

August 19, 2016

Dear Chief and Council,

This letter comprises a brief summary report of the archaeological work completed this past week at the proposed bridge crossing located at Bathurst Lake North (CiDq-2) in Mount Carleton Provincial Park.

On August 16, 2016 five professional archaeologists and 14 certified archaeological field technicians arrived at Bathurst Lake North to undertake a controlled excavation of all areas of the archaeological site CiDq-2 where a bridge is proposed to be replaced. In total, 16 1m x 1m units were excavated to archaeological bottom (Pleistocene glacial till) and 15 Pre-Contact artifacts were collected. These artifacts include ten flakes, a block of quartz, an abrader fragment, a scraper, and 2 core fragments. None of these artifacts are diagnostic to a specific time period; however artifacts collected from the site in 2015 suggest it dates to the Middle Maritime Woodland Period (2,300 to 1,400 years ago).

In addition to the excavation, soil was banked against the eroding edges of CiDq-2 to protect the undisturbed portions of the site from further erosion.

All archaeological work was completed at Bathurst Lake North on August 18, 2016. To ensure that any remaining artifacts or archaeological features are not impacted, a permitted archaeologist and two indigenous archaeological field technicians will be on site to monitor any excavation associated with this project during the construction phase. The dates and names of the technicians will be provided once this work is scheduled.

Archaeological work is planned to begin at Moose Brook South (CiDq-3) on August 22, 2016. As above, all areas of the site which may be directly impacted by the proposed bridge replacement will be subject to a controlled excavation that will document and recover all artifacts and/or features at the location. An update on the results of this work will be provided early next week.

As was mentioned in the previous letter, Parks staff have been made aware that any visitors who appear at the gate and wish to observe the archaeological work are to be admitted and directed to our work sites. If you would like to arrange a visit to our work sites, or if you have any questions about this project, please do not hesitate to contact me by phone (453-3014) or email (brent.suttie@gnb.ca).

Respectfully,



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Figure 1 - Aerial view of excavations nearing completion at Bathurst Lake North on August 18, 2016.