

# **Geotechnical Investigation**

## **Proposed High-Rise Buildings**

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## 1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Colonnade BridgePort to undertake a geotechnical investigation for the proposed high-rise buildings to be located at 1900 & 2000 City Park Drive in the City of Ottawa, Ontario (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan in Appendix 2 for the general site location).

The objectives of the geotechnical investigation were to:

- Determine the subsoil and groundwater conditions at this site by means of boreholes.
- Provide geotechnical recommendations for the design of the proposed development including construction considerations which may affect the design.

The following report has been prepared specifically and solely for the aforementioned project which is described herein. It contains our findings and includes geotechnical recommendations pertaining to the design and construction of the subject development as they are understood at the time of writing this report.

## 2.0 Proposed Development

Based on the available conceptual drawings, it is understood that the proposed development will consist of 8 high-rise buildings (Towers A through H) to be located at 1900 & 2000 City Park Drive. Each proposed building will have 2 levels of underground parking.

At finished grades, the proposed buildings will be surrounded by asphalt-paved access lanes and amenity areas. Two parks are also being proposed, one in the northwest corner of 1900 City Park Drive parcel, and another in the north-central portion of 2000 City Park Drive parcel. The proposed development is expected to be municipally serviced.

## **3.0 Method of Investigation**

### **3.1 Field Investigation**

#### **Field Program**

The field program for the geotechnical investigation was carried out during the period of January 17 to 19, 2023 (BH 1-23 to BH 5-23), February 10, 2023 (BH 6-23), and November 3 & 6, 2023 (BH 7-23 to BH 10-23), consisting of a total of 10 boreholes advanced to a maximum depth of 12.4 m below the existing grade, including coring bedrock. The borehole locations were distributed in a manner to provide general coverage of the subject site, taking into consideration underground services and available access.

A previous geotechnical investigation was conducted at the subject site by others on July 30 and 31, 2007, consisting of 5 boreholes advanced to a maximum depth of 4.8 m below the existing ground surface.

The approximate locations of the boreholes are shown on Drawing PG6552-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The boreholes were advanced using a low-clearance track-mounted drill rig operated by a two-person crew. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of Paterson personnel under the direction of a senior engineer. The drilling procedure consisted of augering and rock coring to the required depths at the selected borehole locations, and sampling and testing the soil and bedrock.

#### **Sampling and In Situ Testing**

Soil samples were collected from the boreholes using two different techniques, namely, sampled directly from the auger flights (AU) or collected using a 50 mm diameter split-spoon (SS) sampler. Rock cores (RC) were obtained using 47.6 mm inside diameter coring equipment. All samples were visually inspected and initially classified on site. The auger and split-spoon samples were placed in sealed plastic bags, and rock cores were placed in cardboard boxes. All samples were transported to our laboratory for further examination and classification. The depths at which the auger, split spoon and rock core samples were recovered from the boreholes are shown as AU, SS and RC, respectively, on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets presented in Appendix 1.

A Standard Penetration Test (SPT) was conducted in conjunction with the recovery of the split spoon samples. The SPT results are recorded as "N" values on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets. The "N" value is the number of blows required to

drive the split spoon sampler 300 mm into the soil after a 150 mm initial penetration using a 63.5 kg hammer falling from a height of 760 mm.

Bedrock samples were recovered from all boreholes using a core barrel and diamond drilling techniques. A recovery value and a Rock Quality Designation (RQD) value were calculated for each drilled section (core run) of bedrock and are shown on the Soil Profile and Test Data Sheets in Appendix 1. The recovery value is the ratio, in percentage, of the length of the bedrock sample recovered over the length of the drilled section (core run). The RQD value is the ratio, in percentage, of the total length of intact rock pieces longer than 100 mm in one core run over the length of the core run. These values are indicative of the bedrock quality.

The subsurface conditions observed in the boreholes were recorded in detail in the field. The soil profiles are logged on the Soil Profile and Test Data Sheets in Appendix 1 of this report.

### **Groundwater**

A standpipe piezometer was installed in each borehole upon the completion of drilling and sampling, in order to permit monitoring of the groundwater levels. Groundwater level observations are discussed in Section 4.3 and are presented in the Soil Profile and Test Data Sheets in Appendix 1.

## **3.2 Field Survey**

The borehole locations, and the ground surface elevation at each borehole location, were surveyed by Paterson using a GPS unit with respect to a geodetic datum. The locations of the boreholes, and ground surface elevation at each borehole location, are presented on Drawing PG6552-1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

## **3.3 Laboratory Review**

Soil samples and bedrock cores were recovered from the subject site and visually examined in our laboratory to review the results of the field logging.

All samples from the November 2023 investigation will be stored in the laboratory for 1 month after this report is completed. They will then be discarded unless we are otherwise directed.

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### **3.4 Analytical Testing**

Two (2) soil samples were submitted for analytical testing to assess the corrosion potential for exposed ferrous metals and the potential for sulphate attacks against subsurface concrete structures. The samples were tested to determine the concentration of sulphate and chloride, and the resistivity and the pH of the samples. The results are presented in Appendix 1 and are discussed further in Section 6.7.

## **4.0 Observations**

### **4.1 Surface Conditions**

The subject site consists of 2 contiguous parcels: 1900 City Park Drive (western portion of the site) and 2000 City Park Drive (eastern portion of the site). The 1900 City Park Drive parcel is currently occupied by a multi-storey building surrounded by an asphalt-paved parking lot. The 2000 City Park Drive parcel is currently undeveloped and has a grass surface, with localized areas of mature trees.

The site is bordered by City Park Drive to the north, City Centre Park to the west, the Confederation Line and Queensway (Highway 417) to the south, and a high-rise residential development to the east. The existing ground surface across the subject site is relatively level at approximate geodetic elevation 73 to 74 m.

### **4.2 Subsurface Profile**

#### **Overburden**

Generally, the subsurface conditions at the subject site consists of a surficial layer of topsoil or asphalt which is underlain by fill and glacial till.

The fill was generally observed to consist of silty sand to silty clay with gravel, crushed stone, brick and organics, extending to approximate depths varying from 0.2 to 3.8 m below the existing ground surface.

A glacial till deposit was generally encountered underlying the fill, consisting of compact to very dense, brown silty sand with gravel and shale fragments.

#### **Bedrock**

Bedrock was encountered at depths ranging from 1.5 to 3.8 m and was cored at all borehole locations. Based on the recovered rock core, the bedrock was observed to consist of black shale, with the upper 1 to 2 m of the bedrock being generally weathered and very poor to poor quality, becoming good to excellent in quality with depth. The bedrock was cored to a maximum depth of about 12.4 m below the existing grade.

Reference should be made to the Soil Profile and Test Data Sheets in Appendix 1 for details of the soil and bedrock profile encountered at each borehole location.



### 4.3 Groundwater

The groundwater levels were measured in piezometers on January 31, 2023 for boreholes BH 1-23 through BH 6-23, and on November 13, 2023 for boreholes BH 7-23 through BH 10-23. The observed groundwater levels are summarized in Table 1 below.

<b>Table 1 - Summary of Groundwater Level Readings</b>				
<b>Test Hole Number</b>	<b>Ground Surface Elevation (m)</b>	<b>Groundwater Level (m)</b>	<b>Groundwater Elevation (m)</b>	<b>Recording Date</b>
BH 1-23	73.20	2.39	70.81	Jan. 31, 2023
BH 2-23	73.95	5.15	68.80	Jan. 31, 2023
BH 3-23	73.06	3.83	69.23	Jan. 31, 2023
BH 4-23	74.26	5.00	69.26	Jan. 31, 2023
BH 5-23	72.56	3.43	69.13	Jan. 31, 2023
BH 6-23	72.42	-	-	Jan. 31, 2023
BH 7-23	73.89	3.81	70.08	Nov. 13, 2023
BH 8-23	73.23	3.50	69.73	Nov. 13, 2023
BH 9-23	72.63	3.95	68.68	Nov. 13, 2023
BH 10-23	72.81	4.20	68.61	Nov. 13, 2023

**Note:** Ground surface elevations at borehole locations were surveyed by Paterson and are referenced to a geodetic datum.

It should be noted that surface water can become trapped within a backfilled borehole, which can lead to higher than typical groundwater level observations.

The long-term groundwater level can also be estimated based on the observed colour, moisture content and consistency of the recovered samples. Based on these observations, the long-term groundwater level is expected to range between approximately 3.5 to 4.5 m below ground surface.

However, it should be noted that groundwater levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations, therefore, the groundwater levels could vary at the time of construction.

## **5.0 Discussion**

### **5.1 Geotechnical Assessment**

From a geotechnical perspective, the subject site is suitable for the proposed development. The proposed buildings are recommended to be founded on conventional spread footings bearing on the clean, surface sounded shale bedrock.

Bedrock removal will be required to complete the underground parking levels. Further, expansive shale bedrock could be present on site, and precautions should be provided during construction to reduce the risks associated with the potentially heaving shale bedrock.

The above and other considerations are further discussed in the following sections.

### **5.2 Site Grading and Preparation**

#### **Stripping Depth**

Topsoil and fill, such as those containing organic or deleterious material, should be stripped from under any buildings, paved areas, pipe bedding and other settlement sensitive structures. Due to the anticipated founding level for the proposed buildings, all existing overburden material will be excavated from within the proposed building footprints. Bedrock removal will be required for the construction of the underground parking levels.

#### **Bedrock Removal**

Bedrock removal can be accomplished by hoe ramming where the bedrock is weathered and/or where only small quantities of the bedrock need to be removed. Sound bedrock may be removed by line drilling in conjunction with controlled blasting and/or hoe ramming.

