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

SJAI produces a periodic email newsletter to provide clients with current information, reminders, and an opportunity to review some of our more interesting finds, but we urge you to visit our website at [www.actionarchaeology.ca](http://www.actionarchaeology.ca).

SJAI 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 (CAHP), Society of Historical Archaeology (SHA), Council for Northeastern Historic Archaeology (CNEHA), and the Ontario Marine Heritage Committee (OMHC).

We are experts in both prehistoric and historic archaeological resources, and have conducted projects across the province for **all size and types of projects, and all stages (Stage 1 – 4)**.

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



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## **HERE'S WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING**

From Bart Lavis, Project Manager, Leader Resources

"I'm so very pleased that we were able to pull this off! It doesn't get any tighter than this project and thankfully we got the rain. Thanks for your efforts and expertise Scarlett. It was a pleasure working with you again."

"We have reviewed the report and we are impressed with the expeditious turnaround and professional nature of your work."

SJAI is always pleased to assist our clients with projects and professionalism is key to our organization.

## **NOTE ON ARCHAEOLOGICAL LICENSES**

Due to the diligence and persistence of the Ontario Association of Professional Archaeologists, the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport has published a list of licensed consultants on their webpage, and they are committed to updating it on a monthly basis, to assure proponents that the license holder holds a valid license. Land licenses are renewed every three years, and marine licenses are issued on a project by project basis. **Individuals** are licensed, not companies.

Scarlett Janusas renewed her three year land based archaeological license in November 2014, having no outstanding issues with the Ministry. Underwater licenses are applied for on a project by project basis.

## **PRIORITY SEQUENCING**

If you have a large project in which many archaeological sites have been located and recommended for additional archaeological assessment – SJAI can accommodate construction schedules by conducting assessments based on the development priority sequencing.

## **IF HUMAN BURIALS ARE FOUND:**

The Cemeteries Act, and the Funeral and Cremation Services Act (when proclaimed) require anyone



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discovering human remains to report the discovery to the authorities (police/coroner). Archaeologists are also required to comply with the relevant provisions of the Cemeteries Act (Regulation 133/92, Burial Sites) as a condition of their archaeological license.

If human remains are encountered during land development, all construction and disturbance of soil must STOP until such time that authorities have been allowed to investigate and the Registrar of Cemeteries has been consulted.

The Act requires that descendants or representatives of those buried be consulted regarding final disposition of the remains.

SJAI has experience in dealing with human remains.

### **WHO KEEPS THE ARTIFACTS?**

This is a question we are regularly asked, and sadly, the answer is ambiguous. The rules differ depending on if the land is owned federally (e.g. national park, FN reserves, etc. – federal government retains records and artifacts). The government of Ontario does not “assert” ownership of the artifacts, but sets out the regulations governing archaeology in the province.

1. Only a licensed archaeologist may collect or excavate artifacts.
2. Under the license, the archaeologist is charged with holding the artifacts in trust for the people of Ontario.
3. The archaeologist can transfer the collections to an approved (by the MTCS) public institution such as a museum, etc.

The Ministry sums it up by saying “every resident of Ontario owns them [artifacts], but no single individual does.

This is an additional regulatory obligation to the archaeologist who now has to store and manage the collections.



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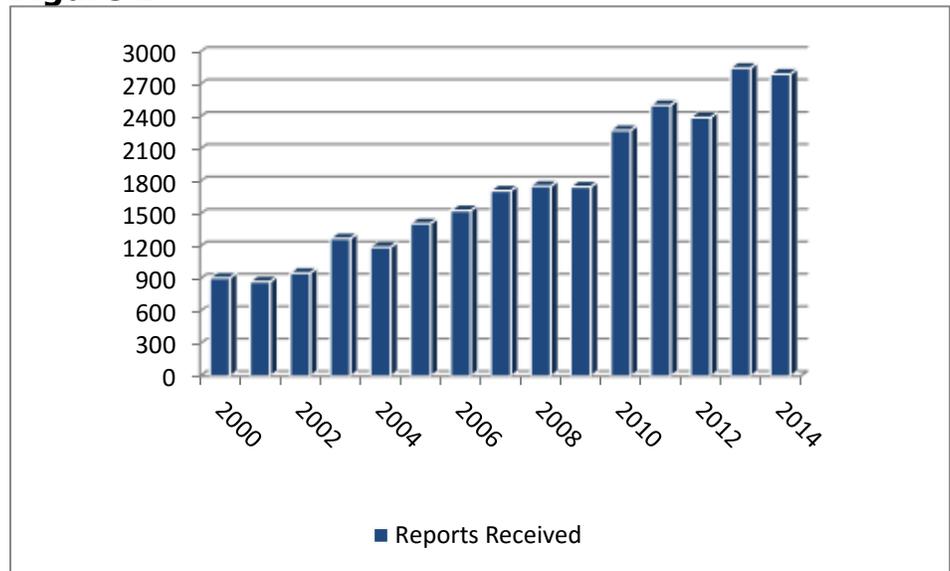
## **NEWS FROM THE MTCS – REPORT REVIEW**

*Taken from newsletter of APA Spring 2015*

### Reports Awaiting Review

In the past 10 years, the archeology program has seen an almost tripling of archaeological reports submitted for review (Figure 1). The increase in volume can be attributed to several factors, including a boom in the housing development market, increased infrastructure spending, and the government's green energy agenda (e.g., approximately 20% of the increase can be attributed to reports associated with renewable energy projects).

