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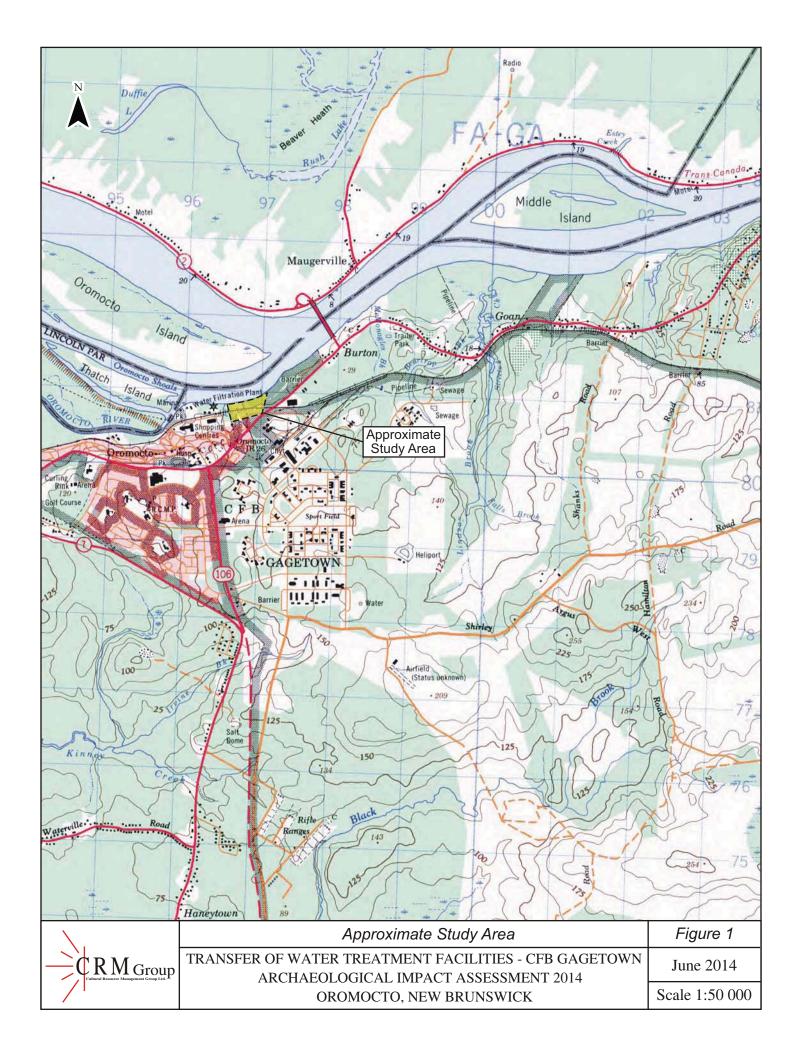
#### 1.0 INTRODUCTION

Defence Construction Canada (DCC) is scheduled to transfer responsibilities for the supply and treatment of water and wastewater from Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Gagetown to the town of Oromocto (*Figure 1*). The transfer includes the construction of new water and wastewater treatment facilities and associated infrastructure. Due to the potential of encountering historically and/or archaeologically significant resources associated with Precontact and/or historic Native or early Euro-Canadian land use at the proposed site, DCC required the services of a consulting archaeologist to undertake a comprehensive archaeological impact assessment prior to construction of the facility.

Cultural Resource Management (CRM) Group Limited was retained by Dillon Consulting Limited (Dillon) on behalf of DCC to conduct preliminary archaeological investigations of properties associated with the proposed transfer of water and wastewater responsibilities. These investigations will form part of an Environmental Impact Assessment conducted in accordance with New Brunswick's *Environmental Impact Assessment Regulation* (Regulation 87-83) for the two selected sites for the location of a new Water Treatment Plant and a new Wastewater Treatment Plant. This report pertains to the site of the new Water Treatment Plant (WTP) (*Figure* 2).

The archaeological impact assessment was conducted by CRM Group Archaeologist, Robert Shears, with the assistance of Archaeological Technician, Kyle Cigolotti. Technical oversight for the project was provided by W. Bruce Stewart, CRM Group President and Senior Technical Advisor.

The archaeological investigation was conducted on May 29, 2014, according to the terms of Archaeological Research Field Permit 2014NB1, issued to Shears through New Brunswick Archaeological Services Branch of the Department of Tourism Heritage and Culture. This report describes an Archaeological Impact Assessment and Reconnaissance of the proposed water treatment facility study area, presents the results of these efforts and offers cultural resource management recommendations.





#### 2.0 STUDY AREA

The proposed WTP study area is located along the Saint John River, on an undeveloped parcel of land situated east of the existing WTP on Onondaga Street in Oromocto (PID 60006186). Access to the site is available through an access road off of Onondaga Street (*Figure 2*). The extent of the study area is estimated at approximately 5.6 hectares. The footprint for the proposed water treatment facility is approximately 1,700m<sup>2</sup>. The proposed intake line (from the Saint John River) enters the WTP site from the north. The proposed water line servicing Oromocto exits the WTP site to the south before turning east where it connects with existing pipeline infrastructure.

#### 3.0 METHODOLOGY

Defence Construction Canada is scheduled to transfer responsibilities for the supply and treatment of water and wastewater from CFB Gagetown to the town of Oromocto. The transfer includes the construction of new water and wastewater treatment facilities and associated infrastructure. Due to the potential of encountering historically and/or archaeologically significant resources associated with Precontact and/or historic Native or early Euro-Canadian land use at the proposed site, DCC required the services of a consulting archaeologist to undertake a comprehensive archaeological impact assessment prior to construction of the facility.

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In keeping with Archaeological Service's Guidelines and Procedures for Conducting Professional Archaeological Assessments in New Brunswick, the work plan consists of two components: background study/engagement with local individuals and/or groups; and, preliminary field examination.

#### 3.1 Background Study/Local Engagement

The goals of the background study are twofold: firstly to gather historical and environmental information that would contribute to the identification of archaeological potential within the study area; and, secondly to provide a historical and cultural context within which to evaluate significance of any archaeological resources encountered.

Engagement with knowledgeable locals is intended to elicit information on the location, distribution and significance of reported and, sometimes, unreported heritage resources. Groups to be contacted include organizations, historical societies, collectors, and specialists having local or regional expertise in the history, geology and archaeology of the study area. Interviews are to be documented and submitted to Archaeological Services as part of the Final Report.

The background study included a review of the following: Heritage Branch records (including the New Brunswick Archaeological Site File, the Borden Map File, the Archaeological Projects Manuscripts and the Private Collections File, The New Brunswick Plane Crash Inventory and the New Brunswick Cemeteries Database); The Canadian Inventory of Historic Buildings; legal land grant records, and other pertinent records and inventory files found in the New Brunswick public archives, including published and unpublished reports of local and regional history as well as heritage investigations or surveys within or adjacent to the project area. Lastly, digital scans of historic aerial photographs of the study were acquired from the Department of Natural Resources Library. A representative of the Base Gagetown Community Historical Association was contacted for local historical information.

#### 3.2 Preliminary Field Examination

The goal of the preliminary field examination was to provide firsthand exposure to the geographical setting and topography of the study area. This exposure will facilitate the preparation of the testing strategy for the Field Evaluation stage of archaeological investigations.

During the preliminary field examination, CRM Group archaeologists followed up on potential resources identified as a result of the background study. Visual assessment of the development area was conducted by walking a series of transects across the study area, and inspecting any trails or abandoned roads identified while in the field. The field examination was documented in the form of field notes and photographs. Track logs and waypoints were recorded with handheld Global Positioning System (GPS) units.

