

## 2. Revising the Archaeological Master Plan (AMP)

In preparation for setting the Terms of Reference for the RFP, the archaeology sub-committee discussed the components of the new AMP necessary to clarify and streamline the management of archaeological resources with regard to the development process in London.

### Recommendations

#### In Preparation of the AMP

- Give consideration to two Ontario AMPs that are recognized as comprehensive and compliant with provincial legislation (both available on-line);
  - York Region *Draft Archaeological Management Plan*
  - City of Kingston's *Planning for the Conservation of Archaeological Resources in the City of Kingston / Master Plan of Archaeological Resources, City of Kingston*
- Develop the *Terms of Reference* and a phased work plan with all relevant stakeholders, including First Nations.

#### Items to include in the revised AMP (Note, the order of inclusions has not been determined)

- An instructive Executive Summary
- An Introduction that addresses the purpose of the AMP and target audience
- A glossary of terms
- A summary of the archaeological assessment process (Stage 1-4, Stage 4 monitoring) with reference to the *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (MTCS 2011)*
- An identification of threats to archaeological resources (development/demolition impacting archaeological sites)
- Current federal, provincial, and municipal legislation with regard to jurisdiction over archaeological resources
- The First Nations engagement and consultation protocol
- An inventory of registered and unregistered archaeological sites, including First Nations traditional land-use areas
- An archaeological site potential model based on known site locations, past and present land uses, environmental and cultural-historical data, and lands that no longer have archaeological integrity. Employ up-to-date GIS potential modeling techniques with a detailed explanation as to how the model was constructed
- An implementation strategy integrating the archaeological assessment process with the development review process (explain connection with all planning applications, building permits etc.)
- A contingency plan for the protection of archaeological resources in urgent situations (an information sheet and contact information)
- General planning recommendations, summarizing how the duty to protect archaeological resources cannot be avoided by the city (for example see Section 7 in City of Kingston's *Planning for the Conservation of Archaeological Resources*)
- An appendix containing recommended archaeology policies, to be integrated into London's Official Plan
- Review and re-identify the role of London's Advisory Committee on Heritage, as well as other key institutions involved in the preservation of sites and artifact curation that were in the former AMP, or did not exist at its inception
- Provide direction on on-going GIS database management to keep a maintenance schedule of updates to the record of lands that underwent archaeological surveys, including lands with no archaeological finds
- Identification of who has long-term responsibility for keeping the AMP current, and a timetable for reviews (i.e. biannual review, a five year review), and the procedure to ensure compliancy with various legislation
- Overall, make the document "easy to read" with straightforward and clear sections (not a difficult to navigate format like the City of Hamilton Archaeological Management Plan)

#### Items to exclude in the revised AMP

- Prehistory and early Euro-Canadian settlement of London (pp. 9-31 in current AMP) could be referenced in new AMP and not repeated

### Institutionalization of the AMP

- Conduct workshops (training sessions) for municipal employees involved in city planning, developers, and general public on the importance of archaeological conservation and the use of the AMP as education is an important part of the implementation process
- Consider an informative interactive website