Prior to considering blasting operations, the blasting effects on the existing services, buildings, and other structures should be addressed. A pre-blast or pre-construction survey of the existing structures located in the proximity of the blasting operations should be carried out prior to commencing site activities. The extent of the survey should be determined by the blasting consultant and should be sufficient to respond to any inquiries or claims related to the blasting operations.

The blasting operations must be planned and conducted under the supervision of a licensed professional engineer who is also an experienced blasting consultant.

### **Vibration Considerations**

Construction operations are also the cause of vibrations, and possibly, sources of nuisance to the community. Therefore, means to reduce the vibration levels should be incorporated in the construction operations to maintain, as much as possible, a cooperative environment with the residents.

The following construction equipment could be a source of vibrations: piling rig, hoe ram, compactor, dozer, crane, truck traffic, etc. Vibrations, whether caused by blasting operations or by construction operations, could be the cause of the source of detrimental vibrations on the nearby buildings and structures. Therefore, it is recommended that all vibrations be limited.

Two parameters are used to determine the permissible vibrations, namely, the maximum peak particle velocity and the frequency. For low frequency vibrations, the maximum allowable peak particle velocity is less than that for high frequency vibrations. As a guideline, the peak particle velocity should be less than 15 mm/s between frequencies of 4 to 12 Hz, and 50 mm/s above a frequency of 40 Hz (interpolate between 12 and 40 Hz).

It should be noted that these guidelines are for today's construction standards. Considering that these guidelines are above perceptible human level and, in some cases, could be very disturbing to some people, it is recommended that a pre-construction survey be completed to minimize the risks of claims during or following the construction of the proposed buildings.

### **Fill Placement**

Engineered fill placed for grading beneath the proposed buildings, where required, should consist of clean imported granular fill, such as Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSS) Granular A or Granular B Type II. This material should be tested and approved prior to delivery to the site. The fill should be placed in lifts no greater than 300 mm thick and compacted using suitable compaction equipment for the lift thickness. Fill placed beneath the buildings and paved areas should be compacted to at least 98% of the material's standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).

Non-specified existing fill, along with site-excavated soil, can be used as general landscaping fill where settlement of the ground surface is of minor concern. This material should be spread in thin lifts and at least compacted by the tracks of the spreading equipment to minimize voids. If this material is to be used to build up the

subgrade level for areas to be paved, it should be compacted in thin lifts to at least 95% of the material's SPMDD.

### **Lean Concrete Filled Trenches**

Where the proposed footings are to be founded on bedrock which is located below the underside of footing elevation, zero-entry vertical trenches should be excavated to the clean, surface sounded shale bedrock, and backfilled with lean concrete to the founding elevation (minimum **17 MPa** 28-day compressive strength). Typically, the excavation side walls will be used as the form to support the concrete. The trench excavation should be at least 150 mm wider than all sides of the footing (strip and pad footings) at the base of the excavation. The additional width of the concrete poured against an undisturbed trench sidewall will suffice in providing a direct transfer of the footing load to the underlying bedrock. Once the trench excavation is approved by the geotechnical engineer, lean concrete can be poured up to the proposed founding elevation.

## **5.3 Foundation Design**

Footings supported directly on clean, surface sounded shale bedrock, or on lean concrete which is placed directly on clean, surface sounded shale bedrock, can be designed using a factored bearing resistance value at Ultimate Limit States (ULS) of **4,500 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the bearing resistance value at ULS. Strip and pad footings should have minimum plan dimensions of 0.6 and 1 m, respectively.

A clean, surface-sounded bedrock bearing surface should be free of loose materials, and have no near surface seams, voids, fissures or open joints which can be detected from surface sounding with a rock hammer.

Footings supported on clean, surface-sounded bedrock designed for the bearing resistance values provided herein will be subjected to negligible post-construction total and differential settlements.

### **Lateral Support**

The bearing medium under footing-supported structures is required to be provided with adequate lateral support with respect to excavations and different foundation levels.

Adequate lateral support is provided to a sound bedrock bearing medium when a plane extending horizontally and vertically from the footing perimeter at a minimum of 1H:6V (or shallower) passes only through sound bedrock or a material of the same or higher capacity as the bedrock, such as concrete.

A weathered bedrock bearing medium, will require a lateral support zone of 1H:1V (or shallower).

## 5.4 Design for Earthquakes

The site class for seismic site response can be taken as **Class C**. If a higher seismic site class is required (Class A or B), a site-specific shear wave velocity test may be completed to accurately determine the applicable seismic site classification for foundation design of the proposed buildings, as presented in Table 4.1.8.4.A of the Ontario Building Code (OBC) 2012.

Soils underlying the subject site are not susceptible to liquefaction. Reference should be made to the latest revision of the Ontario Building Code 2012 for a full discussion of the earthquake design requirements.

## 5.5 Basement Floor Slab

With the removal of all topsoil and deleterious fill from within the footprints of the proposed buildings, the bedrock will be considered an acceptable subgrade on which to commence backfilling for floor slab construction.

It is anticipated that the underground levels for the proposed building will be mostly parking, and the recommended pavement structure noted in Section 5.8 will be applicable. However, if storage or other uses of the lower level will involve the construction of a concrete floor slab, the upper 300 mm of sub-slab fill is recommended to consist of 19 mm clear crushed stone. All backfill material within the footprint of the proposed building should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose layers and compacted to at least 98% of its SPMDD.

In consideration of the anticipated groundwater conditions, an underslab drainage system, consisting of lines of perforated drainage pipe subdrains connected to a positive outlet, should be provided in the clear crushed stone under the lower basement floor of the proposed multi-storey building. This is discussed further in Section 6.1.

## 5.6 Basement Wall

There are several combinations of backfill materials and retained soils that could be applicable for the basement walls of the proposed buildings. However, the conditions can be well-represented by assuming the retained soil consists of a material with an angle of internal friction of 30 degrees and a drained unit weight of 20 kN/m<sup>3</sup> (effective unit weight 13 kN/m<sup>3</sup>).

However, the majority of the basement walls of the proposed buildings are to be poured against a composite drainage blanket, which will be placed against the exposed bedrock face, for which a nominal coefficient of at-rest earth pressure of 0.05 is recommended in conjunction with a bulk unit weight of  $24.5 \text{ kN/m}^3$  (effective  $15.5 \text{ kN/m}^3$ ). Further, a seismic earth pressure component will not be applicable for the foundation walls which are poured against the bedrock face. It is expected that the seismic earth pressure will be transferred to the underground floor slabs which should be designed to accommodate these pressures. A hydrostatic groundwater pressure should be added for the portion below the groundwater level.

### Lateral Earth Pressures

The static horizontal earth pressure ( $p_o$ ) can be calculated using a triangular earth pressure distribution equal to  $K_o \cdot \gamma \cdot H$  where:

- $K_o$  = at-rest earth pressure coefficient of the applicable retained soil (0.5)
- $\gamma$  = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil ( $\text{kN/m}^3$ )
- $H$  = height of the wall (m)

An additional pressure having a magnitude equal to  $K_o \cdot q$  and acting on the entire height of the wall should be added to the above diagram for any surcharge loading,  $q$  (kPa), that may be placed at ground surface adjacent to the wall. The surcharge pressure will only be applicable for static analyses and should not be used in conjunction with the seismic loading case.

Actual earth pressures could be higher than the “at-rest” case if care is not exercised during the compaction of the backfill materials to maintain a minimum separation of 0.3 m from the walls with the compaction equipment.

### Seismic Earth Pressures

The total seismic force ( $P_{AE}$ ) includes both the earth force component ( $P_o$ ) and the seismic component ( $\Delta P_{AE}$ ).

The seismic earth force ( $\Delta P_{AE}$ ) can be calculated using  $0.375 \cdot a_c \cdot H^2/g$  where:

- $a_c = (1.45 - a_{max}/g) a_{max}$
- $\gamma$  = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil ( $\text{kN/m}^3$ )
- $H$  = height of the wall (m)
- $g$  = gravity,  $9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$

The peak ground acceleration, ( $a_{max}$ ), for the Ottawa area is  $0.32g$  according to OBC 2012. Note that the vertical seismic coefficient is assumed to be zero.

The earth force component ( $P_o$ ) under seismic conditions can be calculated using  $P_o = 0.5 K_o \cdot \gamma \cdot H^2$ , where  $K = 0.5$  for the soil conditions noted above.

The total earth force ( $P_{AE}$ ) is considered to act at a height,  $h$  (m), from the base of the wall, where:

$$h = \{P_o \cdot (H/3) + \Delta P_{AE} \cdot (0.6 \cdot H)\} / P_{AE}$$

The earth forces calculated are unfactored. For the ULS case, the earth loads should be factored as live loads, as per OBC 2012.

## 5.7 Rock Anchor Design

### Overview of Anchor Features

The geotechnical design of grouted rock anchors in sedimentary bedrock is based upon two possible failure modes. The anchor can fail either by shear failure along the grout/rock interface or a 60 to 90 degree pullout of rock cone with the apex of the cone near the middle of the bonded length of the anchor. Interaction may develop between the failure cones of anchors that are relatively close to one another resulting in a total group capacity smaller than the sum of the load capacity of each individual anchor.

A third failure mode of shear failure along the grout/steel interface should be reviewed by the structural engineer to ensure all typical failure modes have been reviewed.

The anchor should be provided with a bonded length at the base of the anchor which will provide the anchor capacity, as well an unbonded length between the rock surface and the top of the bonded length.

