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## Executive Summary

EXP Services Inc. (EXP) is pleased to present the results of the geotechnical investigation completed for the proposed high-rise development to be located at 1531 St. Laurent Boulevard in Ottawa, Ontario. Terms and conditions of this assignment were outlined in EXP Services Inc. (EXP) proposal OTT-23005035-A0 Rev. 1 dated May 5, 2023. Authorization to proceed with this work was provided by the Katasa Groupe on May 8, 2023 under Purchase Order (PO) No. 60-080523.

It is understood that that the site is to be redeveloped in two phases, Phase 1 consisting of a 25-storey building with 226 residential rental apartments and Phase 2 will be a 20-storey building with 199 rental apartments. The buildings will have four basement parking levels. The existing building will be demolished as part of the proposed development.

EXP understands that Phase 1 and Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) have been already carried out at the site. The ESA reports were originally carried out for commercial use and are being updated for residential use by others.

The fieldwork for this geotechnical investigation was undertaken between June 1 and June 6, 2023 and consists of five (5) boreholes (Borehole Nos. 1 to 5) advanced to auger refusal and/or termination depths ranging from 3.2 m to 15.4 m (Elevation 65.3 m to Elevation 53.1 m) below the existing grade. Thirty-two (32) mm monitoring wells, with screened sections, were installed in selected boreholes for long-term monitoring of the groundwater levels. The monitoring wells were installed in accordance with EXP standard practice, and the installation configuration is documented on the respective borehole log.

The boreholes indicate the site is underlain by an asphaltic concrete pavement structure and fill which are underlain by native deposits ranging in consistency from silty clay to sandy silt. This layer is in turn is underlain by silty sand and gravel glacial till which extends to the depth of auger refusal in all the boreholes, 3.2 m to 6.0 m depths (Elevation 65.3 m to Elevation 62.9 m). The glacial till contains boulders and cobbles. The presence of shale bedrock and its quality was proven by advancing beyond the refusal depths using washboring and core drilling techniques to the termination depth of Borehole Nos. 2 and 5, 15.4 and 15.2 m respectively (Elevation 53.5 m and Elevation 53.1 m).

The shale bedrock at the site is of the Carlsbad formation. This type of shale is prone to deterioration when exposed to the elements. It also heaves due to a complex mechanism caused in part from the bio-oxidation of the sulphides in the rock, which react with calcite seams to form expanding gypsum. This occurs when oxygen is permitted to enter the rock, usually by lowering of the water table and this process is accelerated by the presence of heat. Therefore, special treatment of the Carlsbad shale bedrock will need to be incorporated into the design and construction of the proposed buildings.

The groundwater was found to be range from 1.8 m to 2.1 m depth.

The results of the seismic shear wave survey conducted at the site are provided in the report attached in Appendix B. The survey indicates that the seismic shear wave velocity for footings placed on bedrock would be greater than 1,500 m/s. Table 4.1.8.4.A of the 2012 Ontario Building Code (as amended May 2, 2021) indicates that a seismic shear wave velocity value greater than 1,500 m/s falls within the range of velocities for site class A ( $V_{s30} < 1,500$  m/s). Therefore, the site classification for seismic response is **Class A**.

All overburden soils will be removed as part of the proposed development and therefore there is no liquefaction potential of the soils at the site during a seismic event.

From a geotechnical perspective there are no restrictions to raising the grades at the site since it is anticipated that all subsurface soils will be excavated down to the bedrock, removed from the site.

It is our understanding that the proposed buildings will each contain four (4) levels of underground parking and the footings are expected to be set at a depth of approximately 12.0 m (or deeper) below the existing ground surface, i.e., in the shale bedrock.

Spread and strip footings founded on the sound shale bedrock, competent and free of soil filled seams may be designed for a factored geotechnical resistance at Ultimate Limit State (ULS) of 1000 kPa. The factored ULS value includes a resistance factor of 0.5. The Serviceability Limit State (SLS) bearing pressure of the bedrock, required to produce 25 mm settlement of the structure will be much larger than the recommended value for factored geotechnical resistance at ULS. Therefore, the factored

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geotechnical resistance at ULS will govern the design. Settlements of footing designed for the above recommended factored geotechnical resistance at ULS and properly constructed are expected to be less than 10 mm.

The lowest floor level of the parking garages for the proposed buildings, either concrete slab-on-grade or as a paved surface, will be located at an approximate 12.0 m depth below the existing grade and will be founded in the shale bedrock which is susceptible to expansion as indicated above. Therefore, special treatment and consideration must be implemented to protect the surface of the shale.

The lowest floor level for the parking garages is anticipated to be located below the groundwater level. Therefore, underfloor and perimeter drainage systems will be required for the proposed below grade parking garages. All subsurface structures should be waterproofed.

Excavation of the soils may be undertaken using heavy equipment capable of removing debris as well as cobbles, boulders and within fill or the glacial till. All excavations must be undertaken in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), Ontario Reg. 213/91. Based on the definitions provided in OHSA, the subsurface soils on site are considered to be Type 3 and as such must be cut back at 1H:1V from the bottom of the excavation above the groundwater level. Within zones of persistent seepage and below the groundwater level in the soils, the excavation side slopes are expected to slough and eventually stabilize at a slope of 2H:1V to 3H:1V. The excavations will extend into the shale bedrock. The excavation side slopes in the upper depths of the weathered/highly fractured zones of the bedrock may be cut back at a 1H:1V gradient. The excavation side slopes in the sound bedrock may be undertaken with near vertical sides subject to examination by a geotechnical engineer.

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The exposed shale bedrock surface along all excavation walls should be shotcreted within the same day of exposure to protect the rock face from rapid deterioration due to exposure to the elements.

It is anticipated that due to proximity of existing buildings and infrastructure, the excavations will likely have to be undertaken within the confines of a shoring system. The shoring system may consist of steel H soldier pile and timber lagging system, interlocking sheeting system and/or secant pile shoring system.

The excavation of the sound shale bedrock to extensive depths below the bedrock surface is anticipated to require line drilling and blasting. Hoe ramming can be used for small quantities of rock but is a slow process. Should blasting not be permitted, the excavation of the shale bedrock would have to be undertaken by line drilling. Specialized contractors bidding on this project should decide on their own the most preferred rock removal method. The exposed shale bedrock surface along all excavation walls should be shotcreted within the same day of exposure to protect the rock face from rapid deterioration due to exposure to the elements.

The overburden soils to be excavated from the site are not considered suitable for reuse as backfill material in the interior or exterior of the buildings and it is anticipated that the majority of the material required for backfilling purposes will need to be imported and should preferably conform to OPSS 1010 (as amended by SSP110S13) for Granular B Type II.

A hydrogeological study must be completed as part of the final design to establish the quantity of water to be pumped as well as any potential influence of the construction on neighboring properties so appropriate design steps can be implemented as part of the construction and design, i.e. shoring, drainage, etc.

The above and other related considerations are discussed in greater detail in the main body of this report.

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This geotechnical investigation was undertaken to:

- a) Establish the subsurface soil, bedrock and groundwater conditions at the five (5) borehole locations;
- b) Classify the site for seismic site response in accordance with the requirements of the 2012 Ontario Building Code (as amended May 2, 2019) and assess the potential for liquefaction of the subsurface soils during a seismic event;
- c) Comment on grade-raise restrictions;
- d) Make recommendations regarding the most suitable type of foundations, founding depth and bearing pressure at serviceability limit state (SLS) and factored geotechnical resistance at ultimate limit state (ULS) of the founding strata and comment on the anticipated total and differential settlements of the recommended foundation type;
- e) Discuss the feasibility of constructing the lowest floor slab as a slab on grade and provide comments regarding perimeter and underfloor drainage systems;
- f) Pipe bedding requirements for the proposed underground services;
- g) Provide lateral earth pressure parameters (for static and seismic conditions) for the subsurface (basement) walls;
- h) Pavement structures for underground parking; and
- i) Comment on excavation conditions and de-watering requirements during construction;

The comments and recommendations given in this report are based on the assumption that the above-described design concepts will proceed into construction. If changes are made either in the design phase or during construction, this office must be retained to review these modifications. The result of this review may be a modification of our recommendations, or it may require additional field or laboratory work to check whether the changes are acceptable from a geotechnical viewpoint.

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## 2. Site Description

The Site is located on the southwest corner of the intersection of St. Laurent Boulevard and Belfast Road. The Site is rectangular in shape with an approximate area of 0.6 hectares (1.4 acres) and is currently occupied by a single-storey, single-tenant commercial building, with one basement level and an asphaltic concrete surface parking lot. The existing building has an approximate footprint of 685 m<sup>2</sup>. A Site Location Plan is provided as Figure 1.

The ground surface is generally flat with elevations at the borehole locations ranging from 68.87 m to 68.32 m.



### 3. Available Information

The following reports with geotechnical information regarding the site were made available to EXP:

- *Phase I & II Environmental Site Assessment, 1531 St. Laurent Boulevard, Ottawa, Ontario* dated September 2021 and prepared by DST.
- *Supplemental Phase Environmental Site Assessment, 1531 St. Laurent Boulevard, Ottawa, Ontario* dated, February 2022 and prepared by DST.

As part of this investigation a total of seven boreholes, Borehole Nos. BH22-1 to BH22-3 and MW1-21 to MW4-21, were drilled on the subject site. Borehole 22-3 was drilled inside of the existing building and the remainder were drilled in the existing parking lot. A review of the borehole logs revealed the following

- Subsurface conditions include a layer of fill overlain by silty clay or silty sand which in turn is underlain by glacial till
- Possible bedrock was encountered at 6.1 m below the existing asphaltic concrete surface and inferred at 3.4 m below the existing floor slab within the building
- Groundwater was encountered at depths ranging from 1.6 m to 1.9 m below the existing grade

MW1-21 and MW2-21 were located during the 2023 field investigation and the water levels in the monitoring wells are included in this report.

The borehole logs from this investigation are included in Appendix A and plotted on Figure 2.

## 4. Geology of the Site

### 4.1 Surficial Geology

The surficial geology was reviewed via the Google Earth applications published by the Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines available via [www.mndm.gov.on.ca/en/mines-and-minerals/applications/ogsearth/surficial-geology](http://www.mndm.gov.on.ca/en/mines-and-minerals/applications/ogsearth/surficial-geology) and was last modified on May 23, 2017. The map indicates that beneath any fill the site is underlain by fine-textured glaciolacustrine deposits consisting of silt and silty clay, minor sand and gravel. The surficial deposits are shown in Image 1 below.




 Fine-textured glaciolacustrine deposits:  
silt and silty clay, minor sand and gravel

Image 1 – Surficial Geology

### 4.2 Bedrock Geology

The bedrock geology was reviewed via the Google Earth applications published by the Ontario Ministry of Energy, Northern Development and Mines available via <http://www.geologyontario.mndm.gov.on.ca/mines/data/google/MRD219/geology/doc.kml> and published in 2007. The map indicates shale and limestone of the Carlsbad formation.




 Shale and Limestone of the Carlsbad  
Formation

Image 2 – Bedrock Geology

## 5. Procedure

### 5.1 Fieldwork

The fieldwork for this geotechnical investigation was undertaken between June 1 and June 6, 2023 and consists of five (5) boreholes (Borehole Nos. 1 to 5) advanced to auger refusal and termination depths ranging from 3.2 m to 15.4 m (Elevation 65.3 m to Elevation 53.1 m) below the existing grade.

The locations and geodetic elevations of the boreholes were surveyed by EXP. Prior to the fieldwork, the locations of the boreholes were cleared of any public and private underground services.

The boreholes were drilled using a CME-75 truck mounted drill rig equipped with continuous flight hollow stem augers and the capability to sample soil and bedrock. Standard penetration tests (SPTs) were performed in the boreholes at 0.6 m to 0.75 m depth intervals with soil samples retrieved by the split-barrel sampler. Auger samples were also taken from below the asphaltic concrete surface. The undrained shear strength of the clayey soils were measured by conducting pocket penetrometer tests. The bedrock was cored in Borehole Nos. 2 and 5 by conventional rock coring methods. A careful record of any sudden drops of the core barrel, colour of the wash water and wash water return were recorded during the rock coring operation.

Thirty-two (32) mm monitoring wells, with screened sections, were installed in selected the boreholes for long-term monitoring of the groundwater levels. The monitoring wells were installed in accordance with EXP standard practice, and the installation configuration is documented on the respective borehole log. The boreholes were backfilled upon completion of the field work and the installation of the monitoring wells.

On completion of the fieldwork, the soil and rock samples were transported to the EXP laboratory in Ottawa.

### 5.2 Laboratory Testing Program

The soil samples were visually examined in the laboratory by a geotechnical engineer. The soil samples were classified in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS) and the modified Burmeister System (as per the 2006 Fourth Edition Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual (CFEM)).

A summary of the soil laboratory testing program is shown in Table I

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Table I: Summary of Laboratory Testing Program

Type of Test	Number of Tests Completed
<b>Soil Samples</b>	
Moisture Content Determination	43
Unit Weight Determination	6
Grain Size Analysis	4
Atterberg Limit Determination	2
Corrosion Analysis of soil (pH, sulphate, chloride and resistivity)	1
<b>Bedrock Cores</b>	
Unit Weight Determination	3
Unconfined Compressive Strength Test	3
Corrosion Analysis of rock (pH, sulphate, chloride and resistivity)	1

### 5.3 Multi-channel Analysis of Surface Waves (MASW) Survey

A seismic shear wave survey of the site was undertaken by Geophysics GPR International Inc. (GPR) on June 14, 2023. The purpose of the survey is to determine the seismic shear wave velocity of the site from the existing ground surface to 30.0 m depth and based on the results of the survey, provide the classification of the site for seismic response. The location of the seismic survey line is shown in Figure No. 2. The seismic shear wave survey report is attached in Appendix B.

## 6. Subsurface Conditions and Groundwater Levels

A detailed description of the subsurface conditions and groundwater levels from this geotechnical investigation are given on the attached Borehole Logs, Figure Nos. 3 to 7 inclusive. The borehole logs and related information depict subsurface conditions only at the specific locations and times indicated. Subsurface conditions and water levels at other locations may differ from conditions at the locations where sampling was conducted. The passage of time also may result in changes in the conditions interpreted to exist at the locations where sampling was conducted.

Boreholes were drilled to provide representation of subsurface conditions as part of a geotechnical exploration program and are not intended to provide evidence of potential environmental conditions.

It should be noted that the soil and rock boundaries indicated on the borehole logs are inferred from non-continuous sampling and observations during drilling operations. These boundaries are intended to reflect approximate transition zones for the purpose of geotechnical design and should not be interpreted as exact planes of geological change. The “Note on Sample Descriptions” preceding the borehole logs form an integral part of this report and should be read in conjunction with this report.

A review of the borehole logs indicates the following subsurface conditions with depth and groundwater levels.

### 6.1 Asphaltic Concrete Pavement Structure and Fill

The pavement structure encountered in the boreholes consists of a 25 mm to 50 mm thick surficial asphaltic concrete layer underlain by a 310 mm to 850 mm thick granular fill layer that extends to depths ranging from 0.36 m to 0.9 m below the existing grade (Elevation 68.2 m to Elevation 67.6 m). The granular fill layer generally consists of sand and crushed gravel. Based on SPT N-values of 15 to 31 the granular fill is in a compact to dense state. The moisture content of the granular fill ranges from 1 percent to 4 percent.

The results from the grain-size analysis conducted on one (1) sample of the granular fill are summarized in Table II. The grain-size distribution curve is shown in Figure 8.

Table II: Summary of Results from Grain-Size Analysis—Granular Fill Sample

Borehole No. (BH) – Auger Sample No. (AS)	Depth (m)	Grain-Size Analysis (%)			Soil Classification (USCS)
		Gravel	Sand	Fines	
BH3 AS1	0.05 – 0.2	55	37	8	Poorly Graded Gravel with Silt and Sand (GP-GM)

Based on a review of the results of the grain-size analysis the fill may be classified a Poorly Graded Gravel with Silt and Sand (GP-GM) in accordance with the USCS.

The asphaltic concrete pavement structure is underlain by fill in all the boreholes (except in Borehole No. 4) which extends to depths of 1.1 m to 1.2 m (Elevation 67.8 m to Elevation 67.2 m) and generally consists of silty sand with gravel. The SPT N-values of 15 to 26 indicates a compact state. The moisture content of the fill ranges from 3 percent to 17 percent.

### 6.2 Silty Clay and Sandy Silt

A layer of native material which varied in consistency from silty clay to sandy silt was encountered below the fill in all the boreholes. The silty clay/sandy silt extends to depths of 2.2 m to 4.1 m (Elevation 66.3 m to Elevation 64.5 m). The undrained shear strength of the clayey portions of the material ranges from 48 kPa to 96 kPa indicating a firm to stiff consistency. Based on SPT N-values of 3 to 18 the sandy silt is in a very loose to compact state. The natural moisture content and unit weight of the silty clay and sandy silt ranges from 15 percent to 38 percent and 18.6 kN/m<sup>3</sup> to 21.2 kN/m<sup>3</sup>, respectively.

The results from the grain-size analysis conducted on one (1) sample of the silty clay and one (1) sample of the sandy silt are summarized in Table III. The grain-size distribution curves are shown in Figures 9 and 10.

