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### **1.0 Introduction**

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Caivan Communities to prepare a geotechnical report for the proposed residential development to be located at the Conservancy Lands West, along Borrisokane Road in the City of Ottawa (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan presented in Appendix 2). The objective of the geotechnical investigation was to:

- $\Box$  review available subsurface soil and groundwater information prepared by others.
- $\Box$  provide geotechnical recommendations for the design of the proposed development including construction considerations which may affect its design.

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

### **2.0 Proposed Development**

It is understood that the proposed residential development will consist of single-family dwellings and townhouses with associated driveways, local roadways, landscaping areas, and park lands.

It is further anticipated that the proposed development will be serviced by future municipal water, sanitary and storm services.

### **3.0 Method of Investigation**

### **3.1 Field Investigation**

A geotechnical investigation was previously completed by others at the subject site during the periods of January 31 through March 31, 2017, and November 5 through 9, 2018. The geotechnical investigation consisted of 33 boreholes advanced to a maximum depth of 9.1 m below the existing ground surface. The locations of the boreholes are shown on Drawing PG5036-4 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The boreholes were advanced using a track-mounted auger drill rig operated by a two person crew. The drilling procedure consisted of augering to the required depths and sampling the overburden soils.

Reference should be made to the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets, prepared by others, which are presented in Appendix 1 for specific details of the soil profile encountered at the test hole locations.

#### **Groundwater**

Groundwater monitoring wells and standpipes were installed in 32 boreholes by others to permit monitoring of the groundwater levels subsequent to the completion of the sampling program. All groundwater observations by others are noted on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets presented in Appendix 1.

### **3.2 Field Survey**

The ground surface elevations at the borehole locations were surveyed by others and are understood to be referenced to a geodetic datum. The locations of the boreholes and the ground surface elevation for each borehole location are presented on Drawing PG5036-4 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

### **3.3 Laboratory Testing**

A total of 8 Shelby tube samples collected from the boreholes during the geotechnical investigation were submitted for unidimensional consolidation testing by others. The results of the consolidation testing are summarized in Section 5.3.

A total of 35 representative soil samples were submitted for Atterberg limit testing by others from the geotechnical investigation. The results of the Atterberg testing are presented in Section 4.2 and are discussed in Section 6.7.

### **3.4 Analytical Testing**

Four (4) soil samples were submitted to assess the corrosion potential for exposed ferrous metals and the potential of sulphate attacks against subsurface concrete structures. The sample was analyzed to determine the concentration of sulphate and chloride, the resistivity and the pH of the sample. The results are discussed in Subsection 6.9 and shown in Appendix 1.

### **4.0 Observations**

### **4.1 Surface Conditions**

Generally, the subject site consists of agricultural fields and is bordered by Highway 416 to the west, a railroad to the northwest, a stormwater retention pond to the northeast, the Foster Drain to the east, vacant City Lands to the southeast, and the Jock River to the southwest. The existing ground surface across the site is relatively level at approximate geodetic elevation 91 to 92 m.

### **4.2 Subsurface Profile**

#### **Overburden**

The subsurface profile encountered at the borehole locations generally consisted of an approximate 50 to 360 mm thick layer of topsoil underlain by a silty clay deposit.

The silty clay deposit was generally observed to have a very stiff to stiff, brown silty clay crust, becoming a firm to stiff, grey silty clay at approximate depths of 2.5 to 3 m below the existing ground surface. The silty clay deposit generally extended beyond the bottom of the boreholes at depths of up to 9 m.

However, near the western boundary of the site, a glacial till deposit was encountered underlying the silty clay at depths varying from 1.5 to 7.5 m below the existing ground surface. The glacial till was generally observed to consist of a loose to compact, grey silty clay to silty sand with some gravel, cobbles and boulders.

#### **Laboratory Testing**

Atterberg limit testing, as well as associated moisture content testing, was completed by others on recovered silty clay samples at selected locations throughout the subject site.

The results of the Atterberg limit tests are presented in Table 1 on the following page.





The results of the shrinkage limit test indicate a shrinkage limit of 17.7% and a shrinkage ratio of 1.85.

#### **Bedrock**

Based on available geological mapping, bedrock in the area consists of interbedded limestone and dolomite of the Gull River formation with overburden drift thicknesses ranging between 5 and 15 m.

### **4.3 Groundwater**

Groundwater levels (GWL) were measured by others in 32 boreholes following completion of the geotechnical investigation. The measured GWL readings are presented in Table 2 below. It should be noted that surface water can become trapped within a backfilled borehole, which can lead to higher than normal groundwater level readings. It should be noted that long-term groundwater levels within a silty clay deposit can also be estimated based on the observed colour, moisture levels and consistency of the recovered soil samples. Based on these observations, the long-term groundwater level is expected between a 2 to 3 m depth.

However, it should be noted that the groundwater levels can fluctuate periodically throughout the year and higher levels could be encountered at the time of construction.

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- Borehole elevations are understood to be referenced to a geodetic datum.

## **5.0 Discussion**

### **5.1 Geotechnical Assessment**

From a geotechnical perspective, the subject site is suitable for the proposed residential development. It is expected that the proposed residential buildings will be founded on conventional shallow footings placed on an undisturbed, stiff to firm silty clay bearing surface or an engineered fill pad over an approved subgrade soil.

Due to the presence of a silty clay deposit, permissible grade raise restrictions are recommended for this site.

A construction setback defined as the Limit of Hazard Lands has been defined for the slope face along the adjacent segment of the Jock River, as presented on Drawing PG5036-4 - Test Hole Location Plan. This is discussed further in Section 6.8.

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

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

#### **Stripping Depth**

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.