Permanent anchors should be provided with corrosion protection. As a minimum, the entire drill hole should be filled with cementitious grout. The free anchor length is provided by installing a plastic sleeve to act as a bond break, with the sleeve filled with grout or a corrosion inhibiting mastic. Double corrosion protection can be provided with factory assembled systems, such as those available from Dywidag Systems or Williams Form Engineering Corp. Recognizing the importance of permanent rock anchors for the long-term performance of the foundation of the proposed building, if required, any permanent rock anchors for this project are recommended to be provided with double corrosion protection.

## Grout to Rock Bond

The Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual recommends a maximum allowable grout to rock bond stress (for sound rock) of 1/30 of the unconfined compressive strength (UCS) of either the grout or rock (but less than 1.3 MPa) for an anchor of minimum length (depth) of 3 m. Generally, the UCS of limestone ranges between about 50 and 80 MPa, which is stronger than most routine grouts. A factored tensile grout to rock bond resistance value at ULS of 1.0 MPa, incorporating a resistance factor of 0.4, can be calculated. A minimum grout strength of 40 MPa is recommended.

## Rock Cone Uplift

As discussed previously, the geotechnical capacity of the rock anchors depends on the dimensions of the rock anchors and the configuration of the anchorage system. Based on existing bedrock information, a Rock Mass Rating (RMR) of 65 was assigned to the bedrock, and Hoek and Brown parameters ( $m$  and  $s$ ) were taken as 0.575 and 0.00293, respectively.

## Recommended Rock Anchor Lengths

Parameters used to calculate rock anchor lengths are provided in Table 2 below:

<b>Table 2 - Parameters used in Rock Anchor Design</b>	
Grout to Rock Bond Strength - Factored at ULS	1.0 MPa
Compressive Strength - Grout	40 MPa
Rock Mass Rating (RMR) - Good quality Shale Bedrock Hoek and Brown parameters	65 $m=0.575$ and $s=0.00293$
Unconfined compressive strength - Shale bedrock	40 MPa
Unit weight - Submerged Bedrock	15.5 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
Apex angle of failure cone	60°
Apex of failure cone	mid-point of fixed anchor length

The fixed anchor length will depend on the diameter of the drill holes. Recommended anchor lengths for a 75 mm and 125 mm diameter hole are provided in Table 3 on the next page.

The factored tensile resistance values given in Table 3 are based on a single anchor with no group influence effects. A detailed analysis of the anchorage system, including potential group influence effects, could be provided once the details of the loading for the proposed building are determined.



<b>Table 3 - Recommended Rock Anchor Lengths - Grouted Rock Anchor</b>				
<b>Diameter of Drill Hole (mm)</b>	<b>Anchor Lengths (m)</b>			<b>Factored Tensile Resistance (kN)</b>
	<b>Bonded Length</b>	<b>Unbonded Length</b>	<b>Total Length</b>	
75	2.0	1.0	3.0	450
	2.6	1.0	3.6	600
	3.2	1.3	4.5	750
	4.5	2.0	6.5	1000
125	1.6	1.0	2.6	600
	2.0	1.2	3.2	750
	2.6	1.4	4.0	1000
	3.2	1.8	5.0	1250

### **Other considerations**

The anchor drill holes should be within 1.5 to 2 times the rock anchor tendon diameter, inspected by geotechnical personnel, and should be flushed clean prior to grouting. A tremie tube is recommended to place grout from the bottom of the anchor holes. Compressive strength testing is recommended to be completed for the rock anchor grout. A set of grout cubes should be tested for each day that grout is prepared.

The geotechnical capacity of each rock anchor should be proof tested at the time of construction. More information on testing can be provided upon request.

## **5.8 Pavement Design**

For design purposes, it is recommended that the rigid pavement structure for the lowest underground parking level consist of Category C2, 32 MPa concrete at 28 days with air entrainment of 5 to 8%. The recommended rigid pavement structure is further presented in Table 4 on the next page.

<b>Table 4 - Recommended Rigid Pavement Structure – Underground Parking Level</b>	
<b>Thickness (mm)</b>	<b>Material Description</b>
150	<b>Exposure Class C2 – 32 MPa Concrete</b> (5 to 8% Air Entrainment)
300	<b>BASE</b> - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
<b>SUBGRADE</b> – Existing imported fill, or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over bedrock.	

To control cracking due to shrinking of the concrete floor slab, it is recommended that strategically located saw cuts be used to create control joints within the concrete floor slab of the underground parking level. The control joints are generally recommended to be located at the center of the column lines and spaced at approximately 24 to 36 times the slab thickness (for example, a 0.15 m thick slab should have control joints spaced between 3.6 and 5.4 m). The joints should be cut between 25 and 30% of the thickness of the concrete floor slab and completed as early as 4 hours after the concrete has been poured during warm temperatures and up to 12 hours during cooler temperatures.

The flexible pavement structure presented in Table 5 should be used for at grade access lanes and heavy loading parking areas.

<b>Table 5 - Recommended Asphalt Pavement Structure – Access Lanes and Heavy Loading Parking Area</b>	
<b>Thickness (mm)</b>	<b>Material Description</b>
40	<b>Wear Course</b> - Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
50	<b>Binder Course</b> - Superpave 19.0 Asphaltic Concrete
150	<b>BASE</b> - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
450	<b>SUBBASE</b> - OPSS Granular B Type II
<b>SUBGRADE</b> - OPSS Granular B Type II overlying the concrete podium deck	

Minimum Performance Graded (PG) 58-34 asphalt cement should be used for this project. If soft spots develop in the subgrade during compaction or due to construction traffic, the affected areas should be excavated and replaced with OPSS Granular B Type II material. The pavement granular (base and subbase) should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 99% of the SPMDD using suitable vibratory equipment.

## 6.0 Design and Construction Precautions

### 6.1 Foundation Drainage and Backfill

For the proposed building, it is recommended that the portion of the proposed building foundation walls located below the long-term groundwater table be blind-poured and placed against a composite foundation drainage board. Accordingly, the following procedure is recommended for preparation and installation of the composite foundation drainage board:

- ❑ Line drill the excavation perimeter (typically at 150 to 200 mm spacing).
- ❑ Mechanically remove bedrock along the foundation walls, up to approximately 150 mm from the finished vertical excavation face.
- ❑ Grind the bedrock surface up to the outer face of the line drilled holes to create a satisfactory surface for the waterproofing membrane and/or composite drainage board.
- ❑ If bedrock overbreaks occur, shotcrete these areas to fill in cavities and to smooth out angular features of the bedrock surface, as required based on site inspection by Paterson.
- ❑ Place a composite drainage board, such as Delta Drain 6000 or equivalent, over the membrane (as a secondary system). The composite drainage layer should extend from finished grade to underside of footing level.
- ❑ Pour foundation wall against the composite drainage board.

It is recommended that 100 mm diameter sleeves at 3 m centres be cast at the foundation wall/footing interface to allow for the infiltration of water from the composite foundation drainage board to flow to an interior perimeter drainage pipe. The perimeter drainage pipe should direct water to sump pit(s) within the lower basement area.

Elevators and any other pits located below the underslab drainage system should be waterproofed. A full waterproofing detail for the foundation walls and the mechanical pits can be provided by Paterson, if required.

#### **Underslab Drainage System**

An underslab drainage system is recommended to control water infiltration below the underground parking level slab for the building. For preliminary design purposes, it is recommended that 150 mm perforated pipes be placed at

approximate 6 m centres underlying the underground parking level slab. The spacing of the underslab drainage system should be confirmed by the geotechnical consultant at the time of completing the excavation when water infiltration can be better assessed.

### **Foundation Backfill**

Above the bedrock surface, backfill against the exterior sides of the foundation walls should consist of free-draining, non-frost susceptible granular materials, such as clean sand or OPSS Granular B Type I granular material.

## **6.2 Protection of Footings Against Frost Action**

Perimeter footings of heated structures are recommended to be insulated against the deleterious effects of frost action. A minimum 1.5 m thick soil cover, or an equivalent combination of soil cover and foundation insulation, should be provided in this regard.

Exterior unheated footings, such as isolated piers, are more prone to deleterious movement associated with frost action than the exterior walls of the structure, and require additional protection, such as soil cover of 2.1 m, or an equivalent combination of soil cover and foundation insulation.

However, the footings are generally not expected to require protection against frost action due to the founding depth. Unheated structures such as the access ramp may require insulation for protection against the deleterious effects of frost action.

## **6.3 Excavation Side Slopes**

The side slopes of excavations in the overburden and poor quality bedrock materials should either be cutback at acceptable slopes or should be retained by a temporary shoring system from the start of the excavation until the structure is backfilled.

### **Unsupported Excavations**

The excavation side slopes in the overburden and poor-quality bedrock, above the groundwater level, and extending to a maximum depth of 3 m, should be cut back at 1H:1V or flatter. The flatter slope is required for excavation below groundwater level. The subsurface soil at this site is considered to be mainly a Type 2 and 3 soil according to the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations for Construction Projects.

Excavated soil should not be stockpiled directly at the top of excavations and heavy equipment should be kept away from the excavation sides.

Slopes in excess of 3 m in height should be periodically inspected by the geotechnical consultant in order to detect if the slopes are exhibiting signs of distress.

It is recommended that a trench box be used at all times to protect personnel working in trenches with steep or vertical sides. It is expected that services will be installed by “cut and cover” methods and excavations will not be left open for extended periods of time.

### **Temporary Shoring**

Due to the anticipated depth of excavation of the building and the proximity of the proposed building to the site boundaries, temporary shoring may be required to support the overburden soils and poor quality bedrock of the adjacent properties.

