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Mr. Thomas Bird
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RE: Summerhaven Wind Energy Centre

Location: Various Lots, Townships of Rainham and Walpole, Haldimand County

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Dear Mr. Bird:

This letter constitutes the Ministry of Tourism and Culture's written comments as required by s. 23(3)(a) of O. Reg. 359/09 under the *Environmental Protection Act* regarding heritage assessments undertaken for the above project.

Based on the information contained in the report you have submitted for this project, the Ministry is satisfied with the heritage assessment. Please note that the Ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the heritage assessment report.*

The report recommends the following:

6.0 Recommendations

The Project Location has been determined to represent a single rural cultural heritage landscape consisting of a homogeneous land use pattern of agricultural fields, pastures, woodlots and associated farmsteads that did not contain significant cultural landscapes. The rural cultural heritage landscape located on the Project Location lands has been determined to be typical of what is found across central Ontario and therefore not to be of cultural heritage value or interest.

All individual cultural features that are located within the Project Location were photographed and evaluated according to Ontario Regulation 9/06. The 91 structures (54 houses and 37 barns) that were identified to be greater than 40 years old at the Project Location have been determined to have general historical significance. When further applying the criteria set out in Ontario Regulation 9/06, none of these structures were determined to have cultural heritage value or interest. These buildings are heritage resources, for the fact that they do contribute to a broad

understanding of agricultural development in the area, but they are not significant enough to warrant designation or further investigation.

One designated heritage property, the Hoover log house is located adjacent to the Project Location and as such a heritage impact assessment was conducted on this resource. One potential indirect impact (obstruction/visual) has been identified for the Hoover log home due to the fact that the proposed location of Turbine 27 (633m to the northeast of the Hoover log house) will change the visual surroundings of the log house when viewing it from the roadside. As such, it is recommended that a hedgerow of coniferous trees (in order to provide year round screening) be planted behind and to the east of the Hoover log cabin, located at 59 Concession Road 4, in order to mitigate the visual impact and to retain an appropriate setting for the building. These trees should be approximately 10m high, with smaller saplings interspersed to provide for future mitigation. The hedgerow should be planted approximately 10m directly behind the log house and extending to the east in order to provide maximum coverage (Plate 18). This recommended mitigation would have to be agreed upon with the property owner and owner of the Hoover log house, Mr. Bill Fletcher (or current owner at the time project construction commences).

The Ministry is satisfied with these recommendations.

This letter does not waive any requirements which you may have under the Ontario *Heritage Act*. Also, this letter does not constitute approval of the renewable energy project. Approvals of the project may be required under other statutes and regulations. It is your responsibility to obtain any necessary approvals or licences.

Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,



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Heritage Planner

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