It is anticipated that the existing fill, free of deleterious materials and topsoil can be left in place below the proposed park blocks. However, it is recommended that the existing fill layer be thoroughly proof-rolled under dry conditions and in above freezing temperatures, using several passes of a vibratory drum roller and approved by the geotechnical consultant at the time of construction. Any poor performing areas noted during the proof-rolling operation should be removed and replaced with approved fill material, such as OPSS Granular B, Type II.

#### **Fill Placement**

Fill used for grading beneath the building areas, including the park blocks, should consist, unless otherwise specified, of clean imported granular fill, such as Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSS) Granular A or Granular B Type II. Consideration could be given to using an alternative granular fill provided that the geotechnical engineer provides fill placement recommendations for the selected material. Granular material should be tested and approved prior to delivery to the site. The fill should be placed in loose lifts of 300 mm thick or less and compacted using suitable compaction equipment for the lift thickness. Fill placed beneath the building areas should be compacted to at least 98% of the Standard Proctor Maximum Dry Density (SPMDD).

Non-specified existing fill along with site-excavated soil can be used as general landscaping fill and beneath parking areas where settlement of the ground surface is of minor concern. In landscaped areas, these materials should be spread in thin lifts and at least 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 the SPMDD. Non-specified existing fill and site-excavated soils are not suitable for use as backfill against foundation walls unless a composite drainage blanket connected to a perimeter drainage system is provided.

### **5.3 Foundation Design**

#### **Bearing Resistance Values**

Strip footings, up to 2 m wide, and pad footings, up to 5 m wide, placed on an undisturbed, stiff silty clay bearing surface can be designed using a bearing resistance value at serviceability limit states (SLS) of **100 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **150 kPa**. Strip footings, up to 2 m wide, and pad footings, up to 5 m wide, placed on an undisturbed, firm silty clay bearing surface can be designed using a bearing resistance value at SLS of **60 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ULS of **90 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the above noted bearing resistance values at ULS.

Footings placed over an engineered pad, consisting of a Granular A or Granular B Type II or approved granular fill alternative placed in maximum 300 mm loose lifts and compacted to 98% of its SPMDD, can be designed using a bearing resistance value at SLS of 100 kPa and a factored bearing resistance value at ULS of 200 kPa.

Bearing resistance values for footing design should be determined on a per lot basis at the time of construction. The bearing resistance values are provided on the assumption that the footings will be placed on undisturbed soil bearing surfaces. An undisturbed soil bearing surface consists of one from which all topsoil and deleterious materials, such as loose, frozen or disturbed soil, whether in situ or not, have been removed, in the dry, prior to the placement of concrete for footings.

#### **Park Block Structures**

Thickened edge concrete slabs or footings supported on the proof-rolled and approved existing fill can be designed using a bearing resistance value at serviceability limit states (SLS) for **100 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **180 kPa**, provided that the bearing surface is inspected and approved by the geotechnical consultant at the time of construction. The total and differential settlements for the proposed structures are 25 and 20 mm, respectively.

Where the existing fill material is encountered at the foundation subgrade, the existing fill shall be proof-rolled under dry conditions and above freezing temperatures, using a vibratory drum roller making several passes and approved by the geotechnical consultant at the time of construction. Any poor performing areas noted during the proof-rolling operation should be removed and replaced with approved fill material, such as OPSS Granular B, Type II.

The bearing medium under thickened edge concrete slab 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 silty clay and engineered fill above the groundwater table when a plane extending horizontally and vertically from the underside of the foundation at a minimum of 1.5H:1V passing through in situ soil of the same or higher bearing capacity as the bearing medium soil.

Consideration can be given to slab-on-grade construction within the park blocks. With the removal of fill, containing significant amounts of deleterious or organic materials, the existing fill or native soil subgrade approved by the geotechnical consultant at the time of excavation will be considered an acceptable subgrade surface on which to commence backfilling for slab-on-grade construction. Where the subgrade consists of existing fill, a vibratory drum roller should complete several passes over the subgrade surface as a proof-rolling program. Any poor performing areas should be removed and reinstated with an engineered fill such as OPSS Granular B Type II.

It is recommended the the upper 400 mm of sub-floor fill consist of OPSS Granular A crushed stone. All backfill material required to raise grade within the footprint of settlement sensitive structures should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose layers and compacted to at least 98% of its SPMDD.

#### **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 the in-situ bearing medium soils above the groundwater table when a plane extending down and out from the bottom edge of the footing at a minimum of 1.5H:1V passes only through in situ soil of the same or higher capacity as the bearing medium soil.

#### **Permissible Grade Raise Recommendations**

Consideration must be given to potential settlements which could occur due to the presence of the silty clay deposit and the combined loads from the proposed footings, any groundwater lowering effects, and grade raise fill. The foundation loads to be considered for the settlement case are the continuously applied loads which consist of the unfactored dead loads and the portion of the unfactored live load that is considered to be continuously applied. For dwellings, a minimum value of 50% of the live load is recommended by Paterson.

Generally, the potential long term settlement is evaluated based on the compressibility characteristics of the silty clay. These characteristics are estimated in the laboratory by conducting unidimensional consolidation tests on undisturbed soil samples collected using Shelby tubes in conjunction with a piston sampler. Eight (8) site specific consolidation tests were conducted by others as part of the geotechnical investigation at the subject site. The results of the consolidation testing are presented in Table 3 below.



The value for p' $_{\rm c}$  is the preconsolidation pressure and p' $_{\rm o}$  is the effective overburden pressure of the test sample. The difference between these values is the available preconsolidation. The increase in stress on the soil due to the cumulative effects of the fill surcharge, the footing pressures, the slab loadings and the lowering of the groundwater should not exceed the available preconsolidation if unacceptable settlements are to be avoided.

