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## President's Report, March 04, 2016

2015 was a rocky year for the APA and resulted in a challenging start for the newly elected board. The new directors had to quickly find their footing, set the tone, and decide on urgent actions without the luxury of slowly easing themselves into the job. This change is an opportunity for a positive start, and I am happy to report that the board as a whole is committed to proceeding with a strong emphasis on good communication, transparency, and a collaborative approach. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the members that stepped forward to submit their names as candidates during the elections.

The new board was surprised to start their term with an unexpected challenge – a complaint to the Human Rights Tribunal by a member of the association. The board took this complaint very seriously and started a collaborative process that led to a settlement. As part of the settlement, a donation was made towards a fund that will ensure access and proper accommodation for members with disabilities. The board sincerely regrets the events that led to this complaint, as well as any hardships caused. It is clear that moving forward, we need to focus on ethics not only when it relates to archaeological practices, but also as employers and colleagues. We are committed to make every effort to prevent a situation such as this from reoccurring. I welcome any suggestions for future training and workshops, in the meantime, [please take a look at this link](#) and watch the short instructional videos (left hand column top of page 2).

The next urgent concern on our agenda is to establish a renewed relationship with MTCS and start a meaningful discussion. The initial focus will be on one-year restricted licences that were introduced in 2014, followed by topics

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such as the upcoming review of the standards and guidelines. Please let us know of any concerns or issues that you would like us to address and discuss with the ministry. We recently circulated a short survey to all of our members as well as to other professional licence holders in Ontario. Thank you to those who took the time to fill in and submit the survey; if you haven't and can contribute, please do so. [The survey can be found here](#). You can assist us by sharing your relevant experiences.

Also on our agenda for this year will be revisions to the Constitution and By-Laws., ensuring structural consistency and eventual compliance with the upcoming [Not-For-Profit Corporation Act](#). We will be busy working on these revisions and welcome your feedback on the subject.

Our committees will need to be reinstated and will actively start working on education, First Nations relationships, northern affairs, field directors issues, Constitution and By-Law revisions, communications, investigation, financial stability, and membership growth. As for the latter, our goal is raise membership numbers through a membership drive.

As representatives of the professional community we can make a positive impact in the areas that matter most to this community, but we need to stay relevant by maintaining and growing our member base. Please encourage your colleagues to join the association and contribute their voice. The Association of Professional Archaeologists is you. The board's responsibility is to represent you and your interests and it is your responsibility to let us know what is important to you and what you wish to see happen in the coming years. I hope that you will find the time to send me your thoughts either through the [APA email](#), [personally](#), or through the members' forum. I know that the directors and officers will consider them all and will work hard for you during our terms on the APA board.

Margie Kenedy

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**APA Letter to Peter Armstrong, MTCS re: Conditional Licences**

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Dear Peter,

I am writing on behalf of the APA to notify you and the rest of the Branch of recent changes to the Board of Directors and Executive of the Ontario Association of Professional Archaeologists (APA). As a result of the vote held on Sunday, October 18, 2015 at the APA Annual General Meeting, a new Board of Directors was elected. Communication among the directors led to the election of the following Executive:

President – Margie Kenedy  
Vice-President – Andrew Hinshelwood  
Secretary/Treasurer – Cathy Crinnion  
First Nations – Bill Fox  
Newsletter/Investigations – Laurie Jackson  
Northern Director – Dave Norris  
Membership – Carla Parslow  
Field Directors – Shane McCartney  
Past President – Sue Bazely

Our membership remain keenly interested in engaging the ministry on a number of issues. Among these issues are:

- Our participation in the five-year review of the *Standards and Guidelines for Consultant Archaeologists*, which we believe is scheduled for 2016. Our members feel that we can provide valuable insight to the review process individually and through APA contributions;
- Licensing issues, including licences with conditions (i.e. one-year term renewals), refusals to renew licenses, report review standards, and the criteria for initiating inspections. Many licensees are concerned that the process has not been sufficiently transparent. The unfortunate consequence of this is uncertainty and, in some instances, mistrust of the ministry's commitment to equal treatment. The APA is willing to work with the ministry to ensure that criteria for evaluating a licensed archaeologist's work is fair and equitable;

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List of Archaeologists Licenced in  
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Last Update to MTCS Licence List:

February 24, 2016

Finally, as we move into a new era of Crown relationships with Aboriginal and Metis communities, the APA feel that the current guidance on engaging Aboriginal communities in archaeological assessment must be updated, and the ministry's interest in this process clarified. Our members have a wealth of practical experience implementing the current direction, and would be well positioned to assist the ministry moving forward.

