Archaeological Assessment

PURPOSE:

This document provides guidance for the completion of Archaeological Assessments, which may be required for the submission of an application under the *Planning Act* or the *Ontario Heritage Act*. All Archaeological Assessments shall follow the Provincial requirements referenced in this document.

An Archaeological Assessment provides information through a detailed background study of the land use and geological history of a property. It is used to identify and evaluate the potential presence of archaeological resources, also known as archaeological sites, and makes recommendations on the most appropriate strategies for conserving the archaeological sites prior to land development activities (disturbance) or mitigating the impacts of development and disturbance where warranted.

An Archaeological Assessment may be a requirement for a development application to ensure that the land developer meets their legal obligations under the *Ontario Heritage Act* and that the intent of the *Provincial Planning Statement* is met.

PREPARED BY:

Archaeological Assessments must be prepared by a licensed Archaeologist (RA).

CONTENTS:

An Archaeological Assessment is divided into Stages 1 - 4, as per the Provincial Ministry's Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists. More information regarding the specific contents that must be included for each type of report (Stage 1 -

4) can be accessed from the Ministry's Provincial Archaeological Assessment information webpage.

Reports may be submitted to the City for review and the Ministry for approval at the same time.

OTHER INFORMATION:

Provincial Archaeological Assessment information page

Archaeological assessments | ontario.ca

Ontario Heritage Tool Kit

Ontario Heritage Tool Kit | ontario.ca

City of Hamilton Archaeology Management Plan

Archaeology Management Plan | City of Hamilton

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