The values for  $\mathsf{C}_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{cr}}$  and  $\mathsf{C}_{\scriptscriptstyle \mathrm{c}}$  are the recompression and compression indices, respectively. These soil parameters are a measure of the compressibility due to stress increases below and above the preconsolidation pressures. The higher values for the  $\mathsf{C}_{\scriptscriptstyle{\text{c}}}$ , as compared to the  $\mathsf{C}_{\scriptscriptstyle{\text{cr}}}$ , illustrate the increased settlement potential above, as compared to below, the preconsolidation pressure.

The values of p' $_{\rm c}$ , p' $_{\rm o}$ , C $_{\rm cr}$  and C $_{\rm c}$  are determined using standard engineering testing procedures and are estimates only. Natural variations within the soil deposit will affect the results. The  $p'_o$  parameter is directly influenced by the groundwater level. Groundwater levels were measured during the site investigation. Groundwater levels vary seasonally which has an impact on the available preconsolidation. Lowering the groundwater level increases the  $p^{\prime}{}_{o}$  and therefore reduces the available preconsolidation. Unacceptable settlements could be induced by a significant lowering of the groundwater level. The  $\bm{{\mathsf{p}}}'_\text{o}$  values for the consolidation tests carried out for the present investigation are based on the long term groundwater level observed at each borehole location. The groundwater level is based on the colour and undrained shear strength profile of the silty clay.

The total and differential settlements will be dependent on characteristics of the proposed buildings. For design purposes, the total and differential settlements are estimated to be 25 and 20 mm, respectively. A post-development groundwater lowering of 1 m was assumed.

The potential post construction total and differential settlements are dependent on the position of the long term groundwater level when buildings are situated over deposits of compressible silty clay. Efforts can be made to reduce the impacts of the proposed development on the long term groundwater level by placing clay dykes in the service trenches, reducing the sizes of paved areas, leaving green spaces to allow for groundwater recharge or limiting planting of trees to areas away from the buildings. However, it is not economically possible to control the groundwater level.

To reduce potential long term liabilities, consideration should be given to accounting for a larger groundwater lowering and to provide means to reduce long term groundwater lowering (e.g. clay dykes, restriction on planting around the dwellings, etc). Buildings on silty clay deposits increases the likelihood of movements and therefore of cracking.

The use of steel reinforcement in foundations placed at key structural locations will tend to reduce foundation cracking compared to unreinforced foundations.

Based on the consolidation testing results and undrained shear strength values at the borehole locations and our experience with local Ottawa clays, we have determined our permissible grade raise recommendations for the current phase of the proposed development. Our permissible grade raise recommendations are presented in Drawing PG5036-5 - Permissible Grade Raise Plan in Appendix 2.

Based on the above discussion, several options could be considered to accommodate proposed grade raises with respect to our permissible grade raise recommendations, such as the use of lightweight fill, which allow for raising the grade without adding a significant load to the underlying soils. Alternatively, it is possible to preload or surcharge the subject site in localized areas provided sufficient time is available to achieve the desired settlements.

### **5.4 Design for Earthquakes**

The results of seismic shear wave velocity testing performed by others indicated an average shear wave velocity, Vs<sub>30</sub>, at this site of 211 m/s and 176 m/s. A **Site Class D** is therefore applicable for design across the majority of the site. However, a **Site Class E** is applicable for an area within the northeast portion of the site, as shown on Drawing PG5036-4 in Appendix 2. The soils underlying the subject site are not susceptible to liquefaction.

Reference should be made to the latest revision of the Ontario Building Code (OBC) 2012 for a full discussion of the earthquake design requirements.

### **5.5 Basement Slab / Slab-on-Grade Construction**

With the removal of all topsoil and deleterious fill from within the footprint of the proposed buildings, the native soil surface or approved fill subgrade will be considered an acceptable subgrade on which to commence backfilling for floor slab construction.

Any soft areas should be removed and backfilled with appropriate backfill material prior to placing any fill. OPSS Granular B Type II, with a maximum particle size of 50 mm, are recommended for backfilling below the floor slab.

For structures with slab-on-grade construction, the upper 200 mm of sub-slab fill is recommended to consist of OPSS Granular A crushed stone. All backfill material within the footprint of the proposed buildings should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose layers and compacted to a minimum of 98% of the SPMDD.

For structures with basement slabs, it is recommended that the upper 200 mm of subfloor fill consists of 19 mm clear crushed stone.

### **5.6 Pavement Structure**

For design purposes, the pavement structure presented in the following tables is recommended for the design of park block pathways, access pathways, car only parking areas, local roadways and arterial roadways with bus traffic.



**Table 5 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Driveways / Car Only Parking Areas / Park Block Parking Areas and Access Pathways**



**SUBGRADE** - Either fill, in situ soil or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil or fill





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. Weak subgrade conditions may be experienced over service trench fill materials. This may require the use of a geotextile, thicker subbase or other measures that can be recommended at the time of construction as part of the field observation program.

Minimum Performance Graded (PG) 58-34 asphalt cement should be used for driveways and local roadways and PG 64-34 asphalt cement should be used for roadways with bus traffic. 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 SPMDD using suitable vibratory equipment.

#### **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**

A perimeter foundation drainage system is recommended for each proposed structure. The system should consist of a 100 to 150 mm diameter, geotextile-wrapped, perforated, corrugated plastic pipe, surrounded on all sides by 150 mm of 10 mm clear crushed stone which is placed at the footing level around the exterior perimeter of the structure. The pipe should have a positive outlet, such as a gravity connection to the storm sewer.

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 Against Frost Action**

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

A minimum of 2.1 m thick soil cover (or equivalent) should be provided for other exterior unheated footings, such as structures within the park blocks.

It is recommended that Paterson review the proposed frost protection for each structure at the time of detailed design.

