

## Publisher's Note

With more than half a century in the field of archaeology, scholar and author of a multitude of industry papers, articles, studies, and books including Our Land Speaks series of now five volumes and growing, Bill Finlayson is the senior-most archaeologist in Ontario. The sacredness of his work and his humble, yet passionate, approach to it is undeniable, and nowhere more so than in this landmark study, *The Draper Site, an Ontario Woodland Tradition Frontier Coalescent Village in Southern Ontario, Canada: Looking Back, Moving Forward*.

It is incredibly refreshing to work with someone like Bill who cares so deeply about uncovering more truths of the past by examining and re-examining complex archaeological findings in order to serve our diverse cultures and history. His willingness to reconsider his own discoveries and analysis and thoughtfully collaborate with others in his field for the greater good of this work defines the qualities of a true professional and maverick of our time.

After a long and laborious twenty-seven-plus months of writing, reviewing, and engaging with expert colleagues and federal and provincial museums, *The Draper Site* is finally in the public hands, where it should be—especially according to its author, Dr. Bill Finlayson. Stellar work.

With deep respect,

Sheri Andrunyk

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