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1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Urbandale Corporation to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed multi-storey building to be located at Walkley Road and Halifax Drive, in the City of Ottawa, Ontario (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan presented in Appendix 2).

The objective of the investigation was to:

- ❏ determine the subsoil and groundwater conditions at this site by means of test holes and available soils information.

- ❏ provide geotechnical recommendations for the design of the proposed development based on the results of the test holes and other soil information available.

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

2.0 Proposed Project

The proposed project will consist of a multi-storey building, with 15 floors above ground and two levels of underground parking, as well as associated access roads and landscaped areas. It is also expected that the subject site will be municipally serviced.

3.0 Method of Investigation

3.1 Field Investigation

Field Program

The field program for the geotechnical investigation was carried out on March 12 and 13, 2017. At that time, three (3) boreholes (BH 4 to BH 6) were advanced to a maximum depth of 15 m below existing ground surface. The test holes were located in the field by Paterson in a manner to provide general coverage of the subject site. The borehole locations are shown on Drawing PG4440-1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

The boreholes were drilled with a truck-mounted rig operated by a two-person crew. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of our personnel under the direction of a senior engineer from our geotechnical department. The drilling procedures consisted of advancing each test hole to the required depths at the selected locations and sampling and testing the overburden.

Sampling and In Situ Testing

Soil samples from the borehole were recovered from the auger flights or using a 50 mm diameter split-spoon sampler. All soil samples were classified on site, placed in sealed plastic bags and transported to our laboratory for further review. The depths at which the auger and split spoon samples were recovered from the test hole are shown as AU and SS, respectively, on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets presented in Appendix 1.

Standard Penetration Testing (SPT) was conducted in conjunction with the recovery of the split-spoon samples. The SPT results are recorded as “N” values on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets. The “N” value is the number of blows required to drive the split-spoon sampler 300 mm into the soil after a 150 mm initial penetration using a 63.5 kg hammer falling from a height of 760 mm.

Undrained shear strength testing, using a vane apparatus, was carried out at regular intervals of depth in cohesive soils.

The overburden thickness was also evaluated during the course of the investigation by dynamic cone penetration testing (DCPT) at one borehole location. The DCPT consists of driving a steel drill rod, equipped with a 50 mm diameter cone at its tip, using a 63.5 kg hammer falling from a height of 760 mm. The number of blows required to drive the cone into the soil is recorded for each 300 mm increment.

The subsurface conditions observed in the test holes were recorded in detail in the field. The soil profiles are presented on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 of this report.

Groundwater

A 50 mm diameter rigid PVC monitoring well was installed at one borehole location, and flexible polyethylene standpipes were installed in the other two boreholes to permit monitoring of the groundwater levels subsequent to the completion of the sampling program.

Sample Storage

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

3.2 Field Survey

The test hole locations were selected in the field by Paterson personnel in a manner to provide general coverage of the subject site taking into consideration existing site features. Ground elevations were referenced to a temporary benchmark (TBM), consisting of the top of grate of an existing catch basin located near the south wall of the proposed building. A geodetic elevation of 81.81 m was provided for the TBM. The location of the test holes and TBM are presented on Drawing PG4440-1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

3.3 Laboratory Testing

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

3.4 Analytical Testing

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

4.0 Observations

4.1 Surface Conditions

The subject site is currently occupied by an asphalt surfaced parking area and associated access lane for the existing high-rise residential development adjacent to the site. An existing parking garage is located immediately north of the subject site, with rooftop parking for this structure matching existing grade of the site. The site is bordered to the north by existing multi-storey residential buildings, to the east by landscaped areas for the existing development, to the south by landscaped areas and Walkley Road and to the west by an existing high school property. The site has a gentle gradient down from north to south across the existing parking area, and a steeper slope down from west to east within the access lane toward Walkley Road.

4.2 Subsurface Profile

Subsurface conditions noted at the borehole locations were recorded in detail in the field and recovered soil samples were reviewed in our laboratory. Generally, the subsurface profile encountered at the borehole locations consists of an asphalt pavement structure, overlying a very stiff to firm silty clay deposit. Practical refusal to DCPT was encountered at 15.5 m depth at BH 4. A layer of granular fill was encountered at BH 5 over the silty clay deposit, which is assumed to consist of backfill material for the adjacent parking garage.

