

# Stage 4 Archaeological Assessment

Site AgGv-148  
Part of Lot 5, Concession 9,  
Geographic Township of Grimsby, County Lincoln,  
Community of Smithville, Township of West Lincoln, Regional Municipality of  
Niagara, Ontario

Prepared by:



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**RECORD OF INDIGENOUS ENGAGEMENT**

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**SECTION 1**  
**Record of Indigenous Engagement**

## Indigenous Engagement Documentation

In keeping with the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism's (MCM) Indigenous engagement process, AS&G Consulting Inc., provided project information (via email on October 16, 2023) to the following four First Nations: The Haudenosaunee Confederacy Chiefs Council (HCCC) via the Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HDI), the Huron-Wendat First Nation (HWFN), the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN), and the Six Nations of the Grand River First Nation Elected Council (SNGREC). Correspondence included a copy of our Draft Stage 3 Report, an outline of our project details, and an invitation to participate in the Stage 4 Mitigation of the AgGv-148 Site. The Stage 4 Mitigation was conducted between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> of November 2023. Indigenous Field Liaisons included: Guy Williams (HDI); Joe Gouthro and Mariah Sault (MCFN); and Danielle Hughes and Seneca Buning (Six Nations).

In addition, prior to the submission of this Stage 4 Mitigation Report, AS&G Consulting Inc. engaged with the HDI, HWFN, MCFN, and SNGREC regarding the results of the Stage 4 Mitigation. Subsequently the Report was prepared in MCFN, and SNGREC. The following Supplementary Documentation includes relevant correspondence with each of the First Nations.

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**Section 1a:**  
**Correspondence with the Haudenosaunee  
Development Institute (HDI)**

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Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org>

## HDI Monitoring Agreement for Prato Land Developments Assessment - Grimsby

Sharann Martin <sharannmartin@hdi.land>

Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 1:59 PM

To: Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org>

Cc: Archaeology Department <archaeology@hdi.land>, Owen Greene <owengreene@hdi.land>, Shannon Hill <shannonhill@hdi.land>, Jake Linklater <jake@detlorlaw.com>, Todd Williams <toddwilliams@hdi.land>, Norbert Stanchly <asandgarchaeology@gmail.com>

Good afternoon Sheryl,

Thank you for the update. We'll review the recommendations. Our monitoring agreement is still valid, so please feel free to schedule the fieldwork and send the deployment information.

Nyá:wen,

Sharann Martin  
Archaeology Logistics Coordinator  
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On Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 1:53 PM Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org> wrote:

Hello Sharann,

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Thank you so much for your time and consideration and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Cheers,

Sheryl

On Mon, Jul 17, 2023 at 11:26 AM Archaeology Department <archaeology@hdi.land> wrote:

Morning,

Attached you will find signed agreement from HDI for your records.

Thank you,

On Fri, Jul 14, 2023 at 1:53 PM ENZO PRATO <pratocustomdesigns@gmail.com> wrote:

**Todd E. Williams, P.Eng**

Monitoring Program Coordinator

Haudenosaunee Development Institute (HDI)

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**Subject Lot: Legal Description PART LOT 5, CONCESSION 9 SOUTH GRIMSBY AS IN  
R0691284, SAVE AND EXCEPT PART 3, PLAN 30R15491 TOWNSHIP OF WAINFLEET**

Greetings

Hope & Trust all is well.

Please find attached herewith dated and signed agreement.

Yes, AS&G Archaeological Consulting Inc. has Stage-2 results and report summary, which they can provide to your office if required for a review in advance of visit to the site. Currently we have applied for ZBA [Zone By-Law amendment] for the subject land with the Township of West Lincoln, which is under active review and we are optimistic to have this approved for Public Notice during July-August.2023

We are on-site supervisors and contact names and numbers as per below:

Sam SHARMA: (416) 509-5076

Enzo PRATO: (905) 869-9085

We have also CC'd to both **Sheryl Spigelski and Norbert Stanchly** [AS&G Archaeological Consulting Inc.]

If any additional information is required, please let us know

Best Regards

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On Thu, Jun 15, 2023 at 2:42 PM Archaeology Department <archaeology@hdi.land> wrote:

Afternoon Enzo,

Sorry for the delay in getting this out to you.

