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E: Registrar@oeb.ca

RE: MTCS file #: 0007823
Proponent: Upper Canada Transmission Inc. and Hydro One Networks Inc.
Subject: Notice of Commencement/Completion
East West Leave to Construct
Location: District of Thunder Bay, Ontario

Dear Kirsten Walli:

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS) with the Notices of Application for Leave to Construct for this project. MTCS's interest in these applications relates to its mandate of conserving Ontario's cultural heritage, which includes:

- Archaeological resources, including land-based and marine;
- Built heritage resources, including bridges and monuments; and,
- Cultural heritage landscapes.

Under the EA process, the proponent is required to determine a project's potential impact on cultural heritage resources. Please note that the [Standards and Guidelines for Conservation of Provincial Heritage Properties](#) (S&G), prepared pursuant to Section 25.2 of the *Ontario Heritage Act (OHA)*, came into effect on July 1, 2010. All Ontario government ministries and public bodies that are prescribed under Ontario Regulation 157/10 must comply with the S&Gs. They apply to property that is owned or controlled by the Crown in right of Ontario or by a prescribed public body.

While some cultural heritage resources may have already been formally identified, others may be identified through screening and evaluation. Indigenous communities may have knowledge that can contribute to the identification of cultural heritage resources, and we suggest that any engagement with Indigenous communities includes a discussion about known or potential cultural heritage resources that are of value to these communities. Municipal Heritage Committees, historical societies and other local heritage organizations may also have knowledge that contributes to the identification of cultural heritage resources.

Archaeological Resources

An archaeological assessment (AA) is being undertaken by an archaeologist licenced under the *OHA*, who is responsible for submitting the report directly to MTCS for review.

Built Heritage and Cultural Heritage Landscapes

The MTCS [Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes](#) are being completed to help determine whether the project may impact cultural heritage resources. A Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report (CHER) is used to determine the cultural heritage value or interest of a potential Provincial Heritage Property. If potential or known heritage resources exist, MTCS recommends that a Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA), prepared by a qualified consultant, should be completed to assess potential project impacts. Our Ministry's [Info Sheet #5: Heritage Impact Assessments and Conservation Plans](#) outlines the scope of HIAs. Any HIA completed should be sent to MTCS and any the local municipalities for review, and made available to local organizations or individuals who have expressed interest in review.

Environmental Assessment Reporting

All technical heritage studies and their recommendations are to be addressed and incorporated into EA projects and provided to MTCS. Where screening has identified no known or potential cultural heritage resources, or no impacts to these resources, the completed checklists and supporting documentation should be incorporated in the EA report or file.

Thank-you for circulating MTCS on this project: please continue to do so through the application process, and contact me for any questions or clarification.

Sincerely,

Joseph Muller, RPP/MCIP
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It is the sole responsibility of proponents to ensure that any information and documentation submitted as part of their report or file is accurate. MTCS makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the any checklists, reports or supporting documentation submitted as part of the review process, and in no way shall MTCS be liable for any harm, damages, costs, expenses, losses, claims or actions that may result if any checklists, reports or supporting documents are discovered to be inaccurate, incomplete, misleading or fraudulent.

Please notify MTCS if archaeological resources are impacted by project work. All activities impacting archaeological resources must cease immediately, and a licensed archaeologist is required to carry out an archaeological assessment in accordance with the Ontario Heritage Act and the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists.

If human remains are encountered, all activities must cease immediately and the local police as well as the Cemeteries Regulation Unit of the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services must be contacted. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, MTCS should also be notified to ensure that the site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the Ontario Heritage Act.