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

Bedrock

Based on available geological mapping, the local bedrock consists of shale of the Carlsbad formation. The overburden thickness is expected to range from 10 to 15 m.

4.3 Groundwater

Groundwater levels were measured in the standpipes installed in the boreholes upon completion of the sampling program. The GWL readings are presented in Table 1 and on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1.

Table 1 - Summary of Groundwater Levels				
Borehole Number	Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Measured Groundwater Level (m)		Recording Date
		Depth	Elevation	
BH 4	82.22	9.99	72.23	March 22, 2018
BH 5	82.47	2.80	79.67	March 22, 2018
BH 6	81.43	2.10	79.33	March 22, 2018

It should be noted that groundwater levels can be influenced by surface water infiltrating the backfilled boreholes.

Long-term groundwater levels can also be estimated based on the observed colour and consistency of the recovered soil samples. Based on these observations, it is estimated that the long-term groundwater table can be expected at approximately 4 to 5 m below ground surface.

It should be noted that groundwater levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations. Therefore, the groundwater level could vary at the time of construction.

5.0 Discussion

5.1 Geotechnical Assessment

The subject site is considered satisfactory for the proposed development from a geotechnical perspective. It is expected that the proposed structure will be founded over a raft foundation placed on an undisturbed, stiff silty clay bearing surface or end bearing piles extended to the bedrock surface.

Due to the presence of the sensitive silty clay layer, the subject site will be subjected to grade raise restrictions. A permissible grade raise restriction of **2 m** can be used for design purposes.

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

5.2 Site Grading and Preparation

Stripping Depth

Topsoil and fill, containing deleterious materials, should be stripped from under any buildings and other settlement sensitive structures. Care should be taken not to disturb adequate bearing soils below the subgrade level during site preparation activities.

Fill Placement

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

Non-specified existing fill along with site-excavated soil can be used as general landscaping fill where settlement of the ground surface is of minor concern. These materials should be spread in thin lifts and at least compacted by the tracks of the spreading equipment to minimize voids. If these materials are to be used to build up the subgrade level for areas to be paved, they should be compacted in thin lifts to a minimum density of 95% of their respective SPMDD. Non-specified existing fill and site-excavated soils are not suitable for use as backfill against foundation walls unless a composite drainage blanket connected to a perimeter drainage system is provided.

5.3 Foundation Design

Bearing Resistance Values

Strip footings, up to 3 m wide, and pad footings, up to 6 m wide, placed on an undisturbed, stiff, silty clay bearing surface can be designed using a bearing resistance value at serviceability limit states (SLS) of **150 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **225 kPa** incorporating a geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 at ULS.

The bearing resistance value at SLS will be subjected to potential post-construction total and differential settlements of 25 and 20 mm, respectively.

An undisturbed soil bearing surface consists of one from which all topsoil and deleterious materials, such as loose, frozen or disturbed soil, whether in situ or not, have been removed, in the dry, prior to the placement of concrete for footings.

Deep Foundation - End Bearing Piles

A deep foundation method, such as end bearing piles, can be considered for the proposed structure. Concrete filled steel pipe piles driven to refusal on a bedrock surface are a typical deep foundation option in Ottawa.

Applicable pile resistance at SLS values and factored pile resistance at ULS values are provided in Table 2. Additional resistance values can be provided if available pile sizes vary from those detailed in Table 2. A resistance factor of 0.4 has been incorporated into the factored ULS values. Note that these are all geotechnical axial resistance values.

The geotechnical pile resistance values were estimated calculating the Hiley dynamic formula. The piles should be confirmed during pile installation with a program of dynamic monitoring. For this project, the dynamic monitoring of four piles is recommended. This is considered to be the minimum monitoring program, as the piles under shear walls may be required to be driven using the maximum recommended driving energy to achieve the greatest factored resistance at ULS values. Re-striking of all piles will also be required after at least 48 hours have elapsed since initial driving.

Table 2 - End Bearing Pile Foundation Design Data

Pile Outside Diameter (mm)	Pile Wall Thickness (mm)	Geotechnical Axial Resistance		Final Set (blows/ 25 mm)	Transferred Hammer Energy (kJ)
		SLS (kN)	Factored at ULS (kN)		
245	10	975	1460	10	35.9
245	12	1100	1650	10	42
245	13	1175	1760	10	45.4

Raft Foundation

Consideration can be given to a raft foundation, if the building loads exceed the bearing resistance values provided for a conventional shallow footing foundation. The following parameters may be used for raft design. Based on the following assumptions for the raft foundation, the proposed building can be designed with total and differential settlements of 25 and 15 mm, respectively.

