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<b>Project</b>	:	<b>MNO Solar FIT 4 LP REA</b>
<b>OPA/ IESO Reference #</b>	:	<b>F-007132-SPV-402-732</b>
<b>Report Title</b>	:	<b>Cultural Heritage Assessment Reports – Lawrence Road Solar Project Revised April 2018</b>
<b>Applicant</b>	:	<b>MNO Solar Fit 4 LP</b>
<b>Location</b>	:	<b>Township of Southwold, Ontario</b>
<b>MTCS File No.</b>	:	<b>0007588</b>

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Dear Mr. Andreae:

This office has reviewed the above-mentioned report (the “Report”), which has been submitted to this ministry as required under O. Reg. 359/09, as amended (Renewable Energy Approvals under the *Environmental Protection Act*) (the “REA regulation”). This letter constitutes the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (the “Ministry”) comments for the purposes of section 23(3)(a) of the REA regulation regarding the heritage assessment undertaken for the above project.

The Report recommends the following:

**“6.2 Mitigation Measures**

As feasible, construction of the proposed *Solar Project* should avoid features associated with the former rail line such as property fence lines and former railway earthworks and ditches. Grading should be limited to the top of the rail bed and limited in depth. Removal of the naturally reclaiming vegetation should be minimized to the extent possible.

**7 Recommendations**

Given the identified effects as a result of the proposed Project, the following conservation strategies are also recommended in addition to the mitigation measures proposed in Section 6:

- It is recommended that copies of this Cultural Heritage Assessment Report be deposited with the Elgin County Library.
- It is recommended that the fencing, within the Project Location which demarcates the property boundary be avoided to the extent possible. Grading should be limited to the top of the rail bed and limited in depth. Removal of the naturally reclaiming vegetation should be minimized to the extent possible.

This cultural heritage assessment of the proposed Project has encompassed the Project Location and a 300-m Buffer Zone. No protected properties were identified within the assessed area.

A field survey and review of available online aerial imagery was undertaken to determine all potential Built Heritage Resources within the assessed area. These were evaluated against the

criteria provided in O. Reg. 9/06 and none were determined to be of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest.

The former rail corridor was determined to be a landscape of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest for which potential adverse and positive effects were identified.

This report has outlined measures to avoid, eliminate or mitigate potential adverse impacts on this Cultural Heritage Landscape as well as identifies potential positive effects. With the implementation of these mitigation measures and the recommendations proposed above, no residual adverse effects to this Cultural Heritage Landscape are anticipated as a result of the proposed Project.” (Page 43-44)

Based on the information contained in the Report, the Ministry is satisfied that the heritage assessment process and reporting are consistent with the applicable heritage assessment requirements established in s. 23 of O. Reg. 359/09. Please note that the Ministry makes no representation or warranty as to the completeness, accuracy or quality of the heritage assessment report (please see Note 1).

This letter does not waive any requirements under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

This letter does not constitute approval of the renewable energy project. Approvals or licences for the project may be required under other statutes and regulations. Please ensure that you obtain all required approvals and/or licences.

Please ensure that the proponent is aware that, if new information or substantive project changes arise after issuance of this letter, the applicant should discuss them with you to determine if any additional assessment or reporting is required. If additional reporting or revisions are required, they should be submitted to the Ministry for review. Upon completion of that review, the Ministry will determine if any revisions to the content of this letter are required.

Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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