

Geotechnical Investigation

Proposed High-Rise Development

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1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by 359 Kent Street Ltd c/o Taggart Realty Management to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed high-rise development to be located on 359 Kent Street and 436 and 444 MacLaren Street in the City of Ottawa (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan in Appendix 2 of this report).

The objective of the geotechnical investigation was to:

- Determine the subsoil and groundwater conditions at this site by means of boreholes.
- Provide geotechnical recommendations pertaining 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.

It is understood that the current investigation was completed for the zoning by-law amendment (ZBLA) and Official Plan Amendment (OPA) applications.

2.0 Proposed Development

Based on available drawings, it is understood that the proposed development will consist of a thirty-four-storey tower with four underground parking levels occupying the majority of the subject site. Associated access lanes and landscaped areas are also anticipated for the proposed development. Associated roadways, walkways, and landscaped margins are also anticipated as part of the development. Further, it is understood that the existing two-storey structures located at 436 and 444 MacLaren Street will remain as part of the proposed development. It is further understood that the proposed development will be municipally serviced.

3.0 Method of Investigation

3.1 Field Investigation

Field Program

The field program for the current geotechnical investigation was carried out on April 8, 9, 12, and 13, 2021 and consisted of advancing a total of 5 boreholes to a maximum depth of 18.0 m below existing ground surface. The borehole locations were distributed in a manner to provide general coverage of the subject site, taking into consideration underground utilities and site features. The borehole locations are shown on Drawing PG5731-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The test holes were completed using a 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 coring to the required depths at the selected locations, and sampling and testing the overburden.

Sampling and In Situ Testing

The soil samples were recovered either directly from the auger flights or using a 50 mm diameter split-spoon sampler. Rock cores were obtained in Boreholes BH 1-21 to BH4-21 using 47.6 mm inside diameter coring equipment and diamond drilling techniques. 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 securely in cardboard core 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 in Appendix 1.

The Standard Penetration Tests (SPT) were 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.

The recovery value and a Rock Quality Designation (RQD) value were calculated for each drilled section of bedrock and are presented on the borehole logs. The recovery value is the length of the bedrock sample recovered over the length of the drilled section. The RQD value is the total length of intact rock pieces longer than 100 mm over the length of the core run. The values indicate 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

Two boreholes were fitted with a groundwater monitoring well and the other boreholes were fitted with flexible piezometer to allow groundwater level monitoring. The observed groundwater levels were recorded in the field. Ground observations are discussed in Subsection 4.3 and presented in the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1.

Monitoring Well Installation

Typical monitoring well construction details are described below:

- 3.0 m of slotted 51 mm diameter PVC screen at the base of the borehole.
- 51 mm diameter PVC riser pipe from the top of the screen to the ground surface.
- No.3 silica sand backfill within annular space around screen.
- 300 mm thick bentonite hole plug directly above PVC slotted screen.
- Clean backfill from top of bentonite plug to the ground surface.

Refer to the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 for specific well construction details.

Sample Storage

All samples will be stored in the laboratory for a period of one (1) month after issuance of this report. They will then be discarded unless we are otherwise directed.

3.2 Field Survey

The borehole locations were selected by Paterson to provide general coverage of the proposed development, taking into consideration the existing site features and underground utilities. The test hole locations and ground surface elevation at each test hole location were surveyed by Paterson using a handheld GPS and referenced to a geodetic datum. The location of the boreholes and ground surface elevation at each test hole location are presented on Drawing PG5731-1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

3.3 Laboratory Testing

Soil samples were recovered from the subject site and visually examined in our laboratory to review the results of the field logging. Soil samples will be stored for a period of one month after this report is completed, unless otherwise directed.

3.4 Analytical Testing

One (1) soil sample was submitted for analytical testing to assess the corrosion potential for exposed ferrous metals and the potential of sulphate attacks against subsurface concrete structures, one of which was collected from borehole BH3-21. The sample was submitted to determine the concentration of sulphate and chloride, the resistivity, and the pH of the samples. The results are presented in Appendix 1 and are discussed further in Subsection 6.7.

4.0 Observations

4.1 Surface Conditions

The ground surface across the subject site is relatively flat and at grade with the surrounding roadways and properties. The subject site consists of multiple single-family residential dwellings, a mid-rise commercial building and associated landscaped areas, parking areas and driveways.

The site is bordered by MacLaren Street to the north, residential properties to the east, Gilmour Street to the south, and by Kent Street to the west. The existing ground surface across the site is relatively level at approximate geodetic elevation 72 to 73 m.

4.2 Subsurface Profile

Overburden

Generally, the subsurface profile encountered at the borehole locations consists of a 5 to 10 cm thick asphalt pavement structure at the ground surface level underlain by fill material extending up to 2.4 m below the ground surface. The fill was generally observed to consist of brown silty sand with crushed stone. Clay was observed in the fill material in BH2-21, and a possible concrete pad was observed in BH 3-21 from 2.4 to 2.8 m below ground surface.

A deposit of very stiff to stiff brown to grey silty clay was encountered underlying the above-noted fill layer extending to depths approximately 7.3 to 8.5 m. A 0.9 m thick layer of stiff, grey clayey silt was encountered underlying the silty clay in BH3-21.

A compact to dense glacial till deposit was encountered underlying the silty clay layer, which generally consisted of brown silty clay with sand, gravel, cobbles, and boulders.

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

Bedrock

A very poor to good quality black shale bedrock was encountered underlying the glacial till deposit at approximate depths of 8.8 to 11.8 m.

Based on available geological mapping, the bedrock in the subject area consists of shale of the Billings formation, with an overburden drift thickness of 10 to 15 m depth.

4.3 Groundwater

Groundwater levels were recorded in the monitoring wells and piezometers installed at the borehole locations on April 19, 2021. The groundwater level readings noted at that time are presented in Table 1. Based on field observations of the recovered soil samples, the long-term groundwater table is anticipated at an approximate depth of **8.5 to 9.5 m**. However, it should be noted that the groundwater levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations and could vary at the time of construction.