I've attached a draft copy of HDI's 2023 monitoring agreement for the upcoming work.

Please review. If agreed too, please sign and return a copy.

Thanks,

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## Draft Report Review - St. 4 Mitigation of Site AgGv-148

Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org>  
To: Sharann Martin <sharannmartin@hdi.land>

Tue, Apr 30, 2024 at 12:44 PM

Hello Sharann,

I am following up on the review of our St. 4 Mitigation of Site AgGv-148 Draft Report, which I sent to you on February 22, 2024 via email. During our March 20, 2024 meeting to discuss the upcoming field season, you had indicated that HDI was extremely busy and may not have a chance to review draft Reports. Could you please confirm that at this time HDI is not available to review our Report, as we would like to submit this Report to the MCM in the next couple of weeks.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration, and as always, I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Cheers,

Sheryl

On Thu, Feb 22, 2024 at 3:13 PM Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org> wrote:

Hello Sharann,

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Cheers,

Sheryl

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**Correspondence with the Huron-Wendat First Nation**  
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## St. 3/4 Archaeological Assessment in Grimsby, Ontario

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Thu, Oct 19, 2023 at 3:55 PM

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Cc: Dominique Lesage <Dominique.Lesage@wendake.ca>, Thiefaine Terrier <Thiefaine.Terrier@wendake.ca>

Hi Sheryl,

Thank you for your email. We are interested in sending a monitor for this archaeological assessment. My colleague Dominique Lesage who is cc'd will be able to provide a quote and plan our participation.

Tiawenhk,



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De : Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org>

Envoyé : 16 octobre 2023 13:51

À : consultations <consultations@wendake.ca>; Norbert Stanchly <asandgarchaeology@gmail.com>

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Vous ne recevez pas souvent de courriers de la part de [sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org](mailto:sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org). Découvrez pourquoi cela est important

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Thank you so much for your time and consideration and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Cheers,

Sheryl

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## Draft Report Review - St. 4 Mitigation of Site AgGv-148

Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org>

Tue, Jul 9, 2024 at 10:30 AM

To: consultations <consultations@wendake.ca>

Cc: Marie-Sophie Gendron <marie-sophie.gendron@wendake.ca>

Hello Marie-Sophie,

I am following up on my February 22, 2024 email regarding the Review of our Draft Report for the St. 4 Mitigation of the AgGv-148 Site in Smithville. We are currently preparing the Report for submission to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism (MCM), and are aiming to submit the final Report next week. The Huron-Wendat First Nation had expressed an interest in participating in this project, but we have still not received a Review of our Draft Report. We understand that this is an extremely busy time of the year, but we want to ensure that you have the opportunity to provide your input on this project. Would you be able to review the Report by July 15, 2024? Please let me know as soon as possible if you will have availability to review our Draft Report or if you need additional time.

If you have any questions or concerns, do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you so much in advance, and we look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers,

Sheryl

On Thu, Feb 22, 2024 at 3:11 PM Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org> wrote:

Hello Marie-Sophie,

Attached to this email is a copy of our St. 4 Mitigation of Site AgGv-148 Draft Report. At your earliest convenience, could you please Review the Draft and let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Cheers,

Sheryl

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**Section 1c:**  
**Correspondence with the Mississaugas of the Credit First  
Nation (MCFN)**

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### St. 3 Archaeological Assessment in Grimsby

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Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org>

Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 1:49 PM

To: Adam LaForme <Adam.LaForme@mncfn.ca>, Field Coordinator <field.coordinator@mncfn.ca>

Cc: Norbert Stanchly <asandgarchaeology@gmail.com>

Hello Adam,

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Cheers,

Sheryl

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Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org>

### St. 3 Archaeological Assessment in Grimsby

Adrian Blake <Adrian.Blake@mncfn.ca>  
To: Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org>  
Cc: Norbert Stanchly <asandgarchaeology@gmail.com>

Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 1:28 PM

Good morning Sheryl,

Thank you for providing this Stage 3 report for site AgGv-148 to us at MCFN for our review and comment.

