



Discovery of Aboriginal Sites, Objects or Remains Process

In the event that a suspected Aboriginal site, object or remains is discovered, the Contractor shall immediately stop work in the immediate vicinity and notify Council's Representative.

Any loaded trucks at the time of the discovery are to be quarantined immediately or, if impractical, the truck unloaded adjacent to the discovery site, the material quarantined immediately and protected by use of temporary barrier fencing (bunting).

The material unloaded from the last trucks at the deposition site immediately prior to the discovery is to be quarantined immediately and protected by the use of temporary barrier fencing.

The Contractor shall ensure that the discovery site is protected from damage for a distance of ten (10) metres in all directions by the use of temporary barrier fencing.

The City of Salisbury will then contact the Aboriginal Heritage Branch, Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation Division, Department of the Premier and Cabinet (AARD) and arrange for one of the archaeologists on its panel list to attend as soon as practicable. The City of Salisbury will also notify the owner of the land.

If there is a possibility that the discovery includes Aboriginal skeletal remains, the City of Salisbury will contact the local police (as required under the *Coroner's Act*).

If the police believe that the remains are Aboriginal, the AHB process relating to the discovery of Aboriginal remains, as outlined in the [Guidance for Aboriginal Heritage](#), will then be activated. If the police are unable to make a determination immediately by a site inspection, then a portion of the remains may need to be removed by them for further testing. The site must continue to be protected for a distance of ten (10) metres in all directions while the matter is being resolved.

If AARD believe that the discovery is either of Aboriginal remains or an Aboriginal site or object, then the City of Salisbury will notify the Chair of the Kurna Nation Cultural Heritage Association Inc. (KNCHA).

AARD and KNCHA representatives, together with representatives of the City of Salisbury and the owner of the land, will visit the site as soon as practicable to record the site and assess whether the objects or remains can remain in situ, or whether they will need to be recovered and reburied. In this matter AARD will provide advice in consultation with KNCHA.

The City of Salisbury may also engage an archaeologist to assist in this process, particularly if the objects or remains need to be recovered and reburied in a new location where there will be minimal likelihood that they will be disturbed in the future e.g. a reserve. If the reburial area is to be outside the area of the Works and in ownership other than Council's in the future, then the City of Salisbury will undertake the necessary negotiations with the other interested party. The archaeologist will also undertake the necessary paperwork required by AARD e.g. site cards.

Once the objects or remains have been relocated or, if they remain in situ, the immediate areas will be designated an Aboriginal site, and this will be recorded on the Title by the owner of the land and, if applicable, on the Roadside Significant Sites Database by the Department of Planning, Transport and Infrastructure.

If the remains are not human (i.e. animal) they are to be disposed of in a manner approved by the Council's Representative.

The City of Salisbury will notify the Contractor when work can recommence in the area.

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