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**Table III: Summary of Results from Grain-Size Analysis and Atterberg Limit Determination –Silty Clay and Sandy Silt**

Borehole No. (BH) – Sample No. (SS)	Depth (m)	Grain-Size Analysis (%) and Atterberg Limits (%)							Soil Classification (USCS)
		Gravel	Sand	Silt	Clay	Liquid Limit	Plastic Limit	Plasticity Index	
BH2 – SS4	1.5 - 2.1	0	2	67	31	34	20	14	Silty Clay of Low Plasticity (CL)
BH3 – SS5	3.0 - 3.7	9	34	43	14	Non-Plastic			Sandy Silt (ML)

Based on a review of the results of the grain-size analysis and Atterberg Limit Determination the samples range from a Silty Clay of Low Plasticity (CL) to a Sandy Silt (ML) in accordance with the USCS.

### 6.3 Silty Sand and Gravel Glacial Till

Glacial till was contacted below the silty clay/sandy silt in all the boreholes at 2.2 m to 4.1 m depths (Elevation 66.3 m to Elevation 64.5 m). The composition of the glacial till contains varying amounts of gravel, sand, silt and clay. The glacial till contains cobbles, boulders, shale fragments and possible large slab pieces of shale. The SPT N-values of with the glacial till range from 4 to 48 indicating a loose to dense condition. The natural moisture content of the glacial till ranges from 2 percent to 20 percent.

The results from the grain-size analysis conducted on one (1) sample of the glacial till are summarized in Table IV. The grain-size distribution curve is shown in Figure 11.

**Table IV: Summary of Results from Grain-Size Analysis – Glacial Till Sample**

Borehole No. (BH) – Sample Sample No. (SS)	Depth (m)	Grain-Size Analysis (%)			Soil Classification (USCS)
		Gravel	Sand	Fines	
BH4 SS4	2.3 - 2.9	30	40	30	Silty Sand with Gravel (SM)

Based on a review of the results of the grain-size analysis the glacial till may be classified a Silty Sand with Gravel (SM) in accordance with the USCS.

### 6.4 Shale Bedrock

Auger refusal was met in all the borehole at 3.2 m to 6.0 m depths (Elevation 65.3 m to Elevation 62.9 m).

A summary of the auger refusal depths as well as the depth of bedrock confirmed by coring are shown in Table V.

**Table V: Summary of Auger and Soil Sampler Refusal and Bedrock Depths (Elevations) in Boreholes**

Borehole (BH) No.	Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Refusal Depth (m) (Elevation(m))		Depth (Elevation) of Proven Bedrock (m)	Comment wrt to Depth (Elevation) of Bedrock Surface
BH-01	68.60	5.3	(63.3)	--	Auger refusal at 5.3 m
BH-02	68.87	6.0	(62.9)	6.0 (62.9)	9.4 m length of bedrock cored below 6.0 m depth
BH-03	68.62	5.5	(63.1)	--	Auger refusal at 5.5 m
BH-04	68.50	3.2	(65.3)	--	Auger refusal at 3.2 m
BH-05	68.32	4.0	(64.3)	4.0 (64.3)	11.2 m length of bedrock cored below 4.0 m depth

A review of Table V indicates the depth of auger refusal ranges from 3.2 m to 6.0 m (Elevation 65.3 m to Elevation 62.9 m) below existing grade. Auger refusal may indicate cobble/boulder within the glacial till layer or the bedrock surface.

The presence of the shale bedrock was proven in Borehole Nos. 2 and 5 by coring. Based on the bedrock coring results, the total core recovery (TCR) ranges from 88 percent to 100 percent. The rock quality designation (RQD) generally ranges from 49 percent to 100 percent indicating a bedrock quality ranging from poor to excellent.

Unit weight determination and unconfined compressive strength tests were conducted on three (3) rock core sections and the results are summarized in Table VI. Photographs of the rock cores are shown in Appendix C.

Borehole (BH) No. – Run No.	Depth (m)	Unit Weight (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	Unconfined Compressive Strength (MPa)	Classification of Rock with respect to Strength
BH2 Run1	6.2 - 6.3	26.2	31.5	Medium Strong
BH2 Run6	14.6 - 14.8	26.4	49.3	Medium Strong
BH5 Run3	7.4 - 7.5	26.2	38.2	Medium Strong

A review of the test results in Table VI indicates the strength of the rock may be classified as medium strong in accordance with the Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual (CFEM), Fourth Edition, 2006.

As previously mentioned, the shale bedrock at the site is of the Carlsbad formation. This type of shale is prone to deterioration when exposed to the elements. It also heaves due to a complex mechanism caused in part from the bio-oxidation of the sulphides in the rock, which react with calcite seams to form expanding gypsum. This occurs when oxygen is permitted to enter the rock, usually by lowering of the water table and this process is accelerated by the presence of heat. Therefore, special treatment of the Carlsbad shale bedrock will need to be incorporated into the design and construction of the proposed buildings.

## 6.5 Groundwater Level Measurements

A summary of the groundwater level measurements taken in the monitoring wells are shown in Table VII.

Borehole (BH) /Monitoring Well (MW) No.	Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Date of Measurement (Elapsed Time in Days from Date of Installation)	Screened Material	Groundwater Depth Below Ground Surface (Elevation), m
BH-02	68.87	June 12, 2023 (7 days)	Shale	1.9 (67.0)
BH-05	68.32	June 12, 2023 (7 days)	Shale	2.4 (65.9)
MW1-21	n/a	June 12, 2023 (>1 year)	Clayey Sand	1.8 (n/a)
MW2-21	n/a	June 6, 2023 (~1 year)	Clayey Sand/Poss. Bedrock	1.8 (n/a)

The groundwater level in the overburden was found to be 1.8 m below the existing ground surface. The groundwater within the shale was found to be 1.9 m to 2.1 m (Elevation 67.0 m to Elevation 65.9 m).

Water levels were determined in the boreholes and monitoring wells at the times and under the conditions noted above. Note that fluctuations in the level of groundwater may occur due to a seasonal variation such as precipitation, snowmelt, rainfall activities, and other factors not evident at the time of measurement and therefore may be at a higher level during wet weather periods.

## **7. Site Classification for Seismic Site Response and Liquefaction Potential of Soils**

### **7.1 Site Classification for Seismic Site Response**

The results of the seismic shear wave survey conducted at the site are provided in the report attached in Appendix B. The survey indicates that the seismic shear wave velocity for footings placed on bedrock would be greater than 1,500 m/s. Table 4.1.8.4.A of the 2012 Ontario Building Code (as amended May 2, 20219) indicates that a seismic shear wave velocity value greater than 1,500 m/s falls within the range of velocities for site class A ( $V_{s30} < 1,500$  m/s). Therefore, the site classification for seismic response is **Class A**.

### **7.2 Liquefaction Potential of Soils**

All overburden soils will be removed as part of the proposed development and therefore there is no liquefaction potential of the soils at the site during a seismic event.



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## **8. Grade Raise Restrictions**

From a geotechnical perspective there are no restrictions to raising the grades at the site since it is anticipated that all subsurface soils will be excavated down to the bedrock, removed from the site. Where the grade is raised from the bedrock surface it is anticipated to be replaced with imported granular fill compacted to the specified degree of compaction indicated in this report.

## 9. Foundation Considerations

It is our understanding that four (4) levels of underground parking will be provided to the proposed high-rise structures and therefore, and it has been assumed that footings of the proposed buildings will be set at approximately 12.0 m (or deeper) below the existing ground surface. Based on a review of the borehole logs the footings will be placed in the shale bedrock surface

Spread and strip footings founded on the sound shale bedrock, competent and free of soil filled seams may be designed for a factored geotechnical resistance at Ultimate Limit State (ULS) of 1000 kPa. The factored ULS value includes a resistance factor of 0.5. The Serviceability Limit State (SLS) bearing pressure of the bedrock, required to produce 25 mm settlement of the structure will be much larger than the recommended value for factored geotechnical resistance at ULS. Therefore, the factored geotechnical resistance at ULS will govern the design. Settlements of footing designed for the above recommended factored geotechnical resistance at ULS and properly constructed are expected to be less than 10 mm.

The factored sliding resistance at ULS between the underside of concrete and the top of the un-weathered sound bedrock is 0.56 and includes a resistance factor of 0.8.

All the footing beds should be thoroughly examined by a geotechnical engineer to ensure that the bedrock area is capable of supporting the design ULS value. Where fractured rock is encountered, sub-excavation may be undertaken to the underlying more competent bedrock. Alternatively, the footings may be redesigned to a reduced factored geotechnical resistance at ULS.

As indicated in Section 6.4 of this report, the Carlsbad shale bedrock is prone to swelling under certain conditions of heat and humidity. It is also prone to rapid deterioration especially for the portion of the shale bedrock below the groundwater table when it is exposed to the elements. Therefore, the base and sides of the exposed shale bedrock in the footing excavation should be cleaned of any soil or deleterious material, examined by a geotechnical engineer and the approved shale subgrade covered with a skim coat of concrete within the same day of its first exposure. Alternatively, the surface of the shale bedrock may be kept wet at all times. For reasons given previously, the concrete for the footings should be poured flush with the rock surfaces.

The recommended factored geotechnical resistance at ULS has been calculated by EXP from the borehole information for the design stage only. The investigation and comments are necessarily on-going as new information of underground conditions becomes available. For example, more specific information is available with respect to conditions between boreholes when foundation construction is underway. The interpretation between boreholes and the recommendations of this report must therefore be checked through field monitoring provided by an experienced geotechnical engineer to validate the information for use during the construction stage.

## 10. Floor Slab and Drainage Requirements

The lowest floor level of the parking garages for the proposed buildings will be located at an approximate 12.0 m depth below the existing grade and founded in the shale bedrock surface. Based on the borehole information, the lowest floor slabs may be constructed as a concrete slab-on-grade or as a paved surface. The concrete and asphalt pavement structures indicated below are for light duty traffic only (cars).

The lowest floor level for the parking garages is anticipated to be located below the groundwater level by approximately 10 m. Therefore, underfloor and perimeter drainage systems will be required for the proposed below grade parking garages.

The underfloor drainage system may consist of 100 mm diameter perforated pipe or equivalent placed in parallel rows at 5 m to 6 m centres and at least 300 mm below the underside of the floor slab. The drains should be set on 100 mm of pea-gravel and covered on top and sides with 150 mm of pea-gravel and 300 mm of CSA Fine Concrete Aggregate. The CSA Fine Concrete Aggregate may be replaced by an approved porous geotextile membrane, such as Terrafix 270R or equivalent. The perimeter drains may also consist of 100 mm diameter perforated pipe set on the footings and surrounded with 150 mm of pea-gravel and 300 mm of CSA Concrete Aggregate. The perimeter and underfloor drains should be connected to separate sumps equipped with backup pumps and generators in case of mechanical failure and/or power outage, so that at least one system would be operational should the other fail.

The finished exterior grade should be sloped away from the buildings to prevent ponding of surface water close to the exterior walls of the buildings.

For floor slabs founded on the shale bedrock, special procedures will be required during slab construction. The shale bedrock of the Carlsbad formation is known to heave due to a complex mechanism caused in part by the bio-oxidation of sulphides in the rock which then react with the calcite seams to form expanding gypsum. This occurs when oxygen is permitted to enter the rock, usually by lowering the water table. Cracking of the floor slab due to heaving of the shale has occurred in some structures in Ottawa. A 50 mm thick concrete mud slab should be placed on the surface of the shale as a seal prior to placement of the granular fill immediately after excavation and approval by a qualified geotechnical engineer or technician.

### 10.1 Lowest Floor Level as a Concrete Surface

The subgrade is anticipated to be shale bedrock. The subgrade should be examined by a geotechnical engineer and any loose/soft zones of the bedrock should be excavated and removed. Upon approval, the bedrock subgrade should be prepared as noted above.

Following approval and preparation of the bedrock subgrade, the concrete slab for light duty traffic (cars only) may be constructed as follows:

- 150 mm thick concrete with 32 MPa compressive strength and air content of 5 percent to 8 percent; over
- 150 mm thick layer of OPSS 1010 Granular A compacted to 100 percent standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD); over
- 300 mm minimum thick layer of OPSS 1010 Granular B Type II compacted to 100 percent SMPDD.

The concrete slab should be reinforced and adequate saw cuts should be provided in the floor slab to control cracking. Additional recommendations can be provided once the final design of the lower floor level has been determined.

### 10.2 Lowest Floor Level as a Paved Surface

The subgrade is anticipated to consist of shale bedrock. The exposed shale bedrock should be examined by a geotechnical engineer and any loose/soft zones of the bedrock should be excavated and removed. Following approval and preparation of the bedrock subgrade, the asphalt pavement structure for light duty traffic (cars only) may be constructed on the bedrock subgrade as follow:

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- 65 mm thick layer of asphaltic concrete consisting of HL3/SP12.5 – The asphaltic concrete should be placed and compacted as per OPSS 310 and 313 and should be designed in accordance with OPSS 1150/1151; over
- 150 mm thick layer of OPSS Granular A compacted to 100 percent SPMD; over
- 450 mm thick layer of OPSS Granular B Type II compacted to 100 percent SPMD.

## 11. Lateral Earth Pressures Against Basement Walls

The subsurface basement walls of the proposed buildings will be subjected to lateral static earth pressure as well as lateral dynamic earth pressure during a seismic event. The lateral static earth pressure that the subsurface walls would be subjected to may be computed from equations (i) and (ii) and the lateral dynamic earth force from equation (iii) given below.

The equations given below assume that the backfill against the subsurface walls will be free-draining granular material and that subsurface drains will be provided to prevent build-up of hydrostatic pressure behind the wall. Equation (i) will be applicable to the portion of the subsurface wall in the overburden soil. Equation (ii) will be applicable to the portion of the subsurface wall in the bedrock where the earth pressure will be considerably reduced due to the narrow backfill between the subsurface wall and the rock face resulting in an arching effect (Spangler & Handy, 1984). The weight of the overburden soil and any surcharge load stress (such as traffic load at ground surface and foundations of existing adjacent buildings) should be considered as surcharge when computing lateral pressure using equation (ii).

The lateral static earth pressure against the subsurface walls may be computed from the following equation:

$$P = K_0 (\gamma h + q) \dots\dots\dots (i)$$

where  $P$  = lateral earth pressure acting on the subsurface wall;  $\text{kN/m}^2$

$K_0$  = lateral earth pressure coefficient for 'at rest' condition for Granular B Type II backfill material = 0.50

$\gamma$  = unit weight of free draining granular backfill; OPSS Granular B Type II =  $22 \text{ kN/m}^3$

$h$  = depth of point of interest below top of backfill, m

$q$  = surcharge load stress, kPa

Lateral static earth pressure ( $\sigma_n$ ) due to narrow earth backfill between subsurface wall and rock face at depth  $z$ :

$$\sigma_n = \frac{\gamma B}{2 \tan \delta} \left( 1 - e^{-2k \frac{z}{B} \tan \delta} \right) + kq \dots\dots\dots (ii)$$

Where

$\gamma$  = unit weight of backfill =  $22 \text{ kN/m}^3$

$B$  = backfill width (m)

$z$  = depth from top of wall (m)

$\delta$  = friction angle between the backfill and wall and rock (assumed to be equal) = 17 degrees

$k$  = lateral earth pressure coefficient for 'at rest' condition = 0.50

$q$  = surcharge pressure including pressures from overburden soil, traffic at ground surface and foundations from existing adjacent buildings (kPa)

The lateral dynamic (seismic) thrust may be computed from the equation given below:

$$\Delta_{pe} = \gamma H^2 \frac{a_h}{g} F_b \dots\dots\dots (iii)$$

- where  $\Delta_{pe}$  = dynamic thrust in kN/m of wall
- H = height of wall, m
- $\gamma$  = unit weight of free draining granular backfill; OPSS Granular B Type II = 22 kN/m<sup>3</sup>
- $\frac{a_h}{g}$  = seismic coefficient = 0.32 (Ottawa Area)
- $F_b$  = thrust factor = 1.0

The dynamic thrust does not take into account the surcharge load. The resultant force acts approximately at 0.63H above the base of the wall.

All subsurface walls should be properly waterproofed.

Where the basement walls will be poured against the bedrock or temporary shoring, vertical drainage board must be installed on the face of the excavation wall or temporary shoring to provide necessary drainage. Vertical drainage board such as Alidrain, Geodrain, Miridrain or equivalent may be used for this purpose. Full coverage using drainage boards can be considered to minimize the risk of water penetration through the subsurface basement walls.

Where the upper portion of the subsurface basement wall is backfilled with granular material, the vertical drainage board should extend into the backfill to provide drainage of the backfill. The top of the drainage board should be covered with a fabric filter to prevent the loss of overlying soil into the drainage board.

The vertical drainage board should be connected to a solid discharge pipe that passes through the foundation wall and outlets to a solid pipe inside the buildings that leads to a sump. The solid pipe inside the buildings should be connected to a separate sump from the sumps used for the perimeter and underfloor drains, so that this system would be operational should one of the other drainage systems fail.

## 12. Excavations and De-Watering Requirements

### 12.1 Excess Soil Management

Ontario Regulation 406/19 specifies protocols that are required for the management and disposal of excess soils. As set forth in the regulation, specific analytical testing protocols need to be implemented and followed based on the volume of soil to be managed and the requirements of the receiving site. The testing protocols are specific as to whether the soils are stockpiled or in situ. In either scenario, the testing protocols are far more onerous than have been historically carried out as part of standard industry practices. These decisions should be factored in and accounted for prior to the initiation of the project-defined scope of work. EXP would be pleased to assist with the implementation of a soil management and testing program that would satisfy the requirements of Ontario Regulation 406/19.