**Figure 1**



Reports are currently reviewed based on identified priorities such as renewable energy projects, provincial and municipal infrastructure projects, and large residential developments. These priorities have increased the pressure to complete reviews under expedited timelines. As a result, the program has dedicated most resources to accomplish this task, and in turn, reports that do not fit high priority criteria are deemed lower priority for review and are usually addressed in sequence.

However, the ministry has put in place an expedited review process to address situations where a proponent, who's project does not fit the high priority criteria, but requires a review quickly (e.g., an impending municipal decision on a housing development, or an important banking deadline). In those cases, a formal request can



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be made to the ministry for the review to be expedited. Currently, the ministry's goal is to have the reviews completed within 20 business days, once the report package is deemed complete.

At various times between 2009 and 2015 work has been undertaken by the ministry to stabilize or reduce the backlog of reports requiring review. The undertaking is usually accompanied by an influx of review letters sent to licensees. Since December 2014, Program staff has been working on a backlog project. This includes several staff dedicated to reviewing these reports. Currently, there are approximately 1700 reports awaiting review. To put this in perspective, approximately 13,000 reports have been submitted to the ministry between 2010 and March 2015. The reports awaiting review represent approximately 13% of that total. While licensees will be receiving review letters for reports submitted as far back as 2010, the vast majority of reports awaiting review have been received in the past two years.

Since 2011, the backlog strategy has shifted focus from simply catching up to implementing new processes that would reduce the number of reports becoming part of a backlog. These include:

- Implementation of the *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists* - resulted in a clearer set of rules and expectations.
- Launch of PastPort - resulted in better tracking, reduced the duplication of data being entered and more consistent review practices. PastPort was designed based on the existing systems, but to reduce the time needed by a reviewer to complete a review.
- Changes to the report review process - including focusing reviews on key indicators of compliance, and entering reports into the register without a technical review when determined to be low risk.
- New protocols including incomplete and non-compliant reports are designed to reduce the time required for the review of a report.



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- The process for assigning reports was revised to balance the review turnaround times throughout the province.

### **WHYAREN'T YOU USING SJAI?**

SJAI is especially geared to the needs of the development, green energy, infrastructure and resource extraction sectors. We are very experienced at stick handling projects through government regulations. And we work fast!

We are certain that if you are not already partnering with SJAI on projects, that we will be of **value** to you and that using SJAI will save you and your team a lot of time and frustration.

You may currently be using a different archaeological company – but is it the right fit for you and your company? Are you ready for a positive change? We hope that you will give SJAI an opportunity to show you our commitment to getting your project through the process. For more information, you can view our web page at: [www.actionarchaeology.ca](http://www.actionarchaeology.ca), or call us at 519-374-1119.

### **FINAL WORD!**

SJAI is excited about every project we undertake, and sometimes we are able to record important history found through the archaeological record. One such project that SJAI undertook was that of Tugboat Basin, a proposed waterfront development in Thunder Bay. One of the "artifacts" found, now with its face underwater with the higher lake levels, was the remnant of an old barge. The challenge of this site is that one side is underwater, and the larger part on land. There is very little data on barges in Ontario providing SJAI with a wonderful data collecting opportunity.

Barges are considered the workhorses of the shipping industry, and this barge (and some other marine features) represents one of the last remnants of an important past in the development of the Thunder Bay waterfront.

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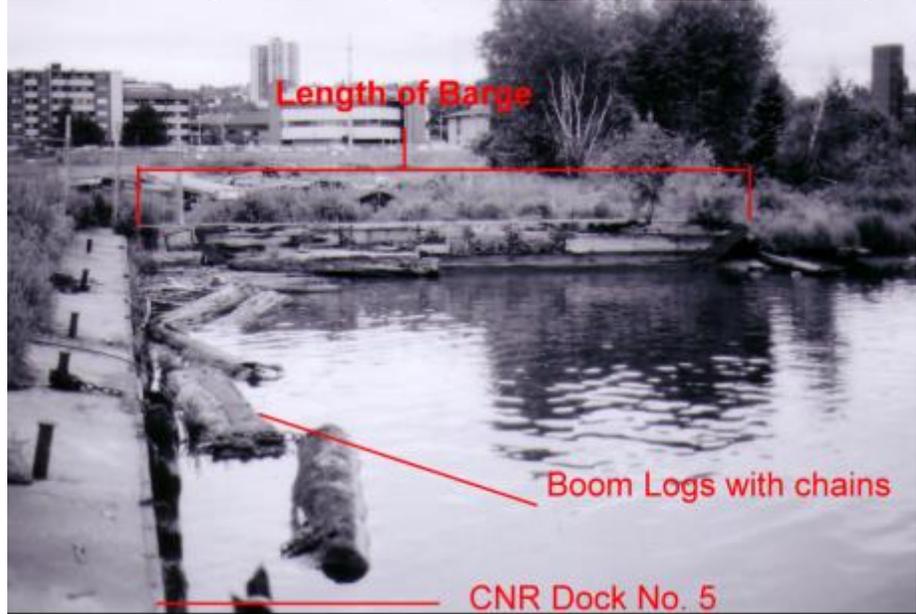
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The following are a couple of photographs of the barge.



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