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**NON-INTRUSIVE ASSESSMENT OF BEAR MOUND COMPLEX
HIGH PARK, TORONTO, ONTARIO
BY KEITH POWERS OF THE ARCHAEOLOGISTS**

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On January 2, 2008 at 10:30 am, Keith Powers of the Archaeologists Inc, performed a non-intrusive archaeological assessment of the Bear Mound Complex, Ontario Ministry of Culture Registered Archaeological Site # AjGu-45. He used ground penetrating radar, which is modern technology, that takes a picture of what is contained in the ground at different depths and different angles, to give an accurate picture, of what actually is in the ground, as if it was dug, by using ground truthing techniques, in the same spot. He assessed over 2,000 points on the large Bear Mound, since there are no trees growing on the mound, so therefore any reading would show no evidence of any tree roots. This assessment was at a depth of 1 meter which is just over 3 feet depth in the ground. The soil matter of this mound is made up of sand, from the base to the top.

The results, of the first assessment, confirmed 2 things. First part of this assessment confirmed that a Leigh line showed up, that was confirmed by prior Dowsing techniques, by Rastia'ta'non:ha. Material that followed the exact east-west Leigh line, that was placed there by human beings long ago was placed down about 1/12 feet. Part 2 of this assessment, confirmed that there is a very large cavity in the middle of the mound starting at a depth of 2 feet down. Because it is sand, it is known that there is something inside of the large cavity that is holding up the top 2 feet of sand, since ordinarily would collapse if there wasn't. It is noted at other burial sites, that are in sand, that the mounds have collapsed, creating a large sinkhole in the ground, because of bone deterioration. This means that what is contained at this site is still fully intact.

On January 9, 2008 at 10:30 am, Keith Powers of the Archaeologists Inc, performed a non-intrusive archaeological assessment, using ground penetrating radar, and this time penetrating 2 meters, just over 6 feet. He has concluded from this assessment that the large cavity in the middle, is actually a pit containing burials. His advice is the site be registered under the Ontario Cemeteries Act to give further protection, and that all unauthorized alterations of the Bear Mound Complex cease immediately. This also includes the picnic table that has been placed on top of the Bear Mound, which has been requested removal of and never to be placed on the mound for any reason. He also stated that legal action can also take place against the City of Toronto for ignoring several requests over the last 5 years, to preserve and protect both the Thunderbird Mound and the Bear Mound Complex from further vandalism, desecration, and unauthorized alterations. By further legal consultation, it has been suggested that unless the City of Toronto work together, Rastia'ta'non:ha, Taiaiaiko'n Historical Preservation Society, and the Six Nations Grand River Confederacy, over these matters, to come to a positive resolution on these sites, then further legal action can take place to enforce the Ontario Heritage Act violations and also that of irreparable harm, since both sites have already been registered since 2003, and the City has been notified of their registration since then.

There have also been confirmed burials adjacent to the Bear Mound Complex, that were found in the early 1900's when houses were built next to the west end of High Park. These burials contained red ochre and copper, a burial practice of using red ochre, that ended during the Hopewell period, aka Alleghans, the ancestors of the Neutral/Erie. The burials and items found have indicated that are of the Meadowood period, 3000 years ago, ancestral to Hopewell and the Neutral/Erie.

In peace,

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