### **6.3 Excavation Side Slopes**

The side slopes of excavations in the soil and fill overburden materials should either be cut back at acceptable slopes or should be retained by shoring systems from the start of the excavation until the structure is backfilled. It is assumed that sufficient room will be available for the greater part of the excavations to be undertaken by opencut methods (i.e. unsupported excavations).

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 subsoil 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.

### **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 placed on a relatively dry, undisturbed subgrade surface should consist of at least 150 mm of OPSS Granular A material. Where the bedding is located within the firm grey silty clay, the thickness of the bedding material should be increased to a minimum of 300 mm. The material should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of its SPMDD. The bedding material should extend at least to the spring line of the pipe.

The cover material, which should consist of OPSS Granular A, should extend from the spring line of the pipe to at least 300 mm above the obvert of the pipe. The material should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of its SPMDD.

Generally, it should be possible to re-use the moist (not wet) brown silty clay above the cover material if the excavation and filling operations are carried out in dry weather conditions. Wet silty clay material will be difficult to re-use, as the high water contents make compacting impractical without an extensive drying period.

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 minimize differential frost heaving. The trench backfill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the material's SPMDD.

To reduce long-term lowering of the groundwater at this site, clay seals should be provided within the service trenches excavated through the silty clay deposit. The seals should be at least 1.5 m long (in the trench direction) and should extend from trench wall to trench wall. The seals should extend from the frost line and fully penetrate the bedding, subbedding and cover material. The barriers should consist of relatively dry and compactable brown silty clay placed in maximum 225 mm thick loose layers and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the SPMDD. The clay seals should be placed at the site boundaries and at strategic locations at no more than 60 m intervals in the service trenches excavated through the silty clay deposit.

### **6.5 Groundwater Control**

Due to the relatively impervious nature of the silty clay materials, it is anticipated that groundwater infiltration into the excavations should be low and controllable using open sumps. 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.

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, 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.

### **6.6 Winter Construction**

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

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, 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.

The trench excavations should be constructed in a manner that will avoid the introduction of frozen materials into the trenches. As well, pavement construction is difficult during winter. The subgrade consists of frost susceptible soils which will experience total and differential frost heaving as the work takes place. In addition, the introduction of frost, snow or ice into the pavement materials, which is difficult to avoid, could adversely affect the performance of the pavement structure. Additional information could be provided, if required.

### **6.7 Landscaping Considerations**

#### **Tree Planting Restrictions - Area 1 - Low to Medium Sensitivity Area**

A low to medium sensitivity clay soil was encountered between the anticipated design underside of footing elevations and 3.5 m below finished grade as per City Guidelines in the areas outlined in Drawing PG5036-6 - Tree Planting Setback Recommendations in Appendix 2. Based on our Atterberg limits test results, the modified plasticity index does not exceed 40% in these areas. The following tree planting setbacks are recommended for the low to medium sensitivity area. Large trees (mature height over 14 m) can be planted within these areas provided a tree to foundation setback equal to the full mature height of the tree can be provided (e.g. in a park or other green space). Tree planting setback limits may be reduced to **4.5 m** for small (mature height up to 7.5 m) and medium size trees (mature tree height 7.5 to 14 m), provided that the conditions noted below are met.

- $\Box$  The underside of footing (USF) is 2.1 m or greater below the lowest finished grade for footings within 10 m from the tree, as measured from the centre of the tree trunk and verified by means of the Grading Plan.
- $\Box$  A small tree must be provided with a minimum of 25 m<sup>3</sup> of available soils volume while a medium tree must be provided with a minimum of 30  $m^3$  of available soil volume, as determined by the Landscape Architect. The developer is to ensure that the soil is generally un-compacted when backfilling in street tree planting locations.
- $\Box$  The tree species must be small (mature tree height up to 7.5 m) to medium size (mature tree height 7.5 m to 14 m) as confirmed by the Landscape Architect.
- $\Box$  The foundation walls are to be reinforced at least nominally (minimum of two upper and two lower 15M bars in the foundation wall).
- $\Box$  Grading surrounding the tree must promote drainage to the tree root zone (in such a manner as not to be detrimental to the tree), as noted on the subdivision Grading Plan.

#### **Tree Planting Restrictions - Area 2 - High Sensitivity Area**

High sensitivity clay soils were encountered between the anticipated design underside of footing elevations and 3.5 m below finished grade as per City Guidelines at the areas outlined in PG5036-6 - Tree Planting Setback Recommendations in Appendix 2. Based on our Atterberg limits test results, the modified plasticity index generally exceeds 40% in these areas. The following tree planting setbacks are recommended for these high sensitivity areas. Large trees (mature height over 14 m) can be planted within these areas provided a tree to foundation setback equal to the full mature height of the tree can be provided (e.g. in a park or other green space). Tree planting setback limits are 7.5 m for small (mature height up to 7.5 m) and medium size trees (mature tree height 7.5 to 14 m), provided that the following conditions are met:

- $\Box$  The underside of footing (USF) is 2.1 m or greater below the lowest finished grade for footings within 10 m from the tree, as measured from the centre of the tree trunk and verified by means of the Grading Plan.
- $\Box$  A small tree must be provided with a minimum of 25 m<sup>3</sup> of available soils volume while a medium tree must be provided with a minimum of 30  $m^3$  of available soil volume, as determined by the Landscape Architect. The developer is to ensure that the soil is generally un-compacted when backfilling in street tree planting locations.
- $\Box$  The tree species must be small (mature tree height up to 7.5 m) to medium size (mature tree height 7.5 m to 14 m) as confirmed by the Landscape Architect.
- $\Box$  The foundation walls are to be reinforced at least nominally (minimum of two upper and two lower 15M bars in the foundation wall).
- $\Box$  Grading surrounding the tree must promote drainage to the tree root zone (in such a manner as not to be detrimental to the tree), as noted on the subdivision Grading Plan.

