Bereavement Authority of Ontario.**

**Therefore, pursuant to subsection 96. (1) (2) and (3) of the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*, the archaeologist may cause an investigation of the described area in the vicinity of, or on cemetery lands to identify or confirm the presence of human remains or archaeological resources within the existing cemetery lands and confirm the boundaries of the cemetery.**

If you have any questions or need clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours truly,

*Michael D'Mello*

Michael D'Mello,  
Deputy Registrar, *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002*  
Bereavement Authority of Ontario

**See attached documents forming part of this Cemetery Investigation Authorization:**

Attachments:

1. Application for a Cemetery Investigation Authorization (see e-mail attached)
2. Copy of the Stage 1 archaeological assessment letter - background research
3. Evidence that the proposed archaeological methodology has been reviewed by Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism

## 4.0 Aboriginal Engagement

As per Section 7.6.2, Standards 1 and 2 of the *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* ('Standards and Guidelines'; Government of Ontario, 2011), details regarding the engagement activities conducted by Detritus Consulting Ltd. ('Detritus') as part of the current Stage 1-2 assessment are provided below. Copies of the separate email correspondences between Detritus and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation ('MCFN'), Six Nations of the Grand River ('SNGR'), and Haudenosaunee Development Institute ('HDI') as well as a copy of the project memo sent to all three communities can be found in Sections 4.1 and 4.2 below.

Detritus was retained in 2021 to conduct a Stage 1-2 assessment located at 31 Church Street, Alma. On June 23, 2021, Megan DeVries of MCFN contacted Walter McCall, the licensee, with a letter indicating the MCFN wanted additional information on the project and that no fieldwork was to take place without representatives on site. On June 29, 2021, Amanda McCall of Detritus replied to Megan outlining Detritus' assessment strategies and indicating that we were waiting on ploughing of the agricultural field. On June 30, 2021 Megan replied thanking us for the information and requesting the Proponent's contact information so that they could make arrangements. After repeated attempts by Detritus to contact the Proponent, via their planning company, Detritus finally got word that the Proponent was unwilling to share their contact information with MCFN. The Project Manager, Garth Grimes informed Walter that the Proponent did not want First Nations involved in the Stage 1-2 assessment. On September 8, 2021, Amanda emailed Megan indicating that Detritus has reached out to the Proponent on their behalf and that the Proponent was willing to share their contact information. In addition, Detritus would send a copy of the Stage 1-2 report once available if she wished (see MCFN Email #1 in Section 4.1.3 below). No further communication was received from Megan at that time.

As of 2022 Detritus updated their Aboriginal engagement practices and elected to contact local First Nation communities prior to every project Detritus is retained to complete. Additionally, as of 2022 Detritus contacts all Proponents on behalf of First Nation communities with regards to sharing their contact information, thereby allowing them to set up a monitoring agreement, if they choose.

Local First Nation communities were contacted on April 13, 2022 via email to inform them of the project, including a proposed start date to be confirmed. The email also contained a memo outlining Detritus' proposed Stage 1-2 assessment strategies. The purpose of this memo was to provide local First Nation communities an opportunity to provide input on the assessment strategies.

In this memo First Nation communities were informed that the Proponent was unwilling to share their contact information (as mentioned above); however, representatives were welcome on site as unpaid monitors during the assessment. In lieu of monitors on site Detritus was willing to provide First Nation communities with the results of the fieldwork and a copy of the completed draft report prior to its submission to the MCM. No communication was received from SNGR, MCFN, or HDI.

An update of the field results was provided to SNGR, MCFN and HDI on October 11, 2022. A draft copy of the report was sent to all three communities on March 30, 2023. In both instances, no communication was received from SNGR, MCFN or HDI.