For design purposes, it was assumed that the base of the raft foundation for the proposed multi-storey building will be located at a 7 to 8 m depth with two anticipated underground levels.

The amount of settlement of the raft slab will be dependent on the sustained raft contact pressure. The bearing resistance value at SLS (contact pressure) of **200 kPa** will be considered acceptable. The loading conditions for the contact pressure are based on sustained loads, that are generally taken to be 100% Dead Load and 50% Live Load. The contact pressure provided considers the stress relief associated with the soil removal required for the proposed building. The factored bearing resistance (contact pressure) at ULS can be taken as **300 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the bearing resistance value at ULS.

The modulus of subgrade reaction was calculated to be **3.5 MPa** for a contact pressure of **200 kPa**. The design of the raft foundation is required to consider the relative stiffness of the reinforced concrete slab and the supporting bearing medium.

Lateral Support

The bearing medium under footing-supported structures is required to be provided with adequate lateral support with respect to excavations and different foundation levels. Adequate lateral support is provided to stiff silty clay or engineered fill above the groundwater table when a plane extending horizontally and vertically from the underside of the footing at a minimum of 1.5H:1V passing through in situ soil of the same or higher bearing capacity as the bearing medium soil.

Permissible Grade Raise

A permissible grade raise restriction of **2 m** can be used for design purposes. If greater permissible grade raises are required, preloading with or without a surcharge, lightweight fill, and/or other measures should be investigated to reduce the risks of unacceptable long-term post construction total and differential settlements.

5.4 Design for Earthquakes

The site class for seismic site response can be taken as **Class D** for the foundations considered at this site. The soils underlying the proposed shallow foundations are not susceptible to liquefaction. Reference should be made to the latest revision of the 2012 Ontario Building Code for a full discussion of the earthquake design requirements.

5.5 Basement Slab

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

Any soft areas should be removed and backfilled with appropriate backfill material. OPSS Granular B Type II is recommended for backfilling below the basement slab. All backfill materials within the footprint of the proposed building should be placed in maximum 300 mm loose lifts and compact to at least 98% of the material's SPMDD.

It is expected that the basement area for the proposed multi-storey building will be mostly parking and the recommended pavement structure noted in Subsection 5.7 will be applicable. However, if storage or other uses of the lower level are proposed where a concrete floor slab will be used, it is recommended that the upper 200 mm of sub-slab fill consist of 19 mm clear crushed stone.

5.6 Basement Wall

There are several combinations of backfill materials and retained soils that could be applicable for the basement walls of the subject structure. However, the conditions can be well-represented by assuming the retained soil consists of a material with an angle of internal friction of 30 degrees and a dry unit weight of 20 kN/m^3. The applicable effective unit weight of the retained soil can be estimated as 13 kN/m^3, where applicable. A hydrostatic pressure should be added to the total static earth pressure when calculating the effective unit weight.

The total earth pressure (P_{AE}) includes both the static earth pressure component (P_o) and the seismic component (ΔP_{AE}).

Static Earth Pressures

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

K_o = at-rest earth pressure coefficient of the applicable retained soil, 0.5
γ = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil (kN/m^3)
H = height of the wall (m)

Seismic Earth Pressures

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

5.7 Pavement Structure

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

Table 3 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Car Only Parking Areas	
Thickness (mm)	**Material Description**
50	**Wear Course** - HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
150	**BASE** - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
300	**SUBBASE** - OPSS Granular B Type II
SUBGRADE - Either fill, in situ silty clay or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil or fill	

Table 4 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Access Lanes and Heavy Truck Parking Areas	
Thickness (mm)	**Material Description**
40	**Wear Course -** HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
50	**Binder Course** - HL-8 or Superpave 19.0 Asphaltic Concrete
150	**BASE** - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
450	**SUBBASE** - OPSS Granular B Type II
SUBGRADE - Either fill, in situ silty clay or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil or fill	

Minimum Performance Graded (PG) 58-34 asphalt cement should be used for this project.

If soft spots develop in the subgrade during compaction or due to construction traffic, the affected areas should be excavated and replaced with OPSS Granular B Type II material.

The pavement granular base and subbase should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 98% of the material's SPMDD using suitable vibratory equipment.

