

**Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport  
Confirmation Letter**

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RE: **K2 Wind Power Project**

**Location: Multiple lots in the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh**

**MTC DPR file no.: PLAN-40EA040**

Dear Ms. Palmer:

This letter constitutes the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport'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 PROJECT EFFECTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The General Project Area represents an Ontario rural cultural heritage landscape. The character defining elements of the individual heritage resources within the General Project Area were examined in Tables 3 to 7 and 9 and in Appendices B to H. Like many other rural areas in Ontario, however, this landscape is not static. New home construction, existing home renovations and expansions, and the development of agri-businesses to replace smaller farmsteads of the 19th century, are all constantly serving to alter the appearance and character of the General Project Area. In this light the introduction of a new visual element to the landscape, in the form of project turbines and associated structures, may be viewed as yet another facet of the area's ongoing evolution.

The cultural heritage landscape of the General Project Area has evolved to its present state, and continues to change. Provincial Policy Statement (PPS, 2005) identifies a Cultural Heritage Landscape as "a defined geographical area of heritage significance which has been modified by human activities and is valued by a community. It involves a grouping(s) of individual heritage features such as structures, spaces, archaeological sites and natural elements, which together form a significant type of heritage form, distinctive from that of its constituent elements or parts. Examples may include, but are not limited to, heritage conservation districts designated under the Ontario Heritage Act; and villages, parks, gardens, battlefields, mainstreets and neighbourhoods, cemeteries, trailways and industrial complexes of cultural heritage value". The 1992 Operational Guidelines adopted by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) World Heritage Committee also states in 10(ii) that "a continuing landscape is one which retains an active social role in contemporary society closely associated with the traditional way of life, and in which the evolutionary process is still in progress. At the same time it exhibits significant material evidence of its evolution over time."

It is recommended that the visual impact of the substation/switchyard, that is to be located at the intersection of Glens Hill Road and Tower Line Road, along with the transformer station, located at the intersection of Belgrave Road and Lanesville Line, be minimized with appropriate landscape design, such as massing and screening in order to lessen the impact on the surrounding area.

Two protected heritage resources, Kintail School House Museum and a barn and farm in Point Farms Provincial Park, are located west of the General Project Area and do not abut the parcels of land on which the Project Location is situated. The Project will directly affect one site with cultural heritage value or interest, Landscape L09, the former site of the Port Albert Air Navigation School. Tower locations T224 and T229 and the access road and collector line linking these will disturb surface sediments in the area of the former airfield. Mapping and surface survey of these lands is recommended as part of the Stage 2 Archaeological assessment recommended by archaeological consultant Timmins Martelle (Martelle and Sweeney 2006). This activity will mitigate impacts to this cultural landscape as artifacts and cultural features may be encountered during this assessment. No other direct project effects are expected on the cultural heritage resources identified during this study. Visual effects will occur to some of the heritage resources and some visual effects have already occurred as a result of other wind farms in the area. These effects are not considered to have a permanent, negative impact on cultural heritage resources.

With the exception of the former Port Albert Air Navigation School site, which will be examined during a Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment, no further heritage assessment is recommended.

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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