#### 4.0 RESULTS

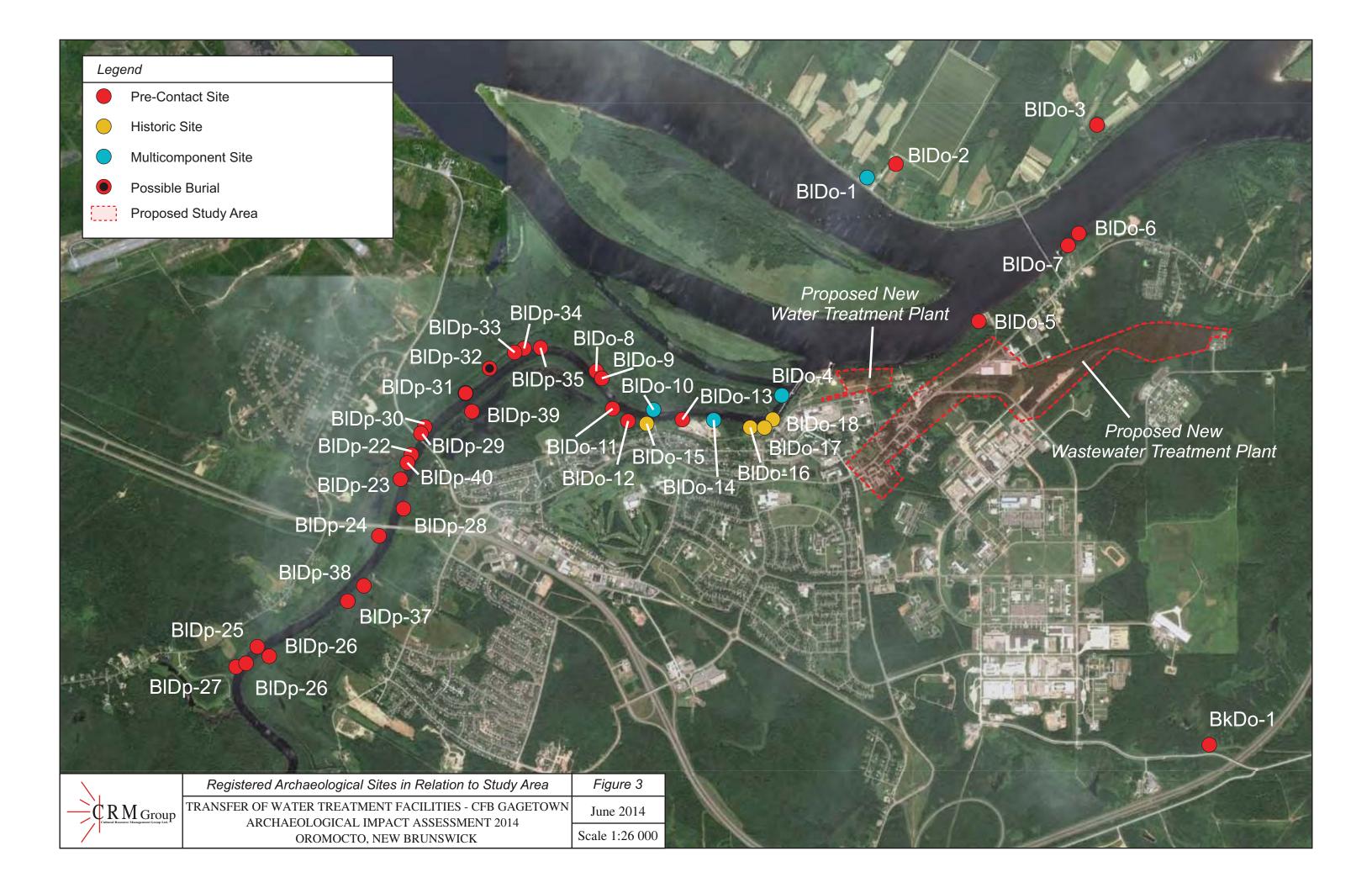
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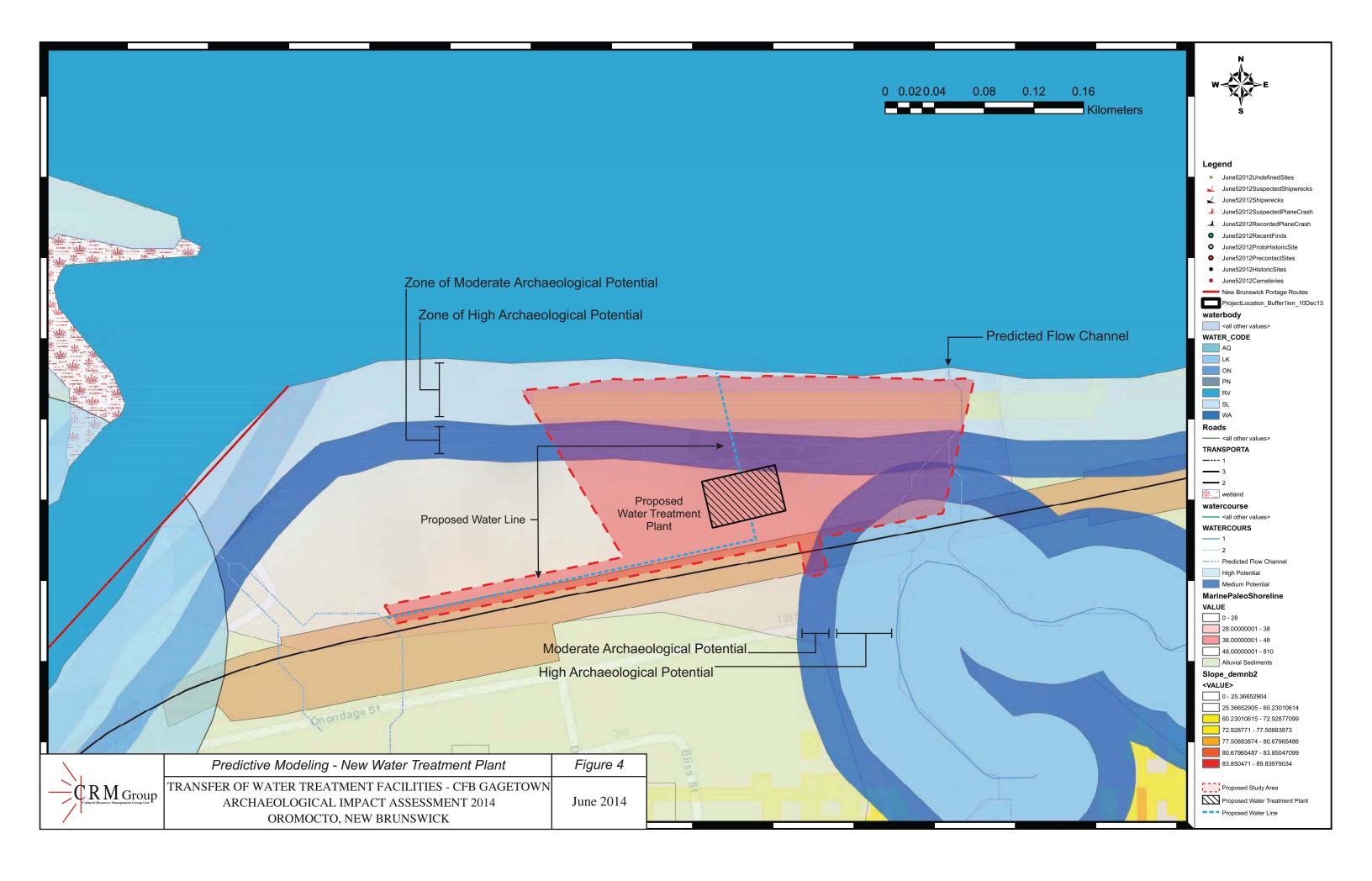
The study area for the WTP lies within the watershed of the Saint John River and is bordered by the mouth of the Oromocto River, approximately 250 metres to the west. These watercourses were extensively used as transportation routes in Precontact and historic times (Ganong 1899; Raymond 1910; Washburn and Gillis 1994). These rivers lie within Wolastoqiyik territory and bear names in their language. The Wolastoqiyik word for the Saint John River is "Wolastoq", meaning "Beautiful River", and is the word from which the people derive their name. The Oromocto River's name is derived from the Wolastoqiyik word "Welamoktuk", meaning "good river for easy canoe navigation" (Hamilton 1997; LeSourd 2007:17). The banks of the Saint John and Oromocto rivers have been inhabited by First Nations peoples for thousands of years. There are 33 registered Precontact or multi-component (Precontact and Historic) archaeological sites within 6 kilometres of the study area, which date from the Palaeo-Indian (> 9000 BP) to Maritime Woodland (3000 BP - 500 BP) Periods (Figure 3). Most of the sites lay along the banks of the Oromocto River, with five sites located near or along the Saint John River. The site nearest to the study area (BlDo-4, the Bull Frog Site) is a multi-component (Precontact and Historic) site, located approximately 500 metres to the west. This site was recorded in 1974 by archaeologist Pat Allen and is located on the northern bank at the mouth of the Oromocto river east of the abutment to a historic bridge (New Brunswick Archaeological Services). Historian W.F. Ganong recounts how in 1841 "at the mouth of this river [Oromocto], near the bridge, was an Indian burial ground, and probably here was an Indian campsite" (Ganong 1899:227; Ward 1841:40). It is unknown if these reports refer to the same location or bridge.

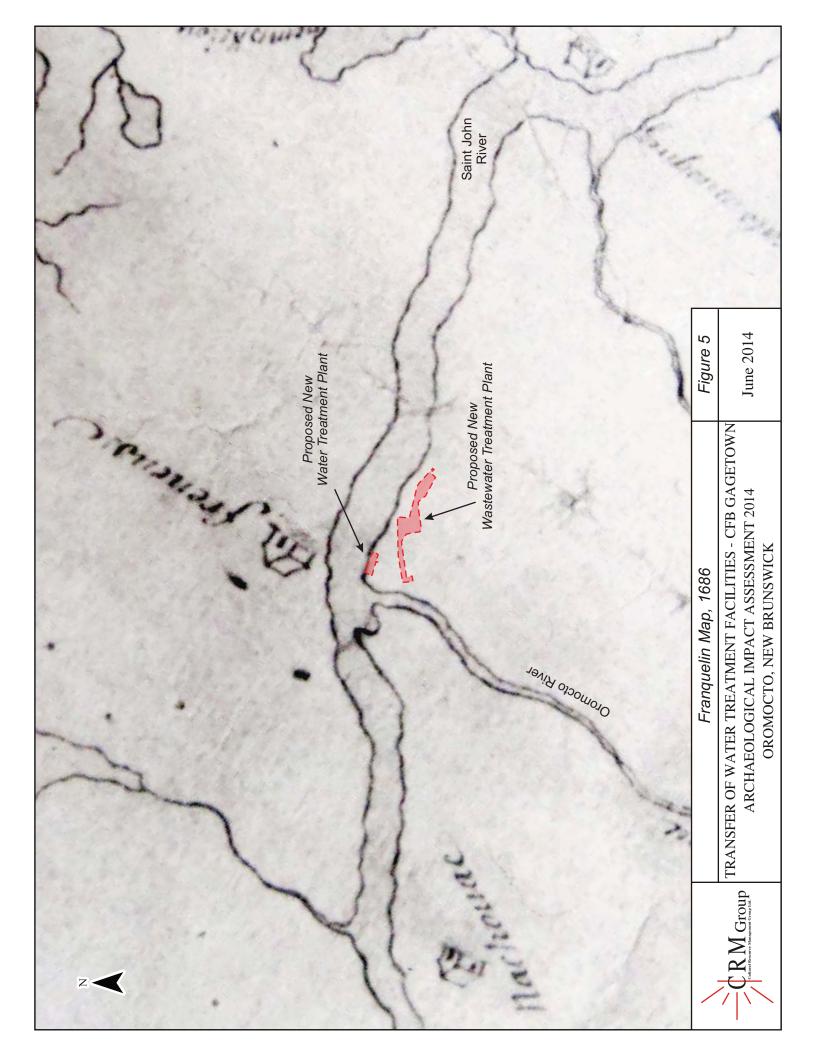
Predictive modelling data for archaeological potential within the WTP study area was obtained from New Brunswick Archaeological Services (*Figure 4*). It ascribes land within the study area and within 50 metres of the Saint John River, as having high potential for encountering archaeological resources. Land extending back from the riverbank for an additional 30 metres (between 50 and 80 metres) is ascribed moderate potential. Similar high and moderate zones of archaeological potential are applied to a known watercourse, which extends into the southeast corner of the study area. A predicted flow channel from this watercourse extends to the Saint John River and is also within the high and moderate zones of archaeological potential.

The Saint John River Valley was first settled by Europeans with the arrival of the French in the late seventeenth century. The Seigneury at Oromocto, which included a tract of land on either side of the Saint John River, was granted to Mathieu d'Amour, Sieur de Freneuse. An estate, which included a "house, barns, etc.", is indicated on a Franquelin map from 1686 (*Figure 5*). A census from 1698 lists 36 settlers in the settlement of Freneuse (Ganong 1899:271). A British report from 1762 estimates the size of cleared land at Oromocto:

...the first real Settlement is about 60 miles above the Fort [at Saint John], where the River Remucta [Oromocto] falls into the River St. Johns: here I'm told there is about 300 acres of clear Land, chiefly on the River Remucta, which I did not see. (Bruce to Belcher, 1762; Ganong 1899:271).