Table 1 – Summary of Groundwater Levels				
Borehole Number	Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Measured Groundwater Level		Date Recorded
		Depth (m)	Elevation (m)	
BH1-21	73.15	9.40	63.75	April 19, 2021
BH2-21	72.67	9.16	63.51	
BH3-21	72.61	8.96	63.65	
BH4-21	72.64	9.08	63.56	
BH5-21	73.21	2.75	70.46	
Note: The ground surface elevation at each borehole location was surveyed using a handheld GPS using a geodetic datum.				

5.0 Discussion

5.1 Geotechnical Assessment

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

Bedrock removal will be required to complete the underground parking levels. Line drilling and controlled blasting is recommended where large quantities of bedrock need to be removed. The blasting operations should be planned and completed under the guidance of a professional engineer with experience in blasting operations.

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

5.2 Site Grading and Preparation

Stripping Depth

Asphalt, topsoil, and deleterious fill, such as those containing organic materials, should be stripped from under any buildings, paved areas, pipe bedding and other settlement sensitive structures.

Existing foundation walls and other construction debris should be entirely removed from within the perimeter of the proposed building. Under paved areas, existing construction remnants such as foundation walls should be excavated to a minimum of 1 m below final grade.

Fill Placement

Fill placed for grading beneath the building areas should consist, unless otherwise specified, of clean imported granular fill, such as Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSS) Granular A or Granular B Type II. The imported fill material should be tested and approved prior to delivery. The fill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose lifts and compacted by suitable compaction equipment. Fill placed beneath the building should be compacted to a minimum of 98% of the standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).

Non-specified existing fill along with site-excavated soil could be placed as general landscaping fill and beneath exterior parking areas where settlement of the ground surface is of minor concern. In landscaped areas, these materials should be spread in lifts with a maximum thickness of 300 mm and compacted by the tracks of the spreading equipment to minimize voids. If these materials are to be used to build up the subgrade level for areas to be paved, they should be compacted in thin lifts to a minimum density of 95% of their respective SPMDD.

Non-specified existing fill and site-excavated soils are not suitable for placement as backfill against foundation walls, unless a composite drainage blanket connected to a perimeter drainage system is provided.

Bedrock Removal

Based on the bedrock encountered in the area, it is expected that line-drilling in conjunction with hoe-ramming or controlled blasting will be required to remove the bedrock. In areas of weathered bedrock and where only a small quantity of bedrock is to be removed, bedrock removal may be possible by 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.

As a general guideline, peak particle velocities (measured at the structures) should not exceed 25 mm/s during the blasting program to reduce the risks of damage to the existing surrounding structures.

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

Excavation side slopes in sound bedrock can be carried out using near vertical sidewalls. Where bedrock is of lower quality, the excavation face should be free of any loose rock. An area specific review should be completed by the geotechnical consultant at the time of construction to determine if rock bolting or other remedial measures are required to provide a safe excavation face for areas where low quality bedrock is encountered.

Vibration Considerations

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

The following construction equipment could cause vibrations: piling equipment, hoe ram, compactor, dozer, crane, truck traffic, etc. The construction of a temporary shoring system with soldier piles or sheet piling would require these pieces of equipment. Vibrations, caused by blasting or construction operations, could cause detrimental vibrations on the adjoining buildings and structures. Therefore, it is recommended that all vibrations be limited.

Two parameters determine the recommended vibration limit: 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). These guidelines are for current construction standards. These guidelines are above perceptible human level and, in some cases, could be very disturbing to some people, a pre-construction survey is recommended to minimize the risks of claims during or following the construction of the proposed building.

5.3 Foundation Design

Bearing Resistance Values (Conventional Shallow Foundation)

Footings placed on a clean, surface sounded bedrock surface of fair to good quality can be designed using a bearing resistance value at ultimate limits states (ULS) of **1,500 kPa**. A geotechnical factor of 0.5 was applied to the above noted bearing resistance value.

A factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limits states (ULS) of **2,500 kPa**, incorporating a geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5, could be designed if founded upon bedrock that is free of seams, fractures and voids within 1.5 m below the founding level. This could be verified by completing and probing 50 mm diameter drill holes to a depth of 1.5 m below the founding level within the footing footprint(s). One drill hole should be completed per footing. The drill hole inspection should be completed by the geotechnical consultant at the time of construction.

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.

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 sound bedrock bearing media when a plane extending down and out from the bottom edges of the footing at a minimum of 1H:6V (or flatter) passes only through sound bedrock or a material of the same or higher capacity as that of the bearing medium. A weathered bedrock bearing medium will require a lateral support zone of 1H:1V (or flatter).

Settlement

Footings bearing on an acceptable bedrock bearing surface and designed for the bearing resistance values provided herein will be subjected to negligible potential post-construction total and differential settlements.

5.4 Design for Earthquakes

Shear wave velocity testing was completed for the subject site to accurately determine the applicable seismic site classification for the proposed building in accordance with Table 4.1.8.4.A of the Ontario Building Code 2012. The shear wave velocity testing was completed by Paterson personnel. The results of the shear wave velocity test are provided in Figures 2 and 3 in Appendix 2.

Field Program

The seismic array testing location was placed on the central area of the site in an approximate east - west direction as presented in Drawing PG5731-1 – Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2. Paterson field personnel placed 18 horizontal 4.5 Hz. geophones mounted to the surface by means of two 75 mm ground spikes attached to the geophone land case. The geophones were spaced at 2 m intervals and connected by a geophone spread cable to a Geode 24 Channel seismograph.

The seismograph was also connected to a computer laptop and a hammer trigger switch attached to a 12 pound dead blow hammer. The hammer trigger switch sends a start signal to the seismograph. The hammer is used to strike an I-Beam seated into the ground surface, which creates a polarized shear wave. The hammer shots are repeated between four (4) to eight (8) times at each shot location to improve signal to noise ratio.

The shot locations are also completed in forward and reverse directions (i.e.-striking both sides of the I-Beam seated parallel to the geophone array). The shot locations were 15, 3, and 2 m away from the first and last geophone, and at the centre of the seismic array.

Data Processing and Interpretation

Interpretation for the shear wave velocity results were completed by Paterson personnel. Shear wave velocity measurement was made using reflection/refraction methods. The interpretation is performed by recovering arrival times from direct and refracted waves.

