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screenshot of the property below (outlined in yellow) and notify me immediately if it does not represent the property list  
your information request.

#### Results of Provincial Archaeological Inventory Search

According to Provincial records, previously recorded archaeological site is located on the property.

Given the subsurface nature of most archaeological deposits, boundaries of archaeological sites are difficult to determine  
without subsurface testing. Therefore, any mapped boundaries are approximate, and it is possible that the site is more or  
extensive than currently mapped.

#### Archaeology Branch Advice

is protected under the Heritage Conservation Act (HCA) and must not be damaged or altered without a Provincial  
heritage permit issued by the Archaeology Branch.

If land-altering activities (e.g., home renovations, property redevelopment, landscaping, service installation) are planned  
within the protected archaeological site (red area shown in the screenshot below), a Provincial heritage permit is required.  
Permit applications are available on the [Archaeology Branch website](#). Completing a permit application usually requires  
archaeological expertise, and an archaeological impact assessment (AIA) may be required before a permit can be issued.  
Most applicants will therefore engage an eligible consulting archaeologist to review proposed activities, verify archaeology  
records, and work with the Archaeology Branch on the applicant's behalf to identify permit requirements, prepare permit  
application(s), and conduct any required archaeological study.

If land-altering activities are planned outside of the archaeological site (red area shown in the screenshot below), a Provi  
heritage permit may not be required prior to commencement of those activities. However, there is high potential for the  
archaeological site to extend beyond the limits indicated on the screenshot below, or for other unidentified archaeological

sites to exist on the property, and a Provincial heritage permit will be required if archaeological deposits are exposed and impacted during land-altering activities.

Unpermitted damage or alteration of a protected archaeological site is a contravention of the HCA and requires that land altering activities be halted until the contravention has been investigated and permit requirements have been established. This can result in significant project delays.

Therefore, the Archaeology Branch strongly recommends engaging an eligible consulting archaeologist prior to any land-altering activities. The archaeologist will review the proposed activities, verify archaeological records, and possibly conduct a walk-over and/or an archaeological impact assessment (AIA) of the project area to determine whether the proposed activities are likely to damage or alter any unrecorded portions of the protected archaeological site, or other unidentified archaeological deposits.

Please notify all individuals involved in land-altering activities (e.g., owners, developers, equipment operators) that if archaeological material is encountered during development, they must stop all activities immediately and contact the Archaeology Branch for direction at 250-953-3334.

If there are no plans for land altering activities on the property, no action is required at this time.

#### Rationale and Supplemental Information

- A protected archaeological site is located on the subject property, and there is high potential for previously unidentified portions of the site to extend to other parts of the property.
- Archaeological sites are protected under the Heritage Conservation Act and must not be damaged or altered without a Provincial heritage permit issued by the Archaeology Branch. This protection applies even when archaeological sites are previously unidentified or disturbed.
- If a permit is required, be advised that the permit application and issuance process takes approximately 8-12 weeks. The permit application process includes referral to First Nations and subsequent engagement.
- The Archaeology Branch must consider numerous factors (e.g., proposed activities and potential impacts to the archaeological site[s]) when determining whether to issue a permit and under what terms and conditions.
- The Archaeology Branch has the authority to require a person to obtain an archaeological impact assessment, at the person's expense, in certain circumstances, as set out in the Heritage Conservation Act.
- Occupying an existing dwelling or building without any land alteration does not require a Provincial heritage permit.

#### How to Find an Eligible Consulting Archaeologist

An eligible consulting archaeologist is one who can hold a Provincial heritage permit to conduct archaeological studies. To verify an archaeologist's eligibility, ask an archaeologist if he or she can hold a permit in your area, or contact the Archaeology Branch (250-953-3334) to verify an archaeologist's eligibility. Consulting archaeologists are listed on the BC Association of Professional Archaeologists website ([www.bcapa.ca](http://www.bcapa.ca)) and in local directories.

#### Questions?

For questions about the archaeological permitting and assessment process, please contact the Archaeology Branch at 250-953-3334 or [archaeology@gov.bc.ca](mailto:archaeology@gov.bc.ca).

For more general information, visit the Archaeology Branch website at [www.gov.bc.ca/archaeology](http://www.gov.bc.ca/archaeology).

Kind regards,

*Jiana*



Please note that subject lot boundaries (yellow) and archaeological site boundaries (red) indicated on the enclosed