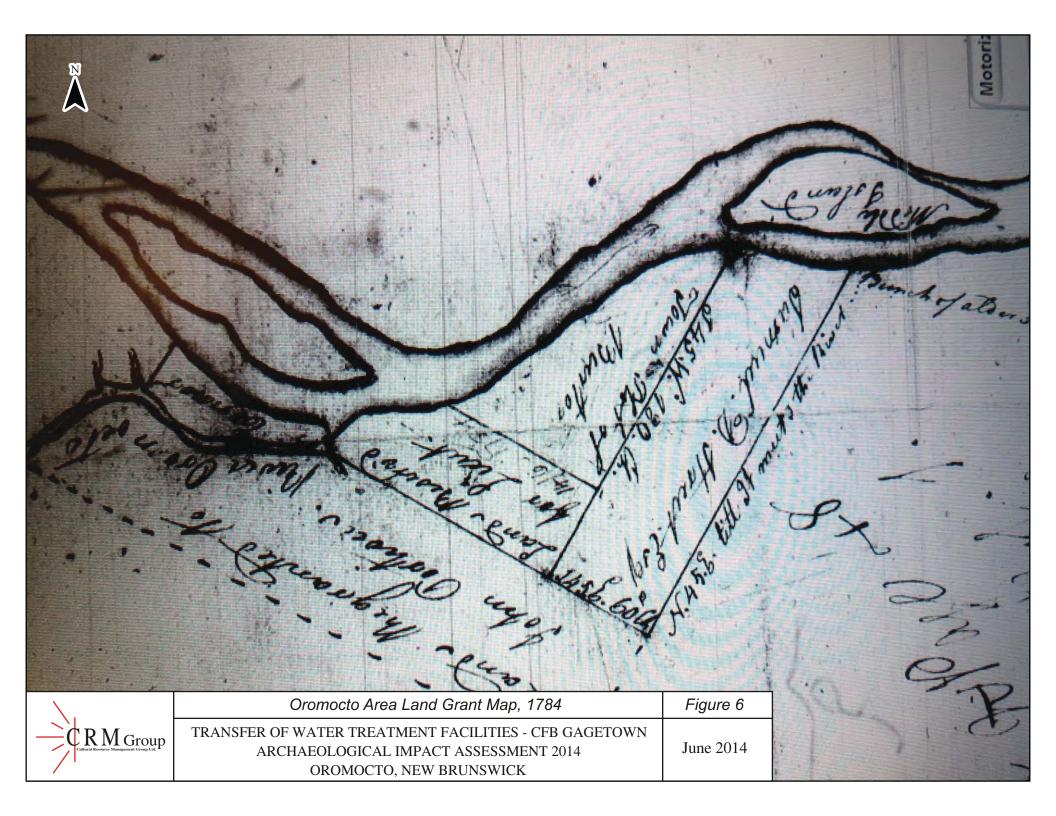


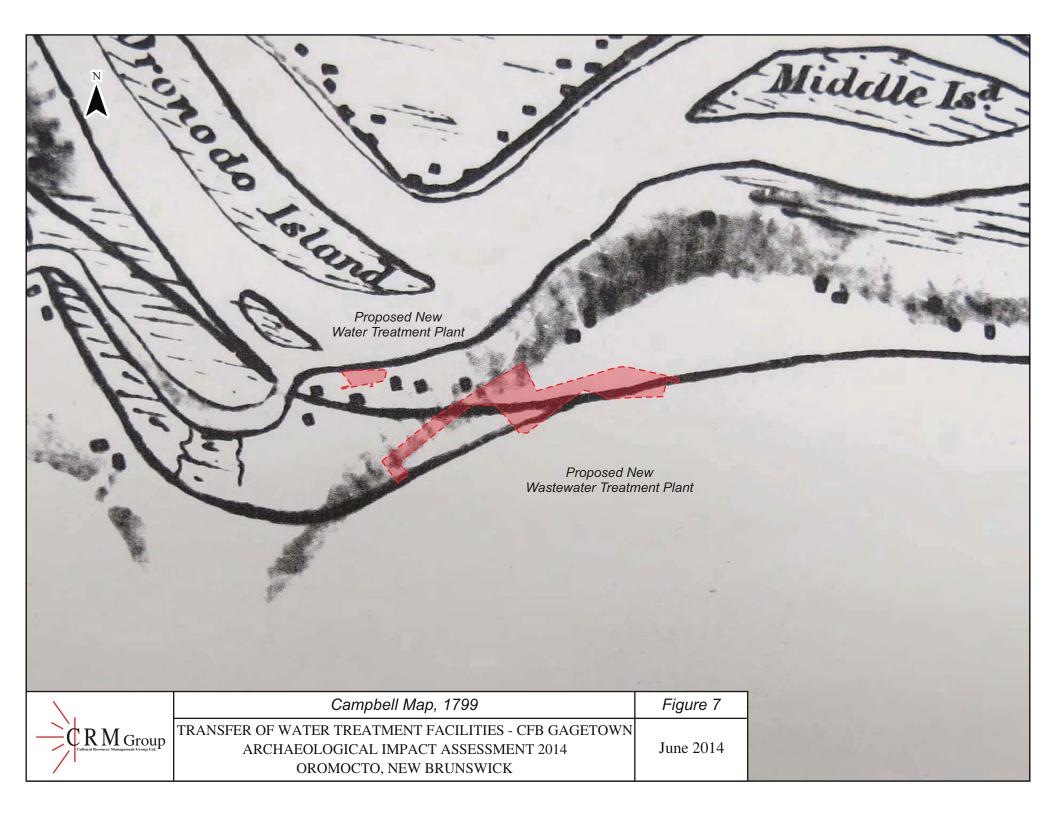
Permanent British settlement began by 1763, following the Acadian Deportation (Washburn and Gillis 1994). By the early 1780s, and the arrival of Loyalist settlers to the Saint John Valley, "some forty-two families were scattered along the [Saint John] river, of whom several were at the mouth of the Oromocto" (Ganong 1899:326). Fort Hughes, a blockhouse fort named after Richard Hughes, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, was erected in 1780 at the mouth of the Oromocto River, west of the current water treatment plant. The American Revolution had begun four years earlier, thus the blockhouse was erected to protect the ever-increasing strategic importance of the Saint John River as a conduit of communication between Halifax, Quebec and New York (Ganong 1899:241; Raymond 1910:467). Lieutenant Constant Connor was commissioned to command the fort, which was active until 1783. Early land grant maps include lots within modern Oromocto including a grant of 100 acres issued to Lieutenant Connor, including the blockhouse site, for "Services as agent for the proprietors" (Connor 1785). This grant encloses the study area and extends across the mouth of the Oromocto River (*Figure 6*).

By the end of the eighteenth century, the bank of the Saint John River in the vicinity of the study area was dotted with inhabitants. A map of the area from 1799 shows numerous structures at Maugerville, on the north side of the river, with a road along the south bank that forked to cross the Oromocto River at two locations (*Figure 7*). The northern route, which is also lined by a number of structures, passes near the study area and may follow the current alignment of Onondaga Street in Oromocto, bordering the study area to the south.

In the early nineteenth century, shipbuilding became an important industry at the mouth of the Oromocto River. By 1825, an Episcopal Church was built in what is now modern Oromocto (Fisher 1825:61). *Figure 8* is an 1846 map of the Saint John River, by William Fitzwilliam Owen. It shows roads passing south of the study area and the Episcopal Church. Structures on this map that lie near the study area include the "Yett. Cottage on the Bank" identified in the map legend by the letter 'e' and the residence of a "Nevers". The map also shows the small stream identified in predictive modelling data running through the east side of the study area.

The International Railway of Maine, subsequently incorporated into the Canadian National Railway, that ran between Lac-Mégantic, Quebec and Mattawamkeag, Maine, via Saint John, was constructed during the 1880s. In the early 1950s, the Canadian Government created CFB Gagetown, resulting in the expropriation of properties in the communities of Petersville, Hibernia, New Jerusalem and others. The village of Oromocto was re-designed as a planned town in preparation for the influx of service personnel. The population of Oromocto ballooned from 661 residents in 1956 to 12,170 by 1961. A review of aerial photography from 1934 shows the study area as a cleared field, that by the 1950s had become largely overgrown (*Figure 9*). The Railway, was decommissioned in 1996 and the railway right-of-way has been developed as a recreational trail that extends along the southern border of the study area.











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#### 4.2 Field Reconnaissance

The archaeological reconnaissance was undertaken on May 29, 2014 under clear conditions. The time of year, before the full eruption of springtime leaf and brush cover, provided increased visibility during the reconnaissance. The goals of the visit were to assess the area for archaeological potential and investigate any topographical and/or cultural features that had been identified as areas of elevated potential during the background study. Using an existing access road to gain entry to the site, the study area was systematically field walked (*Figure 10*).

The western end of the study area borders a public park with a landscaped field, softball field and gazebo near the river bank. A large portion of the study area has been used as a storage area for fill and for the dumping of construction waste, such as concrete and asphalt (*Plate 1*). The southern border of the study area is bounded by a row of transmission line poles and the former railway bed, which has been converted to a walking trail (*Plate 2*). Elevation above the river waterline decreases toward the east end of the study area, resulting in the build-up of fill material for the construction of the railway bed in that area.



PLATE 1: Piles of overgrown fill material in central portion of the study area; facing east; May 29, 2014.