Regarding the proposed Stage 4 excavation of the site. Often MCFN will have a continued interest in the use of 3mm mesh at the stage 4 level even when sites are classified to MCM standards as being "multicomponent". Our Nation's primary interest in this is that we are always interested to learn how deeply in the past these spaces were being occupied and re-visited. Basically, are these early archaic diagnostics casual loss items, or are they part of a very long history of this spot being used repeatedly as a place of stay for otherwise very mobile populations? Sometimes this research question can be answered at the Stage 3 level of assessment and sometimes it cannot. I feel it is not needed to ask for anymore at this Stage 4, mostly due to the very small nature of the site in general, but I am wondering if the archaeologist has an opinion on this question for this site based on the artifacts recovered at Stage 3?

Our FLR Martin reported that he was happy with the engagement and felt there was a high quality of field work in terms of things like artifact recovery and attention to detail while digging. In general I feel like this assessment would have been better served by placing some of the 3mm mesh units more widely over the grid, rather than all beside each other. I haven't seen the stage 2 reporting, but my assumption was that the 3mm was targeted in area surrounding the diagnostic finds at Stage 2? We sort of have mixed feelings about this, because while it is a logical starting spot we know that years of ploughing means that sometimes these points aren't going to remain where they were manufactured or re-touched – which can make answering the above question about casual loss / occupation harder to answer. For example, placing 3mm units adjacent to negative 6mm units could have provided information on if these areas were low counts due to an actual paucity of artifacts or if it was just because of the sampling strategy used in that area.

I am mostly mentioning this because I do not believe we work with AS&G often, and I wouldn't want you to be surprised if in the future an FLR or Field Archaeologist asks these questions or makes these kinds of requests at the end of Stage 2 or 3.

After reviewing this report I can say that we are fine with the Stage 4 methodology proposed, and look forward to continuing to work with you on this and future projects.

Regards,

Adrian Blake, MSc. (he/him)

Field Archaeologist



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Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org>

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## Review of Draft St. 3 Report for AgGv-148 and AgGv-149

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Wed, Mar 20, 2024 at 1:34 PM

To: Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org>, Adam LaForme <Adam.LaForme@mncfn.ca>

Sheryl,

For the stage 3 AA of site AgGv-148, my comments remain the same as they were on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

For the additional stage 3 assessment of AgGv-149, the comments are of a similar nature, and I would like to echo that MCFN-DOCA does not consider placing all required 3mm mesh units adjacent to units with E.A. projectile points to be a very efficient use of the 3mm sampling strategy at Stage 3.

Additionally, we are also planning on having the Stage 4 AA for 148 done by the end of the week (tomorrow probably).

Thank you for your patience in our reviews.

Adrian Blake, MSc. (he/him)

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Subject: Re: Review of Draft St. 3 Report for AgGv-148 and AgGv-149

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I am following up on MCFN's Review of our St. 3 Draft Report for sites AgGv-148 and AgGv-149, as you had indicated that you would have a review completed by March 6, 2024. Given that the preliminary Report was sent several months ago, we would appreciate MCFN taking the time this week to review the full draft Report, as we would like to submit the Report to the MCM early next week. Please let us know if you have any questions or comments that you would like us to address.

As always, thank you so much for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers,

Sheryl

On Thu, Feb 22, 2024 at 3:06 PM Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org> wrote:

Hello Adam,

Receiving your review by March 6, 2024 would be much appreciated. Thank you in advance.

Cheers,

Sheryl

On Thu, Feb 22, 2024 at 9:20 AM Adam LaForme <Adam.LaForme@mncfn.ca> wrote:

Good Morning Sheryl,

Thank you for sharing the draft report for AgGv-148 and AgGv-149.

We will review and respond with comment by March 6, 2024. If this timeline does not work for you please let me know and I will do what I can to speed up the process.

Kind Regards,

Adam LaForme (he/him)

Archaeological Operations Supervisor



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**Subject:** Review of Draft St. 3 Report for AgGv-148 and AgGv-149

Hello Adrian and Adam,

Back on October 16, 2023, I sent a copy of a preliminary St. 3 Draft Report for site AgGv-148 to MCFN for review and input. The preliminary copy was sent, as we wanted to ensure that the St. 4 was able to proceed prior to the season ending. At that time, you had no comments or concerns. We have now completed the draft Report for sites AgGv-148 and AgGv-149 - no artifacts were recovered at AgGv-149, and thus no further archaeological work was recommended - and have incorporated them into a single report. Given that the preliminary Report was sent several months ago, we would appreciate MCFN taking the time in the next couple of weeks to review the full draft Report, and letting us know if you have any questions or comments.