The interpretation is repeated at each shot location to provide an average shear wave velocity, V_{s30} , of the upper 30 m profile, immediately below the building's foundation. The layer intercept times, velocities from different layers and critical distances are interpreted from the shear wave records to compute the bedrock depth at each location.

The bedrock velocity was interpreted using the main refractor wave velocity, which is considered a conservative estimate of the bedrock velocity due to the increasing quality of the bedrock with depth. It should be noted that as bedrock quality increases, the bedrock shear wave velocity also increases.

The V_{s30} was calculated using the standard equation for average shear wave velocity provided in the OBC 2012, and as presented below.

$$V_{s30} = \frac{\text{Depth}_{of\ interest}(m)}{\left(\frac{\text{Depth}_{Layer1}(m)}{V_{sLayer1}(m/s)} + \frac{\text{Depth}_{Layer2}(m)}{V_{sLayer2}(m/s)}\right)}$$
$$V_{s30} = \left(\frac{\frac{30\ m}{30\ m}}{1,973\ m/s}\right)$$
$$V_{s30} = 1,973\ m/s$$

Based on the results of the seismic shear wave velocity testing, V_{s30} for foundations placed on bedrock is **1,973 m/s**. Therefore, for the anticipated underside of footing elevation, a **Site Class A** is applicable for design of the proposed building as per Table 4.1.8.4.A of the OBC 2012. The soils underlying the subject site are not susceptible to liquefaction.

5.5 Basement Slab

For the building founded on footings, it is recommended that the upper 200 mm of sub-slab fill 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.

A sub-slab drainage system, consisting of lines of perforated drainage pipe sub-drains connected to a positive outlet should be provided under the lowest level floor slab. The spacing of the sub-slab drainage pipes can be determined at the time of the construction to confirm groundwater infiltration levels, if any. This is discussed further in Subsection 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 subject structure. 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 bulk (drained) unit weight of 20 kN/m³.

Where undrained conditions are anticipated (i.e. below the groundwater level), the applicable effective (undrained) unit weight of the retained soil can be taken as 13 kN/m³, where applicable. A hydrostatic pressure should be added to the total static earth pressure when using the effective unit weight.

It is also expected that a portion of the basement walls are to be poured against a composite drainage blanket, which will be placed against the exposed bedrock face. A nominal coefficient of at-rest earth pressure of 0.05 is recommended in conjunction with a dry unit weight of 23.5 kN/m³ (effective unit weight of 15.5 kN/m³) where this condition occurs. A seismic earth pressure component will not be applicable for the foundation wall, which is to be 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.

Two distinct conditions, static and seismic, should be reviewed for design calculations. The parameters for design calculations for the two conditions are presented below.

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)
- γ = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil (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 (ΔP_{AE}).

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

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

The peak ground acceleration, (a_{max}), for the Ottawa area is 0.32 g 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 $P_o = 0.5 K_o \gamma H^2$, where $K_o = 0.5$ 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 Pavement Design

For design purposes, the pavement structure presented in the following tables could be used for the design of car parking areas and access lanes.

Table 2 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Car Only Parking Areas	
Thickness (mm)	Material Description
50	Wear Course - HL 3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
150	BASE - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
300	SUBBASE - OPSS Granular B Type II
SUBGRADE - Either fill, in situ soil or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil or fill.	
Note: Minimum Performance Graded (PG) 58-34 asphalt cement should be used for driveways.	

Table 3 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Access Lanes	
Thickness (mm)	Material Description
40	Wear Course - HL3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
50	Binder Course - HL8 or Superpave 19.0 Asphaltic Concrete
150	BASE - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
450	SUBBASE - OPSS Granular B Type II
SUBGRADE - Either fill, in situ soil or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil or fill.	
Note: Minimum Performance Graded (PG) 58-34 asphalt cement should be used for local roadways.	

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 to a competent layer and replaced with OPSS Granular B Type II material. Weak subgrade conditions may be experienced over service trench fill materials. This may require the use of geotextile, such as Terratrack 200 or equivalent, thicker subbase or other measures than can be recommended at the time of construction as part of the field observation program.

The pavement granular base and subbase should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 100% of the material's SPMD using suitable compaction equipment, noting that excessive compaction can result in subgrade softening.

Pavement Structure Drainage

Satisfactory performance of the pavement structure is largely dependent on maintaining the contact zone between the subgrade material and the base stone in a dry condition. Failure to provide adequate drainage under conditions of heavy wheel loading can result in the fine subgrade soil being pumped into the voids in the stone subbase, thereby reducing load carrying capacity.

Due to the low permeability of the subgrade materials consideration should be given to installing subdrains during the pavement construction as per City of Ottawa standards. The subdrain inverts should be approximately 300 mm below subgrade level. The subgrade surface should be crowned to promote water flow to the drainage lines.

6.0 Design and Construction Precautions

6.1 Foundation Drainage and Backfill

Foundation Drainage and Waterproofing

For the proposed underground parking levels, it is understood that the building foundation walls will be placed in close proximity to the site boundaries. Therefore, it is recommended that the foundation walls be blind poured against a drainage system and waterproofing system fastened to the bedrock face or temporary shoring system.

For the groundwater infiltration control system for the lower portion of the foundation walls, the following is recommended:

- Line drill the excavation perimeter.
- Hoe ram any irregularities and prepare the bedrock surface. Shotcrete areas to fill in cavities and smooth out angular features at the bedrock surface, as required based on site inspections by Paterson.

Waterproofing of the foundation walls is recommended and the membrane is to be installed starting 7.5 m down from surface down to the bottom of foundation.

It is also recommended that a composite drainage system, such as Delta Drain 6000 or equivalent, be installed between the waterproofing membrane and the foundation wall and that it is extended from the exterior finished grade to the founding elevation (underside of footing). The purpose of the composite drainage system is to direct any water infiltration resulting from a breach of the waterproofing membrane to the building sump pit. It is recommended that 150 mm diameter sleeves at 3 m centres be cast in the foundation wall at the perimeter footing interface to allow the infiltration of water to flow to an interior perimeter underfloor drainage pipe. The perimeter drainage pipe should direct water to sump pit within the lower basement area.

