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Dear Bronwyn,

#### Reference: Summary of the Archaeological Impact Assessment of the Proposed Coquihalla Development Stockpile Site, Office and Yard (HOP052) (Spread 5B)

This letter summarizes the results of the archaeological impact assessment (AIA) completed by Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) for the Coquihalla Development Stockpile Site, Office and Yard (HOP052) (Figure 1 and Figure 2). It is an excerpt from an interim report (McKnight 2018) that provides AIA results for eight temporary project infrastructure sites along the Trans Mountain Expansion Project (TMEP) right-of-way.

### INTRODUCTION

The 2017 British Columbia Temporary Infrastructure Site Program consists of multi-use sites that are required for Project construction. They consist of offices, camps, stockpile sites, yards and parking areas spread across the TMEP pipeline route from the Alberta boundary to Burnaby, British Columbia.

A desktop overview assessment of the 20 temporary infrastructure sites from the 2017 Temporary Infrastructure Site Program was completed to evaluate the archaeological potential of each proposed site and provide recommendations regarding the appropriate scope of further archaeological work, if any (Stantec 2017). The results of the desktop assessment included recommendations for further archaeological work at eight of the infrastructure sites, including the Coquihalla Development Stockpile Site, Office and Yard, which was assessed to have high archaeological potential based on the area's setting near the Fraser River at its confluence with Jones Creek, and the presence of archaeological sites in similar settings along the river.

The AIA field work for the Coquihalla Development Stockpile Site, Office and Yard was conducted in November 2017 under *Heritage Conservation Act* (HCA) permit 2015-0258.

### RESULTS

The proposed Coquihalla Development Stockpile Site, Office and Yard is a 21.9 ha area located approximately 17 km southwest of Hope, British Columbia. The area is bounded by Jones Creek to the east, the Trans-Canada Highway to the west and north, and Laidlaw Road to the south. Prior to construction of dykes and the highway, the development area would likely have been within the floodplain of the Fraser River, and the eastern portion is within the active floodplain of Jones Creek.

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The AIA consisted of pedestrian survey at 10 m spacing covering the portion of the proposed development footprint within approximately 50 m of Jones Creek, and less intensive judgmental survey traverses of the remaining, heavily disturbed western and central portions of the development area. Both the existing TMPL and the proposed TMEP mainline run northeast-southwest through the development footprint.

The terrain near Jones Creek is low-lying and hummocky, with exposures of river sand and gravels, and dry stream channels that are the result of recent flood episodes. No elevated or well-drained landforms were observed. Portions of the creek bank are reinforced with concrete blocks and boulders or have been disturbed by heavy equipment. The forest cover near the creek is a mix of cottonwood, Douglas fir, paper birch, and western redcedar, with an understory of alder, fern, rose and blackberry. The ground cover consists of moss, grass, and horsetail.

The terrain in the western and central portions of the development area is uneven and featureless and has been logged and has been largely disturbed and stripped by heavy equipment. The ground surface is comprised of exposures of gravel, cobbles, and boulders from the previous disturbances. No intact landforms or exposures of native sediments were observed. The vegetation consists of a young regrowth forest of cottonwood, maple, western redcedar, and Douglas fir, with an understory of alder, blackberry, and roses. The ground cover consists of moss and grass.

No archaeological materials or areas with archaeological potential were observed.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

No further archaeological work is recommended for the Coquihalla Development Stockpile Site, Office and Yard footprint.