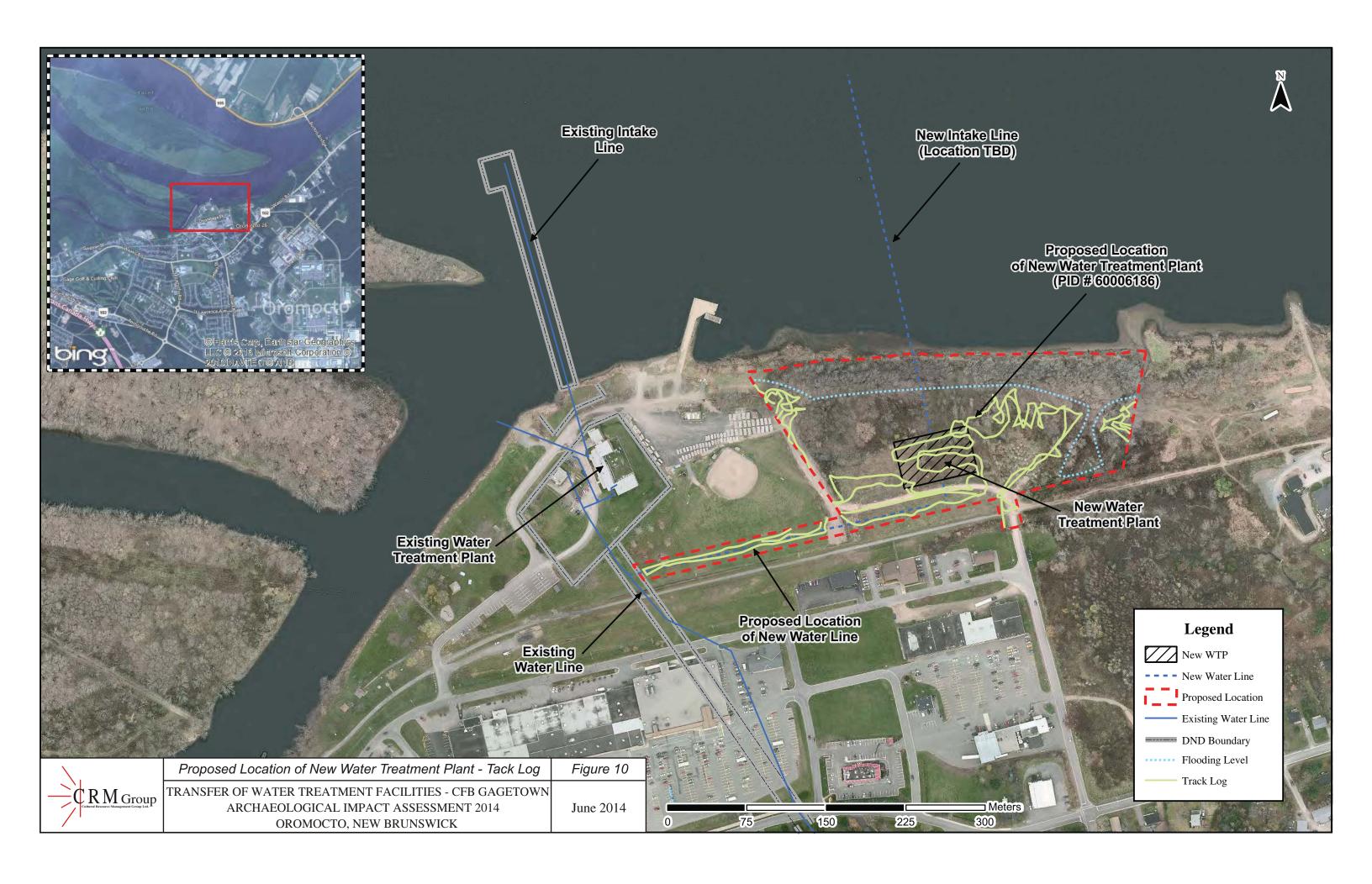




PLATE 2: Southern end of Water Treatment Facility site, showing walking trail on the left, transmission line and mowed field in the background; facing west; May 29, 2014.

As stated previously, predictive modeling for the study area indicated zones of elevated archaeological potential, totaling 80 metres in width, extending from the bank of the Saint John River. The first 50 metres from the river are ascribed high potential, while the following 30 metres are ascribed moderate potential. The study area also includes a portion of the zone of elevated potential surrounding a stream located to the southwest of the study area. The watercourse data contained within the predictive model shows a predicted flow channel from this stream to the Saint John River. This stream and flow channel would also be ascribed the 50 metre and 30 metre zones of high and moderate potential. As can be seen in a 1934 aerial photograph (*Figure 9*), the stream is prone to seasonal flooding.

That portion of the Saint John River floodplain that falls within the study area was gently sloping and still muddy from the spring flood. The area was lightly forested with mature hardwood species and the shoots of annual ferns and grasses. It contained scattered modern garbage and large amounts of driftwood. Examination of the full width of the zone of elevated potential along the bank of the river and stream was hampered by elevated water levels from the spring freshet. The observable floodplain was approximately 24 metres in width at the time of the survey, while the flood waters inundated the northern boundary of the study area in some areas for a distance of up to 40 metres. However, it is estimated that the full width of the floodplain is comprised of the same near-level terrain.

Aside from the concrete supports for an abandoned wharf or other shoreline structure, no structural remains were identified within the zone of elevated potential (*Plate 3*). No artifacts

were identified during examination of the eroded riverbank. The soil consisted of sand and waterworn cobbles, mixed with some fill and construction material due to the proximity of refuse deposits (*Plate 4*). Due to its slope and proximity to water, the terrain along the shore of the Saint John River exhibited high potential for containing Precontact archaeological resources.



PLATE 3: Concrete pilings within floodplain of Saint John River; facing north; May 29, 2014.



PLATE 4: Eroded bank along Saint John River. Note chunks of asphalt and concrete from nearby refuse deposits; facing south; May 29, 2014.

The predicted flow channel from the nearby stream to the Saint John River was identified running along the eastern edge of the study area. The main stream was cut off from the study area by the railway bed. The east end of the study area was low and largely flooded at the time of the survey (*Plate 5*). It was in this area that a scattering of historic artifacts was observed on the ground surface. The artifacts included shards of dark green cylindrical and case wine bottle glass and nineteenth century ceramics such as Rockingham Ware (ca. 1850s) and Blue Banded Annular Ware (ca. 1840s) (*Plate 6*). The artifacts were not collected. An elevated grassy plateau, approximately 30 metres east of the study area contained an apple tree, indicative of past land use. This area may have been the location of a former structure or a picnic area along the river, resulting in the presence of historic period artifacts. The 1934 aerial photograph shows a structure estimated at 150 metres east of the outlet of the stream flow channel (*Figure 9*).



PLATE 5: Flooding at the predicted flow channel of a stream in the northeast portion of the study area; facing west; May 29, 2014.

The footprint of the proposed WTP facility was largely covered by a fill deposit, measuring approximately 54 metres east-west by 40 metres north-south (*Plate 7*). The mound was graded and had a maximum height of approximately 4 metres above the natural ground surface. Given the tree growth on the deposit, it appears to have been undisturbed for approximately 15-20 years. Due to the presence of the fill, it was impossible to inspect the original ground surface in this portion of the study area. It should be noted that the zone of moderate archaeological potential identified by New Brunswick Archaeological Services overlies the northeast corner of the proposed WTP facility footprint (*Figure 4*). The proposed route for the new water intake line from the river passes through both zones of elevated potential before entering the proposed WTP site. The proposed location of the new municipal waterline exits the site of the WTP to the south and is routed east along the transmission line, south of the ball field.



PLATE 6: Examples of Rockingham Ware (left) and Banded Blue Annular Ware (right) identified at the northeast portion of study area; May 29, 2014.



PLATE 7: Fill stockpile covering the proposed site of the water treatment facility; facing northwest; May 29, 2014.

Based on the various components of the background study, including environmental setting, predictive modeling and known Native land use, as well as the presence of nineteenth century artifacts, that portion of the study area that overlies the floodplain and bank of the Saint John River, and the flow channel in the east of the study area, as outlined in the predictive model, are considered to exhibit high to moderate potential for encountering Precontact and/or early historic Native, as well as Euro-Canadian archaeological resources. All other areas outside of these zones, including most of the footprint for the proposed WTP, are ascribed low potential for encountering archaeological resources.

#### 5.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2014 archaeological screening and reconnaissance of the proposed water treatment plant study area consisted of historical background research and a visual inspection. It did not involve sub-surface testing. The background research and field reconnaissance of the WTP study area conducted by CRM Group identified two areas that exhibit elevated potential for encountering either Native (both Precontact and historic) or Euro-Canadian archaeological resources. The first is the portion of the study area within the floodplain and bank of the Saint John River to a distance of 80 metres from the water's edge. The second is the eastern portion of the study area surrounding the flow channel from the nearby stream to the south of the study area, for a distance of 80 metres from its water's edge.

Based on these results, CRM Group offers the following management recommendations for the study area:

- 1. Prior to any construction-related ground disturbance within the WTP study area across the zone of elevated archaeological potential of the bank of the Saint John River, including excavation for the placement of the proposed WTP intake line and the portion of the proposed WTP facility located within the zone of elevated potential, it is recommended that the area be subjected to a program of archaeological shovel testing. The shovel testing program would include a series of shovel tests in a gridded pattern across the proposed construction footprint, in compliance with New Brunswick Archaeological Guidelines and Procedures.
- 2. Prior to any construction-related ground disturbance within the WTP study area across the zone of elevated archaeological potential of the banks of the unnamed flow channel in the eastern portion of the study area, it is recommended that the area be subjected to a program of archaeological shovel testing. The shovel testing program would include a series of shovel tests in a gridded pattern across the proposed construction footprint, in compliance with New Brunswick Archaeological Guidelines and Procedures.
- 3. It is recommended that all other areas within the WTP study area be cleared of any requirement for future archaeological investigation; and,
- 4. In the unlikely event that archaeological deposits or human remains are encountered during construction activities associated with the water treatment plant site, all work in the associated area(s) should be halted and immediate contact made with New Brunswick Archaeological Services (Brent Suttie: 506-453-3014).

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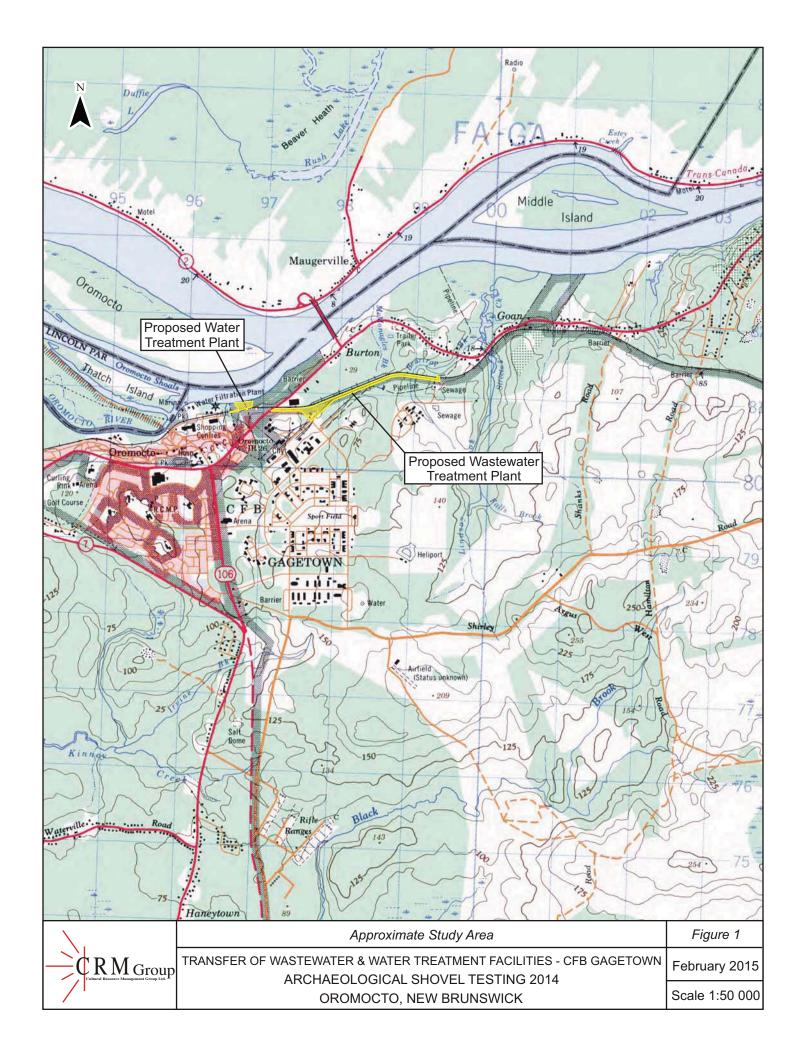
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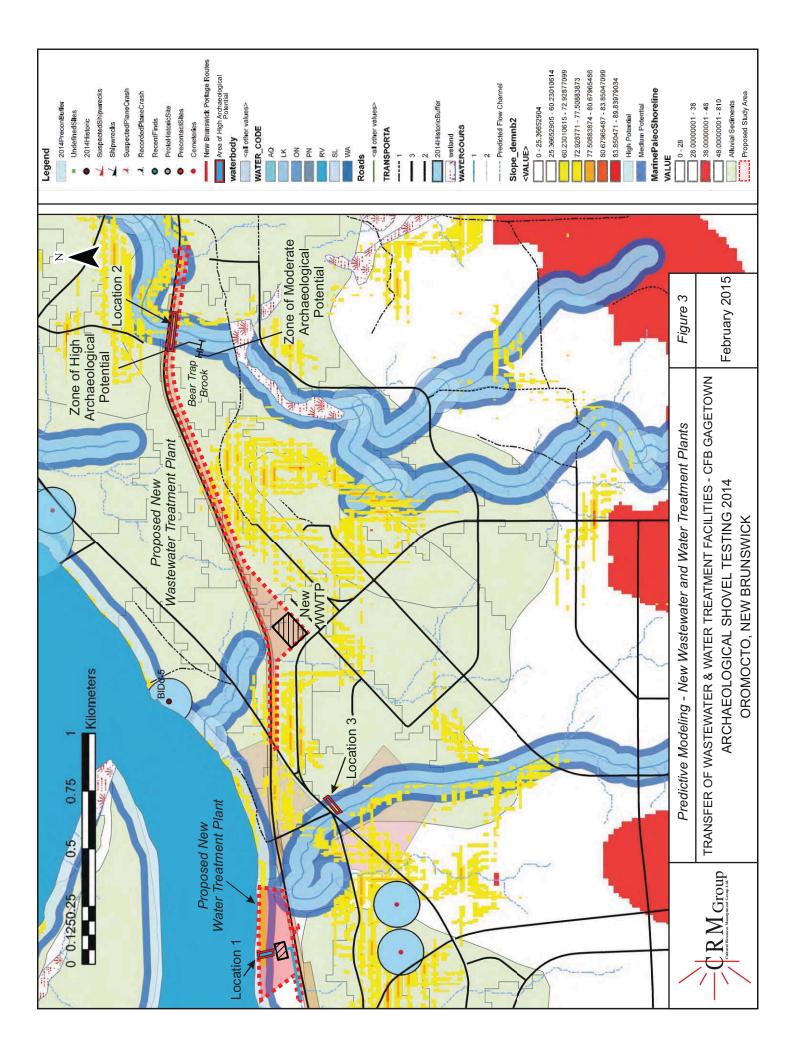
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# 2.0 STUDY AREAS