The design and approval of the shoring system will be the responsibility of the shoring contractor and the shoring designer who is a licensed professional engineer and is hired by the shoring contractor. It is the responsibility of the shoring contractor to ensure that the temporary shoring is in compliance with safety requirements, designed to avoid any damage to adjacent structures and include dewatering control measures.

In the event that subsurface conditions differ from the approved design during the actual installation, it is the responsibility of the shoring contractor to commission the required experts to re-assess the design and implement the required changes.

The designer should also take into account the impact of a significant precipitation event and designate design measures to ensure that a precipitation event will not negatively impact the temporary shoring system or soils supported by the system. Any changes to the approved temporary shoring system design should be reported immediately to the owner’s structural designer prior to implementation.

The temporary shoring system may consist of a soldier pipe and lagging system which could be cantilevered, anchored or braced.

Any additional loading due to street traffic, construction equipment, adjacent structures and facilities, etc., should be added to the earth pressures described below. The earth pressure acting on the shoring system may be calculated using the following parameters.

<b>Table 6 - Soil Parameters</b>	
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Values</b>
Active Earth Pressure Coefficient ( $K_a$ )	0.33
Passive Earth Pressure Coefficient ( $K_p$ )	3
At-Rest Earth Pressure Coefficient ( $K_0$ )	0.5
Unit Weight , kN/m <sup>3</sup>	21
Submerged Unit Weight , kN/m <sup>3</sup>	13

The active earth pressure should be calculated where wall movements are permissible while the at-rest pressure should be calculated if no movement is permissible. The dry unit weight should be calculated above the groundwater level while the effective unit weight should be calculated below the groundwater table.

The hydrostatic groundwater pressure should be included to the earth pressure distribution wherever the effective unit weight is calculated for earth pressures. If the groundwater level is lowered, the dry unit weight for the soil should be calculated full weight, with no hydrostatic groundwater pressure component.

For design purposes, the minimum factor of safety of 1.5 should be calculated.

### **Bedrock Stabilization**

Excavation side slopes in sound bedrock can be carried out using almost vertical side walls. A minimum 1 m horizontal ledge should be left between the bottom of the overburden excavation and the top of the bedrock surface to provide an area to allow for potential sloughing or to provide a stable base for the overburden shoring system.

Horizontal rock anchors and chainlink fencing or shotcrete are anticipated to be required over the upper 2 to 3 m of the vertical bedrock face, which generally consists of lower quality bedrock, in order to prevent pop-outs of the bedrock, especially in areas where bedrock fractures are conducive to the failure of the bedrock surface.

However, the specific requirements for bedrock stabilization measures should be evaluated during the excavation operations and should be discussed with the structural engineer during the design stage.

## 6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill

Bedding and backfill materials should be in accordance with the most recent Material Specifications and Standard Detail Drawings from the Department of Public Works and Services, Infrastructure Services Branch of the City of Ottawa.

A minimum of 150 mm of OPSS Granular A should be placed for bedding for sewer or water pipes when placed on a soil subgrade, or 300 mm of OPSS Granular A when placed on a bedrock subgrade. The bedding should extend to the spring line of the pipe. Cover material, from the spring line to a minimum of 300 mm above the obvert of the pipe, should consist of OPSS Granular A (concrete or PSM PVC pipes) or sand (concrete pipe). The bedding and cover materials should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick lifts and compacted to 98% of the SPMDD.

It is generally possible to re-use the site materials above the cover material if the operations are carried out in dry weather conditions.

Where hard surface areas are considered above the trench backfill, the trench backfill material within the frost zone (about 1.8 m below finished grade) and above the cover material should match the soils exposed at the trench walls to minimize differential frost heaving. The trench backfill should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to a minimum of 98% of the material's SPMDD. All cobbles larger than 200 mm in their longest direction should be segregated from re-use as trench backfill.

## 6.5 Groundwater Control

Based on our observations, it is anticipated that groundwater infiltration into the excavations should be low to moderate and controllable using open sumps. The contractor should be prepared to direct water away from all subgrades, regardless of the source, to prevent disturbance to the founding medium.

### **Groundwater Control for Building Construction**

A temporary Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) permit to take water (PTTW) may be required if more than 400,000 L/day of ground and/or surface water are to be pumped during the construction phase. At least 4 to 5 months should be allowed for completion of the application and issuance of the permit by the MECP.

For typical ground or surface water volumes being pumped during the construction phase, typically between 50,000 to 400,000 L/day, it is required to register on the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR). A minimum of two to four

weeks should be allotted for completion of the EASR registration and the Water Taking and Discharge Plan to be prepared by a Qualified Persons as stipulated under O.Reg. 63/16.

If a project qualifies for a PTTW based upon anticipated conditions, an EASR will not be allowed as a temporary dewatering measure while awaiting the MECP review of the PTTW application.

### **Impacts on Neighbouring Properties**

Given the relatively shallow bedrock present at and in the vicinity of the subject site, the neighbouring structures are expected to be founded on the bedrock surface. Therefore, no issues are expected with respect to groundwater lowering that would cause damage to adjacent structures surrounding the proposed development.

## **6.6 Winter Construction**

Precautions must be taken if winter construction is considered for this project. The subsoil conditions at this site consist of frost susceptible materials. In the presence of water and freezing conditions, ice could form within the soil mass. Heaving and settlement upon thawing could occur.

In the event of construction during below zero temperatures, the founding stratum should be protected from freezing temperatures using straw, propane heaters and tarpaulins or other suitable means. In this regard, the base of the excavations should be insulated from sub-zero temperatures immediately upon exposure and until such time as heat is adequately supplied to the building and the footings are protected with sufficient soil cover to prevent freezing at founding level.

Trench excavations and pavement construction are also difficult activities to complete during freezing conditions without introducing frost into the subgrade or in the excavation walls and bottoms. Precautions should be taken if such activities are to be carried out during freezing conditions. Additional information could be provided, if required.

## **6.7 Corrosion Potential and Sulphate**

The results of analytical testing show that the sulphate content is less than 0.1%. This result is indicative that Type 10 Portland cement (normal cement) would be appropriate for this site. The chloride content and the pH of the sample indicate that they are not significant factors in creating a corrosive environment for exposed



ferrous metals at this site, whereas the resistivity is indicative of a moderately to severely aggressive corrosive environment.

## **6.8 Protection of Potentially Expansive Shale Bedrock**

Upon being exposed to air and moisture, the shale may decompose into thin flakes along the bedding planes. Previous studies have concluded shales containing pyrite are subject to volume changes upon exposure to air. As a result, the formation of jarosite crystals by aerobic bacteria occurs under certain ambient conditions.

It has been determined that the expansion process does not occur or can be retarded when air (i.e. oxygen) is prevented from contact with the shale and/or the ambient temperature is maintained below 20°C, and/or the shale is confined by pressures in excess of 70 kPa. The latter restriction on the heaving process is probably the major reason why damage to structures has, for the greater part, been confined to slabs-on-grade rather than footings.

The presence of expansive shale may be encountered at the subject site. To reduce the long term deterioration of the shale, exposure of the bedrock bearing surface to oxygen should be kept as low as possible. The bedrock bearing surface within the proposed building footprint should be protected from excessive dewatering and exposure to ambient air. A 50 to 75 mm thick concrete mud slab, consisting of minimum 15 MPa lean concrete, should be placed on the exposed bedrock bearing surface within a 48 hour period of being exposed. The excavated sides of the exposed bedrock should be sprayed with a bituminous emulsion or shotcrete to seal bedrock from exposure to air and dewatering.

Preventing the dewatering of the shale bedrock will also prevent the rapid deterioration and expansion of the shale bedrock. This can be accomplished by spraying bituminous emulsion as noted above.

## 7.0 Recommendations

It is a requirement for the foundation design data provided herein to be applicable that the following material testing and observation program be performed by the geotechnical consultant.

- Review of the bedrock stabilization and excavation requirements.
- Observation of all bearing surfaces prior to the placement of concrete.
- Sampling and testing of the concrete and fill materials.
- Observation of all subgrades prior to backfilling.
- Field density tests to determine the level of compaction achieved.
- Sampling and testing of the bituminous concrete including mix design reviews.

A report confirming that these works have been conducted in general accordance with our recommendations could be issued upon the completion of a satisfactory inspection program by the geotechnical consultant.

All excess soils, with the exception of engineered crushed stone fill, generated by construction activities that will be transported on-site or off-site should be handled as per *Ontario Regulation 406/19: On-Site and Excess Soil Management*.

## 8.0 Statement of Limitations

The recommendations provided are in accordance with the present understanding of the project. Paterson requests permission to review the recommendations when the drawings and specifications are completed.

A soils investigation is a limited sampling of a site. Should any conditions at the site be encountered which differ from those at the test locations, Paterson requests immediate notification to permit reassessment of our recommendations.

The recommendations provided herein should only be used by the design professionals associated with this project. They are not intended for contractors bidding on or undertaking the work. The latter should evaluate the factual information provided in this report and determine the suitability and completeness for their intended construction schedule and methods. Additional testing may be required for their purposes.

The present report applies only to the project described in this document. Use of this report for purposes other than those described herein or by person(s) other than Colonnade BridgePort, or their agents, is not authorized without review by Paterson for the applicability of our recommendations to the alternative use of the report.