## 4.1 Email Correspondence

### 4.1.1 SNGR



Amanda McCall <amandamccall.arch@gmail.com>

#### Re: 31 Church Street, Alma (Alma Subdivision) - Stage 3 Memo - Detritus

1 message

**Amanda McCall** <amandamccall.arch@gmail.com>  
To: Tanya Hill-Montour <tanyahill-montour@sixnations.ca>  
Cc: Walter McCall <waltermccall.arch@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 30, 2023 at 2:36 PM

Good afternoon Tanya,

As per the email below please see attached a draft copy of the Stage 1-2 report and a tile showing the location of the sites, which has not yet been submitted to the MCM. We do not anticipate submitting this report in the near future, however, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns at your earliest convenience.

Take care,  
Amanda



**Amanda McCall**

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On Tue, Oct 11, 2022 at 10:34 AM Amanda McCall <amandamccall.arch@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Tanya,

I hope you had a great long weekend. Detritus has completed the Stage 1-2 assessment at 31 Church Street in Alma prior to the proposed subdivision development. The assessment was conducted on July 7, 2022 by means of a test pit survey at 5m intervals in the grass and treed areas as well as a pedestrian survey at 5m intervals of the agricultural field. Two archaeological sites were recovered along the northeastern edge of the Study Area, AkHd-4 and AkHd-5. Both have been identified as 19th century Euro-Canadian sites and are being recommended for additional assessments. A Stage 3 memo for the work being conducted at these sites was sent on September 30, 2022. A copy of the Stage 1-2 report will be sent to your office once complete.

Take care,  
Amanda



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## Stage 1-2 Supplementary Documentation, Alma Subdivision, 31 Church Street, Alma

On Fri, Sep 30, 2022 at 10:56 AM Amanda McCall <[amandamccall.arch@gmail.com](mailto:amandamccall.arch@gmail.com)> wrote:

Good morning

Detritus has been retained to conduct the Stage 3 assessments for AkHd-4, AkHd-5 located at 31 Church Street in Alma. We anticipate starting this fieldwork the week of October 3, 2022, weather dependent. Please see attached the project memo.

Take care,  
Amanda



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#### 4.1.2 MCFN

##### Email #1



Amanda McCall <amandamccall.arch@gmail.com>

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**Re: PIF Notification - Alma Subdivision**

1 message

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**Amanda McCall** <amandamccall.arch@gmail.com> Wed, Sep 8, 2021 at 1:33 PM  
To: Megan DeVries <Megan.DeVries@mncfn.ca>  
Cc: Walter McCall <waltermccall.arch@gmail.com>, "Archaeology (MHSTCI)" <archaeology@ontario.ca>, Garth Grimes <garth@golden.net>

Good afternoon Megan,

I hope this email finds you well.

We have contacted the client on your behalf to inform them of your interest in the project. They do not wish to release their contact information. We will however provide you with a copy of the Stage 1-2 report when it is available, if you wish.

Take care,

Amanda

Amanda McCall  
Archaeologist R470  
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On Wed, Jun 30, 2021 at 2:41 PM Megan DeVries <Megan.DeVries@mncfn.ca> wrote:

Hi Amanda,

Thank you for the information. As in the letter, we request the participation of our Field Liaison Representatives during the upcoming Stage 2 assessment. Can you please provide the proponent's contact information so that we can make arrangements?

Sincerely,

Megan.

**Megan DeVries (she/her)**  
**Archaeological Operations Supervisor**



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**From:** Amanda McCall <[amandemccall.arch@gmail.com](mailto:amandemccall.arch@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 29, 2021 12:40 PM  
**To:** Megan DeVries <[Megan.DeVries@mncfn.ca](mailto:Megan.DeVries@mncfn.ca)>  
**Cc:** Walter McCall <[waltermccall.arch@gmail.com](mailto:waltermccall.arch@gmail.com)>; Archaeology (MHSTCI) <[archaeology@ontario.ca](mailto:archaeology@ontario.ca)>; Garth Grimes <[garth@golden.net](mailto:garth@golden.net)>  
**Subject:** Re: PIF Notification - Alma Subdivision

Good afternoon Megan,

I hope this email finds you well. Thank you for your interest in the Stage 1-2 archaeological assessment of the proposed Alma Subdivision in Wellington County. We are currently waiting for the field to be ploughed, therefore we have not yet begun the Stage 2 fieldwork. When the time comes the agricultural field will be assessed by means of a pedestrian survey at a 5m interval. The remaining grass and treed areas will be assessed by test pit survey also at a 5m interval. Any observed wet, sloped or disturbed areas will be mapped and photo documented.