#### **Aboveground Swimming Pools**

The in-situ soils are considered to be acceptable for in-ground swimming pools. Above ground swimming pools must be placed at least 5 m away from the residence foundation and neighbouring foundations. Otherwise, pool construction is considered routine, and can be constructed in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations.

#### **Aboveground Hot Tubs**

Additional grading around hot tubs should not exceed permissible grade raises. Otherwise, hot tub construction is considered routine, and can be constructed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

#### **Decks and Building Additions**

Additional grading around proposed decks or additions should not exceed permissible grade raises. Otherwise, standard construction practices are considered acceptable.

### **6.8 Slope Stability Assessment**

A slope stability analysis was carried out to determine the required construction setback from the top of the bank. Two (2) slope cross-sections were studied as the worst case scenarios.

Erosional and access allowances were also considered in the determination of limits of hazard lands and are discussed in the following sections. The cross-section locations and the proposed limit of hazard lands are shown on Drawing PG5036-4 - Test Hole Location Plan attached to the current report.

#### **Slope Stability Assessment**

The analyses of the stability of the slopes were carried out using SLIDE, a computer program which permits a two-dimensional slope stability analysis using several methods including the Bishop's method, which is a widely used and accepted analysis method. The program calculates a factor of safety, which represents the ratio of the forces resisting failure to those favouring failure. Theoretically, a factor of safety of 1.0 represents a condition where the slope is stable. However, due to intrinsic limitations of the calculation methods and the variability of the subsoil and groundwater conditions, a factor of safety greater than one is usually required to ascertain that the risks of failure are acceptable.

A minimum factor of safety of 1.5 is generally recommended for conditions where the failure of the slope would endanger permanent structures.

The cross-sections were analyzed based on our review of the available topographic mapping. The slope stability analysis was completed at each slope cross-section under worst-case-scenario by assigning cohesive soils under fully saturated conditions. Subsoil conditions at the cross-sections were inferred based on nearby boreholes and general knowledge of the area's geology.

The effective strength soil parameters used for static analysis were chosen based on the subsoil information recovered during the geotechnical investigation. The effective strength soil parameters used for static analysis are presented in Table 7 below.



The total strength parameters for seismic analysis were chosen based on the in situ, undrained shear strengths recovered within the open boreholes completed at the time of the geotechnical investigation and based on our general knowledge of the geology in the area. The strength parameters used for seismic analysis at the slope crosssections are presented in Table 8 below.



#### **Static Loading Analysis**

The results for the slope stability analyses under static conditions at Sections A and B are shown on Figures 2 and 4, attached to the present report. The factor of safety was found to be greater than 1.5 at Sections A and B. Based on these results, the slopes are considered to be stable under static loading.

#### **Seismic Loading Analysis**

An analysis considering seismic loading was also completed. A horizontal acceleration of 0.16 g was considered for all slopes. A factor of safety of 1.1 is considered to be satisfactory for stability analyses including seismic loading.

The results of the slope stability analyses under seismic conditions are shown on Figures 3 and 5 in Appendix 2. The results indicate that the factors of safety are greater than 1.1 under seismic conditions. Based on these results, the slopes are considered to be stable under seismic loading. Therefore, when considering seismic loading, no geotechnical setback from the top of the slope is required to achieve a factor of safety of 1.1 for the limit of the hazard lands.

#### **Geotechnical Setback - Limit of Hazard Lands**

Based on site reconnaissance completed by others, signs of active erosion were noted along portions of the slope. A 5 m toe erosion allowance is deemed appropriate for this slope based on the cohesive nature of the soils, the observed erosion areas and the current watercourse depth and width. It is considered that a toe erosion allowance of 5 m and an erosion access allowance of 6 m is required from the top of stable slope (ie.- slope with factor of safety greater than 1.5).

The limit of hazard lands, which include these allowances, is indicated on Drawing PG5036-4 - Test Hole Location Plan attached to the present report.

It is recommended that any existing vegetation on the slope faces not be removed as it contributes to the stability of the slope and reduces erosion.

#### **6.9 Corrosion Potential and Sulphate**

Four (4) soil sample was submitted for analytical testing. The analytical test results of the soil sample indicate that the sulphate content is less than 0.01%. These results along with the chloride and pH value are indicative that Type 10 Portland 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 moderate to aggressive corrosive environment.

### **7.0 Recommendations**

It is recommended that the following be completed once the master plan and site development are determined:

- $\Box$  Review detailed grading plan(s) from a geotechnical perspective.
- $\Box$  Observation of all bearing surfaces prior to the placement of concrete.
- $\Box$  Periodic observation of the condition of unsupported excavation side slopes in excess of 3 m in height, if applicable.
- $\square$  Observation of all subgrades and subdrains prior to placing backfilling materials.
- $\Box$  Observation of proof-rolling operations for subgrade within park blocks
- $\Box$  Field density tests to ensure that the specified level of compaction has been achieved.
- $\Box$  Sampling and testing of the bituminous concrete including mix design reviews.

A report confirming that these works have been conducted in general accordance with Paterson's recommendations could be issued upon request, following the completion of a satisfactory material testing and observation program by the geotechnical consultant.

### **8.0 Statement of Limitations**

The recommendations made in this report are in accordance with Paterson's present understanding of the project. Paterson requests permission to review the grading plan once available. Paterson's recommendations should also be reviewed when the drawings and specifications are complete.

The client should be aware that any information pertaining to soils and the test hole logs are furnished as a matter of general information only. Test hole descriptions or logs are not to be interpreted as descriptive of conditions at locations other than those of the test holes.

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 to be notified immediately in order to permit reassessment of the recommendations.