It is also recommended that a secondary perimeter foundation drainage system be provided at a depth of 2 m below any frost heave sensitive areas, such as exterior sidewalks for the proposed structure to control any perched water within the backfill material. The perimeter drainage pipe should have a positive outlet, such as a gravity connection to the storm sewer.

Sub-Slab Drainage

It is anticipated that underfloor drainage will be required to control water infiltration. For preliminary design purposes, we recommend that 150 mm diameter perforated PVC pipes be placed at 6 m centres. The spacing of the underfloor drainage system should be confirmed at the time of completing the excavation when water infiltration can be better assessed.

Foundation Backfill

Where space is available for conventional wall construction, backfill against the exterior sides of the foundation walls should consist of free-draining, non-frost susceptible granular materials. The greater part of the site excavated materials will be frost susceptible and, as such, are not recommended for re-use as backfill against the foundation walls, unless used in conjunction with a drainage geocomposite, such as Delta Drain 6000, connected to the perimeter foundation drainage system. Imported granular materials, such as clean sand or OPSS Granular B Type I granular material, should otherwise be used for this purpose.

6.2 Protection of Footings Against Frost Action

Perimeter footings of heated structures are required to be insulated against the deleterious effects of frost action. A minimum 1.5 m thick soil cover (or insulation equivalent) should be provided in this regard.

Other exterior unheated footings, such as those for isolated exterior, are more prone to deleterious movement associated with frost action. These should be provided with a minimum 2.1 m thick soil cover (or insulation equivalent).

The foundations for the underground parking levels are expected to have sufficient frost protection due to the founding depth. However, it has been our experience that insufficient soil cover is typically provided at entrance ramps to underground parking garages. Paterson requests permission to review design drawings prior to construction to ensure proper frost protection is provided to these areas.

6.3 Excavation Side Slopes

Temporary Side Slopes

The side slopes of excavations in the overburden materials should be either cut back at acceptable slopes or should be retained by shoring systems from the start of the excavation until the structure is backfilled.

The excavation side slopes above the groundwater level 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

Temporary shoring may be required for the overburden soil to complete the required excavations where insufficient room is available for open cut methods. The shoring requirements designed by a structural engineer specializing in those works will depend on the depth of the excavation, the proximity of the adjacent structures and the elevation of the adjacent building foundations and underground services. It is the responsibility of the shoring contractor to ensure that the temporary shoring system 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. Furthermore, the design of the temporary shoring system should take into consideration a full hydrostatic condition which can occur during significant precipitation events. The design and implementation of these temporary systems will be the responsibility of the excavation contractor and their design team. Inspections and approval of the temporary system will also be the responsibility of the designer.

Further, the temporary shoring system must be designed to support footing loads from the existing two-storey structures located at 436 and 444 MacLaren Street which are to remain as part of the proposed development.

Geotechnical information provided below is to assist the designer in completing a suitable and safe shoring system. The designer should take into account the impact of a significant precipitation event and designate design measures to ensure that a precipitation will not negatively impact the shoring system or soils supported by the system. Any changes to the approved shoring design system should be reported immediately to the owner’s structural design prior to implementation.

The temporary shoring system could consist of a soldier pile and lagging system or steel sheet piles. Any additional loading due to street traffic, construction equipment, adjacent structures and facilities, etc., should be included to the earth pressures described below. This system could be cantilevered, anchored or braced. The shoring system is recommended to be adequately supported to resist toe failure, if required, by means of extending the piles into the bedrock through pre-augered holes, if a soldier pile and lagging system is the preferred method.

The earth pressures acting on the temporary shoring system may be calculated with the following parameters.

Table 4 – Soils Parameter for Shoring System Design	
Parameters	Values
Active Earth Pressure Coefficient (K_a)	0.33
Passive Earth Pressure Coefficient (K_p)	3
At-Rest Earth Pressure Coefficient (K_o)	0.5
Unit Weight (γ), kN/m ³	20
Submerged Unit Weight (γ), kN/m ³	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 level.

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/bedrock should be calculated full weight, with no hydrostatic groundwater pressure component.

It is expected that shoring tie backs installed for the temporary shoring system may encounter highly fractured shale bedrock for the upper several meters. As a result, extra cementitious grout may be required for the tie backs due to open fractures.

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

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.

The pipe bedding for sewer and water pipes should consist of at least 150 mm of OPSS Granular A material. The material should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 99% of the SPMDD. The bedding should extend at least to the spring line of the pipe.

The cover material, from the spring line to at least 300 mm above the obvert of the pipe, should consist of OPSS Granular A. The bedding and cover materials should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts compacted to a minimum of 99% of the material's standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).

It should generally be possible to re-use the upper portion of the dry to moist (not wet) brown silty clay and silty sand above the cover material if the excavation and filling operations are carried out in dry weather conditions. Wet silty clay materials will be difficult for placement, as the high-water content is impractical for the desired compaction without an extensive drying period.

Any stones greater than 200 mm in their longest dimension should be removed from these materials prior to placement. Well fractured bedrock should be acceptable as backfill for the lower portion of the trenches when the excavation is within bedrock provided the rock fill is placed only from at least 300 mm above the top of the service pipe and that all stones are 300 mm or smaller in their longest dimension.

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) should match the soils exposed at the trench walls to reduce potential differential frost heaving. The backfill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the material's SPMDD.

6.5 Groundwater Control

Groundwater Control for Building Construction

Based on our observations, it is anticipated that groundwater infiltration into the excavations should be low and controllable using open sumps and pumps. Pumping from open sumps should be sufficient to control the groundwater influx through the sides of shallow excavations. The contractor should be prepared to direct water away from all bearing surfaces and subgrades, regardless of the source, to prevent disturbance to the founding medium.

Permit to Take Water

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

Long-term Groundwater Control

Any groundwater encountered along the buildings' perimeter or underfloor drainage system will be directed to the proposed buildings' cistern/sump pit. Provided the proposed groundwater infiltration control system is properly implemented and approved by the geotechnical consultant at the time of construction, the expected long-term groundwater flow should be low (i.e., less than 40,000 L/day) with peak periods noted after rain events. A more accurate estimate can be provided at the time of construction once groundwater infiltration levels are observed. The long-term groundwater flow is anticipated to be controllable using conventional open sumps.