Pavement Structure Drainage

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

Due to the impervious nature of the subgrade materials consideration should be given to installing subdrains during the pavement construction. These drains should extend in four orthogonal directions or longitudinally when placed along a curb. The clear crushed stone surrounding the drainage lines or the pipe, should be wrapped with suitable filter cloth. The subdrain inverts should be approximately 300 mm below subgrade level. The subgrade surface should be shaped to promote water flow to the drainage lines.

6.0 Design and Construction Precautions

6.1 Foundation Drainage and Backfill

Perimeter Drainage System

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

Underfloor Drainage

It is anticipated that underfloor drainage will be required to control water infiltration below the underground parking structure. The spacing of the underfloor drainage system should be confirmed at the time of completing the excavation when water infiltration can be better assessed. It is typically recommended that a 150 mm diameter geotextile-wrapped, perforated corrugated plastic pipe, surrounded on all sides by 150 mm of 10 mm clear crushed stone be placed within each bay. The drainage pipe should direct water to the sump pit(s) within the lower basement area.

Foundation Backfill

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

6.2 Protection of Footings Against Frost Action

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

A minimum of 2.1 m thick soil cover (or equivalent) should be provided for exterior unheated footings, not thermally connected to a heated space, such as exterior columns and/or wing walls.

6.3 Excavation Side Slopes

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

Unsupported Excavation

The excavation side slopes above the groundwater level extending to a maximum depth of 3 m should be cut back at 1H:1V or flatter. The flatter slope is required for excavation below groundwater level. The subsurface soil is considered to be mainly a Type 2 and 3 soil according to the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations for Construction Projects. Slopes in excess of 3 m in height should be periodically inspected by the geotechnical consultant in order to detect if the slopes are exhibiting signs of distress.

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

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

Temporary Shoring

Temporary shoring may be required for the overburden soil to complete the required excavations where insufficient room is available for open cut methods. The shoring requirements will depend on the depth of the excavation, the proximity of the adjacent buildings and underground structures and the elevation of the adjacent building foundations and underground services.

The design and approval of the shoring system will be the responsibility of the shoring contractor and the shoring designer hired by the shoring contractor. It is the responsibility of the shoring contractor to ensure that the temporary shoring is in compliance with safety requirements, designed to avoid any damage to adjacent structures and include dewatering control measures. In the event that subsurface conditions differ from the approved design during the actual installation, it is the responsibility of the shoring contractor to commission the required experts to re-assess the design and implement the required changes. Furthermore, the design of the temporary shoring system should take into consideration, a full hydrostatic condition which can occur during significant precipitation events.

The temporary system could consist of soldier pile and lagging system or interlocking steel sheet piling. Any additional loading due to street traffic, construction equipment, adjacent structures and facilities, etc., should be included to the earth pressures described below. These systems could be cantilevered, anchored or braced. Generally, the shoring systems should be provided with tie-back rock anchors to ensure their stability. The shoring system is recommended to be adequately supported to resist toe failure, if required, by means of rock bolts or extending the piles into the bedrock through pre-augered holes if a soldier pile and lagging system is the preferred method.

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

Table 5 - Soil Parameters

Parameters	Values
Active Earth Pressure Coefficient (K_a)	0.33
Passive Earth Pressure Coefficient (K_p)	3
At-Rest Earth Pressure Coefficient (K_o)	0.5
Dry Unit Weight (γ), kN/m^3	20
Effective Unit Weight (γ), kN/m^3	13

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

A hydrostatic groundwater pressure should be included to the earth pressure distribution wherever the effective unit weight are calculated for earth pressures. If the groundwater level is lowered, the dry unit weight for the soil/bedrock should be calculated full weight, with no hydrostatic groundwater pressure component. For design purposes, a minimum factor of safety of 1.5 should be used.

6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill

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

The pipe bedding for sewer and water pipes should consist of at least 150 mm of OPSS Granular A material. Where the bedding is located within the firm grey silty clay, the thickness of the bedding material should be increased to a minimum of 300 mm. The material should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of its SPMDD. The bedding material should extend at least to the spring line of the pipe.

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

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

Where hard surface areas are considered above the trench backfill, the trench backfill material within the frost zone (about 1.8 m below finished grade) should match the soils exposed at the trench walls to minimize differential frost heaving. The trench backfill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the material’s SPMDD.