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# APPENDIX 1

SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA SHEETS

SYMBOLS AND TERMS

BOREHOLE LOGS BY OTHERS

ANALYTICAL TESTING RESULTS

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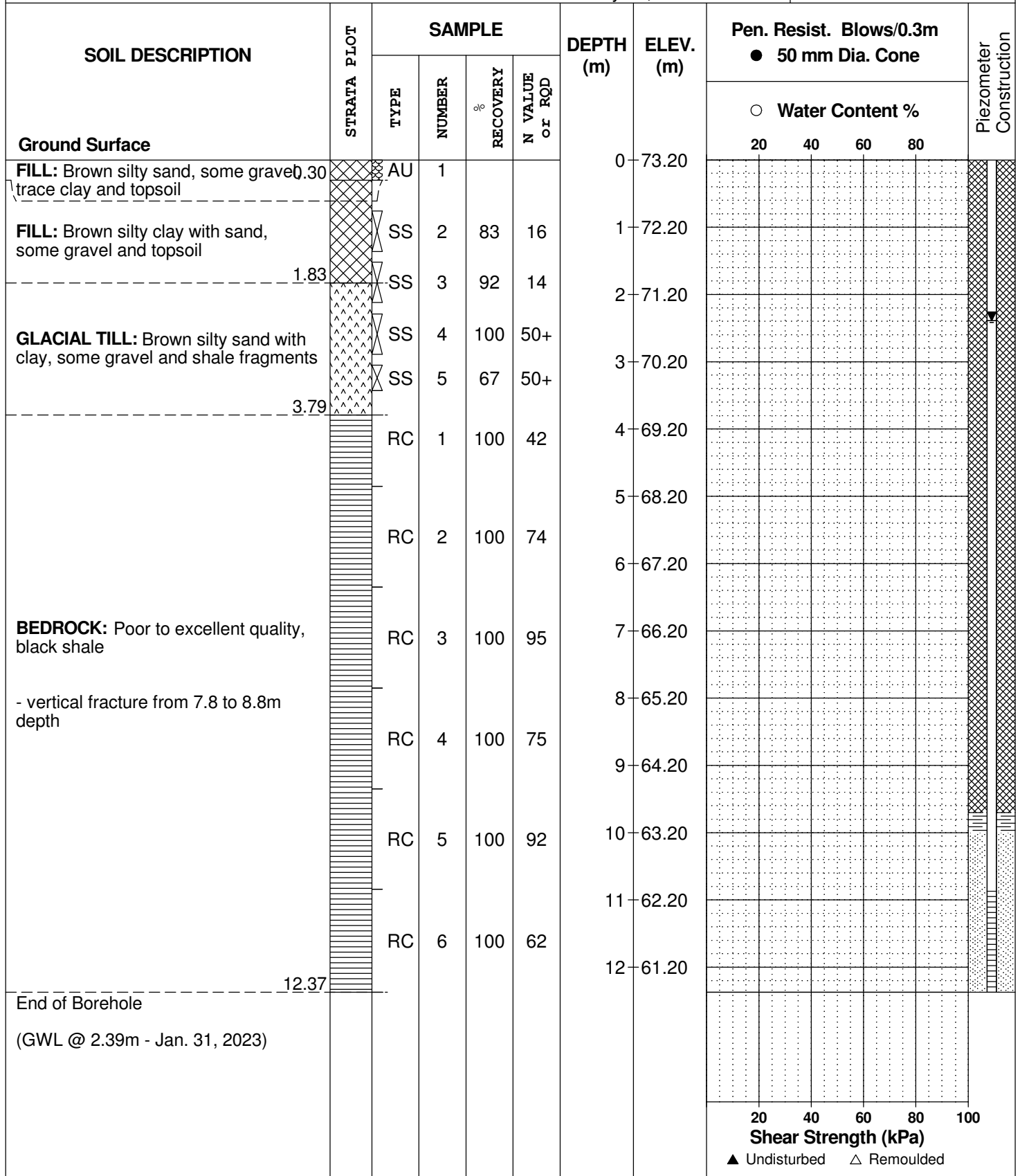
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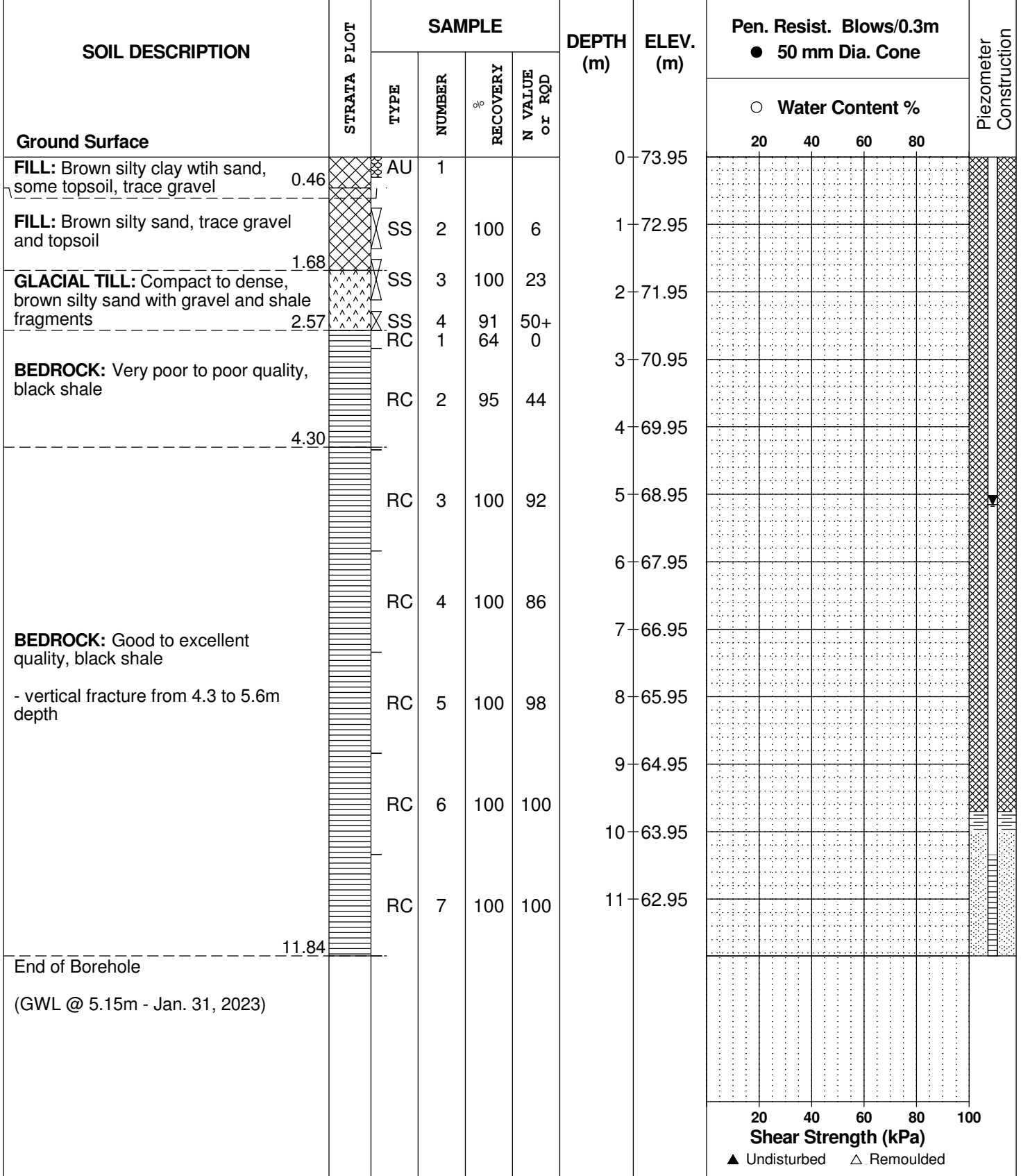
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SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %					
								20	40	60	80		
<b>Ground Surface</b>													
<b>TOPSOIL</b> FILL: Brown silty clay, some sand, topsoil and gravel	0.05 0.91	AU	1			0	73.06						
<b>GLACIAL TILL:</b> Brown silty sand with gravel and shale fragments		SS	2	83	21	1	72.06						
		SS	3	100	50+	2	71.06						
<b>BEDROCK:</b> Very poor quality, black shale	2.11	SS	4	50	50+	3	70.06						
	3.00	RC	1	100	0	4	69.06						
		RC	2	100	81	5	68.06						
		RC	3	100	92	6	67.06						
<b>BEDROCK:</b> Good to excellent quality, black shale		RC	4	100	76	7	66.06						
- vertical fracture from 7.1 to 7.6m depth		RC	5	100	98	8	65.06						
- vertical fracture from 10.4 to 10.6m depth		RC	6	100	80	9	64.06						
- vertical fracture from 11.25 to 12.1m depth		RC	7	100	96	10	63.06						
		RC				11	62.06						
	12.06					12	61.06						
End of Borehole (GWL @ 3.83m - Jan. 31, 2023)													

20 40 60 80 100  
**Shear Strength (kPa)**  
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SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %					
								20	40	60	80		
<b>Ground Surface</b>													
<b>TOPSOIL</b> FILL: Brown silty sand with clay, gravel and rock fragments, some topsoil	0.08	SS	1	62	9	0	74.26						
Very stiff, brown <b>SILTY CLAY</b>	1.07	SS	2	83	9	1	73.26						
<b>GLACIAL TILL</b> : Brown silty sand with gravel and shale fragments	1.45	SS	3	100	50+	2	72.26						
<b>BEDROCK</b> : Very poor quality, black shale	1.68	RC	1	46	0	3	71.26						
	3.33	RC	2	96	67	4	70.26						
		RC	3	100	91	5	69.26						
<b>BEDROCK</b> : Fair to excellent quality, black shale		RC	4	100	85	6	68.26						
- vertical fracture from 6.6 to 6.8m depth		RC	5	100	90	7	67.26						
- vertical fracture from 7.5 to 8.2m depth		RC	6	100	100	8	66.26						
- vertical fracture from 8.7 to 9.0m depth		RC	7	100	100	9	65.26						
	12.04					10	64.26						
						11	63.26						
<b>End of Borehole</b> (GWL @ 5.00m - Jan. 31, 2023)						12	62.26						

