

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Saima Tufail - City Clerk, City of Port Colborne

Denise Landry – Chief Planner, City of Port Colborne

Chris Roome – Planner, City of Port Colborne

From: Brett Espensen

Date: August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023

RE: **Timeline of Natural Heritage Assessments and Environmental Impact Study for 480 Northland Avenue, City of Port Colborne**

The timeline provided below is submitted on behalf of Mr. Ralph Rotella and intended to summarize works related to the Environmental Impact Study (EIS) being completed for 480 Northland Avenue, City of Port Colborne. The following timeline provides dates and brief descriptions of the works completed on the Subject Property as part of the EIS and subsequent addendums to address Niagara Region natural heritage comments. The timeline of events are as follows:

- **November 25, 2016** – Retained by Mr. Ralph Rotella to prepare an Environmental Impact Study to assess potential impacts associated with a proposed development on the property located north of 480 Northland Avenue, in the City of Port Colborne
- **November 2016** – Initial botanical inventory and site assessment of Subject Property.
- **April - October 2017** – Botanical inventories, breeding bird surveys and other investigations associated with the EIS.
- **April - June 2018** – Additional assessments of the property to incorporate into EIS.
- **July 2018** – Draft copy of EIS completed.
- **July 2018 – November 2019** – Ongoing discussions between study team. Final version of EIS completed and submitted to City of Port Colborne.
- **February 2020** – EIS comments received from Niagara Region.
- **Spring 2020** – Reductions in staff availability and movement restrictions related to COVID-19 resulted in postponement of seasonally dependent natural heritage inventories required to address Niagara Region comments.
- **June 2021** – Acoustic bat monitoring and Butternut Health Assessment completed to address Niagara Region natural heritage comments.

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- **August 2021 – February 2022** – Data analysis and communication with province.
- **May – November 2022** – Draft response to comments submitted to client for review. Ongoing editing of natural heritage response and agency consultation.
- **November 8, 2022** – Colville Consulting submitted the first EIS addendum in response to Region and City comments.
- **December 5, 2022** – Email from Niagara Region staff responding to EIS Addendum submitted on November 8, 2022.
- **December 6, 2022** – Email from Port Colborne Senior Planner addressing Niagara Region comments. Relating to the Region staff questions on applicable policies.
- **April 10, 2023** – Colville Consulting submitted a second EIS addendum to address Niagara Region natural heritage comments.
- **May 2, 2023** – Email from Niagara Region staff responding to second EIS Addendum.
- **May – Present 2023** – Correspondence with property owner. Ongoing botanical work to address remaining Niagara Region natural heritage comments.
- **August – September 2023** – Seed collection and plant relocations to satisfy the last outstanding Niagara Region natural heritage concerns.

I trust the above information assists in clarifying timelines associated with completion of the EIS and subsequent addendums related to the ongoing development application for 480 Northland Avenue. Please call me or Ian Barrett at 905-935-2161 or email [Brett@colvilleconsultinginc.com](mailto:Brett@colvilleconsultinginc.com) or [Ian@colvilleconsultinginc.com](mailto:Ian@colvilleconsultinginc.com) if you have any questions regarding the contents of this letter.

Regards,



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