Take care,

Amanda

Amanda McCall  
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On Fri, Jun 25, 2021 at 4:47 PM Walter McCall <[waltermccall.arch@gmail.com](mailto:waltermccall.arch@gmail.com)> wrote:

Walter McCall, PhD  
Company Director  
Consulting Archaeologist P389  
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From: **Megan DeVries** <[Megan.DeVries@mncfn.ca](mailto:Megan.DeVries@mncfn.ca)>  
Date: Wed, Jun 23, 2021 at 2:36 PM  
Subject: PIF Notification - Alma Subdivision  
To: Walter McCall <[waltermccall.arch@gmail.com](mailto:waltermccall.arch@gmail.com)>, [info@vanharten.com](mailto:info@vanharten.com) <[info@vanharten.com](mailto:info@vanharten.com)>  
Cc: Mark LaForme <[Mark.LaForme@mncfn.ca](mailto:Mark.LaForme@mncfn.ca)>, Fawn Sault <[Fawn.Sault@mncfn.ca](mailto:Fawn.Sault@mncfn.ca)>, Archaeology (MHSTCI) <[archaeology@ontario.ca](mailto:archaeology@ontario.ca)>

Good afternoon,

Please see the attached letter from the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation regarding your upcoming archaeological assessment.

Regards,

Megan.

**Megan DeVries, M.A. (she/her)**

**Archaeological Operations Supervisor**



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Email #2



Amanda McCall <amandamccall.arch@gmail.com>

**Re: Alma Subdivision 31 Church Street, Alma - Stage 1-2 Memo-Detritus**

1 message

**Amanda McCall** <amandamccall.arch@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 30, 2023 at 2:35 PM

To: Adam LaForme <Adam.LaForme@mncfn.ca>

Cc: Walter McCall <waltermccall.arch@gmail.com>, Adrian Blake <Adrian.Blake@mncfn.ca>

Good afternoon Adam,

As per the email below please see attached a draft copy of the Stage 1-2 report and a tile showing the location of the sites, which has not yet been submitted to the MCM. We do not anticipate submitting this report in the near future, however, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns at your earliest convenience.

Take care,  
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On Tue, Oct 11, 2022 at 10:32 AM Amanda McCall <amandamccall.arch@gmail.com> wrote:

Good morning Adam,

I hope you had a great long weekend. Detritus has completed the Stage 1-2 assessment at 31 Church Street in Alma (please note there was typo in initial email on property address) prior to the proposed subdivision development. The assessment was conducted on July 7, 2022 by means of a test pit survey at 5m intervals in the grass and treed areas as well as a pedestrian survey at 5m intervals of the agricultural field. Two archaeological sites were recovered along the northeastern edge of the Study Area, AkHd-4 and AkHd-5. Both have been identified as 19th century Euro-Canadian sites and are being recommended for additional assessments. A Stage 3 memo for the work being conducted at these sites was sent on September 30, 2022. A copy of the Stage 1-2 report will be sent to your office once complete.

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Good afternoon Adam,

Detritus has been retained to conduct a Stage 1-2 assessment for the Alma Subdivision development at 41 Church Street in Alma. We anticipate conducting this fieldwork once the field has been prepared and weathered. Please see attached the project memo.