As always, thank you so much for your time and consideration. We look forward to hearing from you.

Cheers,

Sheryl

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## Draft Report Review - St. 4 Mitigation of Site AgGv-148

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To: Adrian Blake <Adrian.Blake@mncfn.ca>  
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Fri, May 24, 2024 at 9:33 AM

Hello Adrian,

We apologize for the delayed response, but we wanted to be sure we could articulate our thought processes regarding our strategies and analyses. We are happy to address your comments/questions pertaining to the review of our Stage 3 Report for Sites AgGv-148 and AgGv-149, as well as the Stage 4 Mitigation of AgGv-148. In particular you had two items that needed to be addressed, our 3 mm sampling strategy during the Stage 3 Site-Specific Assessments and the fact that we did not expand around 'heat-altered lithics' during our Stage 4 block excavation.

### 3 mm Sampling Strategy

Section 3.2.2, Standard 7 of the *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* (MCM 2011) states that during test unit excavations, the archaeologist should 'Screen all excavated soil through mesh with an aperture of no greater than 6 mm. For confirmed single component Paleo-Indian and Early Archaic archaeological sites, for a sample of units (at least 20% of the total number of units in sandy soil and at least **10% of the total number of units in heavy soil**), screen the entire contents of each unit through mesh with an aperture of no greater than 3 mm".

Our sampling strategy took several things into consideration, when it came to the placement of the 3 mm units.

1. With the addition of a Brewerton-Corner Notched Middle-Late Archaic and the Crawford Knoll Late Terminal Archaic bifaces, the site is no longer considered an Early Archaic single component site. However, given that the 3 mm mesh was recommended during ASI's (2022) Stage 2 Assessment, we decided to continue to treat the site as a single component, i.e., we decided to still excavate a portion using 3 mm mesh in an attempt to capture as much information as possible.
2. AgGv-148 falls within the Haldimand Clay Plain physiographic region of Ontario. As such, the soils on site were considered 'heavy soil', which ASI (2022) did not take into consideration when they initially made their recommendations for the Stage 3. If they had, according to Section 3.2.2, Standard 7, only 10% of the total number of units should have been screened through a 3 mm mesh. Again, to ensure that we captured the most information, we followed the initial recommendation and did include the 20% of the units screened using 3 mm mesh in our overall strategy.
3. Regarding the placement of units, archaeological research and our extensive experience has shown that ploughing does not greatly affect the overall movement of artifacts from their original deposition site. Of course it will move them out of context, but they only migrate a few metres. If ploughing had a greater effect on the provenience of artifacts, field walking would not be a very effective form of locating sites, i.e., the artifacts would have moved too far away from their original deposition site and it would not be worthwhile to excavate over where they are initially found.
4. The placement of the units screened through 3 mm mesh were also purposely placed around the areas of the highest artifact counts, which in some cases can be indicative of a feature/ghost feature. Thus, we chose to put our units in an area where we thought we would have the greatest chance of locating additional evidence of an Early Archaic occupation. Interestingly, even with the 3 mm mesh only a single micro flake was located (Unit 510N-279E).

Although the above are the reasons behind our placement of the units screened with 3 mm mesh for the AgGv-148 site, we will take MCFN-DOCA's opinion into consideration when we devise our future 3 mm sampling strategies.

### Burnt/Thermal Artifacts

When we complete our catalogue in the lab, we record anything related to heat, i.e., pot-lids, colour change, heat fractures (not to be confused with fire cracked rocks), etc. We then consider the context, type of heat alteration, and the location of the heat alteration, when we complete our artifact analysis. In particular:

*Contextual Information.* When we consider the context, we are looking for any evidence of pyrotechnology, i.e., hearths with the express purpose of heat treating. When the context of site AgGv-148 is considered, the Stage 4 block excavation did not uncover any features (e.g. a hearth, midden, etc.). In addition, there was no evidence of root burn, i.e., soil

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discolouration, burnt wood/root fragments. Therefore, there were no specific clues as to the potential origin of the heat alteration characteristics recorded within the assemblage.