Preliminary field investigations in Oromocto during the spring of 2014 identified three linear locations of elevated archaeological potential within the water treatment plant (WTP) and wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) study areas. Location 1 encompasses the section of proposed pipe alignment that crosses the south bank of the Saint John River and would potentially be impacted by the intake pipe of the proposed WTP site. Location 2 encompasses sections of pipe alignment on both banks of Bear Trap Brook potentially impacted by the outfall line of the proposed WWTP site. Location 3 encompasses the east bank of an unnamed watercourse southeast of the intersection of Waasis Road and Hiawatha Avenue (*Figure 3*). The locations of high archaeological potential constitute a combined study area of approximately 3,200 m<sup>2</sup>. Following a low-level field evaluation of the locations of elevated potential, and the planned application of horizontal directional drilling during construction, limited subsurface testing was conducted at Location 1 only. Furthermore, Location 3 was determined to be outside of the project study area and was removed from consideration for further archaeological investigation.



#### 3.0 METHODOLOGY

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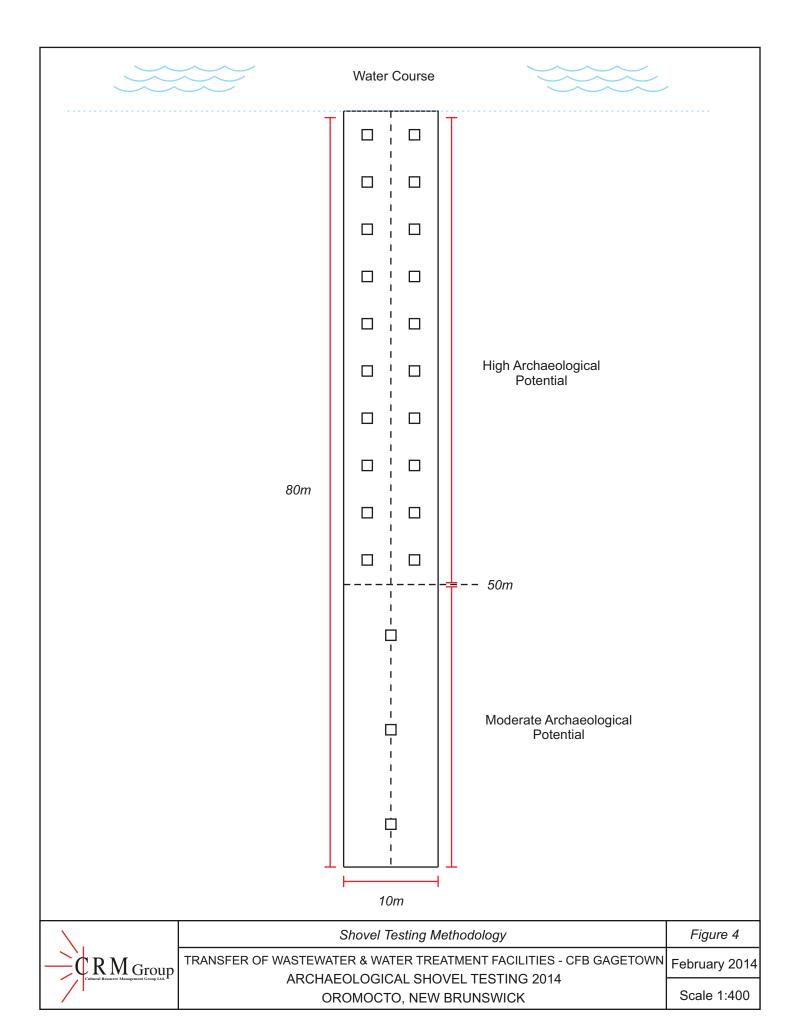
#### 3.1 Low-Level Field Evaluation

The goal of the low-level field evaluation was to assess the condition of the locations of elevated potential identified during preliminary field investigations. This evaluation included a review of the surficial geology and local topography within the proposed pipeline alignment corridor. The evaluation helped determine the most appropriate resource management strategy. Visual assessment of the locations of elevated potential was conducted using mapping data of the proposed WTP and WWTP pipeline infrastructure alignments. The field examination was documented in the form of field notes and photographs. Waypoints were recorded with handheld Global Positioning System (GPS) units.

# 3.2 Systematic Subsurface Testing

The location selected for subsurface testing constituted a study area of  $\sim 800~\text{m}^2$ , assuming a construction corridor width of 10 metres. For the area of high archaeological potential, which includes land within 50 metres of the banks or shores of a current or former body of water, systematic subsurface testing would be performed within the proposed trench alignments in the form of two rows of shovel tests, in a 5 metre grid. For areas of moderate archaeological potential, which includes the area between 50 metres and 80 metres of the banks or shores of a current or former body of water, systematic subsurface testing would be performed within the proposed trench alignments in the form of a single row of shovel tests, in a 10 metre interval (*Figure 4*).

Shovel test pits averaging 50 centimetres square were dug to a depth of 1 metre, at which point manual excavation becomes impractical. An evaluation of the soil column was made in consultation with NB Archaeological Services to determine an appropriate resource management strategy. All soil removed from the test pits was screened through 6 millimetre wire mesh in order to standardize artifact recovery from within the excavated soil. The stratigraphy of at least one wall of each test pit was recorded on a Shovel Test Pit Recording Form. Shovel test locations were recorded using GPS technology and tape measurements off a baseline. All field activities were recorded for future interpretation. Unit designations were based on the southwest corner of each shovel test unit.



