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Permit Number: 2023-0362
Branch Interim Report No.: 2023-0362-001 V2
Client Interim Report No.: N/A

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Dear Susan O'Bryan, Ethan Hoffman:

Re: Interim Report Archaeological Impact Assessment of McElhanney's Rip-Rap Project along the Doré River Interim Report

The Archaeology Branch has reviewed the above report that was prepared by Norcan Consulting Limited under Permit 2023-0362.

The Branch concurs with the findings that the proposed project location contains no archaeological or cultural heritage resources, and that the rip-rap installations may proceed.

Due to the continued erosion within the project area, the consultant has made some conditional recommendations to which the Branch also agrees with:

- 1.) If the scope of erosion extends 5m beyond the river margin prior to the start of development, thereby expanding the scope of the proposed rip rap works, then archaeological monitoring is recommended.
- 2.) If the scope of erosion extends 10m beyond the river margin prior to the start of development, thereby expanding the scope of the proposed rip rap works, then subsurface testing in advance is recommended.

Should newly-identified, Heritage Conservation Act-protected sites be observed during rip rap installation, work must stop and direction sought from the Archaeology Branch. HCA Permit 2023-0362 will remain open until April 2026, so the archaeological consultant can monitor and conduct additional testing as needed.

Sincerely,

Ministry of Forests

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