6.5 Groundwater Control

Groundwater Control for Building Construction

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

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

For typical ground or surface water volumes being pumped during the construction phase, typically between 50,000 to 400,000 L/day, it is required to register on the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR). A minimum of two to four weeks should be allotted for completion of the EASR registration and the Water Taking and Discharge Plan to be prepared by a Qualified Person as stipulated under O.Reg. 63/16. If a project qualifies for a PTTW based upon anticipated conditions, an EASR will not be allowed as a temporary dewatering measure while awaiting the MOECC review of the PTTW application.

Long-term Groundwater Control

Our recommendations for the proposed building's long-term groundwater control are presented in Subsection 6.1. Any groundwater which encounters the building's perimeter groundwater infiltration control system will be directed to the proposed building's sump pit. It is expected that groundwater flow will be low (i.e. less than 20,000 L/day with peak periods noted after rain events. It is anticipated that the groundwater flow will be controllable using conventional open sumps.

Impacts on Neighbouring Structures

It is understood that two levels of underground parking are planned for the proposed building. Based on the existing groundwater level and low permeability of the adjacent soils, the extent of any significant groundwater lowering will take place within a limited range of the proposed building. Based on the proximity of neighbouring buildings and minimal zone impacted by the groundwater lowering, the proposed development will not negatively impact the neighbouring structures.

It should be noted that no issues are expected with respect to groundwater lowering that would cause long term damage to adjacent structures surrounding the proposed building.

6.6 Winter Construction

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

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

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

6.7 Corrosion Potential and Sulphate

The results of analytical testing show that the sulphate content is less than 0.1%. These results are indicative that Type 10 Portland cement (normal cement) would be appropriate for this site. The results of the chloride content, pH and resistivity indicate the presence of an aggressive to very aggressive environment for exposed ferrous metals at this site.

7.0 Recommendations

For the foundation design data provided herein to be applicable, a materials testing and observation services program is required to be completed. The following aspects should be performed by the geotechnical consultant:

- ❑ A review of the site grading plan(s) from a geotechnical perspective, once available.
- ❑ Observation of all bearing surfaces prior to the placement of concrete.
- ❑ Sampling and testing of the concrete and fill materials used.
- ❑ Periodic observation of the condition of unsupported excavation side slopes in excess of 3 m in height, if applicable.
- ❑ Observation of all subgrades prior to backfilling.
- ❑ Field density tests to determine the level of compaction achieved.
- ❑ Sampling and testing of the bituminous concrete including mix design reviews.

A report confirming the construction has been conducted in general accordance with the recommendations could be issued, upon request, following the completion of a satisfactory materials testing and observation program by the geotechnical consultant.

8.0 Statement of Limitations

The recommendations made in this report are in accordance with our present understanding of the project. We request that we be permitted to review the grading plan once available and our recommendations when the drawings and specifications are complete.

A geotechnical investigation of this nature is a limited sampling of a site. The recommendations are based on information gathered at the specific test locations and can only be extrapolated to an undefined limited area around the test locations. The extent of the limited area depends on the soil, bedrock and groundwater conditions, as well the history of the site reflecting natural, construction, and other activities. Should any conditions at the site be encountered which differ from those at the test locations, we request notification immediately in order to permit reassessment of our recommendations.

The recommendations provided in this report are intended for the use of design professionals associated with this project. Contractors bidding on or undertaking the work should examine the factual information contained in this report and the site conditions, satisfy themselves as to the adequacy of the information provided for construction purposes, supplement the factual information if required, and develop their own interpretation of the factual information based on both their and their subcontractors construction methods, equipment capabilities and schedules.

The present report applies only to the project described in this document. Use of this report for purposes other than those described herein or by person(s) other than Urbandale Corporation or their agent(s) is not authorized without review by Paterson Group for the applicability of our recommendations to the altered use of the report.

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APPENDIX 1

SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA SHEETS

SYMBOLS AND TERMS

ANALYTICAL TESTING RESULTS

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SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

Geotechnical Investigation
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DATUM TBM - Top of grate of catch basin located near the south wall of proposed building. Geodetic elevation = 81.81m.

