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Scarlett Janusas Archaeology Inc. is a full service archaeological firm able to conduct both land and underwater/marine archaeological assessments.

From time to time, SJA I will produce an email newsletter to provide our clients with current information, reminders, and an opportunity to review some of our more interesting finds, and we urge you to visit our website at www.actionarchaeology.ca.

SJA I has been in business since the early 1980s, is a member in good standing with the Association of Professional Archaeologists (Ontario) (Scarlett Janusas served as President for two terms, and is currently the Past President to assist with transition), and is also a member of the Canadian Association of Heritage Professionals.

We are experts in both prehistoric and historic archaeological assessments and mitigation, and have conducted projects across the province for all sizes and types of projects.

SJA I is well known for its ability to complete fieldwork and reports in a timely manner, and for quality work. SJA I has a good relationship with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and our senior staff all carry active and valid archaeological licenses.



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CAUTIONARY NOTE ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL LICENSES

One of Scarlett Janusas Archaeology Inc.'s recent clients unknowingly engaged an archaeological consultant who did not have an active archaeological license. The individual conducted work without having filed a project information form (PIF) with the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport (MTCS), or receiving the go-ahead to do the work. The client was unable to receive any communication or report from the individual after the fieldwork was completed, and engaged SJAI to conduct the assessment. Fortunately, the client had not paid any monies to the individual.

If the report had been processed by the individual, it could not have been reviewed by the MTCS. It would have been considered non-compliant, as the work was done without the proper paperwork in place. Time and possibly money would have been expended to start the process again.

For years, the Association of Professional Archaeologists (Ontario) has been lobbying the MTCS to produce an active list that indicates whether an archaeologist holds a valid/active license. It simply makes sense to disclose this information, much as in the same way, it is important to know if a doctor or lawyer is still in good standing.

The MTCS is preparing a list of license holders, but will still not (yet) indicate whether the licenses are active or valid. It is very important to know if the archaeologist you retain has an active or valid license. The lack of a valid license may set projects back significantly.

Scarlett Janusas is one of the primary license holders in Scarlett Janusas Archaeology Inc. The license is valid, and current, and the firm SJAI is in good standing with the MTCS. SJAI also has three additional professional license holders: all are active and in good standing with the MTCS.



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PROJECT SIZE AND LOCATION

Scarlett Janusas Archaeology Inc. accepts projects, regardless of size or location. SJAI has sufficient staff to undertake the large projects, but will never decline a small project.

Each project is treated with the same regard for quality and timeliness.

While the main office is based in Tobermory, Ontario – staff is distributed across the province, and travelling to project destinations has never been an issue. Our experience in southern, eastern and northern Ontario makes us the perfect fit for every project.

Our projects have included areas no more than 200 square feet in size to 87,000 square kilometres in size. From small residential additions, aggregate pits, residential and commercial subdivisions, green energy projects to expansive transmission lines – we have you covered!

UNDERWATER/MARINE ASSESSMENTS

Underwater/marine assessments are becoming more frequently required prior to development. Underwater pipelines, drinking water systems, waste water management, green energy, marina development, made land projects are just some of the projects that now require a marine archaeological assessment.

Scarlett Janusas has been conducting marine archaeological assessments since the late 1970s. The MTCS has told SJAI that our reports are held up to others (proponents and archaeological consultants) as the desired end result. Simply put, - we do it right!

Our services include background research and both shallow and deep water archaeology. One of our projects this year involved conducting 3D modelling of a crib near Burleigh Falls, Ontario. A 2D profile is illustrated below.