We believe that the APA and MTCS have enjoyed a productive and mutually beneficial relationship, expressed, in part, in the quarterly meetings held between the last APA Executive and members of your staff. It is our hope that the new executive will be able to continue to meet with you and your staff and continue to discuss areas of mutual interest in cultural heritage policy development, implementation, and operational concerns.

We will be in touch with your office in the near future to discuss possible meeting dates, formats and topics for discussion. If you wish to contact us, you may email me or the APA directly. We look forward to a productive working relationship between the ministry and our new Executive.

Kind regards,

Andrew Hinshelwood  
Vice-President, APA

**APA Survey on Conditional Licences (update):**

Although results are still coming in, we already have eight respondents and thought it useful to share some patterns and discrepancies. Some were notified of their changed status by e-mail, others learned through Pastport. Some were given detailed explanation of the reasons for conditional status, some were not. Most requested additional explanation and some were satisfied while others continue to ask for facts. Some were puzzled by inconsistency in reasons for a conditional licence when they compared with others and most found remedial measures unclear. Most experienced considerable delay in response/processing time for their renewal and some were allowed to lapse but told licences are deemed to continue unless revoked. Some were renewed for only one year, others for three years. MTCS notification, explanation of conditions, and remediation all show inconsistencies suggesting a process which is not clear or well defined. Appeal mechanisms are not available. Watch for a more complete investigation result shortly. The more information you share the better we can inform the community and act as a group.

## Committee Volunteers Needed

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## Call for Volunteers

Some of you indicated an interest in being more involved with the association when you applied for membership. We have opportunities for you listed below. Please contact the designated director if you think that you could contribute in any way.

**Membership** – Two members are needed for the Membership Committee to work with Carla Parslow, Membership Chair, and Margie Kenedy. Please contact Carla if you are interested.

**Education** – David Gadzala recently stepped forwards to chair the education committee. We need more members to join and help with envisioning and organizing new educational material and workshops. If you are interested please contact David.

**First Nations** – Bill Fox is forging ahead with new and renewed relationships. Bill worked with First Nations communities in Ontario and across Canada from Quebec to BC since the early 1970's. He also worked closely with Inuit communities of Pangnirtung and Baker Lake and Inuvialuit of western Arctic hamlets. Please let him know if you can help.

**Northern Affairs** – Dave Norris is looking for northern spirits to assist with bringing awareness to issues that relate to northern Ontario. Check out his profile in this newsletter and give him a shout if you are interested in helping.

**Field Director Liaison** – Shane McCartney will be looking after field directors interests and bring forth issues and concerns that may be related specifically to that. If you would like to help, or have any concerns that you would like Shane to deal with please contact Shane.

**Investigations** – Laurie Jackson is seeking names of individuals to be on call as investigations committee members. An investigation is an intense process and may come up at any time. Volunteers should be willing to dedicate a block of time and be capable of carrying out interviews, keeping accurate notes, and gather evidence, without concern for positive or negative community perception. Please contact Laurie.

Site BbGl-10 Hastings, Ontario

Boyle, David A. 1897 Mounds. Annual Archaeological Report, Ontario. pp. 14-57, Toronto.

Kenyon, Walter A. 1986 Mounds of Sacred Earth: Burial Mounds of Ontario. Archaeology Monograph 9, Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto.