Impacts on Neighbouring Properties

It is understood that multiple underground parking levels are being planned for the proposed building, with the lower portion of the foundation having a groundwater infiltration control system in place. Due to the presence of a groundwater infiltration control system in place, long-term groundwater lowering is anticipated to be negligible for the area. Therefore, no adverse effects to the neighbouring properties are to be expected.

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 by the use of 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 in 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.

Precautions must be taken where excavations are carried in proximity of existing structures which may be adversely affected due to the freezing conditions. In particular, it should be recognized that where a shoring system is used, the soil behind the shoring system will be subjected to freezing conditions and could result in heaving of the structure(s) placed within or above frozen soil. Provisions should be made in the contract document to protect the walls of the excavations from freezing, if applicable.

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 non-aggressive to slightly aggressive corrosive environment.

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 final design details from a geotechnical perspective.
- Observation of all bearing surfaces prior to the placement of concrete.
- Sampling and testing of the concrete and fill materials.
- Periodic observation of the condition of unsupported excavation side slopes in excess of 3 m in height, if applicable.
- Periodic observation of the condition of the vertical bedrock face during excavation.
- 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.
- Review of waterproofing details for elevator shafts and building sump pits.
- Review and inspection of the foundation waterproofing system and all foundation drainage systems.

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.

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 359 Kent Street Ltd. c/o Taggart Realty Management 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

ANALYTICAL TESTING RESULTS

DATUM Geodetic

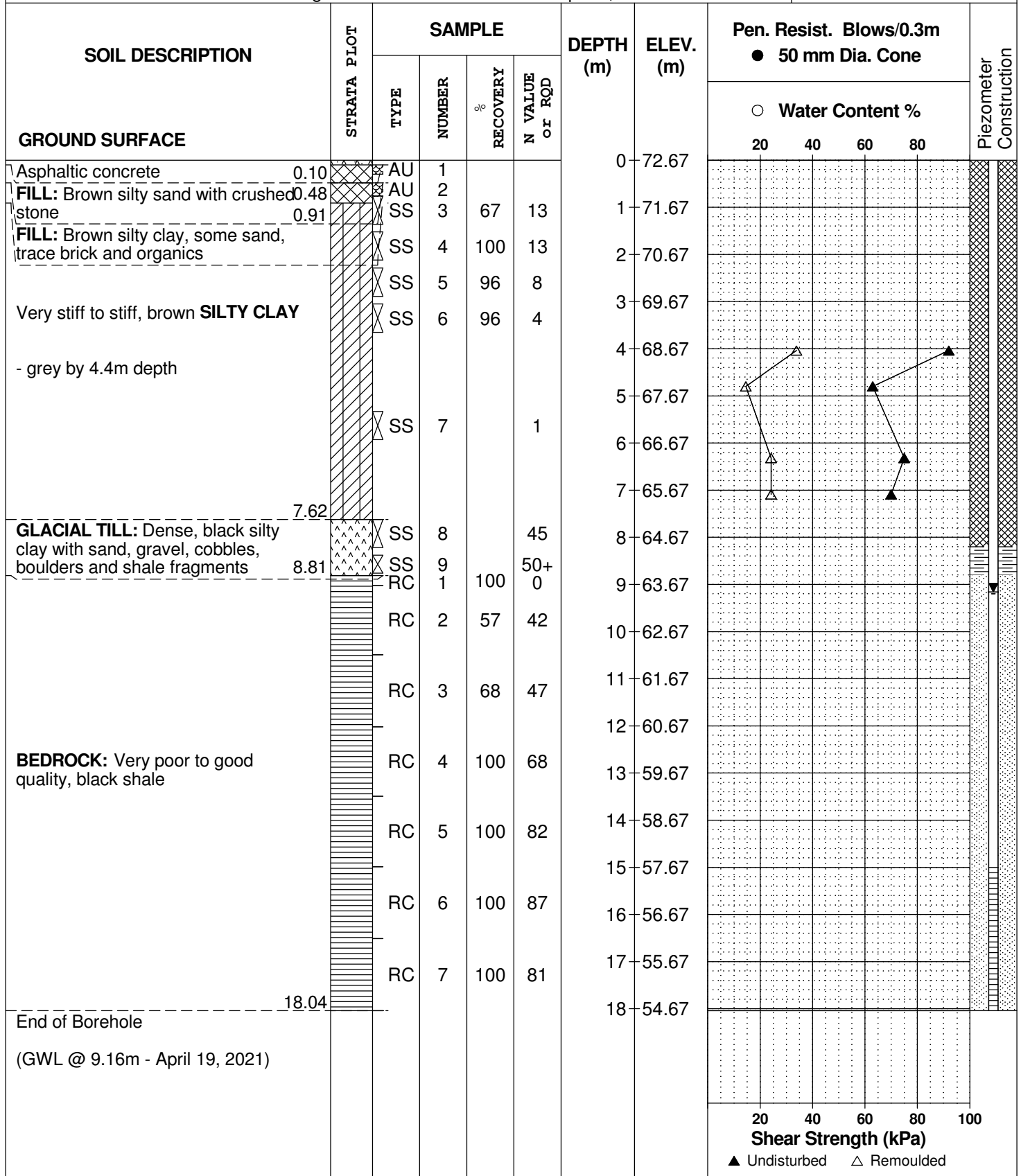
REMARKS

BORINGS BY Track-Mount Power Auger

DATE April 8, 2021

FILE NO. PG5731

HOLE NO. BH 2-21



DATUM Geodetic

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REMARKS

HOLE NO. **BH 3-21**

BORINGS BY Track-Mount Power Auger

DATE April 12, 2021

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Monitoring Well Construction
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %				
								20	40	60	80	
GROUND SURFACE												
Asphaltic concrete	0.10	AU	1			0	72.61					
FILL: Crushed stone with silty sand	0.30	AU	2									
FILL: Brown silty sand with gravel, some brick, concrete and boulders - possible concrete pad from 2.4 to 2.84m depth		SS	3	0	50+	1	71.61					
		SS	4	42	9	2	70.61					
	2.81	SS	5	56	50+	3	69.61					
Stiff, brown SILTY CLAY - grey by 3.7m depth		SS	6	83	5	4	68.61					
		SS	7	100	W	5	67.61					
		SS	8	96	W	6	66.61					
		SS	9	100	2	7	65.61					
		SS	10	100	1	8	64.61					
Stiff, grey CLAYEY SILT , trace gravel	7.32	SS	11	100	3	9	63.61					
GLACIAL TILL : Brown silty clay with sand, gravel, cobbles, boulders and shale fragments	8.23	SS	12	27	20	10	62.61					
	8.99	RC	1	48	22	11	61.61					
BEDROCK : Very poor to good quality, black shale		RC	2	80	57	12	60.61					
		RC	3	97	72	13	59.61					
		RC	4	100	80	14	58.61					
						15	57.61					
End of Borehole (GWL @ 8.96m - April 19, 2021)	15.06											