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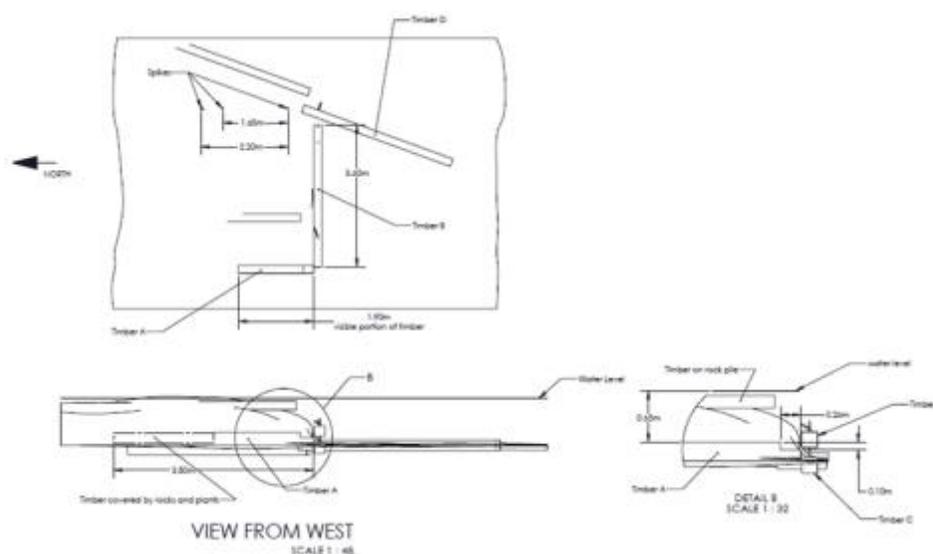
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PROJECT TIMING

The earlier that you plan your project, the quicker it will get into the system for review. Commencement of any project may be delayed by poor weather (the Standards and Guidelines for Consulting Archaeologists (S & G's) indicate acceptable conditions). Poor weather includes snow, frozen ground, excessive drought or flooding, poor lighting, and even excessive fog. Any areas that can be ploughed are required by the S & G's to be ploughed prior to assessment. Making arrangements for someone to plough a property can delay a project. Once a property has been ploughed, it must be weathered (subject to at least one heavy rainfall or several smaller rainfalls). This is obviously weather dependent, although some clients have opted for bringing in water trucks, and literally creating rainfall on their properties to speed things along. Finding someone to plough a property in these days of "no till" has become increasingly difficult. SJAI has a list of farmers willing to plough in certain areas, and can assist with the process.

If archaeological resources are located in the field, and it is recommended that additional work (as prescribed in the S & G's) is required; more time will be required to conduct the Stage 3 and possibly even a Stage 4 archaeological assessment.

Once reports are submitted to the MTCS for review – there



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is a waiting period over which the archaeological consultant has little control. If there is a legitimate reason to request an expedited report review (MTCS is now asking for proponent to provide a letter stating reason, providing proof of the reason, and a date by which the review needs to be completed by), the process might be facilitated. It takes up to 10 days to "process" the report package. The consultant is then alerted that the report package has been accepted, and that the report will be put into the general pile (unless accompanied by an expedited review request). The MTCS has said – first come, first serve – DOES NOT APPLY. If there is a legitimate time line that must be met, SJAI advises that all proponents provide a detailed letter with documentation with a request for an expedited review of the report. This letter is sent to the archaeologist and attached as part of the report package.

The MTCS indicated recently to the Association of Professional Archaeologists (Ontario) that there are between 2000 and 2100 reports still in the system awaiting review.

AN INTERESTING PROJECT

SJAI had the opportunity to conduct Stage 3 archaeological assessment on what might be one of the older grist mill sites in the province. This site is located in Caledon and is well documented historically. The site itself is overgrown with trees and tall grasses, and has undergone some activities that have either obscured or destroyed part of the mill site. The foundation walls of the former mill site were located, and a Stage 4 excavation of the foundation has been recommended. Based on historical research and comparative studies, SJAI determined that the grist mill site was probably two, possibly three storeys tall, allowing mill users to access the mill from the road (located at a much higher elevation than the top of the foundation). Gravity feed would have delivered the grain to the grinding stones for processing below. The mill would have been water driven, and there is evidence of a tail race, although the head race is



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removed from the site at some distance, suggesting that water may have been directed to the site through a system of flumes. The mill dates to 1827.



Exposing the mill foundation wall

We hope you enjoyed this newsletter, and will consider using, or continuing to use the services Scarlett Janusas Archaeology Inc. can provide.

While winter work can be done under canvas, and at great expense, we advise clients to have projects completed during the normal field seasons (late spring, summer and into late fall).

If you have any questions with respect to this newsletter, other projects we have undertaken, services we can offer, or general archaeological questions, please feel free to contact us.