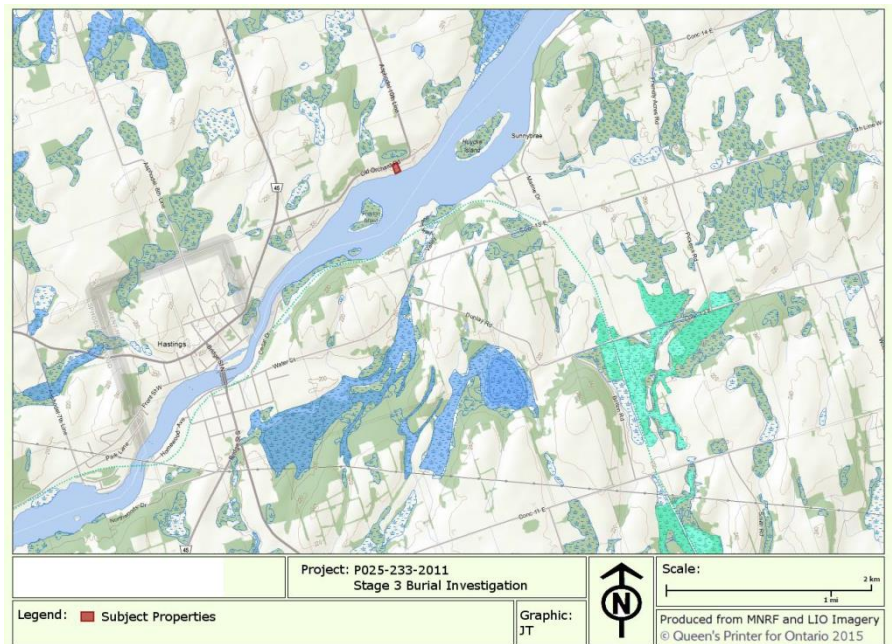
## Research Note on a Middle Woodland Burial Mound by L. Jackson

In the fall of 2011, the OPP investigated human remains accidentally dislodged by construction machinery on the north bank of the Trent River. A major archaeological recovery effort was subsequently undertaken at this highly disturbed First Nation site. Preliminary work showed the intact profile of a burial mound which had been 80 per cent destroyed. Back in 1897, archaeologist David Boyle of the Royal Ontario Museum reported on excavations of the Preston Mound group, three contiguous mounds along the north side of the Trent River below Hastings in the same area as the mound discovered in 2011. Recovered artifacts from his excavations identify this as a Middle Woodland burial complex. The area is today occupied by numerous homes with driveways and landscaping and the original mounds are no longer detectable. The site has a high and commanding view of the Trent River and its islands (see Figure 1).

*Located about a mile downstream from the town of Hastings and on the north side of the Trent River, this cluster of three mounds is also known as the Preston mounds because the property on which they stood was owned by John Preston at the time of Boyle's visit. The mounds were strung out in a line at the top of a steep slope that dropped off into the river. The largest structure was a linear mound 80 feet (14.4 m) long 22 feet (6.7 m) wide, and 3 ½ feet (1.1 m) high. Its major axis was parallel to the river, which runs east and west at that point. Sixty five feet (19.8 m) west of the linear mound was an oval mound with a major axis of 19 feet (5.8 m), a minor axis of 15 feet (4.6 m) and a maximum height of 2 feet (0.6 m). Its major axis, like that of the linear mound, was parallel to the river. The remaining mound was the smallest of the three, but Boyle failed to report its dimensions. He tells us only that it was located 80 feet (24.4m) east of the linear mound (Kenyon 1986:15).*



**Figure 1 Location of Hastings Middle Woodland Mound along Trent River.**



When called to the project, we were faced with the daunting prospect of recovering fragmented remains from a mound torn apart by machinery, mixed with tons of basement excavation clay, and spread over a residential property including a high and steep slope down to the Trent River. A small part of the intact mound was preserved on a property boundary (see Figure 2). Field directors were Lawrence Jackson and Justin Tighe for the primary site investigation, and James Conolly, Jeramy Dodds and Jeff Dillane for the recovery operation. Work began in 2011 screening spoil piles with Northeastern crew and trained Williams Treaty staff. . The high volume of clay fill significantly slowed screening and it took three seasons to complete. This included recovery of soil graded downslope to the Trent River. Hundreds of tons were hand screened, both at the site, and at a secure location at Hiawatha First Nation when it became clear it would take years to finish the screening. The landowner was able to complete basic house construction before winter in January 2012. Screening continued at Hiawatha First Nation in 2012 to 2014. Kate Dougherty of Trent University kindly undertook analysis of the human remains, assisted by Arthor Otskinau.

