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Historic Allandale Station lands archaeology study update

(Barrie, ON) The City of Barrie in partnership with the Huron-Wendat Nation and the Williams Treaty First Nation communities are making good progress on the archaeological study of the historic Allandale Station lands. A Stage 4 archaeological assessment began in early June, and is being undertaken in accordance with Provincial regulations.

To date, a large portion of the Stage 4 archaeology study on the historic Allandale Station lands has been completed. Due to the historical disturbance of the site over the many years, the study is taking longer than initially planned and work will extend into the Spring of 2019, as a section of the site still needs to be investigated.

The purpose of the archaeological work is to better understand previous land use of this area over the last 700 or so years. The area exhibits a complex archaeological history and has been disturbed on more than one occasion including the construction of several 19th century structures, the flood of 1896, and the construction of the Allandale Train Station buildings in 1905.

First Nation partners have been on site monitoring the work, participating in decision-making and providing guidance to ensure that the process is culturally respectful. To date, a large amount of archaeological material has been recovered and the apparent foundation of the 1863 train station has been exposed. Upon completion of the Stage 4 excavations, the determination of the affiliation of any remains recovered from the site will be made by the Archaeologist of Record in accordance with Provincial regulations. The Registrar of Burials will identify the next steps in any further processes.

Quotes:

Chippewas of Rama First Nation, Chief Rodney Noganosh

"Rama First Nation is working with the City of Barrie and the Huron-Wendat Nation in ensuring that the Stage 4 Archaeological Assessment at the Allandale Station is being conducted thoroughly and with respect to our ancestors. My Council and I visited the site in the summer to ensure that due diligence is being undertaken. On behalf of the Williams Treaties First Nations, we will continue to make this a priority."

Huron-Wendat Nation, Grand Chief Konrad Sioui

"The Huron-Wendat Nation is fully engaged and committed to repair an historical injustice to our ancestors. This process of archaeological study is a top priority and we will continue to be involved and take action to ensure our heritage is protected."

City of Barrie, Mayor Jeff Lehman

"The City of Barrie is grateful for its partnership with the Huron-Wendat First Nation and Williams Treaty First Nation communities as it continues to follow the archaeological processes, applicable legislation and direction provided by the Province of Ontario to ensure protection of the archaeological potential of the site."

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