

# Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment of 6288 Ninth Line, Part of Lot 7, Concession 9 New Survey, Geographic Township of Trafalgar, Halton County, now in the City of Mississauga, Regional Municipality of Peel

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## Supplementary Documentation: Indigenous Engagement

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## 1.0 Indigenous Engagement

The *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* (hereafter referred to as the “Standards”), Section 1.1, Guideline 1 states that as part of Stage 1 Archaeological Assessments, Indigenous communities may be engaged “for information on possible traditional use areas and sacred and other sites on or around the property” (MHSTCI 2011a). The Standards, Section 2.2, Guideline 1 also suggests engaging Indigenous communities to determine their interests in the archaeological sites and the subject property in general (MHSTCI 2011a).

The draft *Technical Bulletin on Engaging Aboriginal Communities in Archaeology*, Section 1.2, further encourages engaging Indigenous communities during Stage 1 and 2 assessments in the following instances:

- when conducting the Background Study, in order to identify information sources in local Indigenous communities (e.g., for information on traditional use areas, sacred sites, and other sites) when available and relevant to the property (MHSTCI 2011b)
- when evaluating archaeological potential and making recommendations to exempt areas meeting the criteria for low archaeological potential from further assessment, in order to ensure there are no unaddressed Indigenous cultural heritage interests (MHSTCI 2011b); and
- In Stage 2, when assessing a property and determining archaeological sites that require Stage 3 fieldwork, in order to determine interest (general and site-specific) in the Indigenous archaeological sites and ensure that there are no unaddressed Indigenous archaeological interests connected with the land surveyed or sites identified (MHSTCI 2011b).

Given the above guidelines for best practice, and that the subject property is within the traditional lands of the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN), an engagement process was undertaken. To that end, as per their preference, the MCFN entered into an agreement directly with the proponent.

The Stage 2 field survey was undertaken on May 4, 2021. The MCFN were contacted by ASI prior to the date of fieldwork for the purposes of scheduling a



representative for on-site participation, however no representatives from the MCFN were available on the scheduled date of fieldwork. At the request of the MCFN, a summary of the fieldwork activities and findings was instead submitted by ASI through the online MCFN DOCA FLR Field Notes Forum portal upon completion of the survey. No questions or concerns regarding the strategy and/or execution of the fieldwork were expressed at the time of summary submission.

A copy of the final assessment report was circulated by email to the MCFN for review on June 29, 2021. Megan DeVries of the MCFN responded on July 21, 2021, to confirm that the MCFN were in agreement with the report findings and recommendations. No further questions or comments concerning the archaeological assessment were expressed by the MCFN.

## 2.0 Bibliography and Sources

- MHSTCI, (Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries). (2011a). *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists*. Cultural Programs Branch, Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture.
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