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

DATUM Geodetic

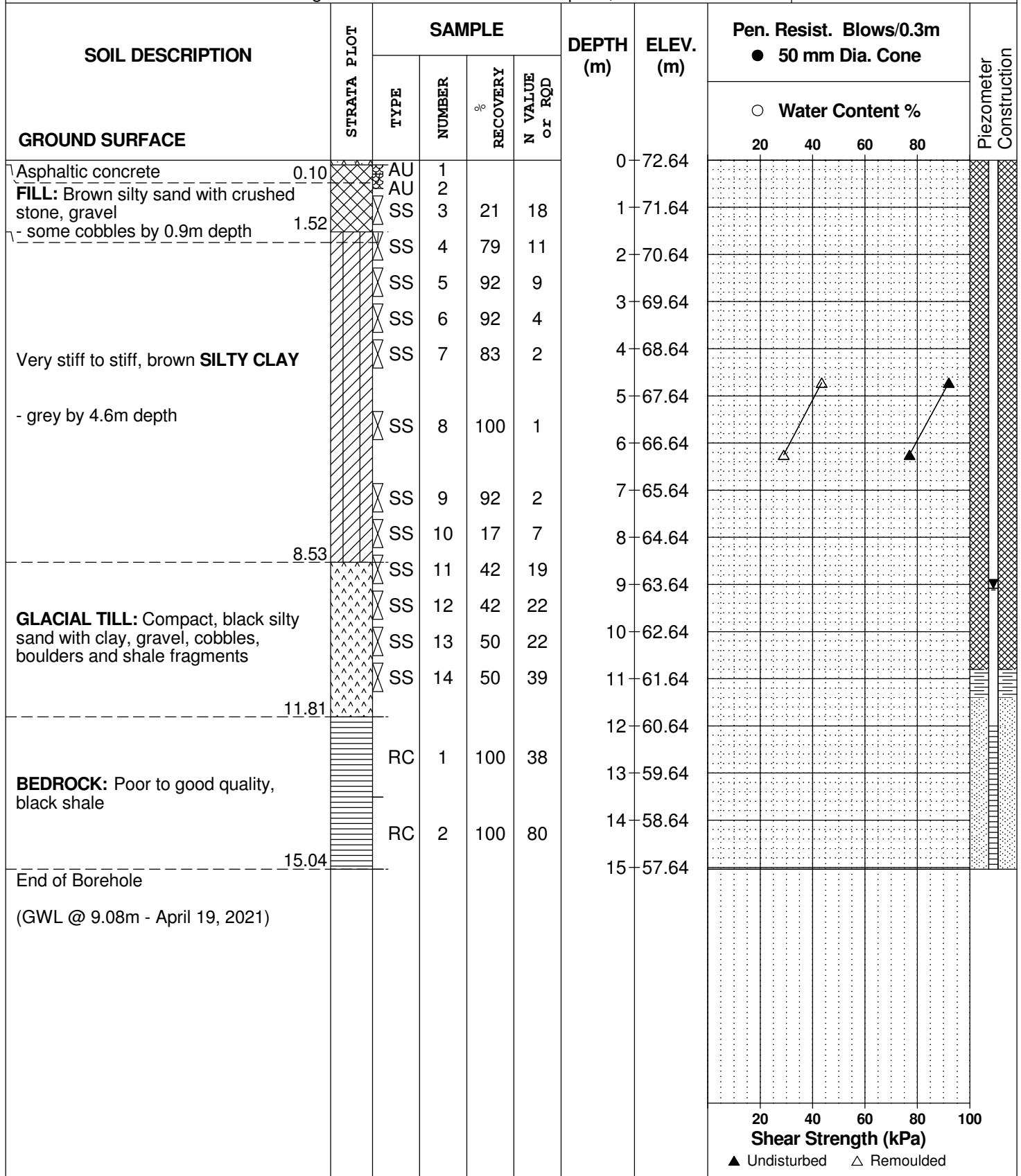
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HOLE NO. **BH 4-21**



DATUM Geodetic

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REMARKS

HOLE NO. **BH 5-21**

BORINGS BY Track-Mount Power Auger

DATE April 12, 2021

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Monitoring Well Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %					
GROUND SURFACE								20	40	60	80		
Asphaltic concrete	0.05	AU	1			0	73.21						
FILL: Crushed stone with silty sand	0.60	AU	2										
trace clay	1.37	SS	3	42	11	1	72.21						
FILL: Brown silty sand		SS	4	92	16	2	71.21						
		SS	5	92	12	3	70.21						
Very stiff to stiff, brown SILTY CLAY		SS	6	96	6	4	69.21						
		SS	7	92	2	5	68.21						
		SS	8	92	2	6	67.21						
		SS	9	96	2								
- grey by 5.2m depth		SS	10	92	2								
End of Borehole	6.70												
(GWL @ 2.75m - April 19, 2021)													

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.