20 40 60 80 100  
**Shear Strength (kPa)**  
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SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %					
								20	40	60	80		
<b>Ground Surface</b>													
<b>FILL:</b> Brown silty clay with sand, organics, trace gravel	0.23	SS	1	56	50+	0	72.56						
<b>GLACIAL TILL:</b> Very dense, brown silty sand with clay and shale fragments	1.58	SS	2	100	50+	1	71.56						
		SS	3	100	50+								
		RC	1	100	38	2	70.56						
<b>BEDROCK:</b> Poor to fair quality, black shale		RC	2	100	69	3	69.56						
						4	68.56						
						5	67.56						
						6	66.56						
						7	65.56						
						8	64.56						
						9	63.56						
				10	62.56								
				11	61.56								
				12	60.56								
End of Borehole	12.27												
(GWL @ 3.43m - Jan. 31, 2023)													
								20	40	60	80	100	
								<b>Shear Strength (kPa)</b>					
								▲ Undisturbed     △ Remoulded					

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SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %					
								20	40	60	80		
<b>Ground Surface</b>													
Asphaltic concrete	0.05					0	72.42						
<b>FILL:</b> Brown silty sand with gravel and crushed stone	0.69	AU	1										
<b>FILL:</b> Brown silty sand with some gravel - trace gravel and crushed stone by 1.4m depth	2.21	SS	2	75	28	1	71.42						
		SS	3	75	20	2	70.42						
<b>FILL:</b> brown silty sand to sandy silt, trace clay, shale and organics - trace gravel by 3.0m depth	3.43	SS	4	67	14	3	69.42						
		SS	5	80	50+	4	68.42						
		RC	1	100	82	5	67.42						
		RC	2	100	93	6	66.42						
<b>BEDROCK:</b> Good to excellent quality, black shale		RC	3	100	100	7	65.42						
		RC	4	100	100	8	64.42						
		RC	5	100	100	9	63.42						
		RC	6	100	100	10	62.42						
- vertical fracture from 10.7 to 10.8m depth		RC	6	100	100	11	61.42						
<b>End of Borehole</b>	11.94												

20 40 60 80 100  
**Shear Strength (kPa)**  
▲ Undisturbed    △ Remoulded

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HOLE NO.  
**BH 7-23**

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			20	40	60	80	
<b>Ground Surface</b>												
Asphaltic concrete	0.05	SS	1	50	30	0	73.89					
<b>FILL:</b> Brown silty sand with gravel and crushed stone	1.47	SS	2	8	4	1	72.89					
<b>GLACIAL TILL:</b> Compact to dense, brown silty sand with gravel, cobbles and boulders, trace clay	2.84	SS	3	50	22	2	71.89					
- grey by 2.6m depth		SS	4	100	40							
<b>BEDROCK:</b> Poor quality, black shale		RC	1	100	29	3	70.89					
- good to excellent quality by 3.15m depth		RC	2	100	75	4	69.89					
		RC	3	100	80	5	68.89					
		RC	4	100	90	6	67.89					
- 25mm thick mud seam at 6.2m depth		RC	5	100	98	7	66.89					
		RC	6	100	98	8	65.89					
		RC	7	100	91	9	64.89					
		RC	6	100	98	10	63.89					
		RC	7	100	91	11	62.89					
	12.12					12	61.89					
End of Borehole (GWL @ 3.81m - Nov. 13, 2023)												

20 40 60 80 100  
**Shear Strength (kPa)**  
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SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			20	40	60	80	
<b>Ground Surface</b>												
Asphaltic concrete	0.05					0	73.23					
FILL: Brown silty sand with gravel and crushed stone	0.69	SS	1	25	17							
FILL: Brown silty sand with gravel	1.42	SS	2	25	16	1	72.23					
FILL: Grey silty sand with gravel, some clay, brick and organics		SS	3	33	12	2	71.23					
		SS	4	0	6	3	70.23					
		SS	5	0	23	4	69.23					
GLACIAL TILL: Dense, grey silty sand with gravel, cobbles and boulders	3.81 4.22	SS	6		33	4	69.23					
BEDROCK: Very poor to fair quality, black shale  - good to excellent quality by 6.1m depth		RC	1	100	0	5	68.23					
		RC	2	97	71	6	67.23					
		RC	3	100	100	7	66.23					
		RC	4	100	61	8	65.23					
		RC	5	81	64	9	64.23					
		RC	6	100	100	10	63.23					
End of Borehole (GWL @ 3.50m - Nov. 13, 2023)	12.09					12	61.23					

20 40 60 80 100  
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SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			20	40	60	80	
<b>Ground Surface</b>												
Asphaltic concrete	0.05	SS	1	33	25	0	72.63					
<b>FILL:</b> Brown silty sand with gravel and crushed stone		SS	2	8	12	1	71.63					
	1.47											
<b>FILL:</b> Grey-brown silty sand with clay and gravel		SS	3	42	9	2	70.63					
	2.62											
<b>FILL:</b> Brown silty sand with gravel, some clay, topsoil and organics	3.02	SS	4	75	10	3	69.63					
		SS	5	38	50+	3	69.63					
<b>BEDROCK:</b> Very poor quality, black shale		RC	1	91	22	4	68.63					
- good to excellent quality by 4.6m depth		RC	2	10	86	5	67.63					
- vertical shear from 6.1 to 6.3m depth		RC	3	100	85	7	65.63					
		RC	4	100	100	8	64.63					
		RC	5	100	100	10	62.63					
		RC	6	100	100	11	61.63					
	12.04					12	60.63					
End of Borehole (GWL @ 3.95m - Nov. 13, 2023)												

○ Water Content %

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**Shear Strength (kPa)**

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SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %				
								20	40	60	80	
<b>Ground Surface</b>												
Asphaltic concrete	0.05	AU	1			0	72.81					
<b>FILL:</b> Brown silty sand with gravel and crushed stone	0.60	SS	2	58	27	1	71.81					
<b>FILL:</b> Brown silty sand, trace clay and gravel	1.42	SS	3	12	29	2	70.81					
<b>FILL:</b> Brown silty sand with gravel, trace crushed stone	2.21	SS	4	33	5	3	69.81					
<b>FILL:</b> Brown silty sand with gravel, trace clay and organics	3.66	SS	5	100	19	4	68.81					
<b>GLACIAL TILL:</b> Very dense, grey silty sand with gravel and shale fragments	4.09	SS	6		50+	4	68.81					
<b>BEDROCK:</b> Poor quality, black shale  - excellent quality by 6.1m depth		RC	1	100	30	5	67.81					
		RC	2	100	44	6	66.81					
		RC	3	100	90	7	65.81					
		RC	4	100	95	8	64.81					
		RC	5	100	100	9	63.81					
		RC	6	100	96	10	62.81					
						11	61.81					
						12	60.81					
End of Borehole (GWL @ 4.20m - Nov. 13, 2023)	12.02											

20 40 60 80 100  
**Shear Strength (kPa)**  
 ▲ Undisturbed    △ Remoulded

# SYMBOLS AND TERMS

## SOIL DESCRIPTION

Behavioural properties, such as structure and strength, take precedence over particle gradation in describing soils. Terminology describing soil structure are as follows:

Desiccated	-	having visible signs of weathering by oxidation of clay minerals, shrinkage cracks, etc.
Fissured	-	having cracks, and hence a blocky structure.
Varved	-	composed of regular alternating layers of silt and clay.
Stratified	-	composed of alternating layers of different soil types, e.g. silt and sand or silt and clay.
Well-Graded	-	Having wide range in grain sizes and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes (see Grain Size Distribution).
Uniformly-Graded	-	Predominantly of one grain size (see Grain Size Distribution).

The standard terminology to describe the strength of cohesionless soils is the relative density, usually inferred from the results of the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) 'N' value. The SPT N value is the number of blows of a 63.5 kg hammer, falling 760 mm, required to drive a 51 mm O.D. split spoon sampler 300 mm into the soil after an initial penetration of 150 mm.

Relative Density	'N' Value	Relative Density %
Very Loose	<4	<15
Loose	4-10	15-35
Compact	10-30	35-65
Dense	30-50	65-85
Very Dense	>50	>85

The standard terminology to describe the strength of cohesive soils is the consistency, which is based on the undisturbed undrained shear strength as measured by the in situ or laboratory vane tests, penetrometer tests, unconfined compression tests, or occasionally by Standard Penetration Tests.

Consistency	Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	'N' Value
Very Soft	<12	<2
Soft	12-25	2-4
Firm	25-50	4-8
Stiff	50-100	8-15
Very Stiff	100-200	15-30
Hard	>200	>30

## SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

### SOIL DESCRIPTION (continued)

Cohesive soils can also be classified according to their "sensitivity". The sensitivity is the ratio between the undisturbed undrained shear strength and the remoulded undrained shear strength of the soil.

Terminology used for describing soil strata based upon texture, or the proportion of individual particle sizes present is provided on the Textural Soil Classification Chart at the end of this information package.

### ROCK DESCRIPTION

The structural description of the bedrock mass is based on the Rock Quality Designation (RQD).

The RQD classification is based on a modified core recovery percentage in which all pieces of sound core over 100 mm long are counted as recovery. The smaller pieces are considered to be a result of closely-spaced discontinuities (resulting from shearing, jointing, faulting, or weathering) in the rock mass and are not counted. RQD is ideally determined from NXL size core. However, it can be used on smaller core sizes, such as BX, if the bulk of the fractures caused by drilling stresses (called "mechanical breaks") are easily distinguishable from the normal in situ fractures.

