

## **LACH Archaeology Sub-Committee**

**Meeting Date:** September 23, 2015

**Time:** 11:00 am to 12:00 pm

**Location:** The Museum of Ontario Archaeology, London, Ontario

**Attendees:** Kyle Gonyou, Tara Jenkins, Sarah Gibson (telephone), Darryl Dann, Jim Yanchula, John Moody, Don Menard

**Regrets:** Josh Dent

### **Agenda Items/Comments and Recommendations:**

#### **1. Archaeological Master Plan (AMP)- City of London**

##### **Recap**

The City of London Archaeological Master Plan was written in November, 1995 and adopted by Council in November, 1996. Since then the AMP has never undergone a comprehensive review, and as a result it no longer reflects what should happen and most importantly the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport recommended archaeological practice.

The main purpose of an archaeological management plan is to design a predictive site location model unique to specific jurisdictions. The models become tools to help municipal planners more easily decide (yes or no) if an archaeological assessment is required prior to development. It establishes a framework of policies and protocols for use by the municipality through the development process and other activities that impact an archaeological resource in order to assume a comprehensive role in managing its archaeology. The AMP is not intended to be a teaching tool, but is intended to be a proactive planning document.

- On April 21, 2015, 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. LACH accepted the recommendations on May 13, 2015.

##### **September 23 Action Item:**

The Archaeology sub-committee supports:

- the Heritage Planner's approach in presenting the Terms of Reference as a part of the Archaeological Master Plan Review Project to the Planning and Environment Committee on October 19, 2015.

## **2. Criteria for Evaluating Archaeological Potential: A Checklist for the Non-Specialist (Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport)**

### **Recap**

The archaeology sub-committee reviewed the *Criteria for Evaluating Archaeological Potential* checklist written by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport and finds the scope of the city's current archaeological potential model contained in the 1996 *Archaeological Master Plan* is deficient, as it does not effectively cover areas such as the downtown core. Regardless of London's much outdated AMP, the provisions of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, the *Provincial Policy Statement* and the Ministry checklist, give municipal planners the responsibility and authority to require an archaeological assessment of lands in the core considered for development.

On May 13, 2015, LACH accepted the sub-committee's recommendation for implementing the *Criteria for Evaluating Archaeological Potential: A Checklist for the Non-Specialist*, pending the revision of the *Archaeological Master Plan* (AMP), as a tool for screening whether or not a subject property has archaeological potential.

Note: The 14th Report of the Planning and Environment Committee, June 1, 2015, reviewed the 7th Report of the London Committee on Heritage. The sub-committee's recommendation (Clause 12) resulting from May 23, 2015 was presented to the Planning and Environment Committee by W. Kinghorn, Chair, LACH.

### **September 23 Action Item:**

Jim Yanchula will raise the *Criteria for Evaluating Archaeological Potential* checklist with the City of London planning managers and will ensure this checklist will be used as an interim solution to the outdated Archaeological Master Plan (1996) and that this Ministry checklist will be operationalized as soon as possible into the City's planning process.