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**Appendix F**  
**Cultural and Archaeological Heritage**  
**Commentary**

**Comments to Address O.Reg. 359/09 Table 1, Items 7, 8 and 9 of the Design and Operations Report**

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**Comments on Table to Section 19 of O.Reg. 359/09, Column 1, Items 1-8 Inclusive**

The heritage assessment determined that the project location is not a property as described in column 1 of the table to section 19. Comments specific to Items 1-8 inclusive of Column 1 are presented below.

Concerning Item 1 of Column 1, the assessment determined that only one structure in the study area for the proposed Grand Bend Wind Farm is designated under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*. It is the Huron Country Playhouse, which is located in the Municipality of South Huron. This structure does not abut any of the properties within which the proposed wind turbines are located.

Concerning Item 2 of Column 1, the assessment determined that the proposed Grand Bend Wind Farm does not contain any properties in respect of which a notice of intent to designate the property as being of cultural heritage value or interest has been given in accordance with section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Concerning Item 3 of Column 1, the assessment determined that the proposed Grand Bend Wind Farm does not contain any properties that have been designated by a municipal by-law made under section 29 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as being of cultural heritage value or interest.

Concerning Item 4 of Column 1, the assessment determined that the proposed Grand Bend Wind Farm does not contain any properties that the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport has ordered be designated under section 34.6 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* as being of cultural heritage value or interest or of provincial significance.

Concerning Item 5 of Column 1, the assessment determined that the proposed Grand Bend Wind Farm does not contain any properties in respect of which a notice of intent to designate as being of cultural heritage value or interest of provincial significance has been given in accordance with section 34.6 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Concerning Item 6 of Column 1, the assessment determined that the proposed Grand Bend Wind Farm does not contain any properties that are the subject of an easement or covenant under section 3 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Concerning Item 7 of Column 1, the assessment determined that the proposed Grand Bend Wind Farm does not contain any part of an area that has been designated by a municipal by-law made under section 41 of the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Concerning Item 8 of Column 1, the assessment determined that the proposed Grand Bend Wind Farm does not contain any properties that have been designated as historic sites under Regulation 880 of the Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1990 (Historic Sites) made under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

**Section 20 of O. Reg. 359/09, s. 19, Table, O. Reg. 195/12, s. (13)**

Section 20 requires that a Class 2 wind facility requires an archaeological assessment if it is within 250 metres of a documented archaeological resource in the Ministry's records, if the project location is on a property designated as an archaeological site under Regulation 875 of the Revised Regulations of Ontario, 1990 (Archaeological Sites) made under the Ontario Heritage Act, O. Reg. 195/12, s. 14., or if the project location is in an area identified on an archaeological management plan. None of those conditions apply to the proposed Grand Bend Wind Farm.

Grand Bend Wind Limited Partnership contracted to undertake the archaeological assessment as part of its due diligence and application requirements for Renewable Energy Approval of the proposed Grand Bend Wind Farm. Following Section 20 of O. Reg. 359/09, 4a, the assessment was conducted by a licenced archaeological consultant. More specifically, the assessment was conducted under Licence P242, issued to Chris Neill of the firm D.R. Poulton & Associates Inc. During the course of the assessment a check with the clerks of the municipalities and the upper tier municipalities determined that no part of the proposed wind farm has been identified on an archaeological management plan. The report on the Stage 1-2 archaeological assessment was completed on August 16, 2012. On September 17, 2012 the Ministry issued a letter of satisfaction accepting the report into the Ontario Public Registry of Archaeological reports.

**Section 21 (3) of O. Reg. 359/09**

Subsection 21 (3) is not relevant to the archaeological assessment of the proposed Grand Bend Wind Farm as Grand Bend Wind Limited Partnership contracted to undertake the archaeological assessment as part of its due diligence and application requirements for Renewable Energy Approval.

**Section 23 (2) of O. Reg. 359/09**

Subsection 23 (2) applies to the heritage assessment of the proposed Grand Bend Wind Farm as it was considered the lands of concern to the assessment had a potential to contain properties of heritage value or interest. The criteria applied in the assessment are set out in Ontario Regulation 9/06 (Criteria for Determining Cultural Heritage Value or Interest) (CHVI) made under the *Ontario Heritage Act*. The study determined that ten structures or structural complexes had CHVI based on criteria such as the age of the structure(s), whether it was a rare, unique, representative or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method, whether it displayed a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit or had technical or scientific

achievement, and whether it had historic, associative or contextual value. The heritage assessment determined that none of the ten properties that were found to have CHVI subject to impact from the proposed Grand Bend Wind Farm. For further details and written comments from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, refer to The 2012 Heritage Assessment of the Proposed Grand Bend Wind Farm under a separate cover.



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