REMARKS

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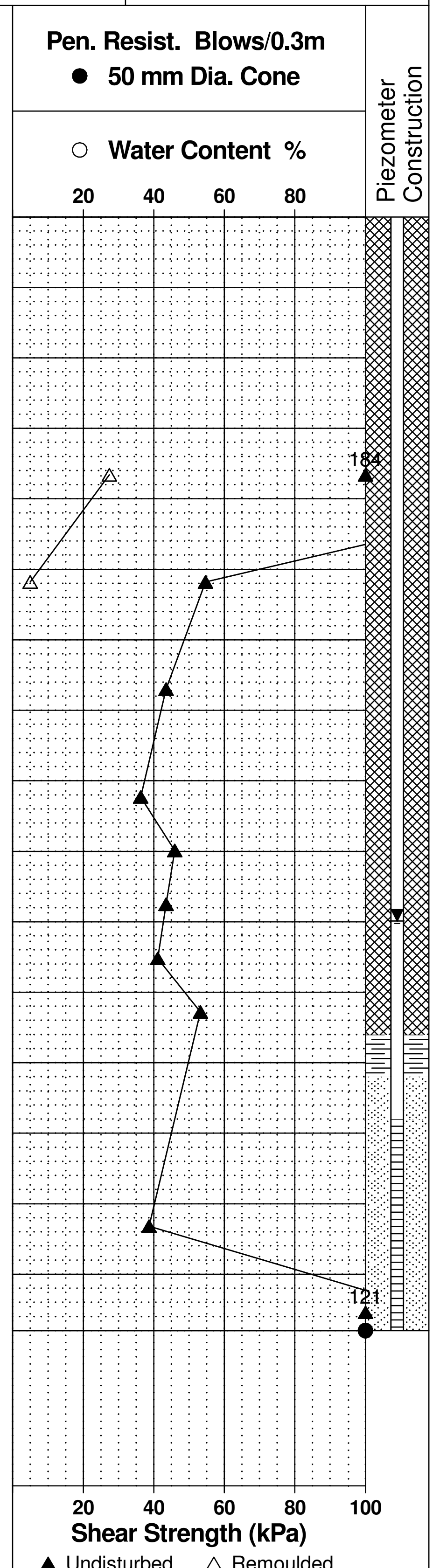
HOLE NO. BH 4

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE TYPE	NUMBER	% RECOVERY	N VALUE or RQD
GROUND SURFACE					
Asphaltic concrete 0.10		AU	1		
FILL: Crushed stone with silt and sand 0.38					
		SS	2	100	12
Very stiff, brown **SILTY CLAY,** some sand					
- stiff to firm and grey by 4.6m depth					
		SS	3	100	4
- trace gravel by 15.5m depth 15.80					
Dynamic Cone Penetration Test commenced at 15.8m depth. Practical DCPT refusal at 15.80m depth.					
(GWL @ 9.99m - March 22, 2018)					

DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
0	82.22
1	81.22
2	80.22
3	79.22
4	78.22
5	77.22
6	76.22
7	75.22
8	74.22
9	73.22
10	72.22
11	71.22
12	70.22
13	69.22
14	68.22
15	67.22



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SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

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DATUM TBM - Top of grate of catch basin located near the south wall of proposed building. Geodetic elevation = 81.81m.

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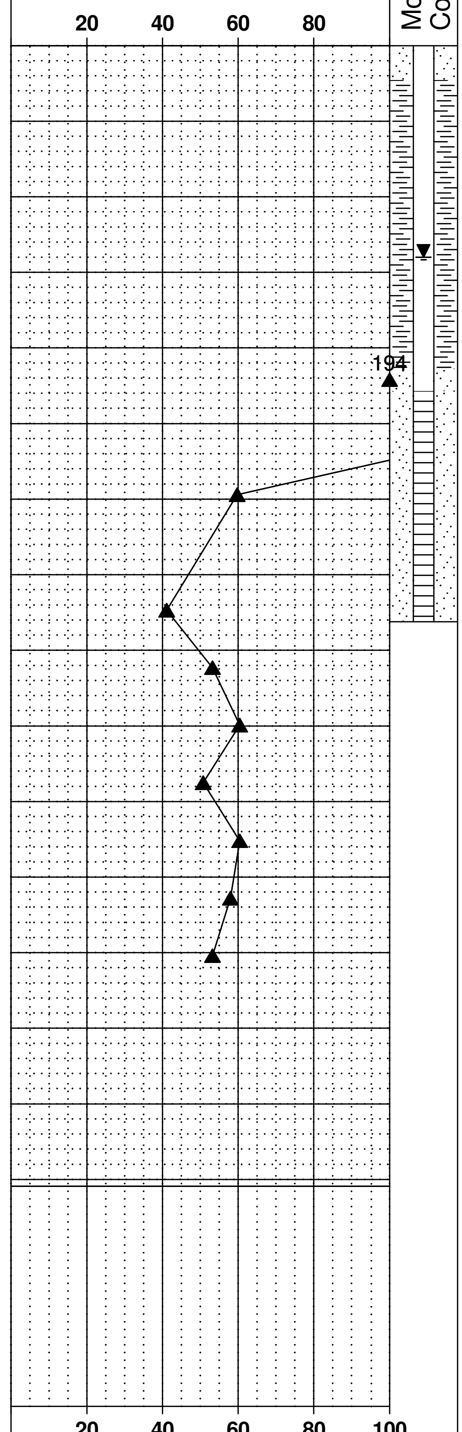
HOLE NO. BH 5