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 Caivan Communities or their agent(s) is not authorized without review by this firm for the applicability of our recommendations to the altered use of the report.

**Paterson Group Inc.**

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# **APPENDIX 1**

### **SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA SHEETS**

**SYMBOLS AND TERMS**

**SEISMIC SITE CLASS TESTING RESULTS BY OTHERS**

**SHRINKAGE LIMIT TESTING RESULTS BY OTHERS**

**ANALYTICAL TEST RESULTS**

#### RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-01

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5013143.8; E 361309.9

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: February 2, 2017



#### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-02**

BORING DATE: February 1, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5013269.0; E 361573.3 SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm



#### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-03**

LOCATION: N 5012851.9; E 361409.3

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: February 1, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28



#### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-04**

LOCATION: N 5013010.7; E 361684.6

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: February 1, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATUM: CGVD28



#### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-05**

BORING DATE: February 1, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012743.9; E 361739.5 SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm



#### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-09**

BORING DATE: February 3, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012670.0; E 362072.9 SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm


# **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-16**

BORING DATE: March 31, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012987.6; E 361366.8 SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm



# **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-17**

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5013210.1; E 361450.6

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: March 23 & 24, 2017



## **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-17A**

BORING DATE: March 24, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

LOCATION: Adjacent to BH 17-17



# **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-18**

LOCATION: N 5013064.6; E 361497.9

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: March 23, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28



# **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-18A**

BORING DATE: March 23, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

LOCATION: Adjacent to BH 17-18



# **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-19**

LOCATION: N 5012932.6; E 361556.3

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: March 30, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATUM: CGVD28



## **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-20**

LOCATION: N 5012801.4; E 361573.1

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: March 20, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATUM: CGVD28



# **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-20A**

BORING DATE: March 20, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

LOCATION: Adjacent to BH 17-20



# **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-21**

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012670.3; E 361616.6

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: March 29, 2017



# **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-22**

LOCATION: N 5012555.0; E 361697.8

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: March 29, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28



# **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-23**

BORING DATE: March 30, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5013132.3; E 361640.7 SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm



## **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-24**

BORING DATE: March 29, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012870.0; E 361739.6 SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm



# **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-25**

LOCATION: N 5012633.8; E 361839.8

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: March 24, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28



## **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-25A**

BORING DATE: March 24, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: Adjacent to BH 17-25



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## **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-26**

LOCATION: N 5013197.9; E 361757.1

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: March 23, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATUM: CGVD28



# **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-27**

LOCATION: N 5013051.5; E 361831.3

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: March 28, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28



## **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-28**

LOCATION: N 5012922.4; E 361888.7

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: March 20, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATUM: CGVD28



## **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-28A**

BORING DATE: March 20, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

LOCATION: Adjacent to BH 17-28



# **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-29**

BORING DATE: March 28, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012811.0; E 361925.0 SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm



# **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 17-30**

LOCATION: N 5012708.4; E 361971.8

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: March 29, 2017

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATUM: CGVD28



## RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 18-01

BORING DATE: November 5, 2018

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012964.6; E 361071.4 SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm



#### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE:** 18-02

BORING DATE: November 6, 2018

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5013068.6; E 361173.1 SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm



### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 18-03**

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012861.1; E 361112.0

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: November 6, 2018



#### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE:** 18-04

BORING DATE: November 7, 2018

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012942.7; E 361222.8 SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm



### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 18-05**

BORING DATE: November 7, 2018

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012741.6; E 361151.9 SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm



#### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE:** 18-06

BORING DATE: November 7, 2018

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012825.6; E 361270.4 SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm



### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 18-07**

BORING DATE: November 7, 2018

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012600.1; E 361205.1 SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm



### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 18-08**

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012701.2; E 361309.6

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: November 8, 2018



#### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE:** 18-09

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012730.1; E 361453.5

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: November 8, 2018



#### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE:**  $18-10$

DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012493.1; E 361243.6 SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm BORING DATE: November 7, 2018

PENETRATION TEST HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

SHEET 1 OF 1



#### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE:**  $18 - 11$

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012581.7 ;E 361340.0

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: November 8, 2018



### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 18-12**

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012613.5; E 361486.7

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: November 8, 2018



# RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 18-13

BORING DATE: November 8, 2018

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012467.9; E 361426.7 SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm



### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 18-14**

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATUM: CGVD28

LOCATION: N 5012533.4; E 361557.7

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: November 9, 2018





### **The Golder Associates Ltd. Soil Classification System is based on the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS)**

### **ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS USED ON RECORDS OF BOREHOLES AND TEST PITS**

### **PARTICLE SIZES OF CONSTITUENTS**



### **MODIFIERS FOR SECONDARY AND MINOR CONSTITUENTS**



### **PENETRATION RESISTANCE**

### **Standard Penetration Resistance (SPT), N:**

The number of blows by a  $63.5$  kg (140 lb) hammer dropped 760 mm (30 in.) required to drive a 50 mm (2 in.) split-spoon sampler for a distance of 300 mm (12 in.). Values reported are as recorded in the field and are uncorrected.

### **Cone Penetration Test (CPT)**

An electronic cone penetrometer with a 60° conical tip and a project end area of 10 cm<sup>2</sup> pushed through ground at a penetration rate of 2 cm/s. Measurements of tip resistance (q<sub>t</sub>), porewater pressure (u) and sleeve frictions are recorded electronically at 25 mm penetration intervals.

### **Dynamic Cone Penetration Resistance (DCPT); Nd:**

The number of blows by a 63.5 kg (140 lb) hammer dropped 760 mm (30 in.) to drive uncased a 50 mm (2 in.) diameter, 60° cone attached to "A" size drill rods for a distance of 300 mm (12 in.).<br>**PH:** Sampler advance

- **PH:** Sampler advanced by hydraulic pressure<br>**PM:** Sampler advanced by manual pressure
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- **PM:** Sampler advanced by manual pressure<br>**WH:** Sampler advanced by static weight of ha
- WH: Sampler advanced by static weight of hammer<br>WR: Sampler advanced by weight of sampler and ro Sampler advanced by weight of sampler and rod





overburden pressure.