Take care,  
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Amanda McCall <amandamccall.arch@gmail.com>

**Re: Alma Subdivision 41 Church Street, Alma - Stage 1-2 Memo-Detritus**

1 message

**Amanda McCall** <amandamccall.arch@gmail.com>

Thu, Mar 30, 2023 at 2:37 PM

To: Todd Williams <toddwilliams@hdi.land>, Owen Greene <owengreene@hdi.land>  
Cc: Walter McCall <waltermccall.arch@gmail.com>

Good afternoon Todd,

As per the email below please see attached a draft copy of the Stage 1-2 report and a tile showing the location of the sites, which has not yet been submitted to the MCM. We do not anticipate submitting this report in the near future, however, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns at your earliest convenience.

Take care,  
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Take care,  
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## 4.2 Project Memo



Date: April 13, 2022  
RE: Stage 1-2 Archaeological Assessment, Alma Subdivision, 31 Church Street, Alma  
PIF #: P389-0538-2021

### INTRODUCTION

Detritus Consulting Ltd. (Detritus) has been retained by Van Harten Surveying Inc. (the Proponent) to conduct a combined Stage 1-2 assessment of a Study Area located at 41 Church Street in Alma in advance of future development on the property.

**The Study Area spans the entire development property (see Page 5).**

The Stage 1-2 assessment will be managed by professional archaeological license (P-license) holder Walter McCall, and will adhere to the archaeological license report requirements under subsection 65 (1) of the *Ontario Heritage Act* and the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries' (MHSTCI) *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (Standards and Guidelines)*, established in 2011.

A summary of the applicable project details including key personnel is provided on Page 4

### STAGE 1 STRATEGY

The Study Area will be subject to extensive background research, conducted according to Section 1.1 of the *Standards and Guidelines*. The purpose of this research is to provide a land use history for the Study Area; to identify any registered archaeological sites, historically significant buildings, or registered monuments in the vicinity; and to assess the potential for recovering archaeological resources. It will include an examination of Ontario's Archaeological Sites Database as well as all applicable topographic maps, historical maps, archaeological management plans (when applicable), local plaques and monuments, and any known reports documenting previous archaeological fieldwork conducted within a radius of 50 metres (m) surrounding the Study Area.

Given the current land use, it is assumed that this Stage 1 assessment will result in the recommendation for a Stage 2 assessment for all or parts of the Study Area according to the criteria listed in Section 1.3 of the *Standards and Guidelines*.

### STAGE 2 ASSESSMENT

A Stage 2 field survey will be conducted for the portions of the Study Area that were identified as having archaeological potential during the Stage 1 portion of the assessment. The purpose of this investigation is to physically locate any archaeological resources on the development property.

The Stage 2 assessment will begin with a property inspection as per Section 2.1.8 of the *Standards and Guidelines*, to identify any disturbance areas, permanently wet areas, or steeply sloping areas that are present within the Study Area. Any portions of the Study Area that are confirmed to be previously disturbed, steeply sloping, or permanently wet will be excluded from the Stage 2 field survey, and will be photo documented only as per Section 2.1, Standards 2a and 2b of the *Standards and Guidelines*.

The remainder of the Study Area retaining archaeological potential will be subject to a Stage 2 field assessment. Given the current land conditions, this investigation will consist of a typical test pit survey of all areas that are not accessible to ploughing. The test pit assessment will be

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conducted at 5m intervals according to Section 2.1.2, Standards 1 and 2 of the *Standards and Guidelines*. Test pits will be excavated to within 1m of all standing structures, or until they demonstrate evidence of recent ground disturbance as per Section 2.1.2, Standard 4 of the *Standards and Guidelines*. All soil from the test pits will be screened through six-millimetre hardware cloth to facilitate the recovery of small artifacts and then used to backfill the pit, as per Section 2.1.2, Standards 7 and 9 of the *Standards and Guidelines*.