**Intentionality.** Our lithic expert examined the recovered artifacts, and noted that the majority of the lithic artifacts with pot lids only presented with them on a single surface. In his opinion, these artifacts were not intentionally 'heat treated', but simply came into contact with fire at some point after their creation, i.e., the chert was not heated to improve the quality of the material or associated with any other type of intentional action. In other words, just because there is evidence that something has been exposed to fire, does not mean that there was intentionality behind it (e.g. forest fires can cause heat alterations to artifacts). Furthermore, debitage being swept into a hearth or another location where fire is present, could also cause heat alterations - But, then there would typically be an associated feature (again, no features were located during the block excavation of AgGv-148). It needs to be stated though, that even when artifacts may be associated with a feature, they may not have been intentionally burnt and/or they may not actually be related to the activities related to the causation of the feature (i.e., they may have been redeposited from elsewhere via taphonomic processes).

#### **Lithic Production Strategies.**

A.) Heat treating is part of a primary production process, when used to improve the working qualities of the material. If heat had been used during the primary stages of production, ventral pot lids would not be as prevalent (as they are in the artifacts from AgGv-148) - since pot-lidding to this surface is caused after the flake had already been created.

B.) Heat treating to induce other changes, such as changing the colour of the chert, may occur after tool production. In this case, the expectation would be that the heat altered artifacts would be finished or would be a nearly finished tool. This was not the case for site AgGv-148, as the heat alterations were predominantly to flakes/flake fragments and shatter. Note that even if they had been located on this site, it might not necessarily indicate that the heat alteration occurred at AgGv-148, as heat alteration characteristics of lithics are a permanent change. The chemical and molecular changes that occur due to heating and particular atmospheric conditions in the heating process, are effectively the same as the colour change that occurs when firing ceramics. Thus, these alterations will not change on their own, unless they are subjected to another heating event.

C.) Onondaga Chert does not need to be heat treated in order to be knapped effectively. Of course this does not mean that it cannot be, but logically it was not required. Onondaga Chert is known for its quality, thus knappers in the past likely would not have expended the time, resources, energy, and/or risk the destruction of their raw materials for very little/if any advantageous result. Further, the artifacts recovered during the block excavation of AgGv-148 did not exhibit the typical slight reddening of the Onondaga chert.

#### **Terminology**

Finally, this brings us to terminology. In our experience and understanding, lithics are not usually referred to as burnt, as they are not combustible (at least not at the temperatures that could have been reached with the technology available). Lithics can simply be exposed to heat or not, and that fact alone does not necessarily mean anything in the absence of further evidence (i.e., context and overall analysis). The implication of this verbiage, intended or not, from the MCM is that when they are discussing burnt artifacts, they are talking about something else entirely. Further to that, the MCM separates out Fire Cracked Rock (FCR) as a separate category, suggesting that not all rocks that are exposed to a heating feature/event are the same. While not expressly defined in their terminology, the fact that FCR is objectively a different thing implies that the process and purpose of the heating event matters during MCM categorization. In other words, the MCM has already separated out the "heated rocks" that are associated directly with features, from other types of lithic artifacts.

Therefore, when looking back at the artifacts that were recovered and taking into consideration all of the evidence, we did not view the lithic artifacts as 'burnt artifacts'. Instead, we simply noted the heat alterations when present, even though they were not linked to a feature and there did not appear to be any intentionality behind their production/exposure. For these reasons and based on our professional judgement, we did not expand further around the five units you had highlighted, i.e., 509N 276E, 512N 283E, 512N 284E, 514N 278E, and 514N 281E.

Please let us know if you have any further questions, or you would like any additional clarification. As always, thank you for taking the time to review/comment on our draft(s) and we look forward to working with you again in the future.

