

North York Centre South Service Road: Final Errata to 2022 Environmental Study Report (ESR) Addendum

Date: July 18, 2022

SUMMARY

This Errata was prepared to incorporate comments provided on the ESR by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport during the 30-day public review which commenced March 17, 2022 and ended April 15, 2022.

The final version of the ESR Addendum will be updated to include these additions for use during the future stages of the design/project.

UPDATES TO ESR

In its letter dated April 14, 2022, the Ministry flagged that the EA reports should reference all necessary further archaeological stages, and commitments should be made for the possibility of archaeological resources being unexpectedly encountered during construction in spite of the previous completion of archaeological assessment.

Section 8.3.3.1 Archaeology has been revised to include:

Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment (and further Stage 3 Archaeological Assessment and/or Stage 4 Mitigation, if recommended in the Stage 2 Archaeological Assessment) will be completed as early as possible, prior to the completion of Detailed Design and well in advance of any ground disturbing activities.

In the event that archaeological resources are unexpectedly encountered during construction, MHSTCI should be contacted and all activities impacting archaeological resources will cease immediately.

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ATTACHMENTS

Appendix A – Letter from MHSTCI

April 14, 2022

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MHSTCI File : 0016256
Proponent : City of Toronto
Subject : Notice of Study Completion
Project : North York Centre South Service Road – Addendum
Location : Toronto, Ontario

Dear Ms. Shyllit:

Thank you for providing the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism and Culture Industries (MHSTCI) with the Notice of Completion for the above-referenced project. MHSTCI's interest in this Environmental Assessment (EA) project relates to its mandate of conserving Ontario's cultural heritage, which includes:

- archaeological resources, including land and marine;
- built heritage resources, including bridges and monuments; and
- cultural heritage landscapes.

We have reviewed the report addendum (dated February 18, 2022) and offer the following comments.

Project Summary

This addendum evaluates options and proposed changes to Doris Avenue, Bonnington Place and Tradewind Avenue. It recommends a two phased approach which would include a new road connection between Doris Avenue and Tradewind Avenue.

Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes

Section 6.5.2 notes the only property in the study area that is designated, listed, or under review or appeal under the *Ontario Heritage Act* per the Toronto Heritage Register. The report however makes no mention of any screening or evaluation for previously unrecognized properties that could meet provincial criteria for cultural heritage value or interest, which environmental assessment is expected to include. The MHSTCI [Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes](#) is normally used to determine whether a Cultural Heritage Evaluation Report is necessary to identify such resources. As we do not have the original Class EA study or its previous addenda on file, it is unclear whether some such due diligence was completed at a previous stage.

Further, it is unclear why Section 8.3.3.2 says that “No negative environmental effects are anticipated on heritage features within the Study Area as a result of the project”, and yet the evaluation matrix in Appendix E categorizes the recommended ultimate option as “poor” in this category.

Archaeological Resources

We acknowledge that the Stage 1 Archaeological Assessment report included as Appendix D has been entered into the Ontario Public Register of Archaeological Reports.

Section 8.3.3.1 of the Addendum report undertakes that “a Stage 2 AA shall be carried out ... prior to carrying out any excavation activities within the South Service Road alignment”. Stage 2 archaeological assessments may result in recommendations for further stages, and such commitments in EA reports should reference all necessary further stages. Commitment should also be made to completing outstanding stages of environmental assessment as early as practicable in the detailed design process.

Further, commitments should be made in the EA report for the possibility of archaeological resources being unexpectedly encountered during construction in spite of the previous completion of archaeological assessment. Under these circumstances, MHSTCI should be contacted, all activities impacting archaeological resources must cease immediately, and a licensed archaeologist is required to carry out an archaeological assessment in accordance with the *Ontario Heritage Act* and the Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists.

If human remains are encountered, all activities must cease immediately and the local police as well as the Registrar, Burials of the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services (416-326-8800) must be contacted. In situations where human remains are associated with archaeological resources, MHSTCI should also be notified to ensure that the site is not subject to unlicensed alterations which would be a contravention of the Ontario Heritage Act.

Thank you for consulting MHSTCI on this project and please continue to do so throughout the EA process. If you have any questions or require clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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