During the test pit survey, if archaeological resources are encountered, the test pit excavation will continue on the survey grid to determine whether there are further positive test pits. If this extended assessment produces sufficient resources to meet the criteria for making a recommendation to carry out a Stage 3 assessment, no further assessment will be conducted. Conversely, if the continued survey of the test pit grid does not produce sufficient archaeological resources to meet the criteria for continuing to Stage 3, the survey coverage around the positive test pits will be intensified to determine whether or not a Stage 3 assessment can be supported, following either Option A or Option B of Section 2.1.2, Standard 2 of the *Standards and Guidelines*, whichever of the two is warranted based on the results.

All artifacts that are encountered will be recorded with reference to their associated test pits and will be retained for laboratory analysis as per Section 2.1.2, Standard 8 of the *Standards and Guidelines*.

A typical pedestrian survey will be conducted across all areas that are accessible to ploughing. Prior to the assessment, these areas will be ploughed and allowed to weather, as per Section 2.1.1, Standards 2 and 3 of the *Standards and Guidelines*. The ploughing will be deep enough to provide total topsoil exposure, and provided a minimum of 80% surface visibility as per Section 2.1.1, Standards 4 and 5 of the *Standards and Guidelines*. The ploughed land will be subject to typical pedestrian survey conducted at a 5m interval in accordance with Section 2.1.1, Standard 6 of the *Standards and Guidelines*. During the pedestrian survey, if archaeological resources are recovered, survey intervals will be intensified to 1m within a 20m radius of the find as per Section 2.1.1, Standard 7 of the *Standards and Guidelines*. This approach will be taken to establish whether or not the artifact is an isolated find or part of a larger artifact scatter.

All observed artifacts will be recorded according to a specific findspot designation and then collected for laboratory analysis and description, as per Section 2.1.1, Standard 8 of the *Standards and Guidelines* (Government of Ontario 2011).

The final decision as to whether or not additional Stage 3 assessment may be required will be made once the Stage 2 assessment is complete and the material cultural has been analysed and catalogued.

#### PROPONENT CONTACT INFORMATION

Detritus has informed the Proponent of our current Aboriginal Engagement policies. As part of this communication, Detritus has requested that the Proponent provide your office with their contact information in advance of any Stage 2 fieldwork.

Despite our petition, the Proponent has not agreed to provide contact information at this time. Detritus has reminded the Proponent of the expectation among local Aboriginal communities that representatives be retained as paid on-site monitors during a Stage 2 field survey. Additionally, Detritus has informed the Proponent of the MHSTCI's expectation that any Cultural Resource Management firm retained to conduct archaeological fieldwork within the Study Area address Aboriginal concerns, including the retaining of on-site monitors during the current Stage 2 assessment, and during any subsequent Stage 3 and Stage 4 investigations that may arise from it.

Nevertheless, since any legal or financial agreements between Aboriginal communities and a Proponent fall outside the purview of both the MHSTCI and Cultural Resource Management firms in Ontario, Detritus cannot compel the Proponent to enter into a monitoring agreement. Furthermore, since on-site monitors are not mandated by the MHSTCI as part of the Aboriginal engagement process, Detritus has no legal standing to boycott any contracted fieldwork in absence of a monitoring agreement. However, Detritus has insisted that all applicable Aboriginal communities be granted access to the property throughout the investigation.

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**ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

A representative from Detritus will contact your office with a proposed start date for the Stage 2 field assessment. In lieu of on-site monitors, Detritus will provide your office with a summary of the Stage 2 results in the form of final field mapping and a description of any diagnostics that are identified in the field. Detritus is also willing to utilise alternative approaches to share project details, including the use of an online portal, if requested.

Additionally, your office will be provided with a draft copy of the final Stage 1-2 report, once completed. Any input on the contents of the report, in particular the methodology and recommendations, may be made directly to the Project Manager or Licensee (see below for contact information). Finally, your office will be notified if Detritus is retained to conduct any subsequent Stage 3 investigation within the Study Area.

**PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION**

For more information on this Stage 1-2 assessment, please do not hesitate to contact the either Garth Grimes, the Project Manager, or Walter McCall, the Licensee.

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Proposed Start Date:	to be confirmed

**STUDY AREA LOCATION**

Map on following page.