#### Overburden Soil Excavation

Excavation of the soils may be undertaken using heavy equipment capable of removing debris as well as cobbles, boulders and within fill or the glacial till.

All excavations must be undertaken in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), Ontario Reg. 213/91. Based on the definitions provided in OHSA, the subsurface soils on site are considered to be Type 3 and as such must be cut back at 1H:1V from the bottom of the excavation above the groundwater level. Within zones of persistent seepage and below the groundwater level in the soils, the excavation side slopes are expected to slough and eventually stabilize at a slope of 2H:1V to 3H:1V.

It is anticipated that due to proximity existing buildings and infrastructure, the excavations will likely have to be undertaken within the confines of a shoring system. The shoring system may consist of steel H soldier pile and timber lagging system, interlocking sheeting system and/or secant pile shoring system.

The type of shoring system required would depend on a number of factors including:

- Proximity of the excavation to existing structures and infrastructure;
- Type of foundations of the existing adjacent buildings and the difference in founding levels between the foundations of new buildings and existing adjacent buildings; and
- The subsurface soil, bedrock and groundwater conditions.

A conventional shoring system consisting of soldier pile and timber lagging is more flexible compared to the interlocking steel sheeting system and the secant pile shoring system. In areas where there is concern for lateral yielding of the soils and the potential of settlement of nearby structures and infrastructure, the use of a steel interlocking sheeting system or secant pile system can be considered. The shoring system will require lateral restraint provided by tiebacks consisting of rock anchors. Due to the presence of cobbles and boulders in the subsurface soils, pre-drilling may be required for the installation of the soldier piles. The presence of cobbles and boulders in the subsurface soils should also be taken into consideration for other contemplated shoring systems.

The need for a shoring system, the most appropriate shoring system and the design and installation of the shoring system should be determined by the contractors bidding on this project. The design and installation of the shoring system should be undertaken by a professional engineer experienced in shoring design and by a contractor experienced in the installation of shoring systems. The shoring system should be designed and installed in accordance with OHSA and the 2006 CFEM (Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual (Fourth Edition)).

### Soldier Pile and Timber Lagging System

A conventional steel H soldier pile and timber lagging shoring system must be designed to support the lateral earth pressure given by the expression below:

$$P = k (\gamma h + q)$$

Where:

P	=	the pressure, at any depth, h, below the ground surface
k	=	applicable earth pressure coefficient; active lateral earth pressure coefficient = 0.33 'at rest' lateral earth pressure coefficient = 0.50
$\gamma$	=	unit weight of soil to be retained, estimated at 22 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
h	=	the depth, in metres, at which pressure, P, is being computed
q	=	the equivalent surcharge acting on the ground surface adjacent to the shoring system

The pressure distribution assumes that drainage is permitted between the lagging boards and that no build-up of hydrostatic pressure may occur.

The shoring system as well as adjacent settlement sensitive structures and infrastructure should be monitored for movement (deflection) on a periodic basis during construction operations.

The exposed shale bedrock surface along all excavation walls should be shotcreted within the same day of exposure to protect the rock face from rapid deterioration due to exposure to the elements, as previously discussed.

Many geologic materials deteriorate rapidly upon exposure to meteorological elements. Unless otherwise specifically indicated in this report, walls and floors of excavations must be protected from moisture, desiccation, and frost action throughout the course of construction.

### Secant Pile Shoring System

The secant pile shoring system should be designed to resist 'at rest' lateral earth thrust in addition to the hydrostatic thrust as given by the expression below:

$$P_0 = K_0 q (h_1 + h_2) + \frac{1}{2} K_0 \gamma h_1^2 + K_0 \gamma h_1 h_2 + \frac{1}{2} K_0 \gamma' h_2^2 + \frac{1}{2} \gamma_w h_2^2$$

where:

$P_0$	=	at rest' earth and water thrusts acting against secant pile wall (kN/m)
$K_0$	=	'at rest' lateral earth pressure coefficient = 0.50
q	=	surcharge acting adjacent to the excavation (kPa)
$h_1$	=	height of shoring from the ground surface to groundwater table (m)
$h_2$	=	height of shoring from groundwater table to the bottom of excavation (m)
$\gamma$	=	unit weight of the soil = 22 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$\gamma'$	=	submerged unit weight of soil = 11.2 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
$\gamma_w$	=	unit weight of water = 9.8 kN/m <sup>3</sup>



Secant pile walls consist of overlapping concrete piles that form a strong watertight barrier. They can be constructed with conventional drilling methods. Secant pile walls typically include both reinforced primary and un-reinforced secondary piles. The primary piles overlap the secondary piles, with secondary piles essentially acting as concrete lagging. The reinforcement in the primary piles generally consists of steel reinforcing bar cages or steel beams. The result is a continuous intersecting line of concrete piles that are placed before any excavation is performed.

The shoring system as well as adjacent settlement sensitive structures and infrastructure should be monitored for movement (deflection) on a periodic basis during construction operations.

### **12.1.1 Rock Excavation**

The excavations will extend into the shale bedrock. The excavation side slopes in the upper depths of the weathered/highly fractured zones of the bedrock may be cut back at a 1H:1V gradient. The excavation side slopes in the sound bedrock may be undertaken with near vertical sides subject to examination by a geotechnical engineer.

The shale bedrock may be excavated using a hoe ram for removal of small quantities of the bedrock; however, this process is expected to be very slow. The exposed shale bedrock surface along all excavation walls should be shotcreted within the same day of exposure to protect the rock face from rapid deterioration due to exposure to the elements, as previously discussed.

The excavation of the sound bedrock to extensive depths below the bedrock surface may be undertaken by line drilling and blasting method. Should blasting not be permitted, the excavation of the shale bedrock would have to be undertaken by line drilling. Specialized contractors bidding on this project should decide on their own the most preferred rock removal method; hoe ramming or line drilling and blasting.

#### **Rock Support**

The weathered and fractured rock face may require support in the form of rock bolts to maintain the integrity of the rock face in conjunction with a wire mesh system and the shotcrete mentioned above. Excavations that will extend a significant depth into the bedrock will have to be undertaken in a staged approach with the rock excavated in a pre-determined depth interval (for example every 3 m). The exposed rock face in each stage will have to be examined by a geotechnical engineer to determine the number of rock bolts required. The rock bolt system should be installed in this manner to the bottom of the excavation.

#### **Vibration Control**

The vibration limits for blasting should be in accordance with City of Ottawa Special Provisions (SP No. 1201).

It is recommended that a pre-construction survey of adjacent building(s) and infrastructure be undertaken prior to any earth (soil) and rock excavation work as well as vibration monitoring during excavation, blasting and construction operations. Prior to the commencement of blasting, a detailed blast methodology should be submitted by the Contractor.

### **12.2 De-Watering Requirements and Impact of Groundwater Lowering on Adjacent Structures**

Excavations above the groundwater may be dewatered by conventional sump pumping techniques. Excavations below the groundwater level are expected to be more problematic and may result in greater water seepage, loss of ground and disturbance of the soils. Under these conditions, it is recommended that these excavations should be undertaken within the confines of a shoring system as previously discussed. In this regard, seepage of groundwater into the shored excavation should still be anticipated but may be removed by collecting the water at low points within the excavation and pumping from sumps. In areas of high infiltration, a higher seepage rate should be anticipated and the need for high-capacity pumps to keep the excavation dry should not be ignored.

It is recommended that a hydrogeological study (with a geotechnical component) be undertaken for the purpose of estimating the volume of groundwater anticipated to enter the un-shored (worst case) and shored excavation (which permits drainage) and the zone of influence resulting from dewatering of the excavation. The zone of influence may be used to determine the impact, if any, dewatering of the excavation may have on nearby existing infrastructure and buildings. If it is determined that the zone of influence extends to nearby existing infrastructure and buildings, the geotechnical component of the hydrogeological study

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would involve estimating settlements of the nearby existing infrastructure and buildings as a result of lowering the groundwater table at the site and providing recommendations to minimize the estimated settlements.

The excavation depth for the proposed buildings will extend below the groundwater level and would necessitate groundwater removal from the site. It is noteworthy to mention that new legislation came into force in Ontario on March 29, 2016 to regulate groundwater takings for construction dewatering purposes. Prior to March 29, 2016, a Category 2 Permit to Take Water (PTTW) was required from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) for groundwater takings related to construction dewatering, where taking volumes in excess of 50 m<sup>3</sup>/day, but less than 400 m<sup>3</sup>/day, and the taking duration was no more than 30 consecutive days. The new legislation replaces the Category 2 PTTW for construction dewatering with a new process under the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR). The EASR is an on-line registry, which allows persons engaged in prescribed activities, such as water takings, to register with the (now) Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) instead of applying for a PTTW.

To be eligible for the new EASR process, the construction dewatering taking must be less than 400 m<sup>3</sup>/day under normal conditions. The water taking can be groundwater, storm water, or a combination of both. It should be noted that the 30-consecutive day limit on the water taking under the old Category 2 PTTW process has been removed in the new EASR process. Also, it should be noted that the EASR process requires two technical studies be prepared by a Qualified Person, prior to any water taking. These studies include a Water Taking Report, which provides assurance that the taking will not cause any unacceptable impacts, and a Discharge Plan, which provides assurance that the discharge will not result in any adverse impacts to the environment. EXP has qualified persons who can prepare these types of reports, if required. A significant advantage of the new EASR process over the former Category 2 PTTW process, is that the groundwater taking may begin immediately after completing the on-line registration of the taking and paying the applicable fee, assuming the accompanying technical studies have been completed. The former PTTW process typically took more than 90 days, which had the potential to impact construction schedules.

Although this investigation has estimated the groundwater levels at the time of the fieldwork, and commented on dewatering and general construction problems, conditions may be present which are difficult to establish from standard boring and excavating techniques and which may affect the type and nature of dewatering procedures used by the contractor in practice. These conditions include local and seasonal fluctuations in the groundwater table, erratic changes in the soil profile, thin layers of soil with large or small permeabilities compared with the soil mass, etc. Only carefully controlled tests using pumped wells and observation wells will yield the quantitative data on groundwater volumes and pressures that are necessary to adequately engineer construction dewatering systems.

### **13. Pipe Bedding Requirements**

The invert depths of the underground services are not known at the time of this geotechnical investigation. It is anticipated that the subgrade for the proposed municipal services will be the shale bedrock.

The bedding for the underground services including material specifications, thickness of cover material and compaction requirements conform to the Ontario Provincial Standard Specification and Drawings (OPSS and OPSD) based on the selection of the pipe material and size.

It is recommended that the pipe bedding be 150 mm thick and consist of OPSS Granular A. The bedding material should be placed along the sides and on top of the pipe to provide a minimum cover of 300 mm. The bedding should be compacted to at least 98 percent of the standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).

The municipal services should be installed in short open trench sections that are excavated and backfilled the same day. The special treatment of the Carlsbad shale bedrock must be carried out during excavations for municipal services.

## **14. Backfilling Requirements and Suitability of On-Site Soils for Backfilling Purposes**

The soils to be excavated from the site will comprise of fill, sandy silt/silty clay and glacial till. From a geotechnical perspective, these soils are not considered suitable for reuse as backfill material in the interior or exterior of the buildings. Therefore, it is anticipated that the majority of the material required for backfilling purposes in the interior and exterior of the proposed buildings will need to be imported and should preferably conform to OPSS 1010 (as amended by SSP110S13) for Granular B Type II. The backfill should be placed in 300 mm thick lifts compacted to 95 percent standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD) outside the buildings and to 98 percent SPMDD inside the buildings.

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## 15. Corrosion Potential

Chemical tests limited to pH, sulphate, chloride and resistivity were undertaken on two (2) samples, one (1) sample of the glacial till overburden soil and one (1) sample of the shale bedrock. A summary of the results is shown in Table VIII. The laboratory certificate of analysis is shown in Appendix C.

Table VIII: Chemical Test Results – Soil and Bedrock Samples						
Borehole No. - Sample No. (SS)	Depth (m)	Soil/Bedrock Type	pH	Sulphate (%)	Chloride (%)	Resistivity (ohm-cm)
BH 3 SS7	4.6 – 5.2	TILL	9.83	0.002	0.001	1880
BH 2 Run 2	9.1 – 9.5	SHALE	8.90	0.012	0.002	2770

The results indicate the soil has a negligible sulphate attack on subsurface concrete. The concrete should be in accordance with the most recent CSA A.23.1.

The results of the resistivity test indicate the glacial till is corrosive to moderately corrosive bare steel and the shale bedrock is mildly corrosive to bare steel as per the National Association of Corrosion Engineers (NACE). Appropriate measures should be undertaken to protect buried steel elements from corrosion.

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## **16. Tree Planting Restrictions**

It is anticipated that all subsurface soils on site including the fill and native overburden soils will be excavated down to the bedrock and removed from site for the construction of the proposed new buildings. Since all subsurface soils will be excavated and removed from the site and, where required, replaced with compacted granular fill, there are no tree planting restrictions from a geotechnical perspective.

## **17. Earthworks Quality Control During Construction**

All earthworks activities from construction of footing foundations to subgrade preparation to the placement and compaction of fill soils should be inspected by geotechnical personnel to ensure that construction proceeds in accordance with the project specifications.

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## 18. General Comments

The comments and recommendations given in this report are preliminary in nature as they are based on the assumption that the above-described design concepts will proceed into construction. If changes are made either in the design phase or during construction, this office must be retained to review these modifications. The result of this review may be a modification of our recommendations, or it may require additional field or laboratory work to check whether the changes are acceptable from a geotechnical viewpoint. This geotechnical report should be updated once final design for the proposed development is available.

The information contained in this report is not intended to reflect on environmental aspects of the soils and groundwater and it is understood that a Phase 1 and Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessments (ESA) have been already carried out at the site and are being updated for the proposed property use by others.

We trust that the information contained in this report will be satisfactory for your purposes. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office.



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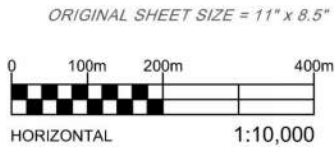
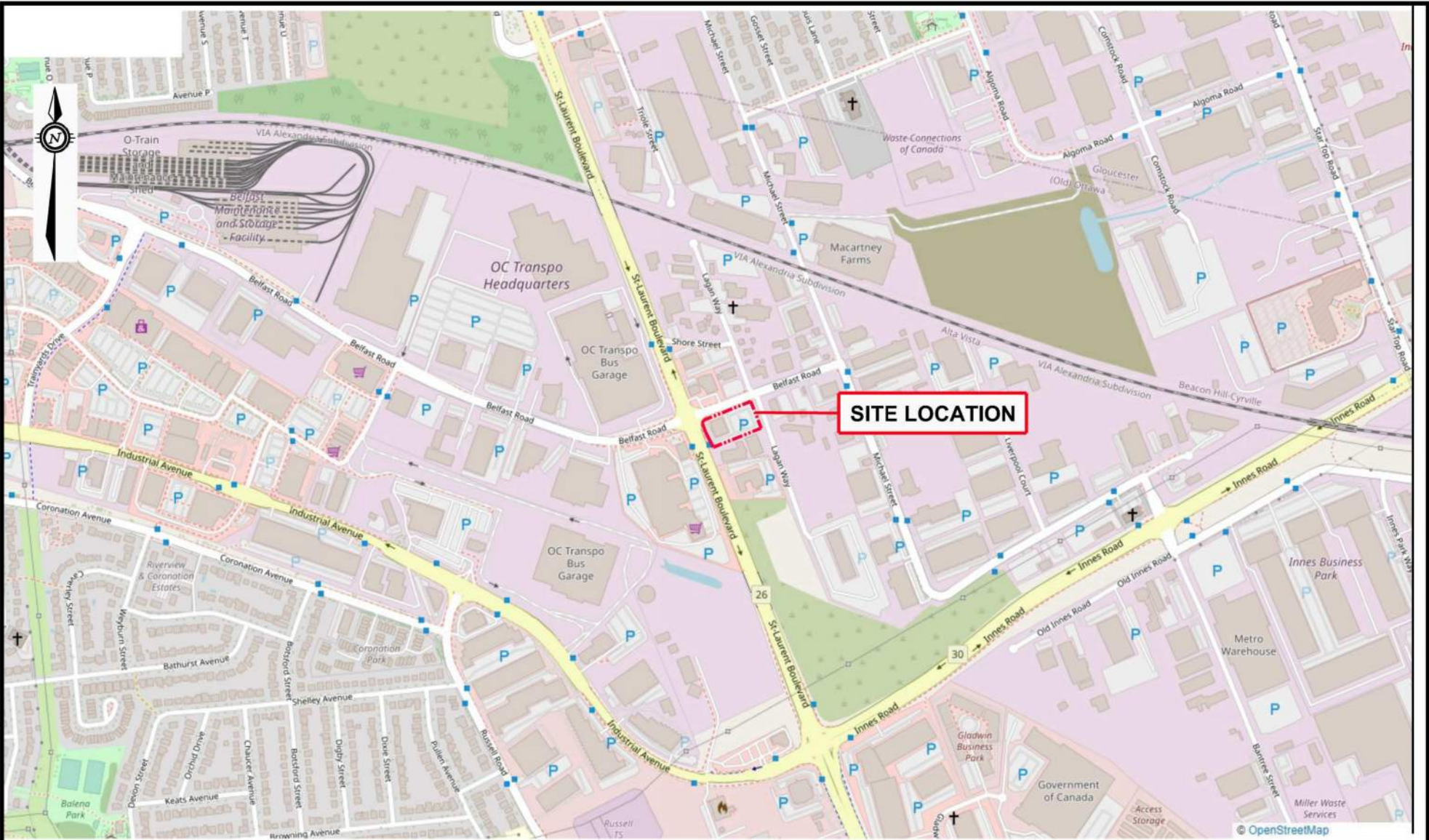


