

ARCHAEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT

Terms of Reference

If The City of Vaughan, Cultural Heritage does not have any record indicating an archaeological assessment has been completed for the proposed property the following applies:

Per the ***Ontario Planning Act**, Section 2.6.2 and ****Vaughan Official Plan** Section 6.4.1.1(c), the requirement to adhere to the following archaeological conditions of any future development on the subject lands are the following:

1. The proponent shall at their expense carry out:
 - an archaeological assessment of the entire development property
 - mitigate through documentation, preservation or resource removal all adverse impacts to any significant archaeological resources found
2. The property will be assessed by a consultant archaeologist, licensed by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (under the provisions of the Ontario Heritage Act -R.S.O. 1990); and any significant sites found will be properly mitigated (avoided or excavated), prior to the initiation of construction, servicing, landscaping or other land disturbances.
3. The approving authority will confirm all archaeological resources have met resource conservation requirements on the subject property prior to approving any demolition, grading or soil disturbances.
4. The consultant archaeologist will submit:
 - 1:10,000 scale mapping that clearly outlines the limits of the property subject to assessment and the locations of any new archaeological site locations;
 - a copy of the relevant assessment report(s) all to the Cultural Services Department, in accordance with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists, 2010*.
5. Consultation with First Nations communities is mandatory for archaeological assessments that meet certain criteria, including but not limited to all Stage 3 to Stage 4 assessments. More information regarding consultation with First Nations communities can be found in the living document *Engaging Aboriginal Communities in Archaeology, 2010* available on the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport website.
6. The landowner should be aware that areas deemed to be of high archaeological significance by a licensed archaeologist, including but not limited to First Nations village and ossuary sites, shall be excluded from the calculation of developable area of a property, and may be included as a part of open space land dedications.
7. Prior to final approval of any Development Planning or Building Permit application, the owner shall agree that no development or grading shall occur on any site identified as being archaeologically significant as a result of the archaeological evaluation carried out on the property, until such time as protective and measures of all significant archaeological sites have been fulfilled to the satisfaction of the Ministry Tourism, Culture, and Sport (Archaeology Unit) and the municipality.

8. Areas deemed to have no remaining archaeological integrity by the consultant archaeologist will be excluded from the zone of archaeological potential.
9. In areas where there is no identified archaeological potential, the following standard clauses apply for lands being disturbed for development/construction, as required by the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport:
 - *Should archaeological resources be found on the property during construction activities, all work must cease and both the Ontario Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport the City of Vaughan's Development Planning Department, Urban Design and Cultural Heritage Section shall be notified immediately.*
 - *In the event that human remains are encountered during construction activities, the proponent must immediately cease all construction activities. The proponent shall contact the York Regional Police Department, the Regional Coroner and the Registrar of the Cemeteries Regulation Unit of the Ministry of Consumer Services.*

***Ontario Planning Act**, Section 2.6.2 states: "development and site alteration shall only be permitted on lands containing archaeological resources or areas of archaeological potential if the significant archaeological resources conserved by removal and documentation, or by preservation on site."

****Vaughan Official Plan 2010**, Section 6.4.1.1(c) states: "To support the recognition, protection and conservation of archaeological sites in Vaughan by requiring the submission of an Archaeological Assessment, to the City's satisfaction, for all development applications in areas where the City has determined there may be archaeological potential".