Cheers,

Sheryl

On Thu, Mar 21, 2024 at 11:50 AM Adrian Blake <Adrian.Blake@mncfn.ca> wrote:

Sheryl,

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Thank you for sending over this Stage 4 AA for site AgGv-148 to us at MCFN-DOCA for our review and comment. I have now had time to review this report and have the following questions and comments:

My only question relates to the categorization and expansion methodology regarding heat-altered lithic artifacts. Based on Table 12 and Map 8, I have identified five (possibly four) units that require additional expansion according to Table 4.1 of the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists. The identified units are as follows:

509N-276E, 512N-283E\*, 512N-284, 514N-278E, 514N 281E. Unit 512N-283E is a "maybe" in the sense that your analysis uses the term "possible" when referring to one of the flakes, so if it was not heat altered this unit would not fall under the requirement.

It is my opinion that this site is not clear of archaeological potential and needs more excavation. I am wondering your experience with this? In all the excavations and report reviews I have done I've never seen expansion stop on small lithic scatters when "edge" units have two or more heat altered flakes. So, I am curious to know your experience with submitting these types of data to MCM for the purpose of getting clearance. I am wondering what the logic was behind not expanding off of these units?

Let me know what you think,

**Adrian Blake, MSc. (he/him)**

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**Subject:** Draft Report Review - St. 4 Mitigation of Site AgGv-148

Hello Adam and Adrian,

Attached to this email is a copy of our St. 4 Mitigation of Site AgGv-148 Draft Report. At your earliest convenience, could you please Review the Draft and let us know if you have any questions or comments.

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Thank you so much for your time and consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Cheers,

Sheryl

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### St. 3 Archaeological Assessment in Grimsby

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Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 1:08 PM

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Cc: Tanya Hill-Montour <tanyahill-montour@sixnations.ca>, Norbert Stanchly <asandgarchaeology@gmail.com>

*Hi Sheryl,*

*We can continue to use the existing agreement*

*Thank you kindly,*

**Dawn LaForme**, Secretary/Receptionist, Six Nations Lands & Resources (519) 753-0665

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From: Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org>

Sent: Friday, October 27, 2023 12:45 PM

To: Tanya Hill-Montour <tanyahill-montour@sixnations.ca>

Cc: Dawn LaForme <dlaforme@sixnations.ca>; Norbert Stanchly <asandgarchaeology@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: [External] Re: FW: St. 3 Archaeological Assessment in Grimsby

Hello Tanya,

Thank you so much for your input, and we are happy that there are no concerns. Regarding a St. 4 Contract/Agreement, we currently have the Stage 3 Contract/Agreement in place. I believe when we spoke this week, you had indicated that it was still valid until December 31, 2023. Would you like us to submit a new Contract/Agreement to our client specifically for the St.4, or is the original contract still sufficient? Please let me know your preference.

After having looked at the forecast and knowing the soils/drainage on site, we will be pushing back our start date for the St. 4 tentatively to Thursday, November 2, 2023. We will reevaluate next week and once we have finalized the timing/day, I will send an email confirmation.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Cheers,

Sheryl

On Fri, Oct 27, 2023 at 11:01 AM Tanya Hill-Montour <tanyahill-montour@sixnations.ca> wrote:

Good morning Sheryl,

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At this time SNGR has reviewed the stage 3 Archaeological Assessment in Grimsby with no comments or concerns.

We do not have any additional recommendations pertaining to the stage 4 but have interest in participation for the fieldwork.

Is there a current agreement in place to your knowledge?

Nia'wen ko-wa (thankyou)

Tanya Hill-Montour

SNGR Archaeological Supervisor

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From: Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org>  
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2023 1:52 PM  
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Cc: Tanya Hill-Montour <tanyahill-montour@sixnations.ca>  
Subject: [External] Re: FW: St. 3 Archaeological Assessment in Grimsby

Hello Tanya and Dawn,

After completing the St. 3 Assessment of the Smithville site AgGv-148, we have determined that the site still retains cultural heritage value and/or interest. Thus, we have recommended St. 4 Mitigation. After talking with the proponent, it has been determined that Avoidance and Protection of the site was not viable given their development plans. As such, they would like to proceed with the St. 4 block excavation of the site. Given that the weather is quickly turning colder, wetter, and the ground will freeze soon, we were hoping to begin the Stage 4 excavations in the next two weeks. We ask that you please review our St. 3 Draft Report, specifically looking at our site recommendations and excavation strategies based on the 2011 *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists*. In particular, Map 11 highlights the minimal amount of units that we recommend be excavated within the site core during the St. 4 Assessment (n = 28). Additionally, please let us know your interest in sending a field liaison to participate in the St. 4 block excavations. We would like to begin coordination as soon as possible, given the time constraints of the remaining field season.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Cheers,

