

MONTHLY LIST OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS

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WHAT IS THE LIST OF ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROJECTS?

The list of archaeological projects – or the Project Information Form (PIF) list – is distributed monthly by the ministry to several Indigenous communities and municipalities to help them coordinate land use planning, approvals and Indigenous engagement. The list includes information about archaeological projects across the province that started in the previous month. This information is taken from PIFs that licensed archaeologists submit to the ministry in advance of every archaeological project.

The ministry began sending the PIF list in July 2017 in response to requests from a number of Indigenous communities and municipalities for information about the archaeological assessments being completed within their traditional territory or municipal boundaries.

WHO RECEIVES IT?

The PIF list is only shared with Indigenous communities and municipalities who have requested it. The ministry does not share the list with archaeological consulting companies, individual archaeologists, proponents or third parties. As other Indigenous communities and municipalities ask to receive the list, the number of recipients will increase.

WHAT IS CHANGING?

Since 2017, the PIF list has included the names of the licensees and their licence numbers, as well as project titles, stages of fieldwork, fieldwork start dates and municipalities where the project is taking place. Based on feedback from licensees and Indigenous communities, the ministry is adding information to the list. Beginning in July 2018, the ministry will include proponent name and additional location details, where available, such as lot and concession, latitude/longitude, UTM coordinates (grid-based mapping reference) and municipal/street address.

The ministry would be required to disclose this information, in response to a request under the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA).

The Project Information Form list will not include personal information or any other information that would be prohibited from disclosing.

The geographical information shared in PIF lists will not include the exact location of any known archaeological sites. It only provides the general location of the project or study area. The Ministry restricts access to the exact location of archaeological sites in order to prevent unauthorized excavations and/or looting of artifacts.

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