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Laura and Scott Stratton  
2357 Lakeside Road  
Part Lot 32, Con. 11 (Dummer)  
Township of Douro-Dummer

Re: Curve Lake First Nation Consultation for the proposed demolition of the existing cottage, and proposed build of a permanent residence located at 2357 Lakeside Road in the Geographic Township of Dummer, Township of Douro-Dummer.

Subject: Acknowledgement of Cottage Addition Project - Stratton -  
2357 Lakeside Road in the Geographic Township of Dummer, Township of Douro-Dummer

Aaniin Laura and Scott Stratton,

Thank you for proactively informing Curve Lake First Nation of your planned addition to your existing cottage at 2357 Lakeside Road in the geographic Township of Douro-Dummer. We understand that your project involves rebuilding over the original footprint without excavation and the construction of a wrap-around deck supported by post blocks.

Your proposed project is located within the Traditional Territory of Curve Lake First Nation, which is a signatory to several treaties. Specifically, it falls within Treaty 20 of 1818, the Williams Treaties of 1923, and the Williams Treaties First Nations Settlement Agreement of 2018. As you are aware, Curve Lake First Nation reserves the right to be consulted about projects and involved in decision making processes occurring in our Territory, especially where potential impacts to the Rights or interests of our community may exist. As such, we have developed [Consultation and Accommodation Standards](#) which outlines the minimum standards and expectations for consultation and engagement activities. We appreciate that you have proactively informed Curve Lake First Nation of your project and its associated activities, which begins the consultation process.

Upon review, we note the proximity of your property to a watercourse, as observed through available mapping. Our consultation typically focuses on potential impacts to the natural environment, particularly concerning species of specific cultural, spiritual, and relational value, as well as any potential effects on watercourses and waterbodies, including adjacent lands and wetlands. We also consider potential impacts to cultural heritage and archaeological resources. Curve Lake First Nation has adopted an [Archaeological Protocol](#), which outline the minimum standards we expect to be followed within our Territory. It is our expectation that terrestrial archaeological assessments occur before any new ground disturbance activities take place.



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Should any permanent or temporary alterations to shorelines or underwater alterations take place, it is our expectation that an underwater archaeological assessment take place. This includes the expansion of docks or increase in boating traffic and propellor wash.

Please note that we have particular concern for the remains of our ancestors. Should your project unearth remains, bones or other such evidence of a native burial site or any Archaeological findings, we must be notified without delay. In the case of a burial site, Curve Lake First Nation reminds you of your obligations under the *Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act* to notify the nearest First Nation Government or other community of Aboriginal people which is willing to act as a representative and whose members have a close cultural affinity to the interred person. As I am sure you are aware, the regulations further state that the representative is needed before the remains and associated artifacts can be removed. Should such a find occur, we request that you contact our First Nation immediately.

Based on the preliminary information and images provided, the described construction method of rebuilding over the existing footprint and using post blocks for the deck appears to minimize ground disturbance.

At this time, we have no further concerns regarding the project. If any new, undisclosed or unforeseen issues should arise, that has potential for anticipated negative environmental impacts or anticipated impacts on our Treaty and Aboriginal rights we require that we be notified regarding these as well.

We kindly request that you keep us informed of any changes to your project plans.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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