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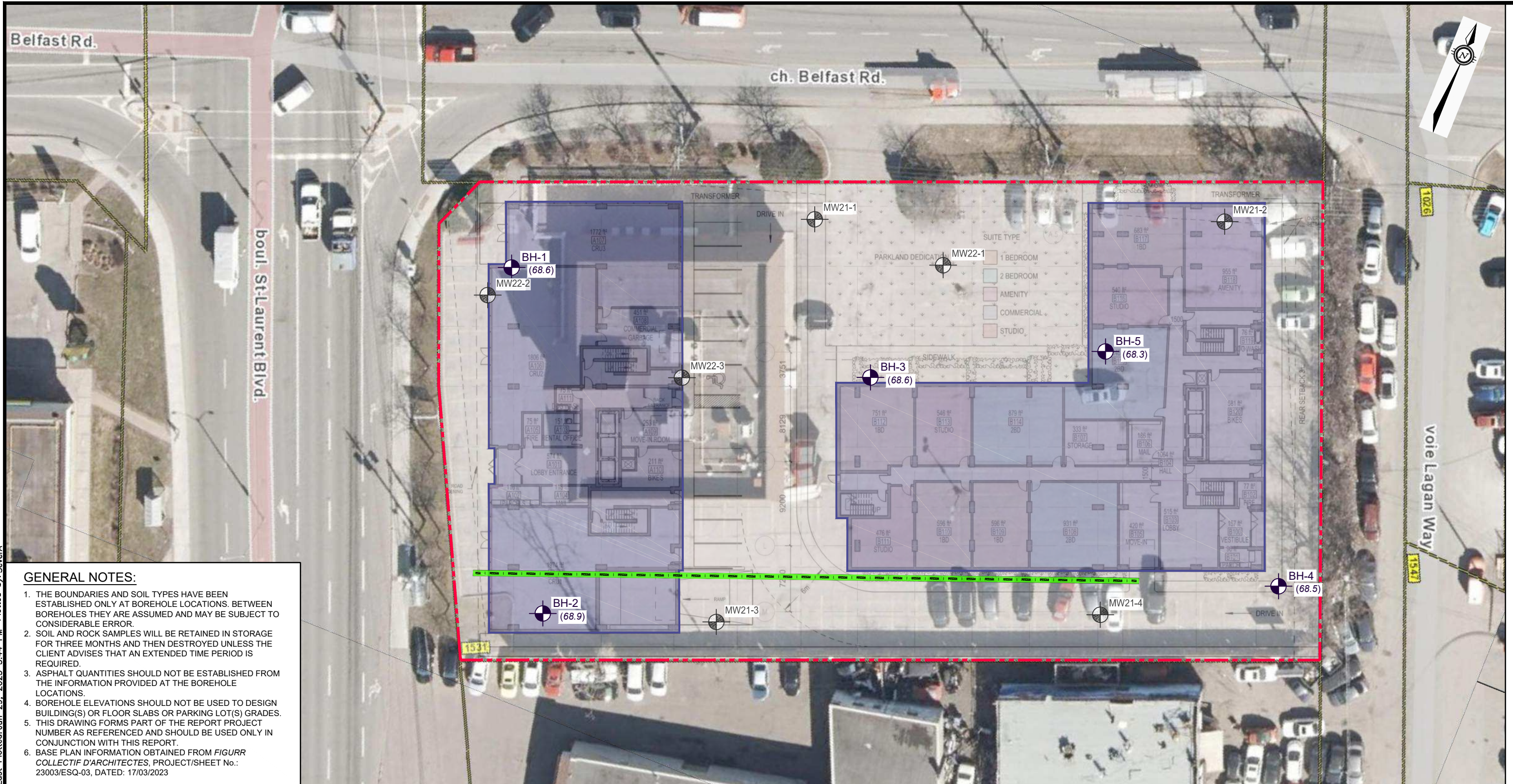
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 1531 ST. LAURENT BOULEVARD, OTTAWA, ONTARIO

SITE LOCATION PLAN

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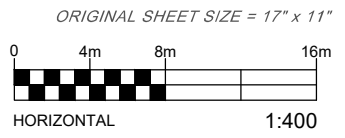
**GENERAL NOTES:**

1. THE BOUNDARIES AND SOIL TYPES HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED ONLY AT BOREHOLE LOCATIONS. BETWEEN BOREHOLES THEY ARE ASSUMED AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CONSIDERABLE ERROR.
2. SOIL AND ROCK SAMPLES WILL BE RETAINED IN STORAGE FOR THREE MONTHS AND THEN DESTROYED UNLESS THE CLIENT ADVISES THAT AN EXTENDED TIME PERIOD IS REQUIRED.
3. ASPHALT QUANTITIES SHOULD NOT BE ESTABLISHED FROM THE INFORMATION PROVIDED AT THE BOREHOLE LOCATIONS.
4. BOREHOLE ELEVATIONS SHOULD NOT BE USED TO DESIGN BUILDING(S) OR FLOOR SLABS OR PARKING LOT(S) GRADES.
5. THIS DRAWING FORMS PART OF THE REPORT PROJECT NUMBER AS REFERENCED AND SHOULD BE USED ONLY IN CONJUNCTION WITH THIS REPORT.
6. BASE PLAN INFORMATION OBTAINED FROM *FIGURR COLLECTIF D'ARCHITECTES*, PROJECT/SHEET No.: 23003/ESQ-03, DATED: 17/03/2023

**LEGEND**

- PROPERTY BOUNDARIES
- PROPOSED HIGH RISE BUILDINGS FOOTPRINT
- BH-1 (68.6) BOREHOLE NO. AND LOCATION (EXP, 2023) GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION (m)
- MW21-1 BOREHOLE NO. AND LOCATION (DST, 2021 and 2022) (Locations are approximate)

APPROXIMATE MASW STUDY AREA

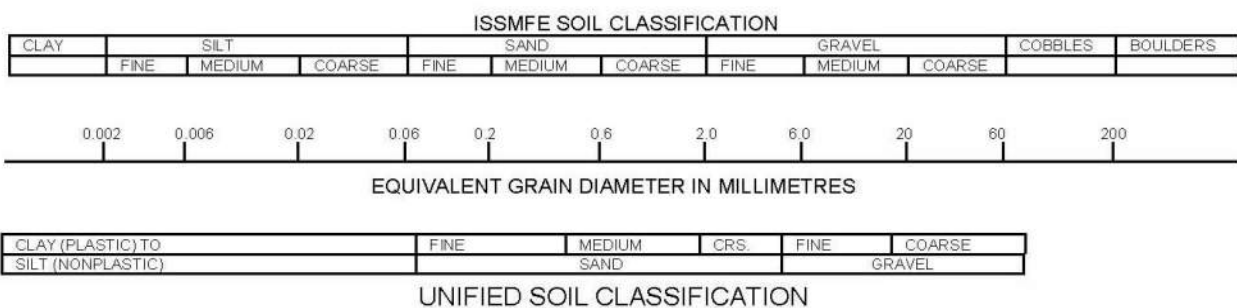


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DATE JUNE 2023		<b>PROPOSED HIGH RISE DEVELOPMENT</b> 1531 ST. LAURENT BOULEVARD, OTTAWA, ONTARIO	project no. OTT-23005035-A0
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## Notes On Sample Descriptions

- All sample descriptions included in this report follow the Canadian Foundations Engineering Manual soil classification system. This system follows the standard proposed by the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Foundation Engineering. Laboratory grain size analyses provided by **exp** Services Inc. also follow the same system. Different classification systems may be used by others; one such system is the Unified Soil Classification. Please note that, with the exception of those samples where a grain size analysis has been made, all samples are classified visually. Visual classification is not sufficiently accurate to provide exact grain sizing or precise differentiation between size classification systems.



- Fill:** Where fill is designated on the borehole log it is defined as indicated by the sample recovered during the boring process. The reader is cautioned that fills are heterogeneous in nature and variable in density or degree of compaction. The borehole description may therefore not be applicable as a general description of site fill materials. All fills should be expected to contain obstruction such as wood, large concrete pieces or subsurface basements, floors, tanks, etc., none of these may have been encountered in the boreholes. Since boreholes cannot accurately define the contents of the fill, test pits are recommended to provide supplementary information. Despite the use of test pits, the heterogeneous nature of fill will leave some ambiguity as to the exact composition of the fill. Most fills contain pockets, seams, or layers of organically contaminated soil. This organic material can result in the generation of methane gas and/or significant ongoing and future settlements. Fill at this site may have been monitored for the presence of methane gas and, if so, the results are given on the borehole logs. The monitoring process does not indicate the volume of gas that can be potentially generated nor does it pinpoint the source of the gas. These readings are to advise of the presence of gas only, and a detailed study is recommended for sites where any explosive gas/methane is detected. Some fill material may be contaminated by toxic/hazardous waste that renders it unacceptable for deposition in any but designated land fill sites; unless specifically stated the fill on this site has not been tested for contaminants that may be considered toxic or hazardous. This testing and a potential hazard study can be undertaken if requested. In most residential/commercial areas undergoing reconstruction, buried oil tanks are common and are generally not detected in a conventional geotechnical site investigation.
- Till:** The term till on the borehole logs indicates that the material originates from a geological process associated with glaciation. Because of this geological process the till must be considered heterogeneous in composition and as such may contain pockets and/or seams of material such as sand, gravel, silt or clay. Till often contains cobbles (60 to 200 mm) or boulders (over 200 mm). Contractors may therefore encounter cobbles and boulders during excavation, even if they are not indicated by the borings. It should be appreciated that normal sampling equipment cannot differentiate the size or type of any obstruction. Because of the horizontal and vertical variability of till, the sample description may be applicable to a very limited zone; caution is therefore essential when dealing with sensitive excavations or dewatering programs in till materials.

# Log of Borehole BH-01



Project No: OTT-23005035-A0  
 Project: Proposed High-Rise Development  
 Location: 1531 St. Laurent Boulevard, Ottawa, Ontario  
 Date Drilled: June 6, 2023  
 Drill Type: CME-75 Track-Mounted Drill Rig  
 Datum: Geodetic Elevation  
 Logged by: MD Checked by: DW

Figure No. 3  
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- Split Spoon Sample
- Auger Sample
- SPT (N) Value
- Dynamic Cone Test
- Shebby Tube
- Shear Strength by Vane Test
- Combustible Vapour Reading
- Natural Moisture Content
- Atterberg Limits
- Undrained Triaxial at % Strain at Failure
- Shear Strength by Penetrometer Test

G W L	S O I L C O M P O S I T I O N	SOIL DESCRIPTION	Geodetic Elevation m	D e p t h	Standard Penetration Test N Value				Combustible Vapour Reading (ppm)			S O I L T E S T I N G	Natural Unit Wt. kN/m <sup>3</sup>
					Shear Strength				Natural Moisture Content %				
					kPa				Atterberg Limits (% Dry Weight)				
		<b>ASPHALTIC CONCRETE</b> ~ 40 mm thick <b>FILL</b> Sand and gravel, trace silt, brown, moist, (compact)	68.6 68.6	0									AS1
		<b>SILTY CLAY</b> Trace gravel, brown, moist, (stiff)	67.4	1									SS2
		<b>SANDY SILT</b> Brown, wet, (loose to compact)	66.4	2									SS3
		<b>GLACIAL TILL</b> Silty sand with gravel and shale fragments, trace clay, grey, (dense)	64.5	4									SS4 18.6
		Auger grinding from 5.2 m to 5.3 m depth <b>Auger Refusal at 5.3 m Depth</b>	63.3	5									SS5
													SS6
													SS7
													SS8 23.3

LOG OF BOREHOLE 1531 ST. LAURENT BLVD GINT LOGS.GPJ TROW OTTAWA GDT 6/28/23

- NOTES:**
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  - Borehole was backfilled upon completion
  - Field work supervised by an exp representative.
  - See Notes on Sample Descriptions
  - Log to be read with EXP Report OTT-23005035-A0

WATER LEVEL RECORDS		
Date	Water Level (m)	Hole Open To (m)

CORE DRILLING RECORD			
Run No.	Depth (m)	% Rec.	RQD %

# Log of Borehole BH-02



Project No: OTT-23005035-A0

Project: Proposed High-Rise Development

Location: 1531 St. Laurent Boulevard, Ottawa, Ontario

Date Drilled: June 5, 2023

Drill Type: CME-75 Track-Mounted Drill Rig

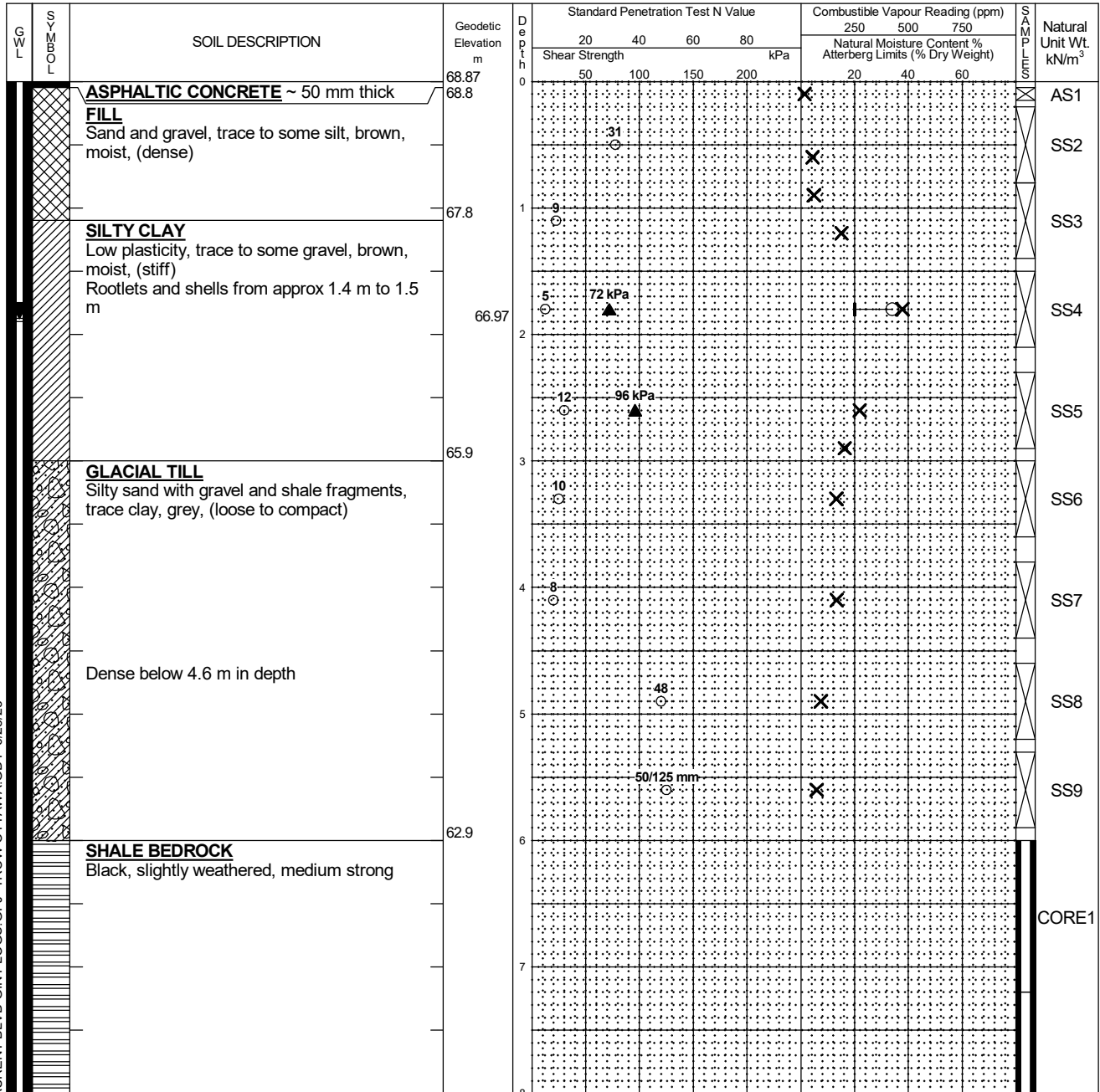
Datum: Geodetic Elevation

Logged by: MD Checked by: DW

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- Split Spoon Sample
- Auger Sample
- SPT (N) Value
- Dynamic Cone Test
- Shebby Tube
- Shear Strength by Vane Test
- Combustible Vapour Reading
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- Atterberg Limits
- Undrained Triaxial at % Strain at Failure
- Shear Strength by Penetrometer Test



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4. See Notes on Sample Descriptions
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**WATER LEVEL RECORDS**

