
HALDIMAND COUNTY

Memorandum PDD-M02-2023 Archaeological Management Plan Update For Consideration by Council in Committee on October 10, 2023



To: Mayor Bentley and Members of Council

From: Alisha Cull, BES, MCIP, RPP, Supervisor, Planning & Development

The Haldimand County, Planning & Development Division initiated an Archaeological Management Plan (AMP) in early 2023. Archaeological Research Associates Ltd. (ARA) was the successful bidder for the project, which launched in April 2023. This project is being undertaken with significant consultation and input from Six Nations of the Grand River Elected Council and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation; both of whom participated in the process of creating the Request for Proposals (RFP) document as well as choosing a consultant.

The *Planning Act* and the *Ontario Heritage Act* require that municipal decision makers and planners be aware of all lands containing known archaeological resources or areas of archaeological potential, and that all decisions are made in accordance with provincial policies and regulations. This direction is further implemented in the Provincial Policy Statement, 2020 and the Haldimand County Official Plan.

The County is undertaking the preparation and completion of an AMP to identify, protect, and conserve the County's archaeological and cultural resources; ensure compliance with all relevant provincial and federal legislation and policies; and to provide clear guidance on land use planning decisions.

An AMP is a comprehensive document that evaluates and models archaeological potential across the County. The AMP will provide general background information about archaeology in the County, along with recommendations for policies, protocols and procedures that the County can adopt to better identify, protect and conserve archaeological resources. This will allow for a more systematic, consistent, and transparent approach to the conservation of archaeological resources across the County. Developers will benefit from the creation of an AMP as it will provide clear requirements for when an archaeological assessment is or is not required. It results in streamlining of the development process and potential cost reduction for components of an application submission.

A kickoff meeting was held between ARA and Planning staff in April to formally launch the project. ARA spent the time to date completing background research and engaging in Indigenous consultation. A public open house and online survey are anticipated to take place this fall, followed by the release of a draft AMP and second public open house in the spring of 2024. The final AMP and presentation to Council are anticipated in the summer or fall of 2024, and training for staff will follow.

The AMP website is used to share the latest information about the project. It can be found here: <https://www.haldimandcounty.ca/archaeological-management-plan/>.

The budget for this project is \$275,000 and was approved in the 2023 Tax Supported Capital Budget.

REFERENCES:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.