**Figure 2 Exposed Profile of Hastings Mound Remnant at Property Boundary, 2011**



Dozens of individuals of all ages and both sexes were present. Skeletal completeness was minimal, some as little as 5%. Since the entire disturbed area was subject to 100% screening, it is clear that there had been multiple prior disturbance events. Throughout the field work traditional ceremony was used to show respect for the ancestors. Numerous diagnostic artifacts were found including a stone platform pipe, stone disc, marine shell ornaments, numerous drilled shell beads, projectile points and Middle Woodland pottery (see Figure 3).

**Figure 3 Shell Ornaments from Disturbed Fill, Hastings Mound Site, 2012-2014**





The recovery operation was completed in 2014 and analysis of materials has continued since then. AMS dating of organic samples is in process with results expected in May of 2016. Our field assistants came from Curve Lake, Alderville, Hiawatha and Beausoleil First Nations. Location of Middle Woodland pottery in stratigraphic context near an in situ burial remnant indicates this is a Middle Woodland site, consistent with artifacts recovered from the Preston Mounds by David Boyle. Ceremonial reburial of remains and burial artifacts is planned for later this year. To the Chiefs, Consultation Co-ordinators, Liaison Staff and Elders of the Williams Treaty First Nations our sincere appreciation for encouragement in a complex process to bring respect to ancestors. Thanks also to Michael D'Mello, Registrar of Cemeteries, for his patience and support with a very challenging project

#### **Northern Ontario Outreach, Dave Norris**

Greetings members of APA. I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself. As you know, my name is Dave Norris and I run a small consulting company called North Shore Archaeology out of Thunder Bay. A bit of history about myself: I received an HBA in Anthropology from Lakehead University, worked for about 6 years in southwestern Manitoba doing various research projects, then moved on to my Masters degree at the University of Saskatchewan. From there I worked in consulting archaeology completing various projects for mines, forestry, infrastructure as well as for small private developers. These projects occurred in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and most notably northwestern Ontario. I am fairly passionate about legislative procedure regarding archaeology and heritage since I have had to adapt to several provincial standards. My office is the boreal forest, and I am extremely interested in how to adapt the S&G's to this environment. How can we efficiently address archaeological issues in such an unforgiving environment? So now that you know a bit about me, for those that are interested in the north, work in the north or want to understand how archeology can and should be done in the north, I invite you to email me regarding issues that you have had. Specifically I am interested in both dealings with MTCS that people have had. I am also interested in an open discussion regarding how others have addressed the standards, what worked vs. what didn't, specifically in the north. As a director for Northern Ontario I will always be free to chat about these issues so shoot me an email if you have questions or concerns with northern Ontario.

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Cheers Dave

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**Oshkigmong: A Place Where I Belong**  
Producers: Melissa Dokis, Anne Taylor

**32 minute DVD, \$10 cost (no HST)**

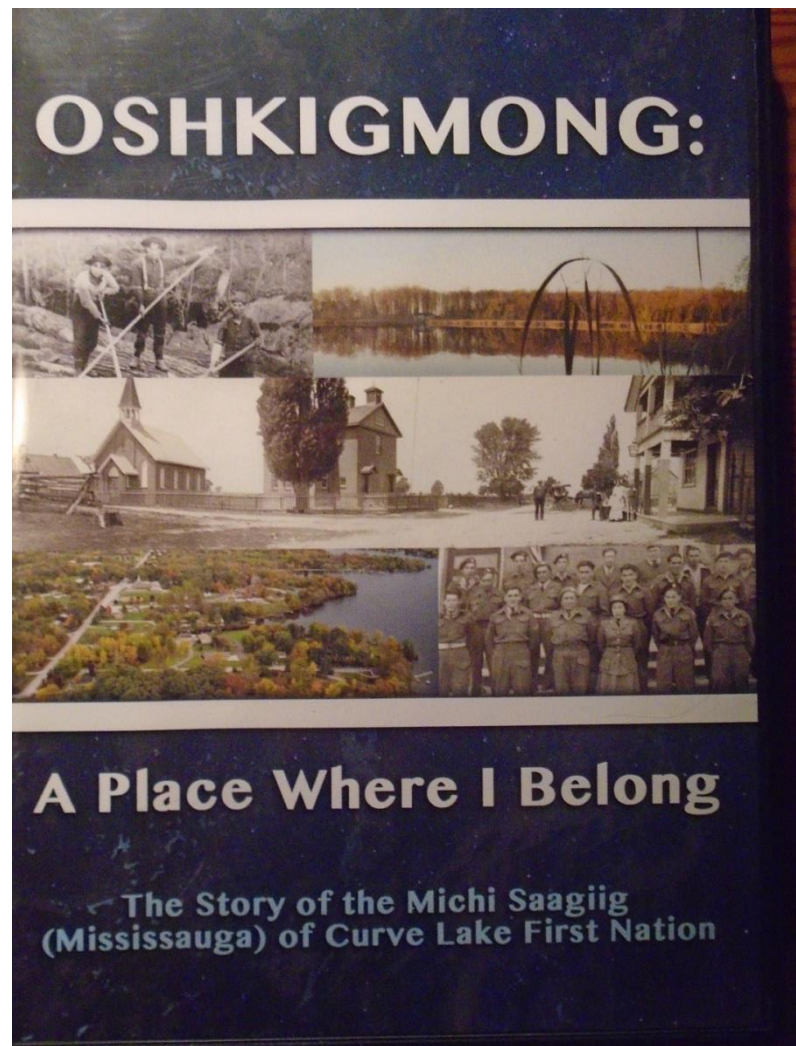
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## **New First Nation Video From Curve Lake, First Nation**