Sheryl

On Fri, Jul 21, 2023 at 10:43 AM Sheryl Spigelski <sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org> wrote:

Hello Tanya,

Could you please let your Liaison know that we are moving back the start time on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, to 10am. I am also providing the coordinates to the location of the entrance to the site, and Norbert will be flagging it, to help people identify it. Your liaison may park there along the road.

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I know I had sent along the St. 2 Report, but I now also have a copy of the St. 1 Report and the SD. For ease of reference, I am attaching them all to this email.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Cheers,

Sheryl

On Fri, Jul 14, 2023 at 5:12 PM Sheryl Spigelski <[sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org](mailto:sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org)> wrote:

Hello Tanya,

We apologize for the delay, but we understand that our client has now emailed Six Nations the signed agreement directly. As such, we will be starting the St. 3 in Grimsby/Smithville on Tuesday, July 25, 2023, with a 9 am start on site. Our field director will be Norbert Stanchly, and I have provided his contact details below. We currently estimate that the St. 3 assessment of AgGv-148 and AgGv -149 will take a total of three weeks.

Norbert Stanchly: (647) 680-3280

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. We look forward to working with you on this project.

Cheers,

Sheryl

On Fri, May 26, 2023 at 10:53 AM Dawn LaForme <[dlaforme@sixnations.ca](mailto:dlaforme@sixnations.ca)> wrote:

Good morning Sheryl,

Just a friendly reminder that I have yet to receive the monitor agreement from you.

Thank you kindly,

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Good Morning Sheryl,

It is my pleasure to have conversation and introduction via email.

SNGREC has interest in the upcoming stage 3 Archaeological Assessment in Grimsby. I have attached our standard agreement for 2023 which includes in the rate any Archaeological assessment review and site visits.

Dawn LaForme cc'd can coordinate our agreement.

Kind Regards,

***Tanya j. Hill-Montour*** B.A Hons.

Six Nations of the Grand River - Archaeology Supervisor.

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From: Sheryl Spigelski <[sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org](mailto:sspigelski@asandgarchaeology.org)>  
Sent: Monday, May 15, 2023 6:08 PM  
To: Tanya Hill-Montour <[tanyahill-montour@sixnations.ca](mailto:tanyahill-montour@sixnations.ca)>  
Cc: Norbert Stanchly <[asandgarchaeology@gmail.com](mailto:asandgarchaeology@gmail.com)>  
Subject: St. 3 Archaeological Assessment in Grimsby

Hi Tanya Hill-Montour,

My name is Sheryl Spigelski, and I am a Project Manager and Indigenous Engagement Consultant at AS&G Archaeological Consulting Inc. We are currently coordinating our 2023 Field Season schedule and we wanted to reach out to your First Nation Community, regarding an upcoming Archaeological Assessment in Grimsby.

In particular, we have been retained to conduct a Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment of part of Lot 5, Concession 9 in Grimsby, Ontario. As we understand the importance of the lands and know that this area is considered part of the Six Nations of the Grand River's (Six Nations) traditional lands, we are reaching out to formally introduce our client, Prato Development Inc., to Six Nations (please see attached formal introduction). We look forward to building our relationship with Six Nations, and working with you and the Ministry on this project.

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Please let us know at your earliest convenience if you are interested in participating/contributing to our Stage 3 Assessment.

Cheers,

Sheryl

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To: Tanya Hill-Montour <tanyahill-montour@sixnations.ca>  
Cc: Dawn LaForme <dlaforme@sixnations.ca>

Wed, Mar 6, 2024 at 3:43 PM

Hello Tanya,

Thank you so much for reviewing our Draft Report, and we are happy to hear that you do not have concerns pertaining to the St. 4 Mitigation of Site AgGv-148. We look forward to hearing from you regarding the oral history, and will be sure to address the concern in the Stage 3 Site-Specific Assessment of AgGv-148/AgGv-149, as well as the St. 4 Mitigation of Site AgGv-148.