Date	Water Level (m)	Hole Open To (m)
'June 12, 2023	1.9	

**CORE DRILLING RECORD**

Run No.	Depth (m)	% Rec.	RQD %
1	6 - 7.2	100	66
2	7.2 - 8.8	98	88
3	8.8 - 10.3	98	77
4	10.3 - 11.8	100	100
5	11.8 - 13.3	99	98
6	13.3 - 14.8	100	100
7	14.8 - 15.4	100	71

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# Log of Borehole BH-02



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Project: Proposed High-Rise Development

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SOIL DESCRIPTION	Geodetic Elevation m	Depth	Standard Penetration Test N Value				Combustible Vapour Reading (ppm)			Natural Unit Wt. kN/m <sup>3</sup>
			20	40	60	80	250	500	750	
			Shear Strength kPa				Natural Moisture Content % Atterberg Limits (% Dry Weight)			
			50	100	150	200	20	40	60	
<b>SHALE BEDROCK</b> Black, slightly weathered, medium strong <i>(continued)</i>	60.87	8								CORE2
		9								CORE3
		10								CORE4
		11								CORE5
		12								CORE6
		13								CORE7
		14								
	15									
<b>Borehole Terminated at 15.4 m Depth</b>	53.5									

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Date	Water Level (m)	Hole Open To (m)
'June 12, 2023	1.9	

Run No.	Depth (m)	% Rec.	RQD %
1	6 - 7.2	100	66
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3	8.8 - 10.3	98	77
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5	11.8 - 13.3	99	98
6	13.3 - 14.8	100	100
7	14.8 - 15.4	100	71

# Log of Borehole BH-03



Project No: OTT-23005035-A0  
 Project: Proposed High-Rise Development  
 Location: 1531 St. Laurent Boulevard, Ottawa, Ontario  
 Date Drilled: June 1, 2023  
 Drill Type: CME-75 Track-Mounted Drill Rig  
 Datum: Geodetic Elevation  
 Logged by: JE Checked by: DW

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Split Spoon Sample   
 Auger Sample   
 SPT (N) Value   
 Dynamic Cone Test   
 Shelby Tube   
 Shear Strength by Vane Test   
 Combustible Vapour Reading   
 Natural Moisture Content   
 Atterberg Limits   
 Undrained Triaxial at % Strain at Failure   
 Shear Strength by Penetrometer Test

G W L	S O I L D E S C R I P T I O N	Geodetic Elevation m	D e p t h	Standard Penetration Test N Value				Combustible Vapour Reading (ppm)			Natural Unit Wt. kN/m <sup>3</sup>
				Shear Strength kPa				250	500	750	
				20	40	60	80	Natural Moisture Content % Atterberg Limits (% Dry Weight)			
	<b>ASPHALTIC CONCRETE</b> ~ 50 mm thick	68.62	0								AS1
	<b>GRANULAR FILL</b> Gravel with silt and sand, poorly graded, brown, moist, (compact)	68.6									24.3
	<b>FILL</b> Silty sand, some gravel, brown, moist, (compact)	68.0									SS2
	<b>SANDY SILT</b> Some clay, travel gravel, grey, moist, (compact)	67.5	1	17							SS3
											21.2
			2	18							SS4
			3	12							SS5
			4	18							SS6
	<b>GLACIAL TILL</b> Silty sand with gravel and shale fragments, trace clay, grey, (loose to compact)	64.9	4	15							SS7
			5	14							SS7
	<b>Auger Refusal at 5.5 m Depth</b>	63.1	4	4							SS8

LOG OF BOREHOLE 1531 ST. LAURENT BLVD GINT LOGS.GPJ TROW OTTAWA GDT 6/28/23

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WATER LEVEL RECORDS		
Date	Water Level (m)	Hole Open To (m)

CORE DRILLING RECORD			
Run No.	Depth (m)	% Rec.	RQD %



# Log of Borehole BH-04



Project No: OTT-23005035-A0

Project: Proposed High-Rise Development

Location: 1531 St. Laurent Boulevard, Ottawa, Ontario

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Date Drilled: June 1, 2023

Drill Type: CME-75 Track-Mounted Drill Rig

Datum: Geodetic Elevation

Logged by: JE Checked by: DW

Split Spoon Sample

Auger Sample

SPT (N) Value

Dynamic Cone Test

Shelby Tube

Shear Strength by Vane Test

Combustible Vapour Reading

Natural Moisture Content

Atterberg Limits

Undrained Triaxial at % Strain at Failure

Shear Strength by Penetrometer Test

G W L	S O B Y L	SOIL DESCRIPTION	Geodetic Elevation m	D e p t h	Standard Penetration Test N Value				Combustible Vapour Reading (ppm)			Natural Unit Wt. kN/m <sup>3</sup>
					Shear Strength kPa				250	500	750	
					20	40	60	80	Natural Moisture Content % Atterberg Limits (% Dry Weight)			
		<b>ASPHALTIC CONCRETE</b> ~ 50 mm thick	68.5	0								AS1
		<b>FILL</b> Sand and crushed gravel, trace silt, brown, moist, (compact)	68.5									
		<b>SANDY SILT</b> Trace to some clay, trace gravel, with shale and occasional rootlets, grey, moist, (loose)	67.6	1								SS2 21.1
												SS3 21.0
												SS4
		<b>GLACIAL TILL</b> Silty sand with gravel and shale fragments, trace clay, grey, (loose)	66.3	2								SS5
												SS6
		<b>Auger Refusal at 3.2 m Depth</b>	65.3	3								

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WATER LEVEL RECORDS		
Date	Water Level (m)	Hole Open To (m)

CORE DRILLING RECORD			
Run No.	Depth (m)	% Rec.	RQD %

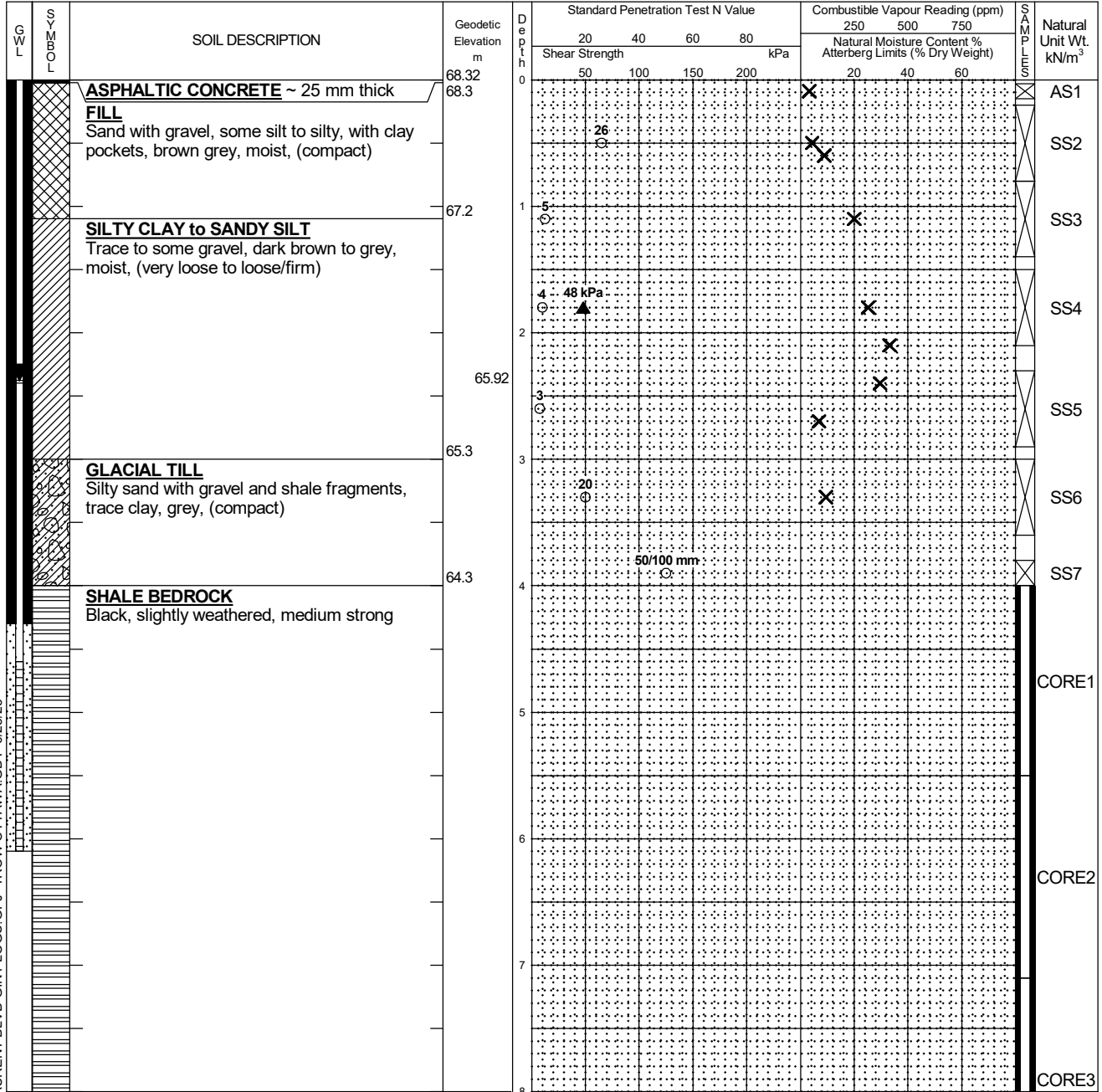
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 Project: Proposed High-Rise Development  
 Location: 1531 St. Laurent Boulevard, Ottawa, Ontario  
 Date Drilled: June 5, 2023  
 Drill Type: CME-75 Track-Mounted Drill Rig  
 Datum: Geodetic Elevation  
 Logged by: MD Checked by: DW

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Split Spoon Sample   
 Auger Sample   
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 Combustible Vapour Reading   
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WATER LEVEL RECORDS		
Date	Water Level (m)	Hole Open To (m)
June 12, 2023	2.4	

CORE DRILLING RECORD			
Run No.	Depth (m)	% Rec.	RQD %
1	4 - 5.5	100	49
2	5.5 - 7.1	99	64
3	7.1 - 8.7	99	77
4	8.7 - 10.1	100	95
5	10.1 - 11.7	100	100
6	11.7 - 13.2	100	92
7	13.2 - 14.8	100	100
8	14.8 - 15.2	88	85

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# Log of Borehole BH-05



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Project: Proposed High-Rise Development

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SOIL TYPE	SOIL DESCRIPTION	Geodetic Elevation m	Depth	Standard Penetration Test N Value				Combustible Vapour Reading (ppm)			Natural Unit Wt. kN/m <sup>3</sup>	
				20	40	60	80	250	500	750		
				Shear Strength kPa				Natural Moisture Content % Atterberg Limits (% Dry Weight)				
	<b>SHALE BEDROCK</b> Black, slightly weathered, medium strong <i>(continued)</i>	60.32	8	50	100	150	200	20	40	60	CORE4	
			9									CORE5
			10									
			11									CORE7
			12									
			13									
			14									
			15									
	<b>Borehole Terminated at 15.2 m Depth</b>	53.1										

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**WATER LEVEL RECORDS**

Date	Water Level (m)	Hole Open To (m)
'June 12, 2023	2.4	

**CORE DRILLING RECORD**

Run No.	Depth (m)	% Rec.	RQD %
1	4 - 5.5	100	49
2	5.5 - 7.1	99	64
3	7.1 - 8.7	99	77
4	8.7 - 10.1	100	95
5	10.1 - 11.7	100	100
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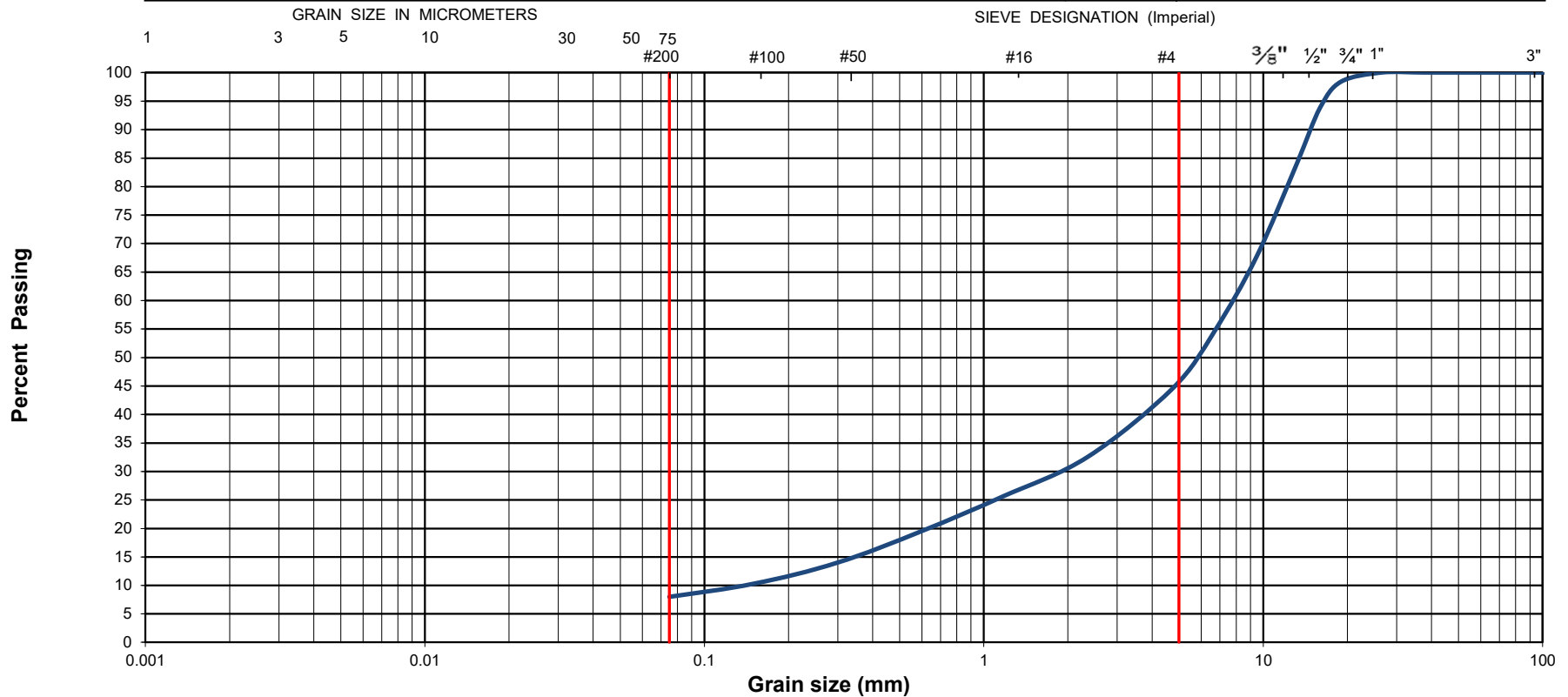


## Grain-Size Distribution Curve Method of Test For Sieve Analysis of Aggregate ASTM C-136

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### Unified Soil Classification System

CLAY AND SILT	SAND			GRAVEL	
	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Coarse



EXP Project No.:	OTT-23005035-A0	Project Name :	Proposed High-Rise Redevelopment						
Client :	Katasa Groupe	Project Location :	1531 St. Laurent Blvd, Ottawa, Ontario						
Date Sampled :	June 1, 2023	Borehole No:	BH3	Sample: GS1					
Sample Composition :		Depth (m) :	0.1-0.2						
Sample Description :		Gravel (%)	55	Sand (%)	37	Silt & Clay (%)	8	Figure :	8
Sample Description :		<b>Poorly Graded Gravel with Silt and Sand (GP-GM)</b>							