Can you please advertise for us in the APA Newsletter the **Oshkigmong: A Place Where I Belong** video now available for purchase through Curve Lake First Nation. The cost is \$10 each (no HST please). This documentary looks at the unique history of the michi saagig (Mississauga) of Curve Lake First Nation (oshkiigamoong). It highlights the proud history through the treaty process and residual impacts of the 1923 Williams Treaties up to the current day. E-mail me, Melissa Dokis, and our finance department will process payments. Cheques can be made to Curve Lake First Nation. Running time is 32 minutes. All proceeds from the video will go to development of additional videos to preserve Curve Lake history and culture. Miigwech,

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## First Nations Liaison Portfolio

The first weeks of activity in this portfolio have involved renewing communications with Native individuals and communities across Ontario with whom I have worked over the last forty years (for those interested, more details are included in "Grave Reminiscences", an article published in the London Chapter, OAS newsletter *KEWA*, which can be found on my WEB page at Academia.edu.). The first electronic communications involved a request for consultation and accommodation standards which was addressed to communities such as Six Nations, New Credit, Walpole Island and Stoney and Kettle Point, while the second was a wider fan out of information concerning the TRCA First Nations youth scholarships in archaeology (The Sebastien Scholarship for the Boyd Archaeological Field School). Response to the former communication resulted in a request from Walpole Island to include a link to their standards on our WEB site, along with the posting of the Curve Lake FN standards. I expect we will receive further responses from communities such as Six Nations. The scholarship information was also distributed to the Chiefs of Saugeen and Pikwagnagan First Nations.

Over the coming months, I hope to travel to more communities to identify contact persons for future engagement activities. Participation on the Sustainable Archaeology Advisory Committee has provided an opportunity to dialogue regularly with a variety of First Nations representatives, and continuing invitations to participate in the Six Nations Archaeological Monitor training program have further enhanced dialogue with that community. Because many of our Association's members have experience in First Nations liaison, I will be requesting fellow Directors and our general membership to assist in broadening our relationship. Enhanced First Nations connections I expect will strengthen our membership's ability to successfully engage with Indigenous communities, per the Ministry's 2011 draft technical bulletin.

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Dave Norris

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Sue Bazely

**Vice President Needs Your Input With MTCS**

As Vice President of APA, I am the lead in external relations. This includes our primary external contact, MTCS.

The previous Executive initiated quarterly meetings with the ministry to discuss a range of issues of concern to members. These increased the profile of the association with MTCS and established a foundation for ongoing interaction.

In restarting this dialogue, our Executive has agreed to develop terms of reference that identify the higher level concerns we might discuss. In addition, we agreed that we should work to develop a more collaborative relationship that builds on our shared interest in the conservation, protection and preservation of the archaeological resource.

I have identified five general areas where discussions could lead to benefits to members. These are: the relationship between the ministry and APA; licensing; report review and operations; policy, including 'modernisation', and; First Nations engagement.

As I work on the terms of reference, I invite any member with specific or general topics they would like to have raised at these meetings to send their ideas or comments to me. I look forward to bringing your concerns forward to the ministry.

Andrew