

Technical Memorandum

To: Celeste Phillips, Celeste Phillips Planning

Re: Nocturnal Bird Surveys – Cerqueira Property (Wendake Beach, Tiny Twp.)

From: Jim Broadfoot, Terrestrial Ecologist

Date: June 15, 2022

Nocturnal bird surveys were completed in June 2022 to evaluate the use of the property and adjacent lands by Eastern Whip-poor-will (threatened) and Common Nighthawk (special concern).

Methods

Surveys were completed from 2 Point Count (PC) stations established to sample areas of the property proposed for development plus lands within an approx. 300m radius following the general methods of the *Canadian Nightjar Survey Protocol* 2019 (Bird Studies Canada, Canadian Wildlife Service, University of Alberta, University of Regina), *Survey Protocol for Eastern Whip-poor-will (*Caprimulgus vociferus) *in* Ontario – 2013 (MNRF SAR Branch) and Guidelines for Completing Eastern Whip-poor-will Roadside Surveys in Ontario – 2014 (Bird Studies Canada). See attached figure for PC station locations.

Surveys were completed on the evenings of June 9 and June 13, 2022 within the June 8 to June 14 – *preferred timing* within the *Mid-season Window (optimal timing)* as defined by Bird Studies Canada for 2022 (Ontario Whip-poor-will Survey Windows - 2018-2024). Note: full moon on June 14, 2022. Point count survey duration per station was 6 minutes. Surveys began at least one half hour after sunset under conditions in the following table:

	June 9, 2022		June 13, 2022	
PC Station #	1	2	1	2
Start Time	9:37p.m.	9:58p.m.	10:01p.m.	9:45p.m.
Temp. C	+14	+14	+15	+15
Cloud Cover	25%	30%	40%	50%
Wind Speed (Beaufort)	B1	B1	B0	B0
Wind Direction	West	West	NA	NA
Moon Visible	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Sunset Time	9:02p.m.		9:04p.m.	
Moonrise Time	3:21p.m.		8:40p.m.	
Observer	J. Broadfoot		J. Broadfoot	

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Results

No Eastern Whip-poor-will or Common Nighthawk were detected on or adjacent to the property.

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PC # = Point Count Station #; Yellow Circles = 300m radius around Point Count Station