# 4.0 RESULTS

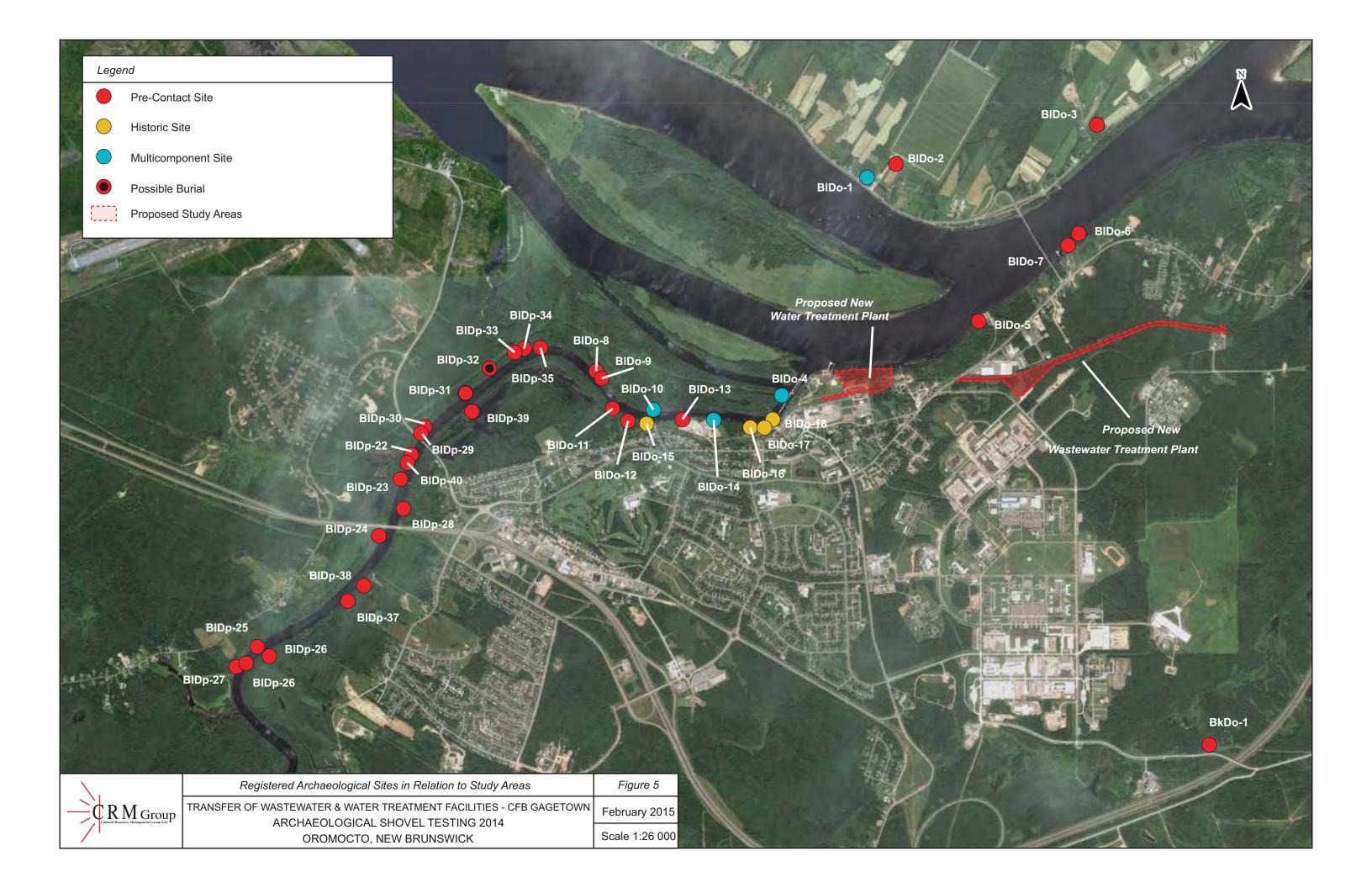
# 4.1 Background Study

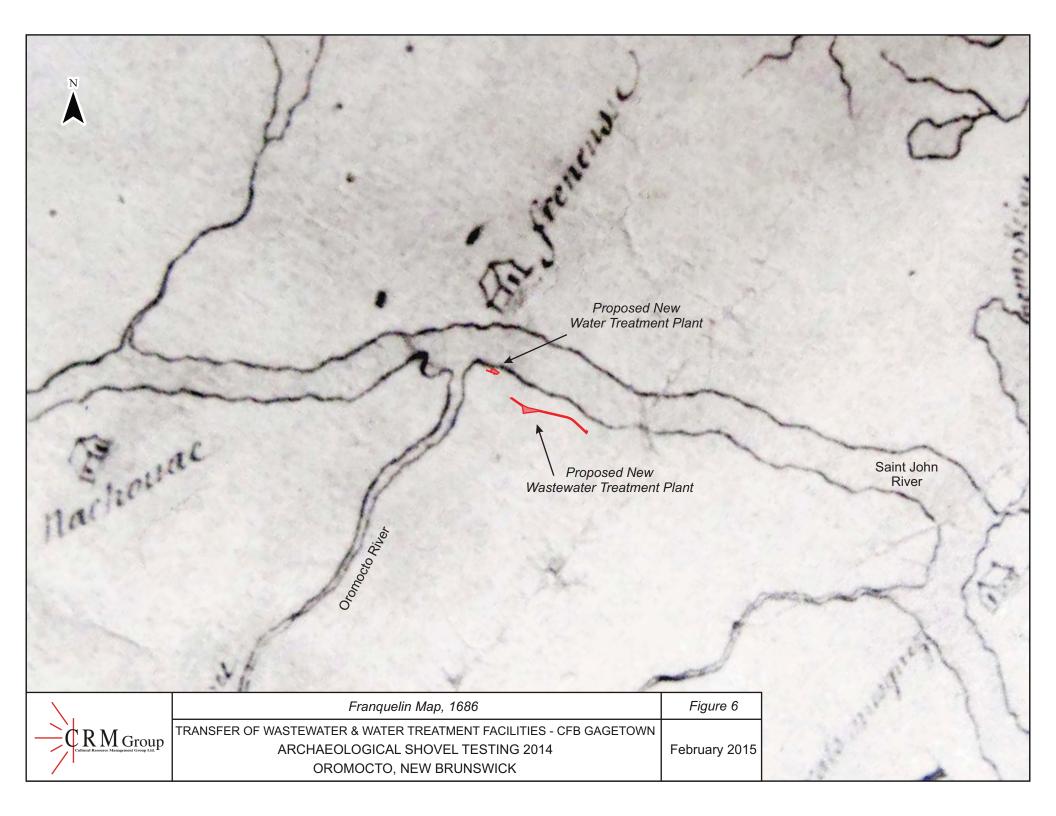
The study areas for the WTP and WWTP lie within the watershed of the Saint John River and are bordered by the mouth of the Oromocto River, approximately 250 metres to the west. These watercourses were extensively used as transportation routes in Precontact and historic times (Ganong 1899; Raymond 1910; Washburn and Gillis 1994). These rivers lie within Wolastoqiyik territory and bear names in their language. The Wolastogivik word for the Saint John River is "Wolastoq", meaning "Beautiful River", and is the word from which the people derive their name. The Oromocto River's name is derived from the Wolastoqiyik word "Welamoktuk", meaning "good river for easy canoe navigation" (Hamilton 1997; LeSourd 2007:17). The banks of the Saint John and Oromocto rivers have been inhabited by First Nations peoples for thousands of years. There are 33 registered Precontact or multi-component (Precontact and Historic) archaeological sites within 6 kilometres of the study area, which date from the Palaeo-Indian (> 9000 BP) to Maritime Woodland (3000 BP - 500 BP) Periods (Figure 5). Most of the sites lay along the banks of the Oromocto River, with five sites located near or along the Saint John River. The site nearest to the study areas (BlDo-4, the Bull Frog Site) is a multi-component (Precontact and Historic) site, located approximately 500 metres to the west. This site was recorded in 1974 by archaeologist Pat Allen and is located on the northern bank at the mouth of the Oromocto river east of the abutment to a historic bridge (New Brunswick Archaeological Services). Historian W.F. Ganong recounts how in 1841 "at the mouth of this river [Oromocto], near the bridge, was an Indian burial ground, and probably here was an Indian campsite" (Ganong 1899:227; Ward 1841:40). It is unknown if these reports refer to the same location or bridge.

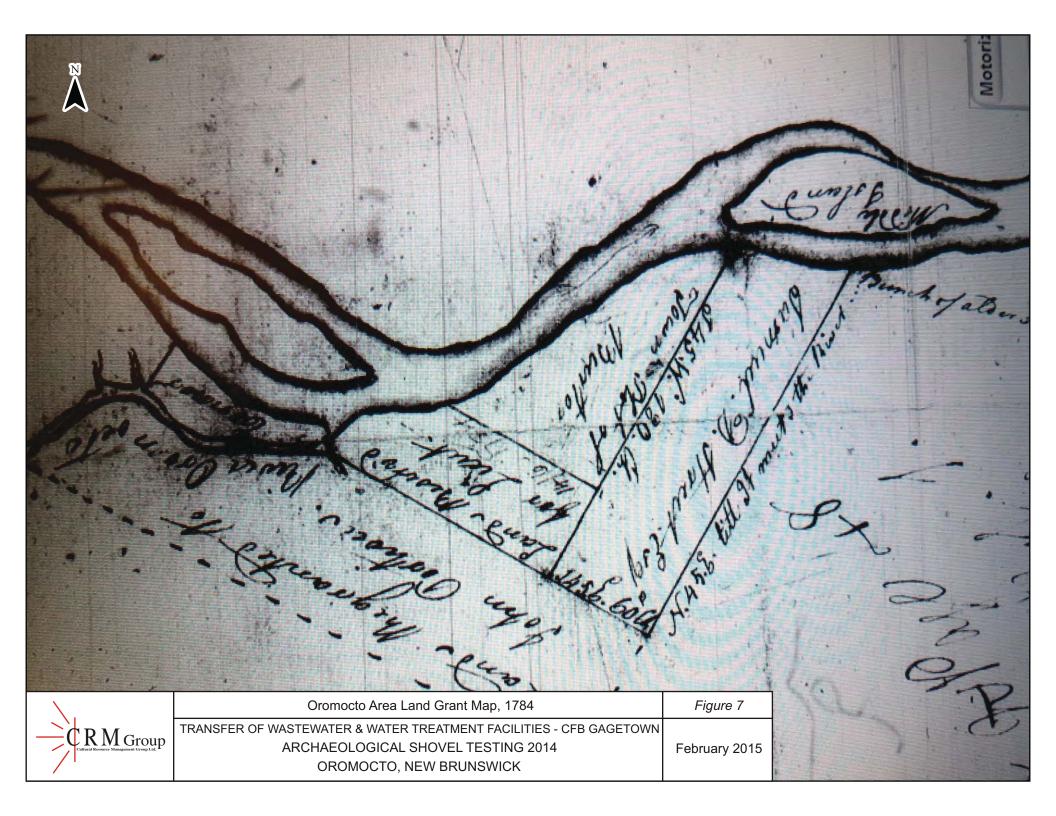
The Saint John River Valley was first settled by Europeans with the arrival of the French in the late seventeenth century. The Seigneury at Oromocto, which included a tract of land on either side of the Saint John River, was granted to Mathieu d'Amour, Sieur de Freneuse. An estate, which included a "house, barns, etc.", is indicated on a Franquelin map from 1686 (*Figure 6*). A census from 1698 lists 36 settlers in the settlement of Freneuse (Ganong 1899:271). A British report from 1762 estimates the size of cleared land at Oromocto:

...the first real Settlement is about 60 miles above the Fort [at Saint John], where the River Remucta [Oromocto] falls into the River St. Johns: here I'm told there is about 300 acres of clear Land, chiefly on the River Remucta, which I did not see. (Bruce to Belcher, 1762; Ganong 1899:271).

Permanent British settlement began by 1763, following the Acadian Deportation (Washburn and Gillis 1994). By the early 1780s, and the arrival of Loyalist settlers to the Saint John Valley, "some forty-two families were scattered along the [Saint John] river, of whom several were at the mouth of the Oromocto" (Ganong 1899:326). Fort Hughes, a blockhouse fort named after Richard Hughes, Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, was erected in 1780 at the mouth of the Oromocto River, west of the current water treatment plant. The American Revolution had begun four years earlier, thus the blockhouse was erected to protect the ever-increasing strategic importance of the Saint John River as a conduit of communication between Halifax, Quebec and New York (Ganong 1899:241; Raymond 1910:467). Lieutenant Constant Connor was commissioned to command the fort, which was active until 1783. Early land grant maps identify lots within the modern town of Oromocto including a grant of 100 acres issued to Lieutenant Connor, including the blockhouse site, for "Services as agent for the proprietors" (Connor 1785). This grant encloses the study area and extends across the mouth of the Oromocto River (*Figure 7*).







By the end of the eighteenth century, the bank of the Saint John River in the vicinity of the study areas was dotted with habitations. A map of the area from 1799 shows numerous structures at Maugerville, on the north side of the river, with a road along the south bank that forked to cross the Oromocto River at two locations (*Figure 8*). The northern route, which is also lined by a number of structures, may follow the current alignment of Onondaga Street in Oromocto, bordering the WTP study area to the south and bisecting the WWTP study area.

