

### **“Interim Screening”: Review of Development Applications for Potential Impacts to Archaeological Resources**

The City of Toronto Archaeological Master Plan project was started in 2002 and will be completed by 2007. The Master Plan Interim Report can be found at:

[http://www.toronto.ca/heritage-preservation/pdf/masterplan\\_arc.resources.pdf](http://www.toronto.ca/heritage-preservation/pdf/masterplan_arc.resources.pdf)

In July 2005, City Council approved “**Interim Screening**” as the first phase of implementation of the Archaeological Master Plan for the City of Toronto, in order to conserve archaeological resources in the City. Interim Screening has been implemented, starting in January 2006.

Interim Screening is a city-wide process that identifies lands that may hold archaeological resources, using maps showing areas of pre-contact and historic archaeological potential. The Archaeological Potential (AP) mapping will be updated regularly as more information becomes available. This AP mapping is now available at:

<http://www.toronto.ca/heritage-preservation/archaeology.htm>

Community Planning Staff will review the AP mapping when considering Official Plan Amendment, Zoning By-law Amendment, Plan of Subdivision and Site Plan Control applications. If the development property is in an area of archaeological potential the application will be circulated to Heritage Preservation Services (HPS) for comment.

HPS staff will review the application using more detailed integrity mapping and aerial photography to determine if an archaeological assessment is required. If an assessment is required, HPS will recommend that an archaeological assessment be made a condition of approval of the development application.

For applications to the Committee of Adjustment (C of A), archaeological assessments may also be required for Consent and/or Minor Variance applications, if an application falls within an Archaeologically Sensitive Area or “ASA”. ASA’s are known sites and areas with defined boundaries within the city that contain significant archaeological resources. HPS staff will review C of A agendas for applications within ASA’s. If potential is confirmed, HPS will provide comments recommending an archaeological assessment to the C of A.

The standard archaeological assessment condition requires the applicant to retain a licensed archaeologist to undertake an assessment of the entire development property and, if significant resources are found, to mitigate adverse impacts to the resources through preservation or resource removal and documentation.

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