<b>RQD %</b>	<b>ROCK QUALITY</b>
90-100	Excellent, intact, very sound
75-90	Good, massive, moderately jointed or sound
50-75	Fair, blocky and seamy, fractured
25-50	Poor, shattered and very seamy or blocky, severely fractured
0-25	Very poor, crushed, very severely fractured

### SAMPLE TYPES

SS	-	Split spoon sample (obtained in conjunction with the performing of the Standard Penetration Test (SPT))
TW	-	Thin wall tube or Shelby tube
PS	-	Piston sample
AU	-	Auger sample or bulk sample
WS	-	Wash sample
RC	-	Rock core sample (Core bit size AXT, BXL, etc.). Rock core samples are obtained with the use of standard diamond drilling bits.



## SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

### GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

MC%	-	Natural moisture content or water content of sample, %
LL	-	Liquid Limit, % (water content above which soil behaves as a liquid)
PL	-	Plastic limit, % (water content above which soil behaves plastically)
PI	-	Plasticity index, % (difference between LL and PL)
Dxx	-	Grain size which xx% of the soil, by weight, is of finer grain sizes These grain size descriptions are not used below 0.075 mm grain size
D10	-	Grain size at which 10% of the soil is finer (effective grain size)
D60	-	Grain size at which 60% of the soil is finer
Cc	-	Concavity coefficient = $(D_{30})^2 / (D_{10} \times D_{60})$
Cu	-	Uniformity coefficient = $D_{60} / D_{10}$

Cc and Cu are used to assess the grading of sands and gravels:

Well-graded gravels have:  $1 < Cc < 3$  and  $Cu > 4$

Well-graded sands have:  $1 < Cc < 3$  and  $Cu > 6$

Sands and gravels not meeting the above requirements are poorly-graded or uniformly-graded.

Cc and Cu are not applicable for the description of soils with more than 10% silt and clay (more than 10% finer than 0.075 mm or the #200 sieve)

### CONSOLIDATION TEST

$p'_o$	-	Present effective overburden pressure at sample depth
$p'_c$	-	Preconsolidation pressure of (maximum past pressure on) sample
Ccr	-	Recompression index (in effect at pressures below $p'_c$ )
Cc	-	Compression index (in effect at pressures above $p'_c$ )
OC Ratio		Overconsolidation ratio = $p'_c / p'_o$
Void Ratio		Initial sample void ratio = volume of voids / volume of solids
Wo	-	Initial water content (at start of consolidation test)

### PERMEABILITY TEST

k	-	Coefficient of permeability or hydraulic conductivity is a measure of the ability of water to flow through the sample. The value of k is measured at a specified unit weight for (remoulded) cohesionless soil samples, because its value will vary with the unit weight or density of the sample during the test.
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## SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

### STRATA PLOT



Topsoil



Asphalt



Fill



Peat



Sand



Silty Sand



Silt



Sandy Silt



Clay



Silty Clay



Clayey Silty Sand



Glacial Till



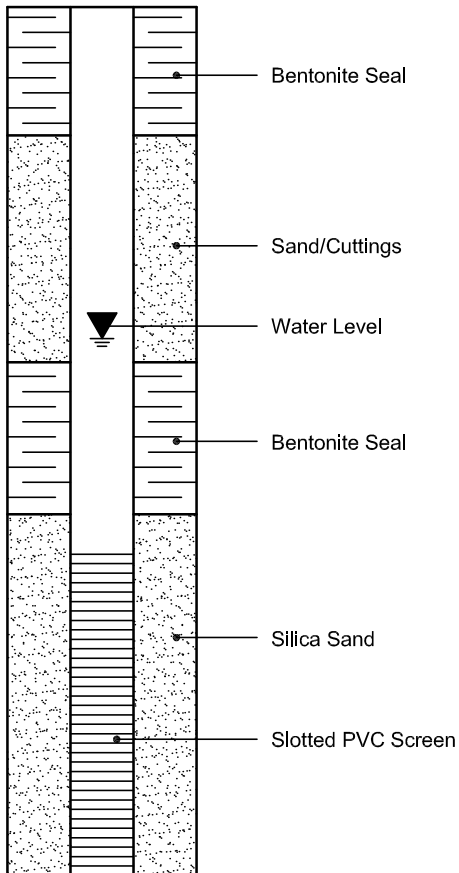
Shale



Bedrock

### MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION

#### MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION



#### PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION





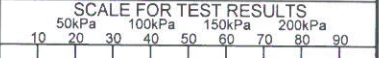
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- LEGEND**
- ☒ SS Split Spoon
  - ▨ ST Shelby Tube
  - ▮ RC Rock Core
  - ▽ Water Level
  - Water content (%)
  - ┌ Atterberg limits (%)
  - N Penetration Index based on Split Spoon sample
  - N Penetration Index based on Dynamic Cone sample
  - △ Cu Shear Strength based on Field Vane
  - Cu Shear Strength based on Lab Vane
  - S Sensitivity Value of Soil
  - ▲ Shear Strength based on Pocket Penetrometer

SCALE		STRATIGRAPHY			SAMPLE DATA			
Depth BGS	Elevation (m)	Stratigraphy	DESCRIPTION OF SOIL AND BEDROCK	State	Type and Number	Recovery	Organic Vapour ppm or %LEL	Penetration Index / RQD
meters	73.19		GROUND SURFACE			%	ppm	N
	73.04	TOPSOIL/ROOTMAT						
0.5		SAND SILT FILL, compact, dark brown, some organic intrusions, occasional sand and clay layers, moist			SS1	46		15
1.0					SS2	22		12
1.5					SS3	56		10
2.0	71.23	SHALE TILL, dense, black, frequent shale pieces, clayey, moist			SS4	59		50+
2.5	70.68	WEATHERED SHALE, thinly bedded			RC5 SS6	100 60		0 50+
3.0		SHALE BEDROCK -Billings formation -generally sound -occasional soft rock seams			SS7	100		50+
3.5	69.94				RC8	90		28
4.0								
4.5	68.64	END OF BOREHOLE						
5.0								
5.5								
6.0								



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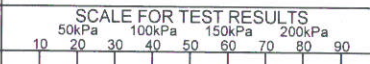
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SCALE		STRATIGRAPHY			SAMPLE DATA			
Depth BGS	Elevation (m)	Stratigraphy	DESCRIPTION OF SOIL AND BEDROCK	State	Type and Number	Recovery	Organic Vapour ppm or %LEL	Penetration Index / RQD
meters	73.62		GROUND SURFACE			%	ppm	N
	73.59	▨	TOPSOIL/ROOTMAT SANDY SILT FILL, compact, dark brown, some gravel and shale pieces, moist		SS1	71		18
0.5					SS2	56		16
1.0								
1.5			-becoming clayey by 1.5m depth					
2.0	71.64	▨	SHALE TILL, dense, black, frequent shale pieces, moist		SS3	56		13
2.5	71.11	▨	WEATHERED SHALE, thinly bedded		SS4	89		50+
3.0	70.70	▨	SHALE BEDROCK -Billings formation -generally sound		SS5	88		50+
3.5								
4.0			-occasional soft rock seams		RC6	88		37
4.5								
5.0	68.87		END OF BOREHOLE					
5.5								
6.0								



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- Cu Shear Strength based on Lab Vane
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- Shear Strength based on Pocket Penetrometer

SCALE		STRATIGRAPHY			SAMPLE DATA			
Depth BGS	Elevation (m)	Stratigraphy	DESCRIPTION OF SOIL AND BEDROCK	State	Type and Number	Recovery	Organic Vapour ppm or %LEL	Penetration Index / RQD
meters	72.33		GROUND SURFACE			%	ppm	N
	72.15		TOPSOIL/ROOTMAT					
0.5			SANDY SILT FILL, compact, dark brown, moist		SS1	50		7
			-Becoming clayey with occasional gravel by 0.5m depth					
1.0					SS2	42		7
	71.11		SHALE TILL, dense, black, frequent shale pieces, moist					
1.5					SS3	71		50+
	70.76		SHALE BEDROCK					
2.0			-Billings formation					
			-highly weathered layer at surface					
2.5			-generally sound					
			-occasional soft rock seams		RC4	50		0
3.0								
3.5								
4.0					RC5	84		15
4.5								
5.0	67.66		END OF BOREHOLE					

SCALE FOR TEST RESULTS  
 50kPa 100kPa 150kPa 200kPa

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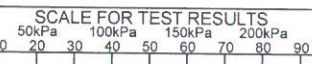
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SCALE		STRATIGRAPHY			SAMPLE DATA			
Depth BGS	Elevation (m)	Stratigraphy	DESCRIPTION OF SOIL AND BEDROCK	State	Type and Number	Recovery	Organic Vapour ppm or %LEL	Penetration Index / RQD
meters	72.41		GROUND SURFACE			%	ppm	N
	72.38		TOPSOIL/ROOTMAT SANDY SILT FILL, compact, dark brown, moist		SS1	33		5
0.5								
	71.50		SHALE TILL, frequent shale pieces, dense, black, moist		SS2	63		12
1.0								
1.5								
	70.43		SHALE BEDROCK -Billings formation -Highly weathered layer at surface -Generally sound -Occasional soft rock seams		SS3	77		50+
2.0								
2.5								
3.0					RC4	70		39
3.5	68.90		END OF BOREHOLE					
4.0								
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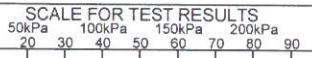
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meters	72.19		GROUND SURFACE			%	ppm	N
	71.99		TOPSOIL/ROOTMAT					
0.5	71.61		SILTY CLAY FILL, stiff, dark brown, some organics, moist		SS1	67		6
	71.25		SHALE TILL, dense, black, frequent shale pieces, moist					
1.0	71.25		WEATHERED SHALE, thinly bedded		SS2	76		50+
	70.77		SHALE BEDROCK -Billings Formation -generally sound					
1.5			-occasional soft rock seams		RC3	85		18
2.0								
2.5								
3.0	69.24		END OF BOREHOLE					
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Certificate of Analysis