2. Definition of compactness terms are based on SPT 'N' ranges as provided in Terzaghi, Peck and Mesri (1996). Many factors affect the recorded SPT 'N' value, including hammer efficiency (which may be greater than 60% in automatic trip hammers), overburden pressure, groundwater conditions, and grainsize. As such, the recorded SPT 'N' value(s) should be considered only an approximate guide to the soil compactness. These factors need to be considered when evaluating the results, and the stated compactness terms should not be relied upon for design or construction.

**Field Moisture Condition Water Content**





### **SOIL TESTS**



1. Tests anisotropically consolidated prior to shear are shown as CAD, CAU.



Hard >200 >30 1. SPT 'N' in accordance with ASTM D1586, uncorrected for overburden pressure effects; approximate only.

2. SPT 'N' values should be considered ONLY an approximate guide to consistency; for sensitive clays (e.g., Champlain Sea clays), the N-value approximation for consistency terms does NOT apply. Rely on direct measurement of undrained shear strength or other manual observations.


Unless otherwise stated, the symbols employed in the report are as follows:





## **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM**

**DATE** July 16, 2018 **Project No.** 18100364/2000

**TO** Andrew Finnson, CAIVAN Communities

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#### **NBCC SEISMIC SITE CLASS TESTING RESULTS BORRISOKANE RD, OTTAWA, ONTARIO**

This technical memorandum presents the results of four Multichannel Analysis of Surface Waves (MASW) tests performed for the National Building Code of Canada (NBCC 2015). The seismic testing was carried out near Cedarview Rd/Borrisokane Rd in Ottawa, Ontario and location of each MASW line is shown on Figure 1. The geophysical testing was performed by Golder Associates Ltd. (Golder) personnel on May 16 and 17 and June 26, 2018.



**Figure 1: MASW Location Site Map (MASW Lines in red)**

### **Methodology**

The MASW method measures variations in surface-wave velocity with increasing distance and wavelength and can be used to infer the rock/soil types, stratigraphy and soil conditions.

A typical MASW survey requires a seismic source, to generate surface waves, and a minimum of two geophone receivers, to measure the ground response at some distance from the source. Surface waves are a special type of seismic wave whose propagation is confined to the near surface medium.

The depth of penetration of a surface wave into a medium is directly proportional to its wavelength. In a non-homogeneous medium, surface waves are dispersive, i.e., each wavelength has a characteristic velocity owing to the subsurface heterogeneities within the depth interval that particular wavelength of surface wave propagates through. The relationship between surface-wave velocity and wavelength is used to obtain the shear-wave velocity and attenuation profile of the medium with increasing depth.

The seismic source used can be either active or passive, depending on the application and location of the survey. Examples of active sources include explosives, weight-drops, sledge hammer and vibrating pads. Examples of passive sources are road traffic, micro-tremors, and water-wave action (in near-shore environments).

The geophone receivers measure the wave-train associated with the surface wave travelling from a seismic source at different distances from the source.

The participation of surface waves with different wavelengths can be determined from the wave-train by transforming the wave-train results into the frequency domain. The surface-wave velocity profile with respect to wavelength (called the 'dispersion curve') is determined by the delay in wave propagation measured between the geophone receivers. The dispersion curve is then matched to a theoretical dispersion curve using an iterative forward-modelling procedure. The result is a shear-wave velocity profile of the tested medium with depth, which can be used to estimate the dynamic shear-modulus of the medium as a function of depth.

#### **Field Work**

The MASW field work was conducted on May 16 and 17 and June 26, 2018, by personnel from the Golder Mississauga and Ottawa office. For the three MASW lines, a series of 24 low frequency (4.5 Hz) geophones were laid out at 3 metre intervals. Both active and passive readings were recorded along the MASW line. For the active investigation, a seismic drop of 45 kg and a 9.9 kg sledge hammer were used as seismic sources. Active seismic records were collected with seismic sources located 5, 10, and 15 metres from and collinear to the geophone array. Examples of active seismic record collected along each MASW line are shown on Figures 2, 3, 4, and 5 below.







**Figure 3: Typical seismic record collected at the site of the MASW Line 2.**



**Figure 4: Typical seismic record collected at the site of the MASW Line 3.**





#### **Data Processing**

Processing of the MASW test results consisted of the following main steps:

- 1) Transformation of the time domain data into the frequency domain using a Fast-Fourier Transform (FFT) for each source location;
- 2) Calculation of the phase for each frequency component;
- 3) Linear regression to calculate phase velocity for each frequency component;
- 4) Filtering of the calculated phase velocities based on the Pearson correlation coefficient (r2) between the data and the linear regression best fit line used to calculate phase velocity;
- 5) Generation of the dispersion curve by combining calculated phase velocities for each shot location of a single MASW test; and,

6) Generation of the stiffness profile, through forward iterative modelling and matching of model data to the field collected dispersion curve.

Processing of the MASW data was completed using the SeisImager/SW software package (Geometrics Inc.). The calculated phase velocities for a seismic shot point were combined and the dispersion curve generated by choosing the minimum phase velocity calculated for each frequency component as shown on Figures 6, 7, 8 and 9 for MASW Lines 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively. Shear wave velocity profiles were generated through inverse modelling to best fit the calculated dispersion curves. The active survey of MASW Lines provided a dispersion curve with a suitable frequency range as summarized in Table 1, below.



