



MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of Planning and Economic Development Committee

FROM: John B. Waller, Acting Commissioner
Planning and Development Services Department

DATE: September 7, 2011

RE: 2010-11 Creative Communities Prosperity Funding for York Region's
Archaeological Management Plan

I am pleased to inform you that York Region has received funding from the Creative Communities Prosperity Fund (CCPF) for \$50,000 in support of the Region's Archaeological Management Plan.

Archaeological Management Plans are important planning tools for municipalities to protect existing known archaeological sites and to determine when it is necessary to undertake archaeological assessments of areas of archaeological potential.

The Archaeological Management Plan is also a valuable communications and education tool that can help residents and stakeholders to better understand the cultural heritage of their community and recognize the importance of archaeological resources.

Policies of the York Region Official Plan 2010 identified the need to recognize, conserve and promote cultural heritage, including the preparation of an Archaeological Management Plan to protect archaeological resources

On September 23, 2010, Council, endorsed Clause 6 of Report 6 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee, which directed staff to prepare a Request for Proposal to hire a consultant to undertake a York Region Archaeological Management Plan based on the Draft York Region Archaeological Management Plan Terms of Reference

Archaeological Services Inc. was awarded the contract to complete the Archaeological Management Plan on November 1, 2010.

In January of 2011 (Report No. 1, Clause 9 of the Planning and Economic Development Committee Regional Council Meeting of January 27, 2011) staff provided an update to Planning

and Economic Committee and Regional Council that an application under the Province's Creative Communities Prosperity Fund (CCPF) for a total of \$50,000 had been made.

Conditional approval for funding was granted by the Province on March 16, 2011 and the funding agreement finalized on July 22, 2011. The key outcomes of the Archaeological Management Plan that this funding will support include:

1. An inventory and mapping of all areas of known and potential archaeological sites. This provides an effective way of ensuring significant archaeological resources are conserved during land use planning and development activities.
2. Knowledge of the location or potential location of these resources can help in avoiding costly delays at critical points in development and infrastructure projects.
3. Guidance to assist the Region and local municipalities to further develop policies, procedures and protocols for development and to identify conservation strategies early in the planning process.
4. Assisting the Region in creating stronger relationships with First Nations and the Métis Nation of Ontario
5. Completing our commitment under the Regional Official Plan to prepare an Archaeological Management Plan in order to protect significant or potentially significant archaeological resources, cultural heritage sites, as well as ceremonial and sacred sites.
6. Extensive consultation with First Nations and the Métis Nation of Ontario.

The Archaeological Management Study is well underway. Staff and the consultants have met with the area municipalities and First Nations on several occasions. It is anticipated that the Draft Archaeological Management Plan will be presented to Council for consideration in January of 2012.



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