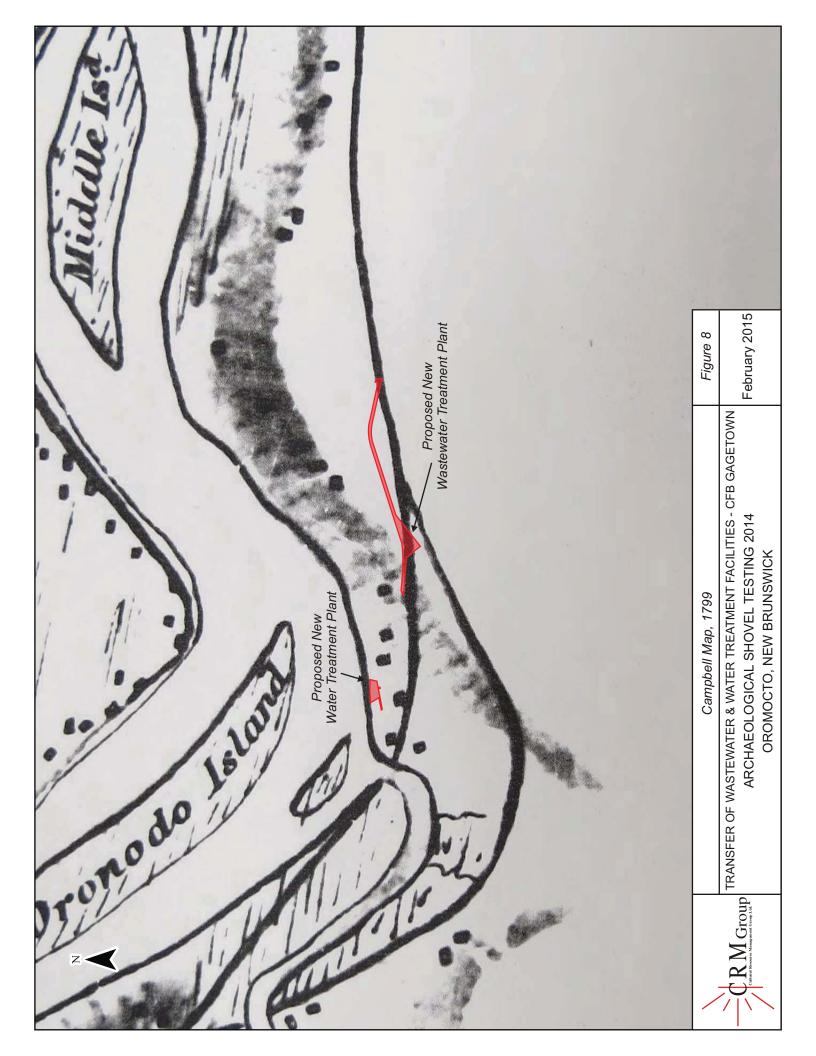
In the early nineteenth century, shipbuilding became an important industry at the mouth of the Oromocto River. By 1825, an Episcopal Church was built in what is now modern Oromocto (Fisher 1825:61). *Figure 9* is an 1846 map of the Saint John River, by William Fitzwilliam Owen. It shows roads passing along the Saint John River, south of the WTP study area and the Episcopal Church. Structures on this map that lie near the study area include the "Yett. Cottage on the Bank" identified in the map legend by the letter 'e'. The residence of a "Nevers" appears to the west of the WWTP study area. A review of aerial photography from the 1930s to the 1950s shows the larger WWTP site as covering a variety of wooded and residential areas (*Figure 10*). A lone building visible in photographs from 1934 and 1951 may be the structure identified in Figure 8 as the "Nevers" house. The field containing the house is now the site of a residential neighbourhood at Hiawatha Court and Mahsos Street in Oromocto.

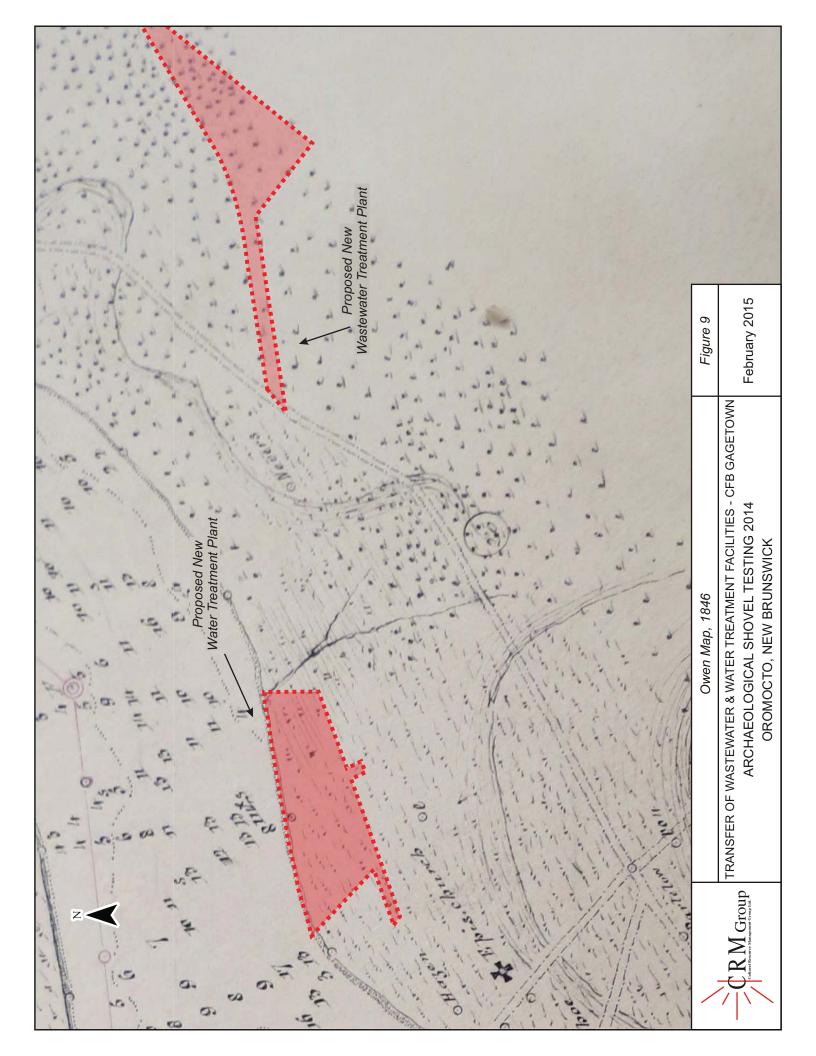
The International Railway of Maine, subsequently incorporated into the Canadian National Railway, that ran between Lac-Mégantic, Quebec and Mattawamkeag, Maine, via Saint John, was constructed during the 1880s. In the early 1950s, the Canadian Government created CFB Gagetown, resulting in the expropriation of properties in the communities of Petersville, Hibernia, New Jerusalem and others. The village of Oromocto was re-designed as a planned town in preparation for the influx of service personnel. The population of Oromocto ballooned from 661 residents in 1956 to 12,170 by 1961. A review of aerial photography from 1934 shows the WTP study area as a cleared field, that by the 1950s had become largely overgrown (*Figure 10*). In the 1970-80s a petroleum bulk terminal stood on the WTP site. It, along with the railway, was decommissioned in the 1990s and the railway right-of-way has been developed as a recreational trail that extends along the southern border of the WTP study area and the northern border of the WWTP study area.

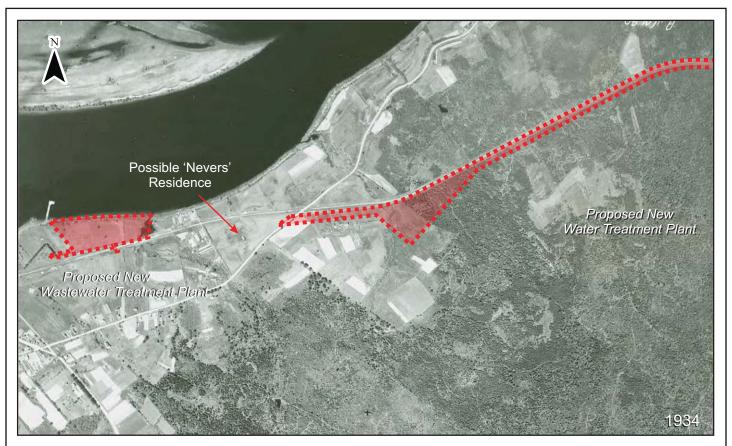
# 4.2 Surficial Geology

Location 1, within the WTP study area, lies within the Riverbank Series of soil types. Riverbank soils are typically found on well-drained slopes in river valleys. This soil type contains Holocene alluvial sediments overlying coarse-textured glacio-fluvial deposits and consist primarily of sand and gravel with some silt and minor amounts of clay and organic sediment. Riverbank alluvium is generally more than 2 metres thick and is deposited as channel and flood basin deposits. Riverbank soils are commonly yellowish brown to light olive brown, stratified and underlain at depth by heavily compacted lodgment till. The topsoil texture is either loamy sand or sandy loam (Washburn and Gillis 1994: 4-33) (*Figure 11*).

Soil at Location 2 falls within the Oromocto Series, which is a dark brown to black, poorly drained associate to Riverbank soils. As a result, the parent material is the same with slightly finer textures. Due to a permanently high water table, this soil develops as a humo-ferric podzol. Topsoil is underlain by a veneer of loamy lodgment till, minor ablation till, silt, sand and gravel generally 0.5 to 3 metres thick (Washburn and Gillis 1994: 4-34) (*Figure 11*).