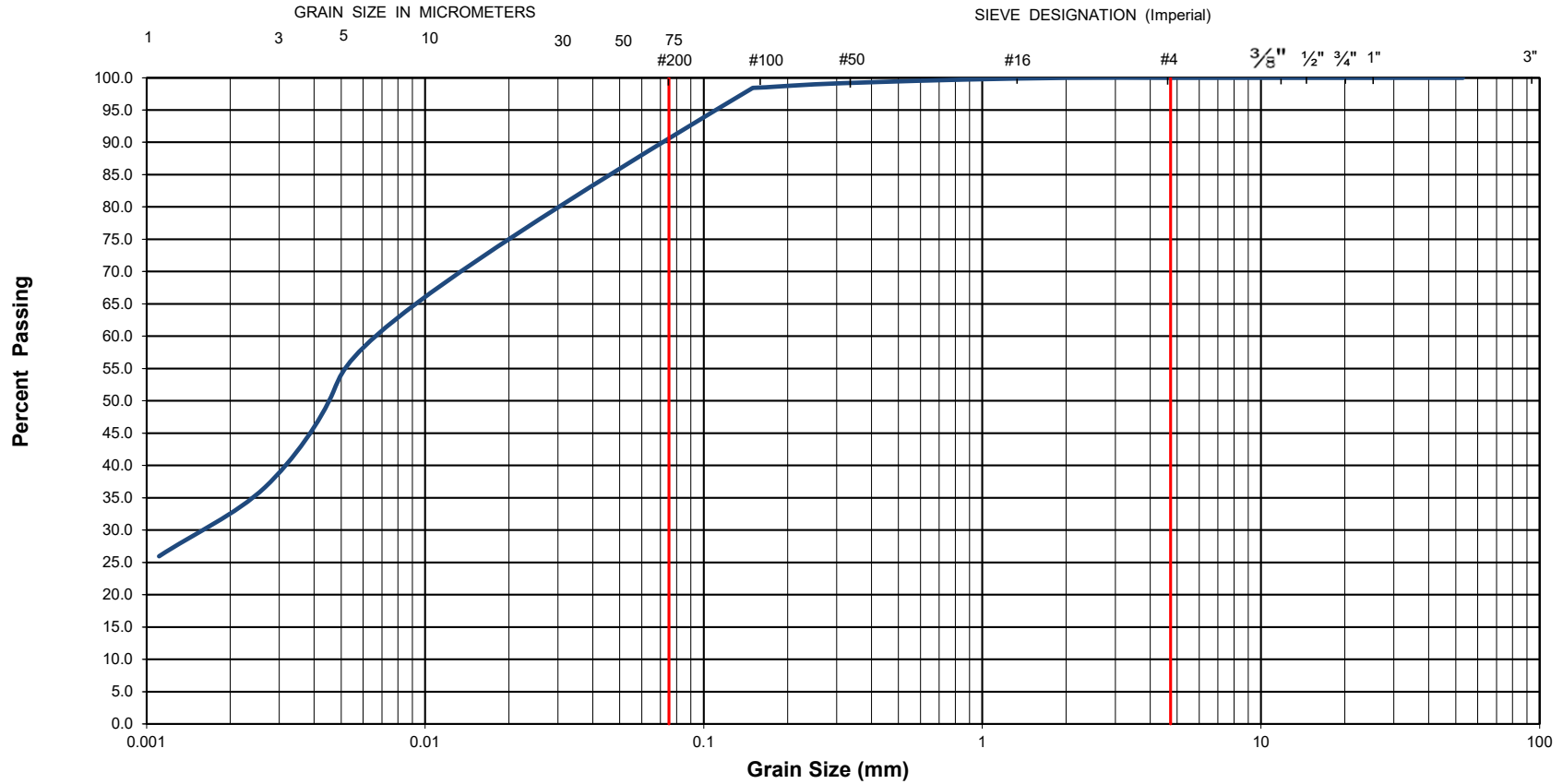


## Grain-Size Distribution Curve Method of Test For Particle Size Analysis of Soil ASTM C-136/ASTM D422

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CLAY AND SILT			SAND			GRAVEL	
			Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Coarse



EXP Project No.:	OTT-23005035-A0	Project Name :	Proposed High-Rise Redevelopment		
Client :	Katasa Groupe	Project Location :	1531 St Laurent Blvd, Ottawa, ON		
Date Sampled :	June 1, 2023	Borehole No:	BH2	Sample No.: SS4	
		Depth (m) :	1.5-2.1		
Sample Description :	% Silt and Clay	98	% Sand	2	
			% Gravel	0	
Sample Description :	Silty Clay of Low Plasticity (CL)			Figure :	9

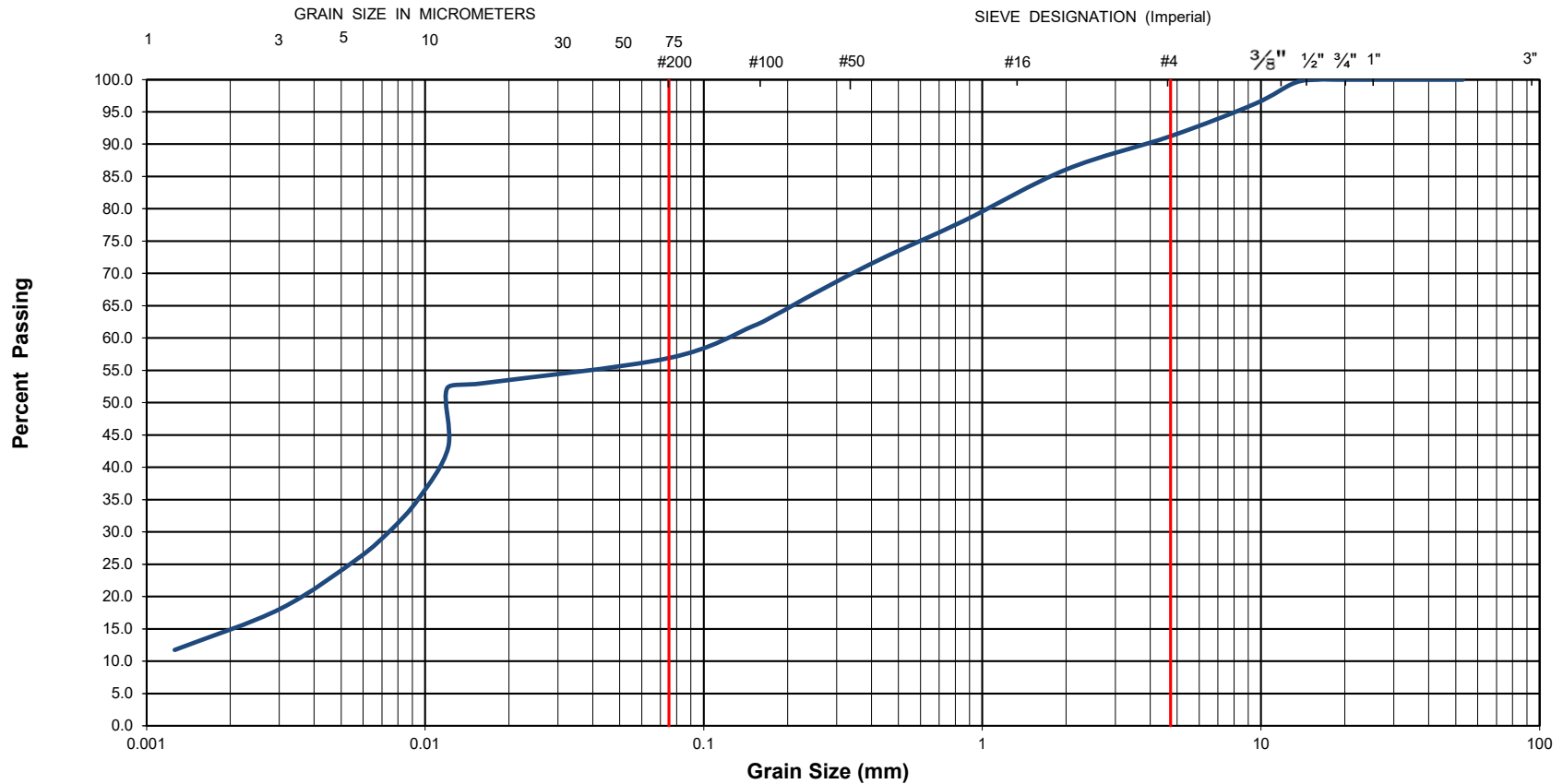


**Grain-Size Distribution Curve  
Method of Test For Particle Size Analysis of Soil  
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	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Coarse



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Client :	Katasa Groupe	Project Location :	1531 St Laurent Blvd, Ottawa, ON		
Date Sampled :	June 1, 2023	Borehole No:	BH3	Sample No.: SS5	
Sample Description :	% Silt and Clay	57	% Sand	34	
Sample Description :			% Gravel	9	
Sample Description :	<b>Sandy Silt (ML)</b>			Depth (m) :	3.0-3.6
				Figure :	10

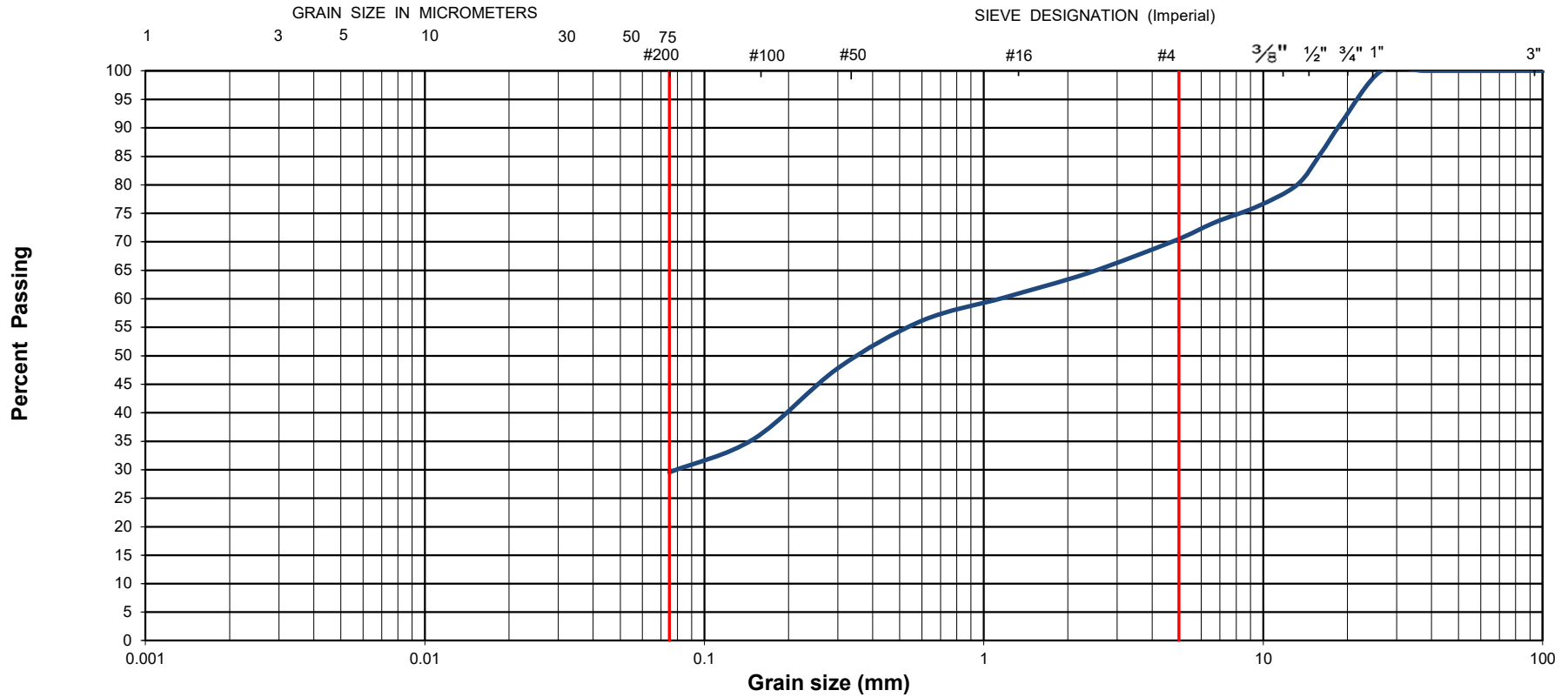


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	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Coarse



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Client :	Katasa Groupe	Project Location :	1531 St. Laurent Blvd, Ottawa, Ontario	
Date Sampled :	June 1, 2023	Borehole No:	BH4	Sample: SS4
Sample Composition :		Depth (m) :	2.3-2.9	
Sample Description :		Gravel (%)	30	Sand (%)
		Silt & Clay (%)	30	Figure :
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*Project Name: Proposed High Rise Development  
1531 St. Laurent Boulevard, Ottawa, Ontario  
Project Number: OTT-23005035-A0  
June 29, 2023  
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## **Appendix A – Borehole Logs from Previous Investigations**



# MW1-21

DST Project No. <b>02105693.000</b>	Date <b>May 5, 2021</b>
Client <b>101381 Canada Inc. &amp; Coffee Factory Inc.</b>	Method <b>Hollow Stem Auger</b>
Project <b>Phase I/II Environmental Site Assessment</b>	Diameter <b>200 mm</b>
Address <b>1531 St. Laurent Blvd, Ottawa, ON</b>	

Depth (m)	Elevation (m)	Water level	Well construction	Depth (m) Elevation (m)	Symbol	Material Description	Sample #	Sample Type	% Samp. Recov	CCGD / PID Reading		Analysis					Remarks
										CCGD	PID	Submitted for laboratory analysis	PAHs	PHC/BTEX	Metals / Inorganics	VOCs	
				0		ASPHALT											Monitoring Well Protected with Flushmount Casing
				0.05		FILL - gravel, trace sand, grey, moist											
				0.3		- some sand	SS1	45		0 ppm	5 ppm						
0.5				0.9		CLAYEY SAND - some gravel, brown, damp	SS2	25		570 ppm	23 ppm					PHC odour	
1.0				1.5		- grey	SS3	70		240 ppm	130 ppm					Groundwater level at 1.56 mbgs on May 11, 2021. PHC sheen on water	
1.5				2.3		- wet	SS4	80		560 ppm	210 ppm		✓		✓		
2.0				3.1		- grey, wet	SS5	20		0 ppm	28 ppm					faint PHC odour	
2.5				3.7		SANDY GRAVEL - grey	SS6	60		0 ppm	6 ppm						
3.0						End of Borehole at 4.5 m.											
3.5																	
4.0																	
4.5																	
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DST Project No. **02105693.001**  
 Client **Katasa Groupe + Développement**  
 Project **Supplemental Phase II ESA**  
 Address **1531 St. Laurent Blvd., Ottawa, ON**

Date **January 24, 2022**  
 Method **Hollow Stem Auger**  
 Diameter **200 mm**

Depth (m)	Elevation (m)	Water level	Well construction	Depth (m) Elevation (m)	Symbol	Material Description	Sample #	Sample Type	% Sample Recov.	CHVC / PID		Analysis					Remarks	
										CCGD	PID	Submitted for laboratory analysis						
												PAHs	PHC/BTEX	Metals	VOCs	Others		
	0			0		ASPHALT												Monitoring well protected with flushmount casing
	0.15			0.15		FILL - SAND & GRAVEL, trace silt, grey	SS1			0 ppm	0 ppm							
	0.6			0.6		- GRAVEL, loose												
	1.35			1.35		SILTY SAND - some gravel, compact, moist	SS2			0 ppm	1 ppm							
	2.1			2.1		CLAY - grey/green, moist, compact	SS3			0 ppm	0 ppm							
	2.85			2.85		- grey, wet	SS4			0 ppm	0 ppm		✓					
	3.6			3.6		- some gravel	SS5			0 ppm	0 ppm							
	4.4			4.4		- light grey	SS6			0 ppm	0 ppm		✓					
	5.2			5.2		- dark grey	SS7			0 ppm	0 ppm							
							SS8			0 ppm	0 ppm							
						End of Borehole at 6.1 m.												Groundwater level at 1.85 mbgs on January 26, 2022.



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## **Appendix B – Multi-channel Analysis of Surface Waves Survey Report by GPR**





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**Subject:    Shear Wave Velocity Sounding for the Site Class Determination**  
**1531 St-Laurent Boulevard, Ottawa (ON)**

[Project: OTT-23005035-A0]

Dear Sir,

Geophysics GPR International inc. has been mandated by **exp** Services inc. to carry out seismic surveys at 1531 St-Laurent Boulevard, in Ottawa (ON). The geophysical investigation used the Multi-channel Analysis of Surface Waves (MASW), the Spatial AutoCorrelation (SPAC), and the seismic refraction methods. From the subsequent results, the seismic shear wave velocity values were calculated for the soil and the rock, to determine the Site Class.

The surveys were carried out on June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023, by Mr. Mario Nucciarone, B.Sc. geophysics and Mrs. Anne-Catherine Cyr, trainee. Figure 1 shows the regional location of the site and Figure 2 illustrates the location of the seismic spreads. Both figures are presented in the Appendix.

The following paragraphs briefly describe the survey design, the principles of the testing methods, and the results presented in table and graph.

## MASW PRINCIPLE

The *Multi-channel Analysis of Surface Waves* (MASW) and the *SPatial AutoCorrelation* (SPAC or MAM for *Microtremors Array Method*) are seismic methods used to evaluate the shear wave velocities of subsurface materials through the analysis of the dispersion properties of the Rayleigh surface wave. The MASW is considered an "active" method, as the seismic signal is induced at known location and time in the geophones' spread axis. Conversely, the SPAC is considered a "passive" method, using the low frequency "signals" produced far away. The method can also be used with "active" seismic source records. The SPAC method generally allows deeper  $V_s$  soundings. Its dispersion curve can then be merged with the one of higher frequency from the MASW to calculate a more complete inversion. The dispersion properties are expressed as a change of velocities with respect to frequencies. Surface wave energy will decay exponentially with depth. Lower frequency surface waves will travel deeper and thus be more influenced by deeper velocity layering than the shallow higher frequency waves. The inversion of the Rayleigh wave dispersion curve yields a shear wave ( $V_s$ ) velocity depth profile (sounding).

Figure 3 schematically outlines the basic operating procedure for the MASW method. Figure 4 illustrates an example of one of the MASW/SPAC records, the corresponding spectrogram analysis and resulting 1D  $V_s$  model.

## INTERPRETATION

The main processing sequence involved data inspection and edition when required; spectral analysis ("phase shift" for MASW, and "cross-correlation" for SPAC); picking the fundamental mode; and 1D inversion of the MASW and SPAC shot records using the SeisImagerSW™ software. The data inversions used a nonlinear least squares algorithm.

In theory, all the shot records for a given seismic spread should produce a similar shear-wave velocity profile. In practice, however, differences can arise due to energy dissipation, local surface seismic velocities variations, and/or dipping of overburden layers or rock. In general, the precision of the calculated seismic shear wave velocities ( $V_s$ ) is around 15% or better.