#### **Table 1: Summary of Dispersion Curves with Suitable Frequency Ranges**







**Figure 7: Active MASW Dispersion Curve Picks (red dots) along the MASW Line 2**



**Figure 8: Active MASW Dispersion Curve Picks (red dots) along the MASW Line 3**



**Figure 9: Active MASW Dispersion Curve Picks (red dots) along the MASW Line 4**

#### **Results**

The MASW test results are presented in Figures 10, 11, 12, and 13 for MASW Lines 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively. These results present the calculated shear wave velocity profiles derived from the field testing along each MASW line. The field collected dispersion curves are compared with the model generated dispersion curves on Figures 14, 15, 16 and 17 for MASW Lines 1, 2, 3, and 4, respectively. There is a satisfactory correlation between the field collected and model calculated dispersion curves, with a root mean squared error of less than 3% along each MASW line.



**Shear Wave Velocity (m/s)**

**Figure 10: MASW Modelled Shear-Wave Velocity Depth profile along the MASW Line 1**

















**Figure 14: Comparison of Field (red dots) vs. Modelled Data (blue line) along the MASW Line 1**



**Figure 15: Comparison of Field (red dots) vs. Modelled Data (blue line) along the MASW Line 2**



**Figure 16: Comparison of Field (red dots) vs. Modelled Data (blue line) along the MASW Line 3**





To calculate the average shear-wave velocity as required by the National Building Code of Canada (NBCC 2015), the results were modelled to 30 metres below ground surface. The average shear-wave velocity along MASW Line 1 was found to be 211 m/s (Table 2). The average shear-wave velocity along MASW Line 2 was found to be 198 m/s (Table 3). The average shear-wave velocity along MASW Line 3 was found to be 176 m/s (Table 4). The average shear-wave velocity along MASW Line 4 was found to be 268 m/s (Table 5).

The NBCC 2015 requires special site specific evaluation if certain soil types are encountered on the site, so the site classification stated here should be reviewed, and modified if necessary, according to borehole stratigraphy, standard penetration resistance results, and undrained shear strength measurements, if available for this site.

<b>Model Layer (mbgs)</b>		Layer <b>Thickness</b>		
<b>Top</b>	<b>Bottom</b>	(m)	<b>Shear Wave Velocity (m/s)</b>	<b>Shear Wave Travel Time Through</b> Layer (s)
0.00	1.07	1.07	93	0.011498
1.07	2.31	1.24	93	0.013267
2.31	3.71	1.40	98	0.014353
3.71	5.27	1.57	90	0.017329
5.27	7.01	1.73	100	0.017316
7.01	8.90	1.90	97	0.019599
8.90	10.96	2.06	170	0.012140
10.96	13.19	2.23	312	0.007123
13.19	15.58	2.39	432	0.005528
15.58	18.13	2.55	509	0.005023
18.13	20.85	2.72	547	0.004975
20.85	23.74	2.88	559	0.005163
23.74	26.79	3.05	723	0.004217
26.79	30.00	3.21	727	0.004420
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**Table 2: Shear-Wave Velocity Profile along the MASW line 1** 

#### **Table 3: Shear-Wave Velocity Profile along the MASW line 2**



<b>Model Layer (mbgs)</b>		Layer			
<b>Top</b>	<b>Bottom</b>	<b>Thickness</b> (m)	<b>Shear Wave Velocity (m/s)</b>	<b>Shear Wave Travel Time Through</b> Layer (s)	
0.00	1.07	1.07	91	0.011826	
1.07	2.31	1.24	91	0.013646	
2.31	3.71	1.40	87	0.016153	
3.71	5.27	1.57	113	0.013867	
5.27	7.01	1.73	98	0.017616	
7.01	8.90	1.90	101	0.018731	
8.90	10.96	2.06	100	0.020696	
10.96	13.19	2.23	155	0.014399	
13.19	15.58	2.39	276	0.008661	
15.58	18.13	2.55	343	0.007453	
18.13	20.85	2.72	388	0.007012	
20.85	23.74	2.88	414	0.006976	
23.74	26.79	3.05	426	0.007158	
26.79	30.00	3.21	555	0.005790	
Vs Average to 30 mbgs (m/s) 176					

**Table 4: Shear-Wave Velocity Profile along the MASW line 3** 

#### **Table 5: Shear-Wave Velocity Profile along the MASW line 4**



#### **Limitations**

This technical memorandum is based on data and information collected by Golder Associates Ltd. and is based solely on the conditions of the properties at the time of the work, supplemented by historical information and data obtained by Golder Associates Ltd. as described in this memo.

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#### **Closure**

We trust that this technical memorandum meets your needs at the present time. If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

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# **TABLE 2 - SHRINKAGE LIMIT DETERMINATIONS**



Notes:

Shrinkage limits of samples determined according to ASTM D4943-18 standard. Test carried out using wax method.

Microsere Wax 5214.

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Results relate only to the parameters tested on the samples submitted. Methods references and/or additional QA/QC information available on request.

**Guideline = \* = Guideline Exceedence** MRL = Method Reporting Limit, AO = Aesthetic Objective, OG = Operational Guideline, MAC = Maximum Acceptable Concentration, IMAC = Interim Maximum Acceptable Concentration, STD = Standard, PWQO = Provincial Water Quality Guideline, IPWQO = Interim Provincial Water Quality Objective, TDR = Typical Desired Range

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# **APPENDIX 2**

**FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN**

**FIGURES 2 TO 5 - SLOPE STABILITY ANALYSIS SECTIONS**

**DRAWING PG5036-4 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN**

**DRAWING PG5036-5 - PERMISSIBLE GRADE RAISE PLAN**

**DRAWING PG5036-6 - TREE PLANTING SETBACK RECOMMENDATIONS**



# **FIGURE 1**

**KEY PLAN** 

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