SOIL DESCRIPTION	Depth to base (m)	SAMPLE TYPE	NUMBER	% RECOVERY	N VALUE or RQD
GROUND SURFACE					
Asphaltic concrete	0.08	AU	1		
FILL: Crushed stone with silt and sand	0.46	SS	2	50	14
Compact, brown **SAND** with silt, trace clay	1.37				
Very stiff, brown **SILTY CLAY,** some sand - stiff and grey by 5.3m depth	12.95	SS	3	100	9
GLACIAL TILL: Grey silty clay with some sand and gravel	15.09	SS	4	46	2
		SS	5	100	1
End of Borehole (GWL @ 2.80m - March 22, 2018)					

DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
0	82.47
1	81.47
2	80.47
3	79.47
4	78.47
5	77.47
6	76.47
7	75.47
8	74.47
9	73.47
10	72.47
11	71.47
12	70.47
13	69.47
14	68.47
15	67.47

Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m
● **50 mm Dia. Cone**

○ **Water Content %**



Shear Strength (kPa)
▲ Undisturbed △ Remoulded

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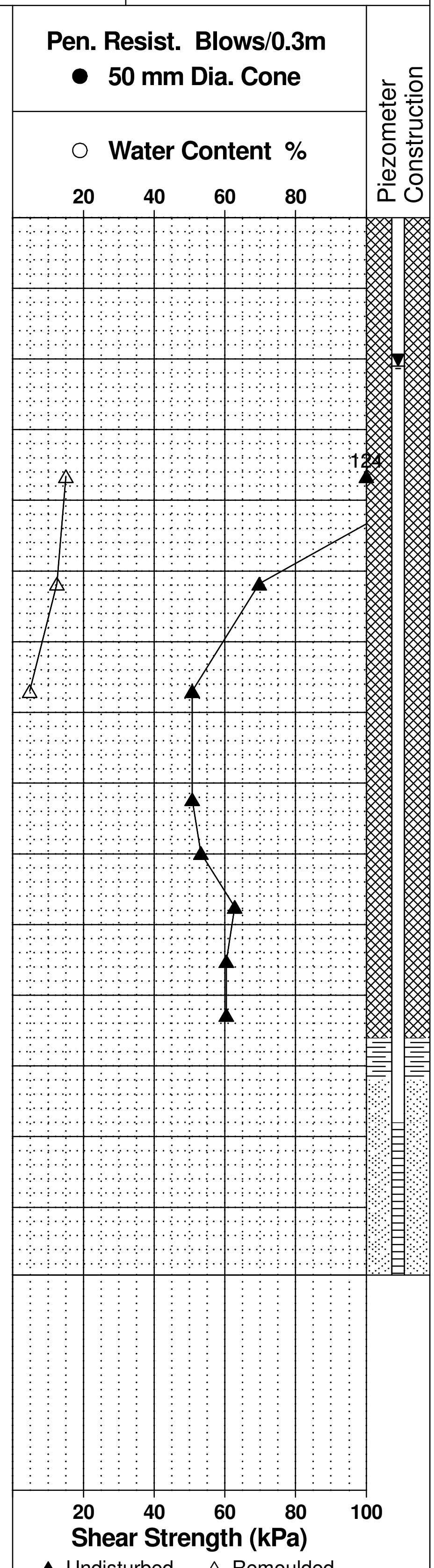
HOLE NO. BH 6