More detailed descriptions of these methods are presented in *Shear Wave Velocity Measurement Guidelines for Canadian Seismic Site Characterization in Soil and Rock*, Hunter, J.A., Crow, H.L., et al., Geological Surveys of Canada, General Information Product 110, 2015.



## SURVEY DESIGN

The seismic spreads were installed on a parking lot (Figure 2). The geophone spacing was 3.0 metres for the main spread, using 24 geophones. Two shorter seismic spreads, with geophone spacings of 0.5 and 1.0 metre, were dedicated to the near surface materials. The seismic records were produced with a seismograph Terraloc Pro 2 (from ABEM Instrument), and the geophones were 4.5 Hz.

The seismic records counted 4096 data, sampled at 1000  $\mu$ s for the MASW surveys, and at 40  $\mu$ s for the seismic refraction. The records included a pre-triggered portion of 10 ms. An 8 kg sledgehammer was used as the energy source, with impacts being recorded off both ends of the seismic spreads. A stacking procedure was also used to improve the Signal / Noise ratio for the seismic records.

The shear wave depth sounding can be considered as the average of the bulk area within the geophone spread, especially for its central half-length.

## RESULTS

The MASW calculated  $V_s$  results are illustrated at Figure 5. Some low seismic velocities were calculated between 0.5 and 2 metres deep.

The  $\bar{V}_{S30}$  value results from the harmonic mean of the shear wave velocities, from the surface to 30 metres deep. It is calculated by dividing the total depth of interest (30 metres) by the sum of the time spent in each velocity layer from the surface down to 30 metres, as:

$$\bar{V}_{S30} = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N H_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N H_i / V_i} \quad | \quad \sum_{i=1}^N H_i = 30 \text{ m}$$

(N: number of layers;  $H_i$ : thickness of layer "i" ;  $V_i$ :  $V_s$  of layer "i")

Thus, the  $\bar{V}_{S30}$  value represents the seismic shear wave velocity of an equivalent homogeneous single layer response, between the surface and 30 metres deep.

The calculated  $\bar{V}_{S30}$  value of the actual site is 945.0 m/s (Table 1), corresponding to the Site Class "B". However, the Site Classes A and B are not to be used if there is 3 metres or more of soils between the rock and the bottom of the spread footing, pile cap or mat foundation. In the case the bottom of the foundation would be 1.4 metres or less from the rock, the  $\bar{V}_{S30}^*$  value would be greater than 1500 m/s, corresponding to the Site Class "A" (Table 2).



## CONCLUSION

Geophysical surveys were carried out to identify the Site Class at 1531 St-Laurent Boulevard, in Ottawa (ON). The seismic surveys used the MASW and the SPAC analysis, and the seismic refraction to calculate the  $\bar{V}_{S30}$  value. Its calculation is presented at Table 1.

The  $\bar{V}_{S30}$  value of the actual site is 945 m/s, corresponding to the Site Class "B" ( $760 < \bar{V}_{S30} \leq 1500$  m/s), as determined through the MASW and SPAC methods, Table 4.1.8.4.-A of the NBC (2015), and the Building Code, O. Reg. 332/12. It must be noted that the Site Classes A and B are not to be used if there is 3 metres or more of soils between the rock and the bottom of the spread footing, pile cap or mat foundation.

In the case the bottom of the foundation would be 1.4 metres or less from the rock surface, the  $\bar{V}_{S30}^*$  value would be greater than 1500 m/s, corresponding to the Site Class "A" ( $\bar{V}_{S30} > 1500$  m/s).

It must also be noted that other geotechnical information gleaned on site; including the presence of liquefiable soils, very soft clays, high moisture content etc. (cf. Table 4.1.8.4.-A of the NBC 2015) can supersede the Site classification provided in this report based on the  $\bar{V}_{S30}$  value.

The  $V_s$  values calculated are representative of the in situ materials and are not corrected for the total and effective stresses.

Hoping the whole to your satisfaction, we remain yours truly,

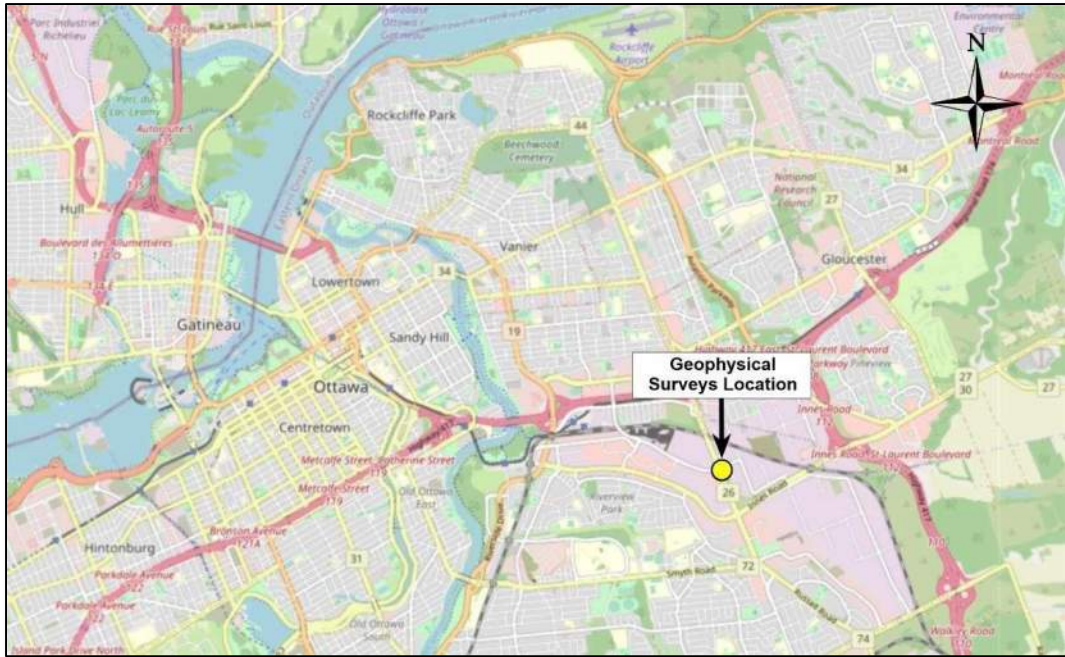


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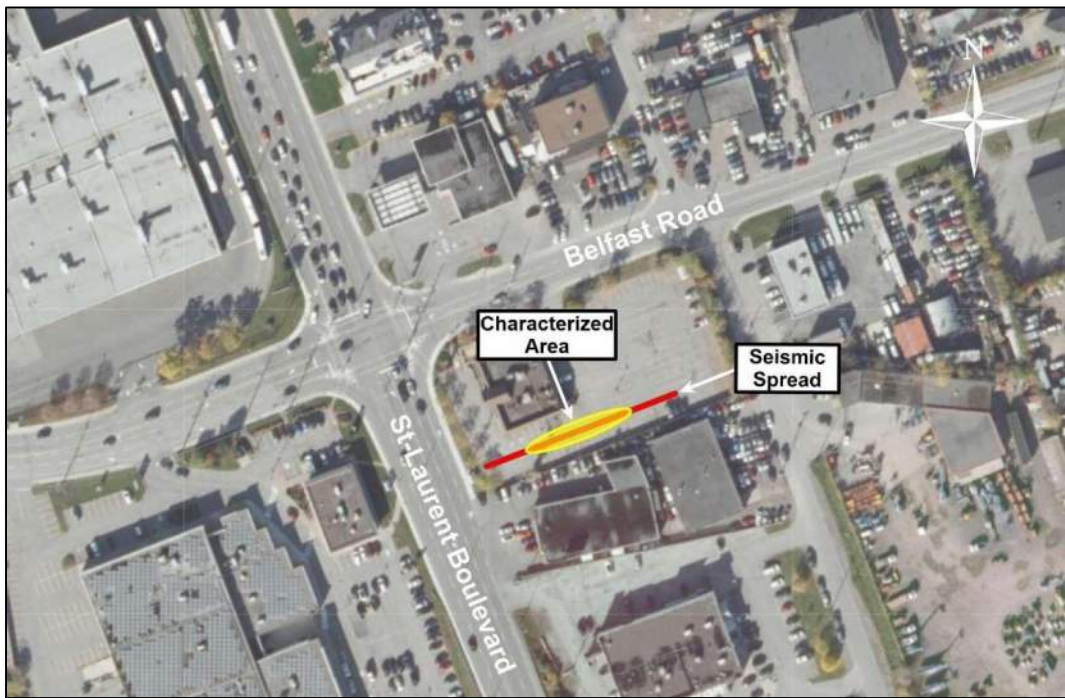


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**Figure 1: Regional location of the Site**  
(source: *OpenStreetMap*)



**Figure 2: Location of the seismic spreads**  
(source: *geoOttawa*)



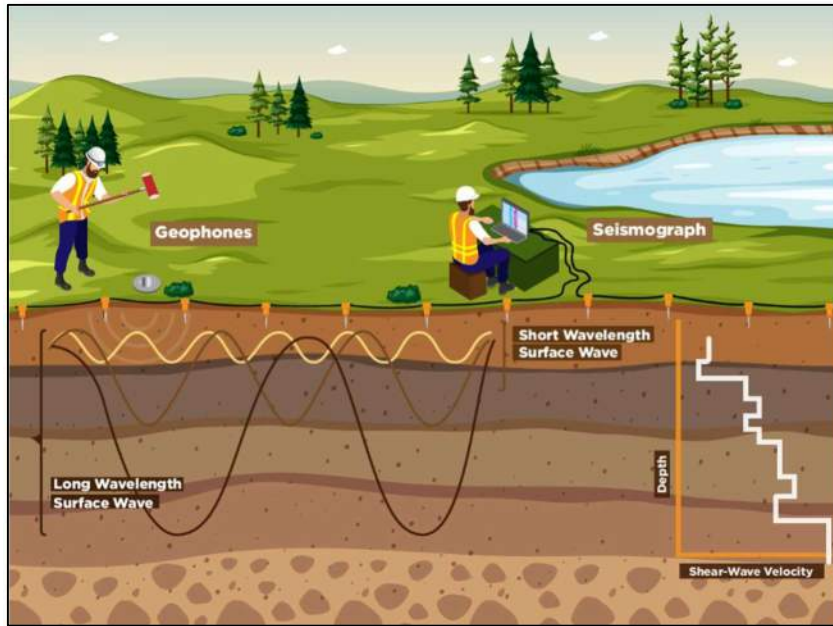


Figure 3: MASW Operating Principle

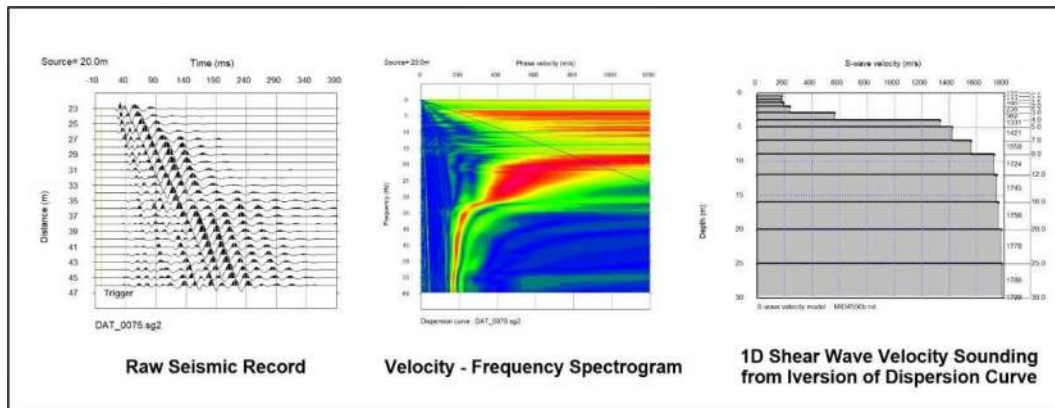


Figure 4: Example of a MASW/SPAC record, Phase Velocity - Frequency curve of the Rayleigh wave and resulting 1D Shear Wave Velocity Model



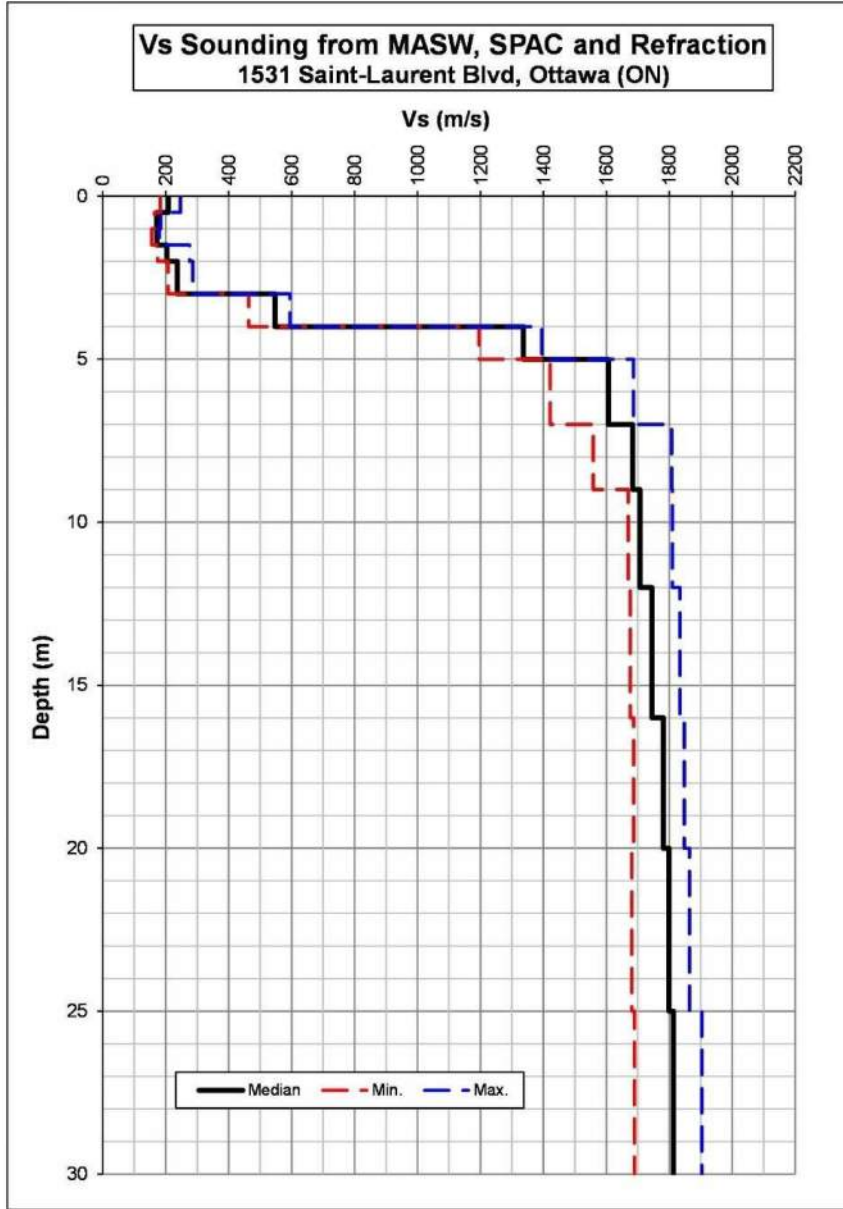


Figure 5: MASW Shear-Wave Velocity Sounding



**TABLE 1**  
**V<sub>s30</sub> Calculation for the Site Class (actual site)**

Depth	V <sub>s</sub>			Thickness	Cumulative Thickness	Delay for med. V <sub>s</sub>	Cumulative Delay	V <sub>s</sub> at given Depth
	Min.	Median	Max.					
(m)	(m/s)	(m/s)	(m/s)	(m)	(m)	(s)	(s)	(m/s)
0	182.9	208.2	246.4	<b>Grade Level (June 14, 2023)</b>				
0.5	<b>164.3</b>	<b>171.7</b>	183.9	0.50	0.50	0.002401	0.002401	208.2
1.0	<b>155.8</b>	<b>172.1</b>	<b>179.4</b>	0.50	1.00	0.002911	0.005312	188.2
1.5	<b>174.0</b>	203.2	276.0	0.50	1.50	0.002906	0.008218	182.5
2.0	207.7	236.7	286.0	0.50	2.00	0.002461	0.010679	187.3
3.0	463.7	547.3	594.5	1.00	3.00	0.004226	0.014905	201.3
4.0	1195.2	1336.1	1394.7	1.00	4.00	0.001827	0.016732	239.1
5.0	1421.2	1606.6	1685.9	1.00	5.00	0.000748	0.017480	286.0
7.0	1558.3	1683.7	1807.9	2.00	7.00	0.001245	0.018725	373.8
9.0	1669.4	1706.7	1809.8	2.00	9.00	0.001188	0.019913	452.0
12.0	1676.4	1744.8	1834.1	3.00	12.00	0.001758	0.021671	553.7
16.0	1687.1	1781.1	1847.9	4.00	16.00	0.002293	0.023963	667.7
20.0	1680.9	1799.2	1864.6	4.00	20.00	0.002246	0.026209	763.1
25.0	1689.4	1812.9	1903.7	5.00	25.00	0.002779	0.028988	862.4
<b>30</b>				5.00	30.00	0.002758	0.031746	945.0

<b>V<sub>s30</sub> (m/s)</b>	<b>945.0</b>
<b>Class</b>	<b>B <sup>(1)</sup></b>

(1) The Site Classes A and B are not to be used if there is 3 metres or more of soils between the rock and the bottom of the spread footing, pile cap or mat foundation.

