Executive Summary

Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) was retained by The Corporation of the Town of The Blue Mountains to complete a Stage 1 archaeological assessment, for Bridge No. 13 (the Project), as part of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process for three bridges in the Town of The Blue Mountains, Ontario. This archaeological assessment was undertaken during the pre-construction phase in order to meet the requirements of the Provincial Policy Statement (Government of Ontario 2014). According to Section 2.6.2 of the Provincial Policy Statement, “development and site alteration shall not be permitted on lands containing archaeological resources or areas of archaeological potential unless significant archaeological resources have been conserved.” These guidelines require that an archaeological assessment be conducted in accordance with Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport’s 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (Government of Ontario 2011) prior to any construction activities.

The study area is located within part of Lot 23, Concession 12, former Township of Collingwood, Grey County, now the Town of The Blue Mountains, County of Grey, Ontario. The study area is approximately 3.49 hectares in area and consists of ploughed fields, woodlots, manicured lawn, permanently wet areas, and areas of extensive disturbance created through the construction of existing infrastructure, namely the roadway, a variety of standing structures and associated driveways and Bridge No. 13 itself.

The objectives of the Stage 1 assessment were to compile available information about known and potential archaeological resources within the study area and to provide specific direction for the protection, management and/or recovery of these resources. The Stage 1 archaeological assessment was conducted under archaeological consulting license P1018 issued to Matthew Seguin by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (P1018-0015-2018). The study area retains archaeological potential for the discovery and recovery of both Indigenous and Euro-Canadian archaeological material. Therefore, in accordance with Section 1.3 and Section 7.8.4 of the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport’s 2011 Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists (Government of Ontario 2011), further archaeological assessment of the study area is recommended.

The Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport is asked to review the results presented and accept this report into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports.

The Executive Summary highlights key points from the report only; for complete information and findings, the reader should examine the complete report.