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**RE: Review and Entry into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports: Archaeological Assessment Report Entitled, "REVISED: 25 FEBRUARY 2025 STAGE 1-2 ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT 968 St. David Street North & 6581 Highway 6 North, Part of Lots 17 & 18, Concession 16, (Geographic Township of Nichol), Town of Fergus, Wellington County (AMICK Corporate Project #2024-656/MCM File #P038-1483-2024) ", Dated Feb 25, 2025, Filed with MCM on Mar 1, 2025, MCM Project Information Form Number P038-1483-2024, MCM File Number 0021818**

Dear Marilyn Cornies (P038):

This office has reviewed the above-mentioned report, which has been submitted to this ministry as a condition of licensing in accordance with Part VI of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c 0.18.<sup>1</sup> This review has been carried out in order to determine whether the licensed professional consultant archaeologist has met the terms and conditions of their licence, that the licensee assessed the property and documented archaeological resources using a process that accords with the 2011 *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* set by the ministry, and that the archaeological fieldwork and report recommendations are consistent with the conservation, protection and preservation of the cultural heritage of Ontario.

The report documents the assessment of the study area as depicted in Map 5 and 6 of the above titled report and recommends the following:

As a result of the property Assessment of the study area, one historic site, the 24-656H1 (AkHc-30) Site, was identified. Based on the characteristics of these sites and the analysis of artifacts, the following recommendations are made:

1. The Cultural Heritage Value or Interest (CHVI) of the 24-656H1 (AkHc-30) Site has not been completely documented. There is potential for further CHVI for this location. The 24-656H1 (AkHc-30) Site requires Stage 3 Site-specific Assessment to gather further data to determine if Stage 4 Mitigation of Development Impacts will be required.
2. A Stage 3 Site-specific assessment of the 24-656H1 (AkHc-30) Site must be completed for this site in accordance with the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (MTC 2011). The Stage 3 Site-specific assessment will consist of the excavation of 1 by 1 metre square test units on a

5 by 5 metre square grid; the grid squares will be referred to by the intersection coordinates of their southwest corner. Each test unit will be excavated stratigraphically by hand into the first 5 centimetres of subsoil. Each unit will be examined for stratigraphy, cultural features, or evidence of fill, and all soil was screened through wire mesh of 6-millimetre width. All artifacts will be retained and recorded by the corresponding grid unit designation and will be held at the corporate office of AMICK Consultants Limited until such time that they can be transferred to an agency or institution approved by the Ontario MCM (MCM) on behalf of the government and citizens of Ontario.

3. The Stage 3 Site-specific Assessment of the 24-656H1 (AkHc-30) Site must include further archival research to establish the details of the occupation and land use history of the rural township lot of which the study area was a part.

Based on the information contained in the report, the ministry is satisfied that the fieldwork and reporting for the archaeological assessment are consistent with the ministry's 2011 *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* and the terms and conditions for archaeological licences. This report has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports. Please note that the ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of reports in the register.

Should you require any further information regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Archaeology Review Officer

cc. Archaeology Licensing Officer  
Mike Puopolo, Polocorp Incorporated  
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