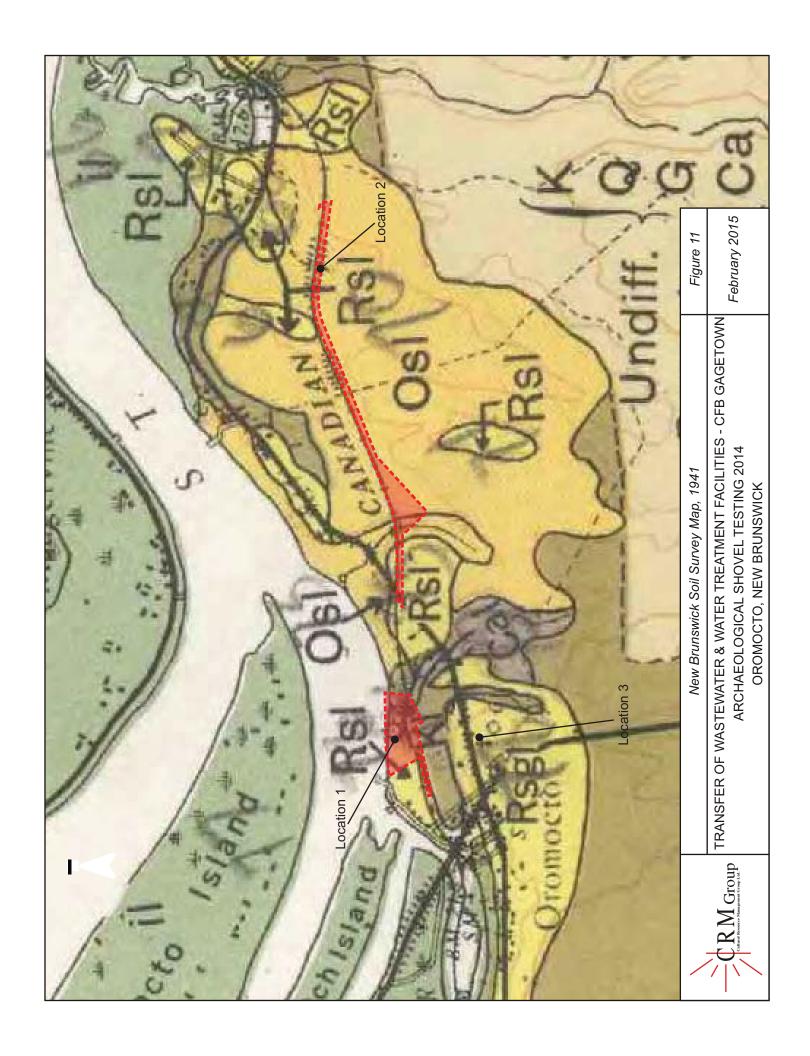








	Aerial Photographs, 1934 & 1951	Figure 10
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# 4.3 Field Assessment and Shovel Testing

# Location 1 - Water Treatment Plant Intake Pipe Alignment

Predictive modeling for the Location 1 study area indicated zones of elevated archaeological potential, totaling 80 metres in width, extending back from the bank of the Saint John River. The first 50 metres from the river are ascribed high potential, while the following 30 metres are ascribed moderate potential.

Limited subsurface testing was conducted at Location 1 on November 4, 2014 under clear conditions. Shovel test locations were surveyed according to the outlined methodology, based on proposed pipeline alignment data from the preliminary field investigations conducted in May, 2014. The terrain was noticeably wetter proximal to the river's edge, with pools of standing water within the surveyed testing area. As a result, the southernmost, and therefore driest units within the zone of high potential, were selected for excavation (*Plates 1 & 2*).

Five shovel tests were excavated to a depth of 1 metre before being halted, as further manual excavation was impractical. The units excavated, from south to north, include: 47.5S/2.5W, 47.5S/2.5E, 42.5S/2.5W, 37.5S/2.5W and 32.5S/2.5W. A sixth unit, located at 42.5S/2.5E, was excavated to a depth of 30 centimetres before the end of the day (*Figure 12*). Despite the distance from the river, all units incurred an influx of ground water, from 10cm in Unit 47.5S/2.5W to 30cm in Unit 32.5S/2.5W, measured over a 2 hour period.

All units exhibited a similar soil column, which was comprised of a thin (~3cm) dark grey silt loam LFH layer, overlying a ~30cm thick greyish-brown sandy silt A-Horizon. The A-Horizon transitioned to an Ae-Horizon, which was a ~10cm thick light grey silty sand. Underlying the Ae was a yellowish-brown to dark yellowish-grey silty sand B-Horizon, that varied in thickness from 35cm to 50cm. Underlying the B-Horizon in units 47.5S/2.5W, 47.5S/2.5E and 42.5S/2.5W, at a depth of ~80cm below ground surface, was a purplish-brown sorted sand with pebbles of foreign stone. This layer was identified as a lacustrine deposit dating to 7,600 BP (Suttie, personal communication, 2014). The New Brunswick Archaeological Shovel Test Profile Forms containing profile drawings for the shovel tests are attached at the end of this report as Appendix A.

Director of Archaeology, Brent Suttie, and other staff from New Brunswick Archaeological Services visited the site and examined the excavation units. The units were determined to not have reached archaeologically sterile soil at a depth of one metre. The suspected depth of the alluvial deposit at the site (> 2.5 metres) also excluded the use of mechanical auguring (Suttie, personal communication, 2014). The soil conditions at Location 1 precipitated the decision by DCC to employ horizontal directional drilling during construction. The pipeline would be drilled to a depth of approximately ten metres with its entry and exit points outside of the zone of elevated potential.

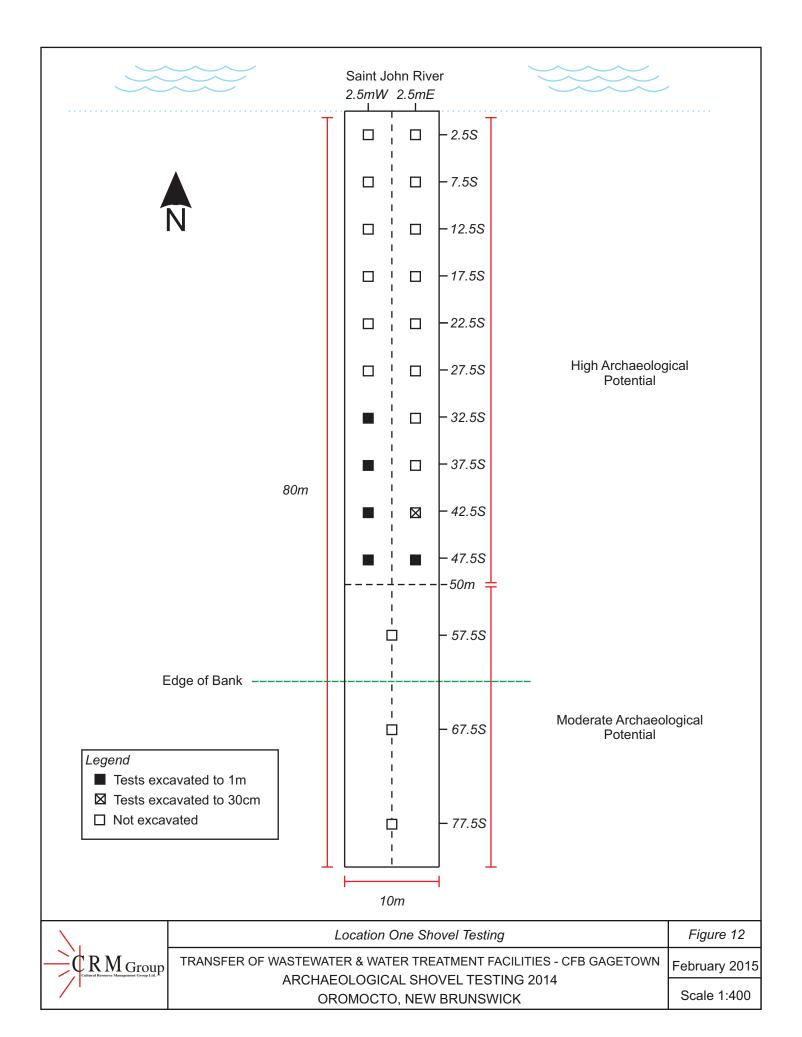




PLATE 1: Edge of Saint John River at Location 1; facing northwest. November 4, 2014.



PLATE 2: Open shovel test units at Location 1; facing north. November 4, 2014.

# Location 2 - Bear Trap Brook WWTP Outfall Pipe Alignment

A low-level archaeological assessment was undertaken at Location 2 on November 5, 2014 under clear conditions. Predictive modeling of the study area indicated a zone of elevated archaeological potential, totaling 160 metres in width, extending back 80 metres from the east and west banks of Bear Trap Brook. The first 50 metres on either side of the brook are ascribed high potential, while the following 30 metres on each side are ascribed moderate potential. Aside from the modern infrastructure of a railway bed, the topography surrounding Bear Trap Brook is level or gently sloping and relatively flat within the zone of elevated archaeological potential for the full length of the study area.

A review of the study area, which includes a 30 metre wide corridor across the 160 metre zone of elevated potential, included an examination of the surficial geology, local topography and cultural features. The study area included the former railway bed, now converted to a walking trail and a parallel corridor, approximately 10 metres south of the railway, for a buried transcontinental telegraph cable (*Plates 3 & 4*). In order to avoid disturbing these features, including potential archaeological resources, horizontal directional drilling will be employed during construction. The pipeline route will be installed beneath Bear Trap Brook and any associated archaeological deposits. The drilling entry and exit points will be made outside the zone of elevated potential, therefore no subsurface testing was conducted at this location.



PLATE 3: Bear Trap brook at Location 2; facing east. November 5, 2014.



PLATE 4: Location 2 with former railway bed in the background; facing north. November 5, 2014.

# Location 3 - Unnamed Watercourse

An unnamed watercourse ascribed elevated archaeological potential on the predictive model map runs north-south, southeast of the intersection of Waasis Road and Hiawatha Avenue, approximately 90 metres northeast of Sacobie Boulevard. This watercourse had been identified as a location of elevated archaeological potential during the field reconnaissance conducted in the spring of 2014, but due to a revision of the WWTP study area, the location now falls outside the area of consideration for further archaeological investigation. Therefore, no subsurface testing was conducted at Location 3.

# 5.0 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The 2014 archaeological field evaluation and shovel testing of the proposed water and wastewater treatment plant study areas consisted of a low-level evaluation of locations of elevated archaeological potential, as well as limited subsurface testing, in the form of archaeological shovel testing, at three locations that were identified as exhibiting elevated potential for encountering either Native (both Precontact and historic) or Euro-Canadian archaeological resources during preliminary field investigations conducted in the spring of 2014.

Location 1 encompasses the section of proposed pipe alignment that crosses the south bank of the Saint John River potentially impacted by the intake pipe of the proposed WTP site. Six shovel tests were conducted at this location, none of which contained artifacts or reached archaeologically sterile soil. Following a site visit by New Brunswick Archaeological services, shovel testing was halted. In order to avoid disturbing potential buried cultural resources, discussion with Dillon and DCC encouraged the use of horizontal directional drilling to facilitate the placement of the pipeline infrastructure. Location 2 encompasses sections of pipe alignment on both banks of Bear Trap Brook potentially impacted by the outfall line of the proposed WWTP site. Again, in order to avoid various modern features, as well as any potential buried archaeological deposits, horizontal directional drilling will be used during construction. Location 3 encompasses the east bank of an unnamed watercourse southeast of the intersection of Waasis Road and Hiawatha Avenue. A revision of the WWTP study area placed Location 3 outside of the study area, eliminating it from further archaeological investigation.

Based on these results, CRM Group offers the following management recommendations for the study areas:

- 1. Given the intended use of horizontal directional drilling, it is recommended that Location 1 within the proposed pipeline alignment be cleared of the requirement for further archaeological investigation.
- 2. Given the intended use of horizontal directional drilling, it is recommended that Location 2 within the proposed pipeline alignment be cleared of the requirement for further archaeological investigation.
- 3. In the unlikely event that archaeological deposits or human remains are encountered during construction activities associated with the water and wastewater treatment plant sites, all work in the associated area(s) should be halted and immediate contact made with New Brunswick Archaeological Services (Brent Suttie: 506-453-3014).

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# **APPENDIX A**

SHOVEL TEST RECORD FORMS

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