Regards,

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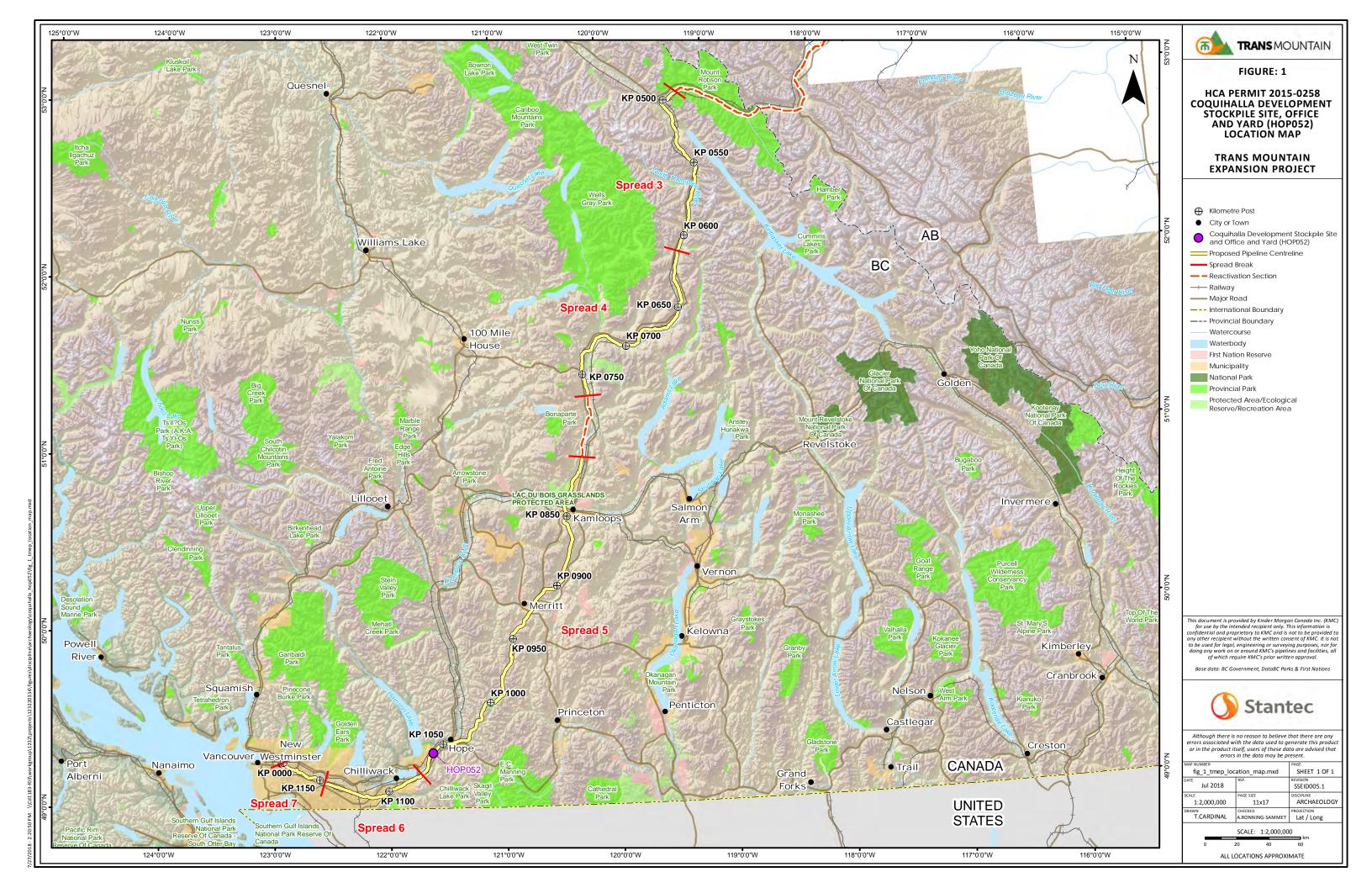
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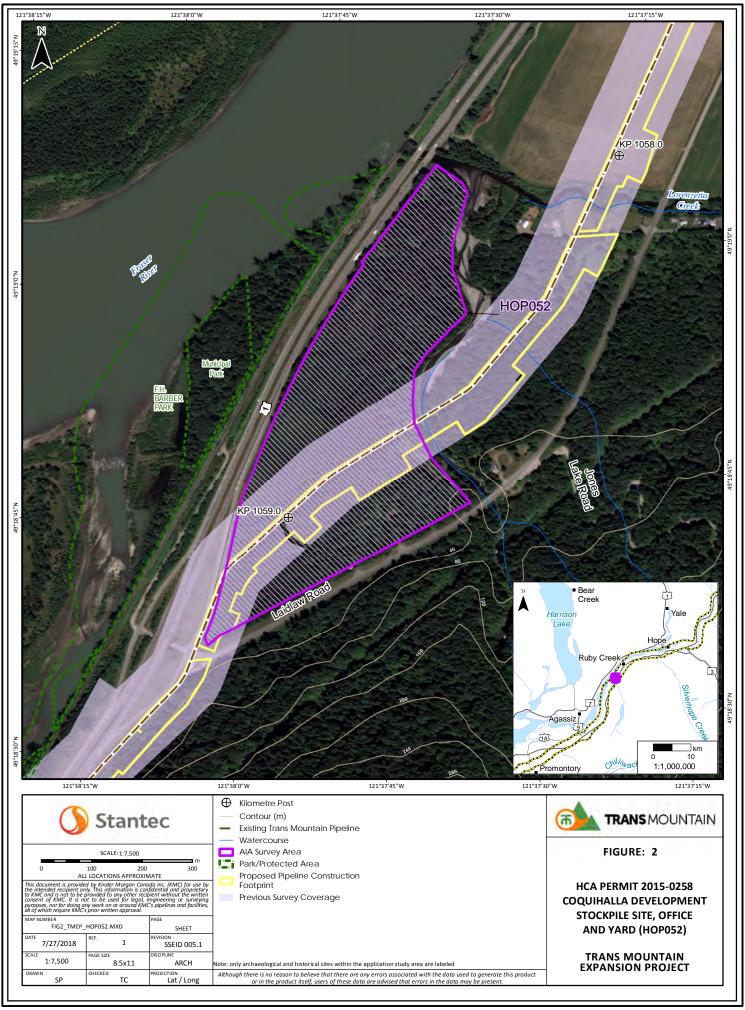
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