Report Date: 25-Jan-2023

Client: Paterson Group Consulting Engineers

Order Date: 19-Jan-2023

Client PO: 56641

Project Description: PG6552

<b>Client ID:</b>	BH2-23 SS3 BOT	-	-	-
<b>Sample Date:</b>	17-Jan-23 09:00	-	-	-
<b>Sample ID:</b>	2303411-01	-	-	-
<b>MDL/Units</b>	Soil	-	-	-

**Physical Characteristics**

% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	89.1	-	-	-
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**General Inorganics**

pH	0.05 pH Units	7.08	-	-	-
Resistivity	0.10 Ohm.m	97.4	-	-	-

**Anions**

Chloride	10 ug/g dry	16	-	-	-
Sulphate	10 ug/g dry	38	-	-	-



Certificate of Analysis

Report Date: 13-Nov-2023

Client: Paterson Group Consulting Engineers (Ottawa)

Order Date: 8-Nov-2023

Client PO: 58779

Project Description: PG6552

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<b>Matrix:</b>	Soil	-	-	-	-
<b>MDL/Units</b>					

**Physical Characteristics**

% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	83.5	-	-	-	-
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**General Inorganics**

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Resistivity	0.1 Ohm.m	2.8	-	-	-	-

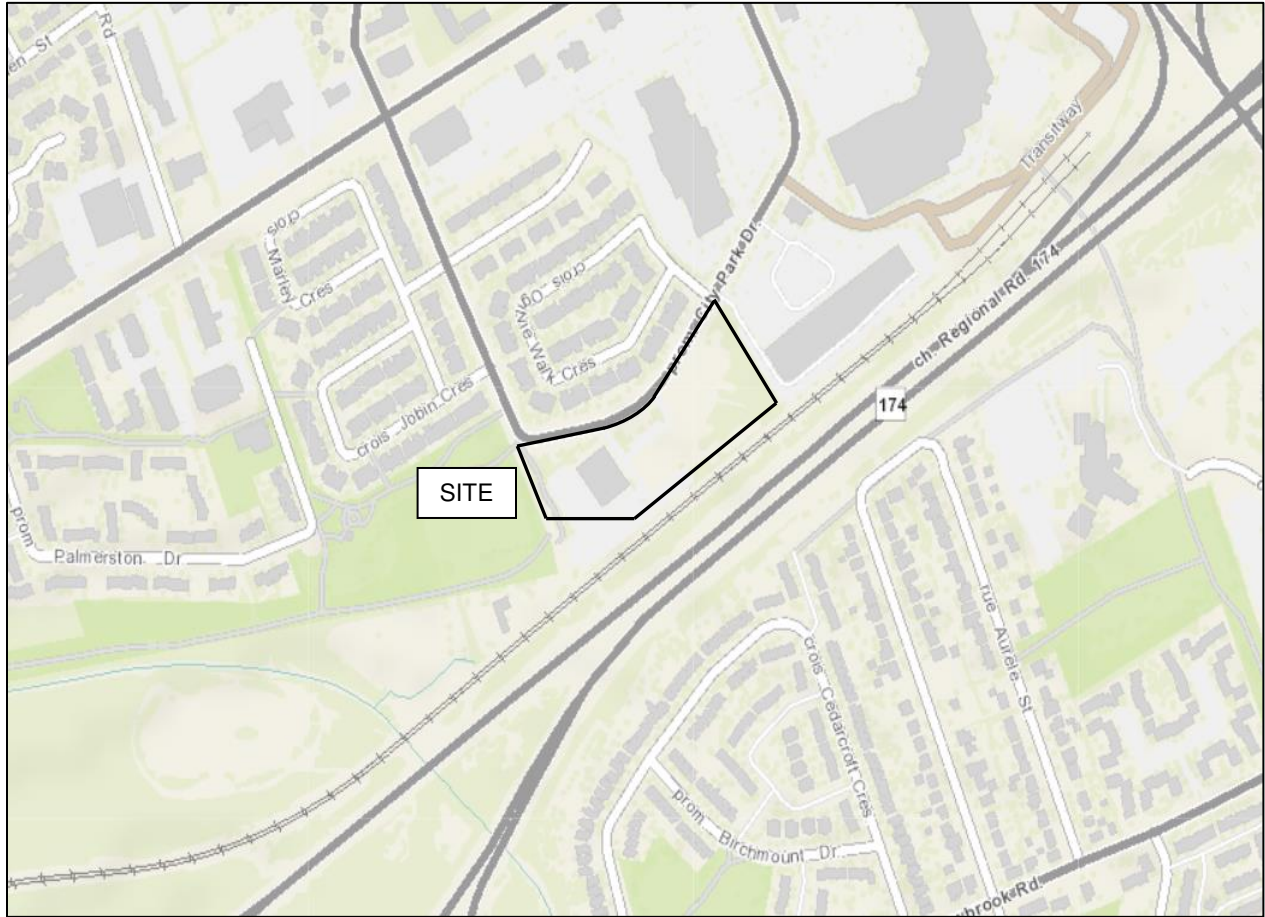
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Sulphate	10 ug/g	87	-	-	-	-

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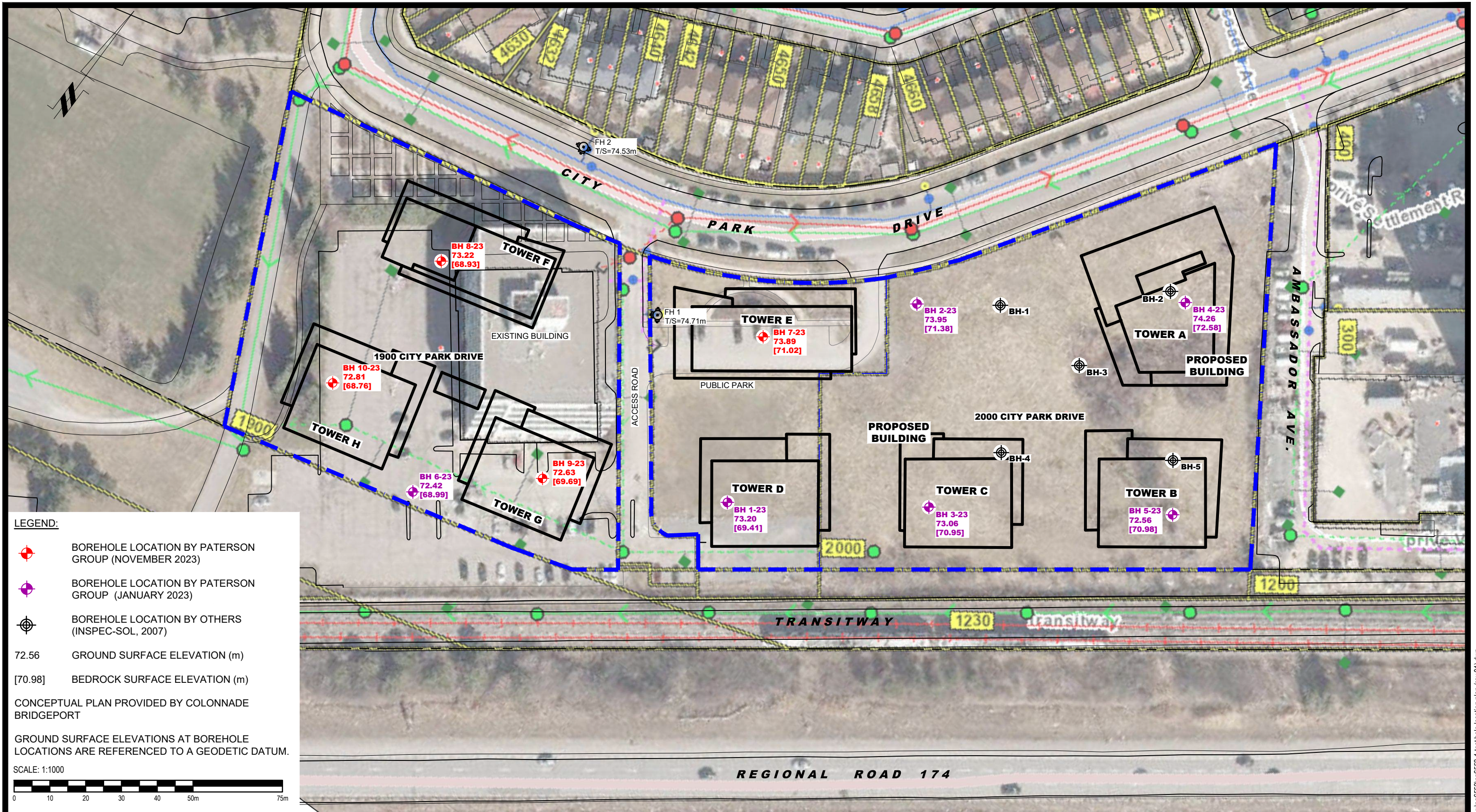
FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN

DRAWING PG6552-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN



# FIGURE 1

## KEY PLAN



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GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION  
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1900 AND 2000 CITY PARK DRIVE**

OTTAWA, ONTARIO

**TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN**

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