**TABLE 2**  
**Limit for the Site Class A**

Depth	V <sub>s</sub>			Thickness	Cumulative Thickness	Delay for med. V <sub>s</sub>	Cumulative Delay	V <sub>s</sub> at given Depth
	Min.	Median	Max.					
(m)	(m/s)	(m/s)	(m/s)	(m)	(m)	(s)	(s)	(m/s)
0	182.9	208.2	246.4	<b>Limit for the Site Class A (1.4 metres of soil)</b>				
0.5	164.3	171.7	183.9					
1.0	155.8	172.1	179.4					
1.5	174.0	203.2	276.0					
2.0	207.7	236.7	286.0					
<b>2.6</b>	207.7	236.7	286.0					
3.0	463.7	547.3	594.5	0.40	0.40	0.001690	0.001690	236.7
4.0	1195.2	1336.1	1394.7	1.00	1.40	0.001827	0.003517	398.0
5.0	1421.2	1606.6	1685.9	1.00	2.40	0.000748	0.004266	562.6
7.0	1558.3	1683.7	1807.9	2.00	4.40	0.001245	0.005511	798.4
9.0	1669.4	1706.7	1809.8	2.00	6.40	0.001188	0.006699	955.4
12.0	1676.4	1744.8	1834.1	3.00	9.40	0.001758	0.008456	1111.6
16.0	1687.1	1781.1	1847.9	4.00	13.40	0.002293	0.010749	1246.6
20.0	1680.9	1799.2	1864.6	4.00	17.40	0.002246	0.012995	1339.0
25.0	1689.4	1812.9	1903.7	5.00	22.40	0.002779	0.015774	1420.1
<b>32.6</b>				7.60	30.00	0.004192	0.019966	1502.6

<b>V<sub>s30</sub> (m/s)</b>	<b>1502.6</b>
<b>Class</b>	<b>A</b>





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## **Appendix C – Bedrock Core Photographs**

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6.0 m



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6.0 m



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11.8 m

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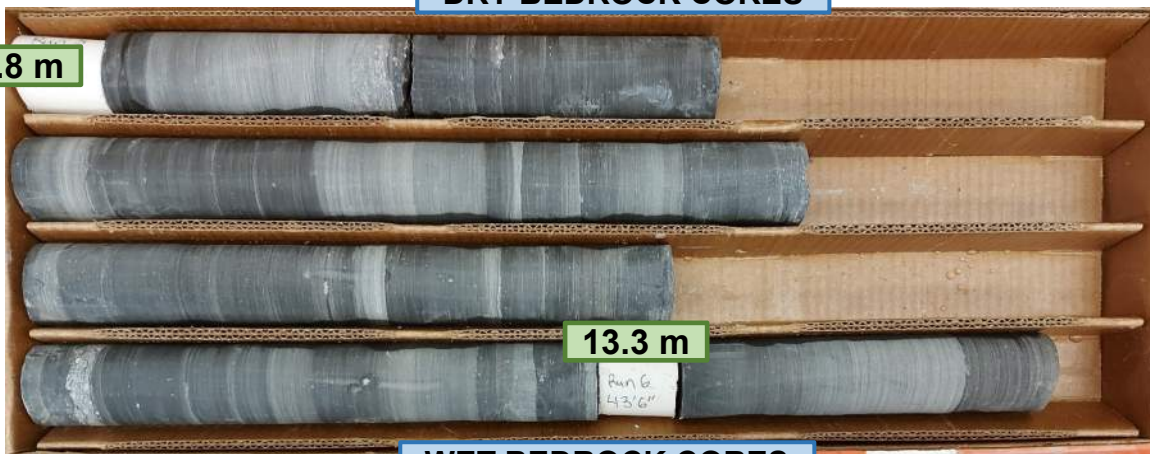


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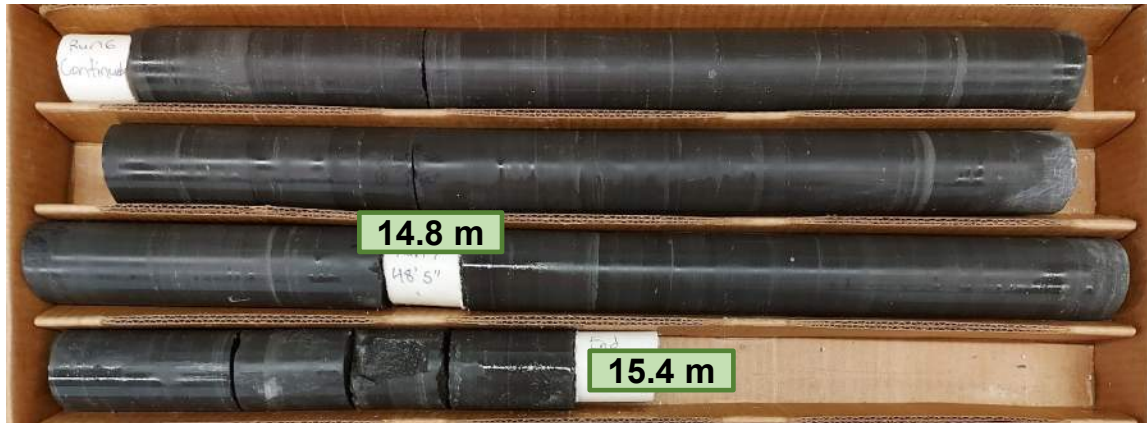
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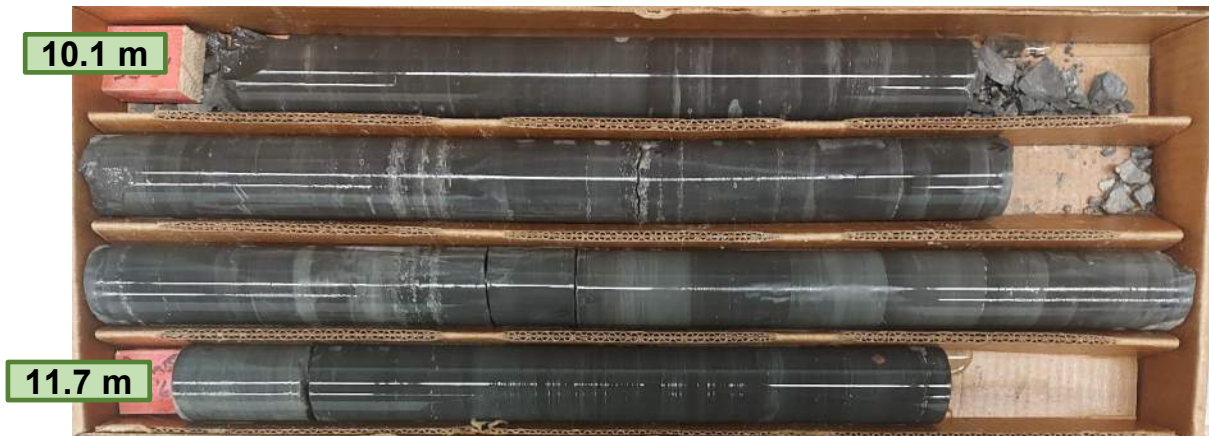
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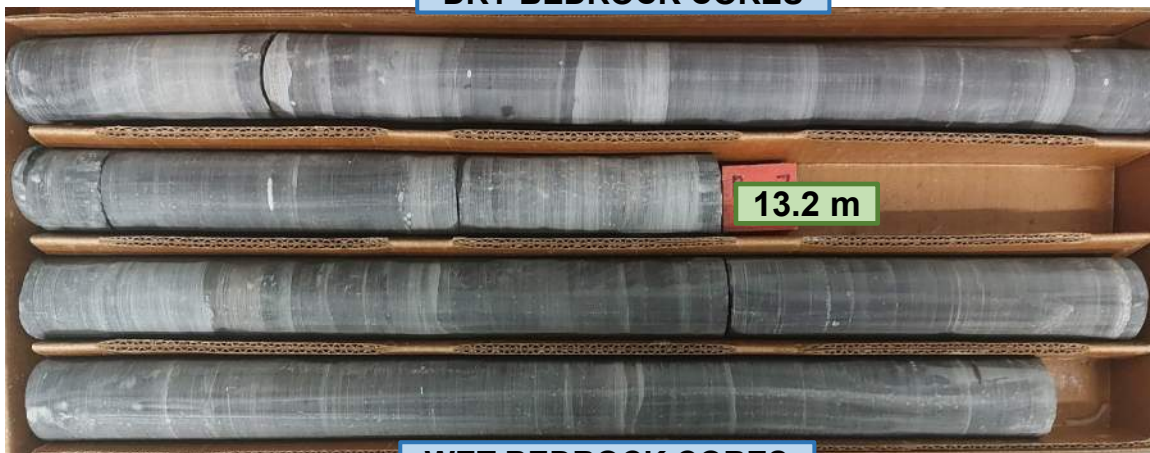
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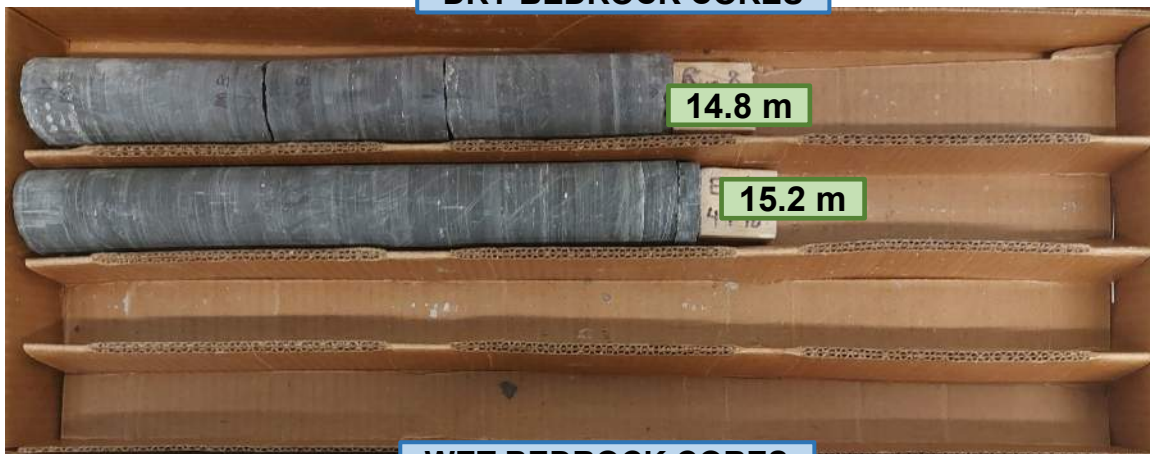
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- All reportable information as specified by ISO/IEC 17025:2017 is available from AGAT Laboratories upon request.
- For environmental samples in the Province of Quebec: The analysis is performed on and results apply to samples as received. A temperature above 6°C upon receipt, as indicated in the Sample Reception Notification (SRN), could indicate the integrity of the samples has been compromised if the delay between sampling and submission to the laboratory could not be minimized.



## Certificate of Analysis

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PROJECT: OTT-23003035-A0

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### (Soil) Inorganic Chemistry

DATE RECEIVED: 2023-06-06

DATE REPORTED: 2023-06-12

Parameter	Unit	BH2 run 2			
		G / S	RDL	5048676	5048679
Chloride (2:1)	µg/g		2	22	12
Sulphate (2:1)	µg/g		2	115	18
pH (2:1)	pH Units		NA	8.90	9.83
Resistivity (2:1) (Calculated)	ohm.cm		1	2770	1880

**Comments:** RDL - Reported Detection Limit; G / S - Guideline / Standard

**5048676-5048679** EC, pH, Chloride and Sulphate were determined on the extract obtained from the 2:1 leaching procedure (2 parts DI water: 1 part soil). Resistivity is a calculated parameter. Redox potential measured on as received sample. Due to the potential for rapid change in sample equilibrium chemistry with exposure to oxidative/reduction conditions laboratory results may differ from field measured results.

Analysis performed at AGAT Toronto (unless marked by \*)

**Certified By:**



*Myne Dasly*

## Quality Assurance

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Soil Analysis															
RPT Date: Jun 12, 2023			DUPLICATE				Method Blank	REFERENCE MATERIAL			METHOD BLANK SPIKE			MATRIX SPIKE	
PARAMETER	Batch	Sample Id	Dup #1	Dup #2	RPD	Measured Value		Acceptable Limits		Recovery	Acceptable Limits		Recovery	Acceptable Limits	
								Lower	Upper		Lower	Upper		Lower	Upper

**(Soil) Inorganic Chemistry**

Chloride (2:1)	5041676		59	59	0.0%	< 2	96%	70%	130%	96%	80%	120%	101%	70%	130%
Sulphate (2:1)	5041676		72	72	0.0%	< 2	98%	70%	130%	96%	80%	120%	100%	70%	130%
pH (2:1)	5051017		8.07	8.09	0.2%	NA	94%	80%	120%						

Comments: NA signifies Not Applicable.  
 pH duplicates QA acceptance criteria was met relative as stated in Table 5-15 of Analytical Protocol document.

**Certified By:**



*Nivine Basily*



## Method Summary

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PARAMETER	AGAT S.O.P	LITERATURE REFERENCE	ANALYTICAL TECHNIQUE
<b>Soil Analysis</b>			
Chloride (2:1)	INOR-93-6004	modified from SM 4110 B	ION CHROMATOGRAPH
Sulphate (2:1)	INOR-93-6004	modified from SM 4110 B	ION CHROMATOGRAPH
pH (2:1)	INOR 93-6031	modified from EPA 9045D and MCKEAGUE 3.11	PH METER
Resistivity (2:1) (Calculated)	INOR-93-6036	McKeague 4.12, SM 2510 B,SSA #5 Part 3	CALCULATION



### Laboratory Use Only

Work Order #: 232032978

Cooler Quantity: n/a - no ice/packs

Arrival Temperatures: 23.4 | 23.5 | 23.5  
7.4 | 7.9 | 8.4

Custody Seal Intact:  Yes  No  N/A

Notes: \_\_\_\_\_

## Chain of Custody Record

If this is a Drinking Water sample, please use Drinking Water Chain of Custody Form (potable water consumed by humans)

### Report Information:

Company: Exp services Inc.  
Contact: Daniel Wall  
Address: 2650 Queensview Dr. Unit 100  
Ottawa, ON, K2B 8H6  
Phone: 613-688-1899 Fax: \_\_\_\_\_  
Reports to be sent to: daniel.wall@exp.com  
1. Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
2. Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Regulatory Requirements:

(Please check all applicable boxes)

- Regulation 153/04  Excess Soils R406  Sewer Use  
 Sanitary  Storm  
Table \_\_\_\_\_ Indicate One  
 Ind/Com  
 Res/Park  
 Agriculture  
 Regulation 558  Prov. Water Quality Objectives (PWQO)  
Soil Texture (Check One)  CCME  Other  
 Coarse  Fine  
Indicate One

Is this submission for a Record of Site Condition?

Yes  No

Report Guideline on Certificate of Analysis

Yes  No

### Turnaround Time (TAT) Required:

Regular TAT (Most Analysis)  5 to 7 Business Days

Rush TAT (Rush Surcharges Apply)

3 Business Days  2 Business Days  Next Business Day

OR Date Required (Rush Surcharges May Apply):

June 12/23

Please provide prior notification for rush TAT  
\*TAT is exclusive of weekends and statutory holidays

For 'Same Day' analysis, please contact your AGAT CPM

### Project Information:

Project: OTT-23005035-A0  
Site Location: 1531 St. Laurent, Ottawa  
Sampled By: Exp  
AGAT ID #: \_\_\_\_\_ PO: \_\_\_\_\_  
Please note: If quotation number is not provided, client will be billed full price for analysis.

### Invoice Information:

Bill To Same: Yes  No

Company: \_\_\_\_\_  
Contact: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Sample Matrix Legend

- B** Biota  
**GW** Ground Water  
**O** Oil  
**P** Paint  
**S** Soil  
**SD** Sediment  
**SW** Surface Water

Sample Identification	Date Sampled	Time Sampled	# of Containers	Sample Matrix	Comments/ Special Instructions	Y/N	Field Filtered - Metals, Hg, CrVI, DOC	0. Reg 153	0. Reg 406	Potentially Hazardous or High Concentration (Y/N)
BH 2 run 2 30'10"-31'4"	June 5	AM	1	rock						
BH 3 SS7 15'-17'	June 6	AM	1	soil						
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Samples Relinquished By (Print Name and Sign): <u>Jeff MacMillan</u>	Date: <u>June 6/23</u>	Time: <u>4:30 PM</u>	Samples Received By (Print Name and Sign): <u>C. Griffin</u>	Date: <u>JUN 06 2023</u>	Time: <u>10h32</u>
Samples Relinquished By (Print Name and Sign): <u>CC to Peter</u>	Date: <u>JUN 07 2023</u>	Time: <u>15h30</u>	Samples Received By (Print Name and Sign): <u>T. [Signature]</u>	Date: <u>June 8</u>	Time: <u>8:47 AM</u>
Samples Relinquished By (Print Name and Sign):	Date:	Time:	Samples Received By (Print Name and Sign):	Date:	Time:

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