Cheers,

Sheryl

On Sun, Mar 3, 2024 at 8:43 PM Tanya Hill-Montour <tanyahill-montour@sixnations.ca> wrote:

Hi Sheryl,

At this SNGREC has no further comments or concerns with the stage 4 mitigations of Site AgGv-148. I do have concern with the oral history of the assessment I will be sending that portion to our office historian.

Have a lovely week!

Nia':wen ko:wa (thankyou)

**Tanya Hill-Montour**

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Subject: [External] Draft Report Review - St. 4 Mitigation of Site AgGv-148

Hello Tanya,

Attached to this email is a copy of our St. 4 Mitigation of Site AgGv-148 Draft Report. At your earliest convenience, could you please Review the Draft and let us know if you have any questions or comments.

Thank you so much for your time and consideration, and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

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## Six Nations Updated Oral History, Provided by Tanya Hill-Montour

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From time immemorial, the Six Nations (sometimes then referred to as the Five Nations) possessed very large territories in what is today the United States of America and the provinces of Ontario and Quebec. The original five nations unified under the Great Tree of Peace and became the Haudenosaunee Confederacy.

Starting in 1613, the Haudenosaunee entered into several Two Row Wampum agreements with European Powers that formed the basis for subsequent treaties: "We will not be like Father and Son, but like Brothers. [Our treaties] symbolize two paths or two vessels, travelling down the same river together. One, a birchbark canoe, will be for the First Nations People, their laws, their customs, and their ways. The other, a ship, will be for the Settler people and their laws, their customs, and their ways. We shall each travel the river together, side by side, but in our own boat. Neither of us will make compulsory laws nor interfere in the internal affairs of the other. Neither of us will try to steer the other's vessel."

Southern Ontario was always Iroquois land. Occupied by the Huron-Wendat and Neutral Nations prior to colonialism, both were defeated by Haudenosaunee in the Beaver Wars and a majority of their members were absorbed into Six Nations. The Crown later recognized this vast expanse of Haudenosaunee land in the 1701 Fort Albany/Nanfan Treaty and continued to recognize it and honour its terms. That same year, the Haudenosaunee and a number of Anishinaabeg Nations agreed to share a portion of those lands in their Dish with One Spoon Treaty.

In the late 1600s, the Anishinaabe, as allies of the French, expanded their territory westward into Fort Albany/Nanfan lands as Six Nations was preoccupied fighting alongside their Imperial Crown allies elsewhere. The Anishinaabe attempted to exclude the Haudenosaunee from their northern lands, but failed, as the Haudenosaunee continued to use those lands for hunting, trapping, trade, transit and settlement. While the Haudenosaunee had their rights to those lands enshrined in treaties, the Anishnaabe forfeited any rights they may have had in a series of quit claims, despite being told they had no right to sell the land.

Throughout the American War of Independence, the Six Nations continued their alliance with the Imperial Crown. During an American raid on Onondaga, Cayuga and Seneca villages in the late summer of 1779, an estimated 9 million pounds of corn were destroyed, attesting that the Haudenosaunee were prolific farmers as well as hunters and fishers. Because of the Crown's defeat in that war, many Haudenosaunee left the United States and, at the invitation of the Crown, settled on a portion of their Fort Albany/Nanfan lands, known today as the Haldimand Tract. The 1784 Haldimand Treaty emphasized the land was for the exclusive possession and settlement of the Six Nations and that those lands would be enjoyed by their descendants forever.

As more settlers moved onto Six Nations of the Grand River territory, the land became unsuitable for hunting and the Six Nations were forced to find alternate means of support. The Haudenosaunee placed some of their lands in trust with the Crown to raise funds, via leases for the perpetual care and maintenance of Six Nations. But those leases were never properly honoured. Monies resulting from such leases, and illegal

sales, were administered by the Crown, but instead of benefitting Six Nations, these funds were frequently used to pay down Crown debts and build public infrastructure. These actions are subject to ongoing litigation between Six Nations of the Grand River and the provincial and federal Crowns.