RQD %	ROCK QUALITY
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



Certificate of Analysis

Report Date: 14-Apr-2021

Client: Paterson Group Consulting Engineers

Order Date: 12-Apr-2021

Client PO: 32999

Project Description: PG5731

Client ID:	BH3-21 SS6	-	-	-
Sample Date:	09-Apr-21 18:00	-	-	-
Sample ID:	2116103-01	-	-	-
MDL/Units	Soil	-	-	-

Physical Characteristics

% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	62.9	-	-	-
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General Inorganics

pH	0.05 pH Units	7.38	-	-	-
Resistivity	0.10 Ohm.m	7.56	-	-	-

Anions

Chloride	5 ug/g dry	725	-	-	-
Sulphate	5 ug/g dry	90	-	-	-

APPENDIX 2

FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN

FIGURE 2 & 3 - SEISMIC SHEAR WAVE VELOCITY PROFILES

DRAWING PG5731-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN



FIGURE 1

KEY PLAN

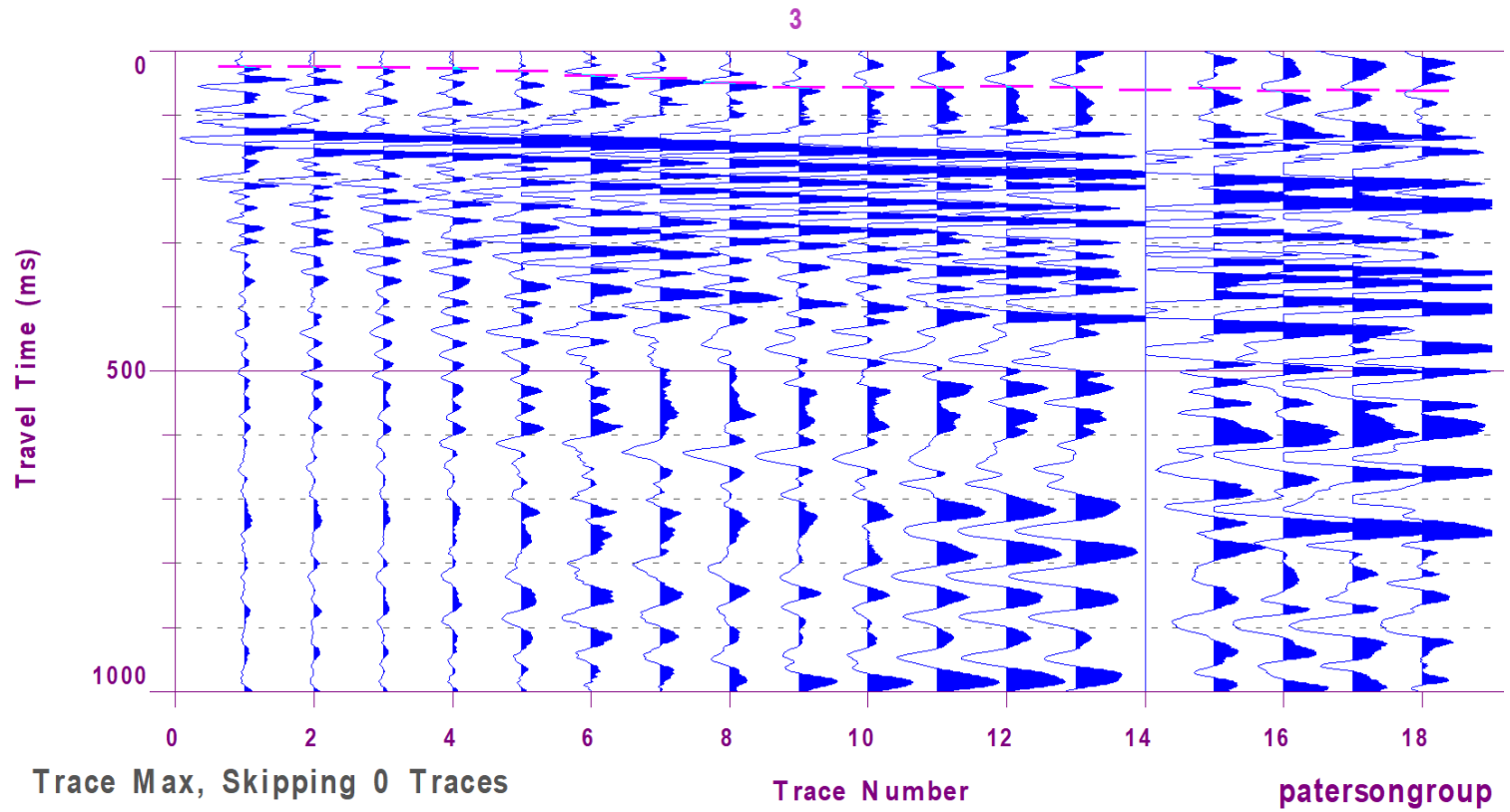


Figure 2 – Shear Wave Velocity Profile at Shot Location -15 m

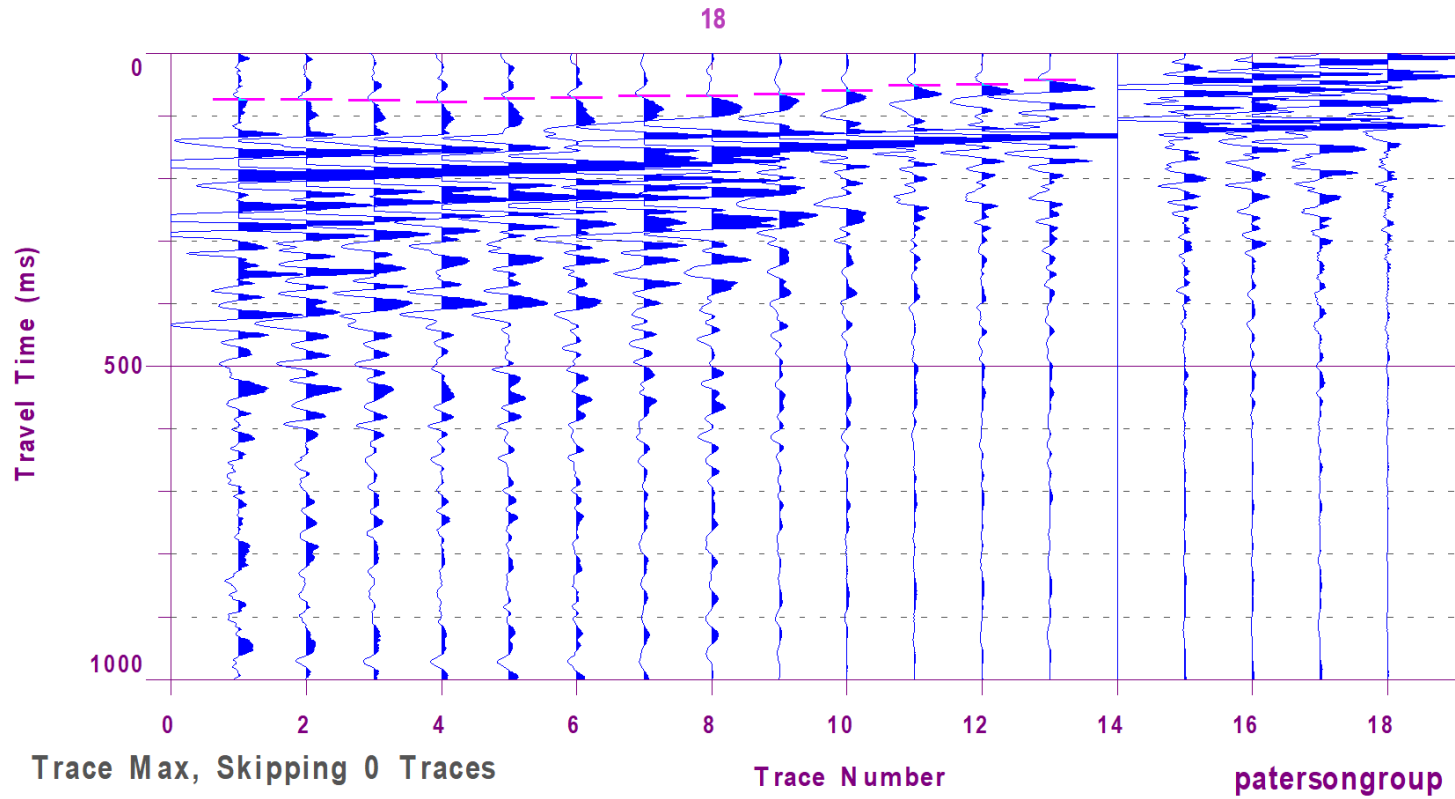
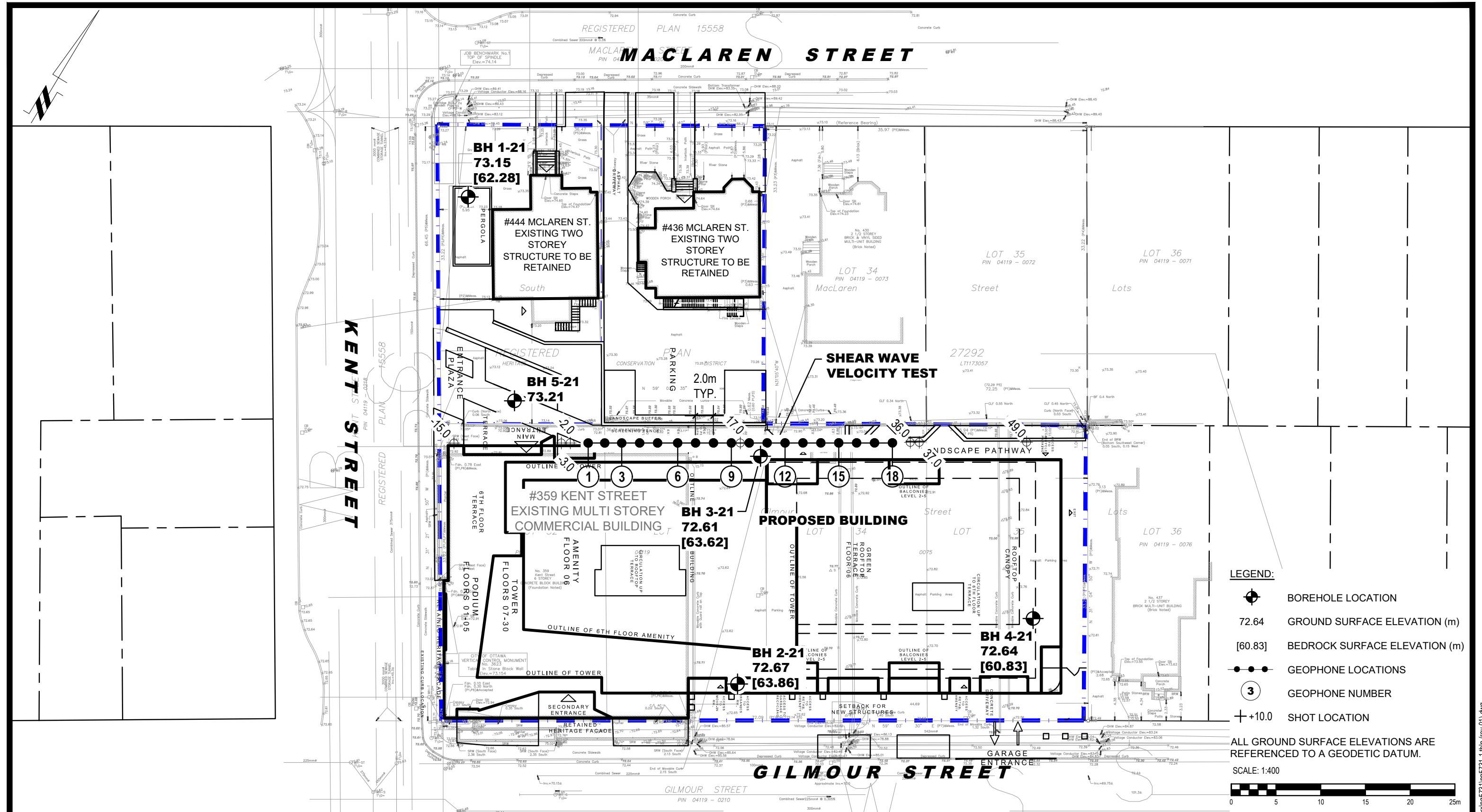


Figure 3 – Shear Wave Velocity Profile at Shot Location 37 m



LEGEND:

- BOREHOLE LOCATION
- 72.64 GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION (m)
- [60.83] BEDROCK SURFACE ELEVATION (m)
- GEOPHONE LOCATIONS
- 3** GEOPHONE NUMBER
- SHOT LOCATION

ALL GROUND SURFACE ELEVATIONS ARE REFERENCED TO A GEODETIC DATUM.

SCALE: 1:400

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TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN

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