



January 28, 2011

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Dear Mr. Kirkpatrick,

**RE: KNL Developments - Archaeological Assessment
Our File No. 2097334 (CP 169)**

Further to our letter of January 14, 2010 please be advised that the Algonquins of Ontario (AOO) engaged the services of Groupe de recherche archéologique de l'Outaouais (GRAO) to conduct an independent review of existing documentation and to provide to the AOO with recommendations for next steps, if any, with respect to the above-noted development lands.

As you are aware, over the course of the last few months, the AOO have become increasingly concerned by the divergent opinions on the potential presence or absence of significant aboriginal artifacts within these lands. The interest of the AOO is to clarify whether there is indeed potential for significant aboriginal artifacts within the KNL lands. If aboriginal artifacts exist it is crucial that these resources be preserved and respected in a manner consistent with Algonquin traditions.

We sincerely appreciated the efforts by the City of Ottawa in appealing to the corporate good will of KNL Developments Limited (KNL) to voluntarily "pause" their proposed plans for tree cutting and/or any site disruption of Phase 9 until our review was complete, the recommendations considered and next steps determined by the AOO. We also welcomed KNL's agreement to this "pause".

Today, the AOO received GRAO's report. Based on their review of the existing documentation, GRAO advises that:

"the rocky upland areas of the proposed development can no longer be ignored as of low archaeological potential. They should be considered to be of high potential for occupation by early postglacial populations without excluding possibility of periodic or temporary occupation in more recent prehistoric time to exploit some specific resources available in the area of study, like quartz or other lithic material, for stone tool production or any basic need of the distant predecessors or ancestors of the Algonquian people."

GRAO recommends that a second archaeological study (Stages 1 and 2) be undertaken, with special attention to the pre-contact aspect of the occupation of the territory, to identify the areas or parts of the study area, including visual inspection and surveys in a second evaluation stage (in Stage 2 Assessment) to confirm or disprove the presence of aboriginal archaeological sites.

GRAO also noted that it is imperative that the Stage 1 and 2 studies must be completed ahead of all activities of KNL within the Phase 9 site, including the construction of temporary roads, earthworks or heavy vehicle traffic within the study area, which are likely to disrupt, destroy or compromise the integrity of archaeological sites.

Based on these findings and recommendations, the AOO request the following:

1. That the City of Ottawa request that KNL voluntarily delay any further development activities within Phase 9 or alternatively that the City take whatever steps are available to it to delay any onsite activities for this project until such time that a second Stage 1 and 2 archaeological study has been completed;
2. That the City, the AOO and KNL develop a mutually acceptable Terms of Reference for the required archaeological assessment before the start of any aspect of excavation or construction that could impact the area of archaeological interest, and that this assessment be carried out in a timely manner;
3. That the costs of this study be borne by either the City or KNL;
4. That the Terms of Reference provide that the archaeologist completing the assessment circulate the assessment to KNL, the City, the AOO and the Ministry of Tourism and Culture.

Upon review of the aforementioned archaeological assessment, the AOO agrees that it will notify the City, KNL and the Ministry of its concerns or acceptance of the conclusions of the study within 30 days of having received it. Where the AOO do not agree with the proposed final archaeological assessment and its recommendations, the AOO propose that the City, KNL and the AOO would agree to consult and openly share information and resources to achieve consensus and agreement on further steps to be taken.

For your information, please find attached a copy of the final draft report submitted by Groupe de recherche archéologique de l'Outaouais (GRAO) as well as a profile on GRAO. The signed GRAO report will be sent to you on Monday.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Potts'.

Robert J. Potts
Algonquins of Ontario
Principal Negotiator

Enclosures

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