Cultural Heritage Assessment
Television Road Bridge Replacement
City of Peterborough

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Appendix I
1.0 Introduction and Purpose of the Submission

This report has been prepared for BT Engineering as part of the Environmental Assessment process regarding the bridge replacement on Television Road, City of Peterborough. The work includes a visual assessment of the subject area surrounding the bridge location on South Meade Creek and consideration of the settlement history of the area using historical mapping. An overview of the existing conditions is provided. The conclusion of this report is that there are no built or cultural landscape features with heritage value within the affected area. Accompanying this submission is a completed MTCS Checklist based on Criteria for Evaluating Potential for Built Heritage Resources and Cultural Heritage Landscapes.

The Illustrated Historical Atlas of the County of Peterborough of the late nineteenth century shows the early land surveys of the townships and the location of the City of Peterborough on the Trent River. Television Road is located in the rural area east of the settlement.

2.0 Description of the Subject Area

Television Road runs in a north-south alignment along the eastern limit of the City of Peterborough. It acts as the boundary between the City and the County of Peterborough. Television Road begins in the
north at County Road 4/Parkhill Road East and runs south to Landsdowne Street East/Highway 7. There are two roads connecting Television Road on its west side, Old Norwood Road and Maniece Avenue. There are new access roads in the northern section constructed to serve new subdivision being built on the east side. South of Maniece Avenue the CPR rail line crosses Television Road and south of the railway line is South Meade Creek where a new bridge to replace the existing bridge is proposed. Within the larger Television Road alignment, the subject area that has been inventoried for cultural heritage resources of heritage value is located between the rail line crossing in the north and a paving company operations yard on the east side of the road in the south.

Television Road consists of a rural cross section with two lanes of asphalt paving, wide paved shoulders, and vegetated swales or ditches along each side. The subject area is dominated by naturalized vegetation re-establishing on previously disturbed land and wetlands on either side along most of its length. Hydro poles and overhead utility lines are located on the west side.

The subject area is located east of the settlement area that is east of a drumlin landform surrounded by wetlands.

Historical mapping indicates that in the nineteenth century, this rural area was located beyond the eastern limit of settlement. The community of Ashburnham was located west of the Television Road alignment. As well, west of Television Road Peterborough, the Trent River and the Trent Canal were located. The lotting pattern on the 1878 Illustrated Atlas map indicates that the subject area was parcelled out for agriculture but there is no evidence that the lots were taken up. The extensive wetlands in the area made the area less desirable for farming than other surrounding area. There are no remnant fencerows or cleared fields that indicate past cultivation activities.
The subject area on Television Road is in the rural land east of the village of Ashburnham.

The buildings and structures that are found in the subject area date from the last decades of the twentieth century. There is one modern brick residence at the south end on the west side and on the east side there are a limited number of recent utilitarian buildings used for storage for businesses that require large paved areas for parking, equipment or for stockpiling salvaged materials for recycling at the Coco Paving yard.

3.0 Proposed Undertaking

The proposed undertaking involves replacing the bridge over the South Meade Creek and widening the road so that the new bridge can accommodate increased traffic, pedestrians and cyclists in anticipation of future additional road improvements. The alternatives that have been reviewed have considered impacts on natural features and the preferred widening is to the east. There will be no impact on any built heritage features or cultural heritage landscape features.
4.0 Summary of Findings

Based on the visual inspection of the subject area and a review of the historical mapping of the area, there are no cultural heritage resources in the area where the proposed undertaking will take place. The improvements to the road and the replacement bridge will accommodate new residents from the subdivisions under construction or in the planning stages further north on Television Road.

5.0 Photo Documentation of Subject Area

*Left: View south towards RR crossing.  Right: Current uses include storage buildings and parking.*
**Left and Right: Current conditions on east side of Television Road.**

**Left:** View north to bridge location. **Right:** Building on east side is less than 40 years old.

**Left:** Salvage pile at paving company. **Right:** View north of the distant study area.
Left: Modern house on west side of Television Road. Right: Current use with large outdoor parking area.

Left: View of west side of Television Road. Right: View north towards Maniece Avenue from study area.
References