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE TYPE	SAMPLE NUMBER	% RECOVERY	N VALUE or RQD	DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)
GROUND SURFACE						0	81.43
Asphaltic concrete 0.10		AU	1				
FILL: Crushed stone with silt and sand 0.51						1	80.43
		SS	2	100	12	2	79.43
						3	78.43
Very stiff, brown **SILTY CLAY,** some sand						4	77.43
						5	76.43
- stiff and grey by 4.9m depth						6	75.43
						7	74.43
						8	73.43
						9	72.43
						10	71.43
						11	70.43
12.19						12	69.43
GLACIAL TILL: Grey silty clay, some sand and gravel 13.72		SS	3	42	4	13	68.43
GLACIAL TILL: Grey silty sand with gravel, trace clay 14.96		SS	4	71	46	14	67.43
End of Borehole		SS	5	0	50+		

Practical refusal to augering at 14.96m depth

(GWL @ 2.10m - March 22, 2018)



SYMBOLS AND TERMS

SOIL DESCRIPTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

SOIL DESCRIPTION (continued)

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

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

ROCK DESCRIPTION

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

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

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

SAMPLE TYPES

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

SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

MC%	-	Natural moisture content or water content of sample, %
LL	-	Liquid Limit, % (water content above which soil behaves as a liquid)
PL	-	Plastic limit, % (water content above which soil behaves plastically)
PI	-	Plasticity index, % (difference between LL and PL)
Dxx	-	Grain size which xx% of the soil, by weight, is of finer grain sizes These grain size descriptions are not used below 0.075 mm grain size
D10	-	Grain size at which 10% of the soil is finer (effective grain size)
D60	-	Grain size at which 60% of the soil is finer
Cc	-	Concavity coefficient = $(D30)^2$ / (D10 x D60)
Cu	-	Uniformity coefficient = D60 / D10

Cc and Cu are used to assess the grading of sands and gravels:
Well-graded gravels have: 1 < Cc < 3 and Cu > 4
Well-graded sands have: 1 < Cc < 3 and Cu > 6
Sands and gravels not meeting the above requirements are poorly-graded or uniformly-graded.
Cc and Cu are not applicable for the description of soils with more than 10% silt and clay (more than 10% finer than 0.075 mm or the #200 sieve)

CONSOLIDATION TEST

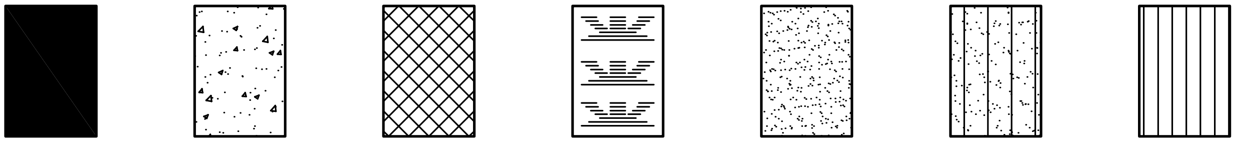
p'_o	-	Present effective overburden pressure at sample depth
p'_c	-	Preconsolidation pressure of (maximum past pressure on) sample
Ccr	-	Recompression index (in effect at pressures below p'_c)
Cc	-	Compression index (in effect at pressures above p'_c)
OC Ratio		Overconsolidaton ratio = p'_c / p'_o
Void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

PERMEABILITY TEST

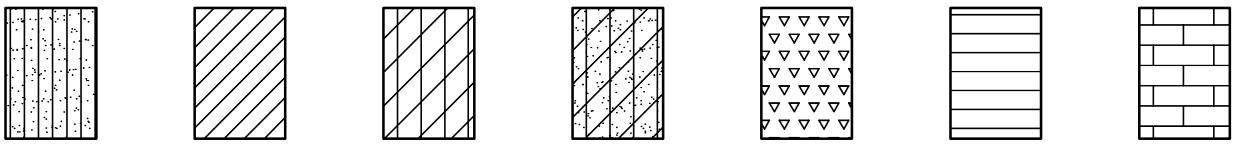
k	-	Coefficient of permeability or hydraulic conductivity is a measure of the ability of water to flow through the sample. The value of k is measured at a specified unit weight for (remoulded) cohesionless soil samples, because its value will vary with the unit weight or density of the sample during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

SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

STRATA PLOT



Topsoil | Asphalt | Fill | Peat | Sand | Silty Sand | Silt



Sandy Silt | Clay | Silty Clay | Clayey Silty Sand | Glacial Till | Shale | Bedrock

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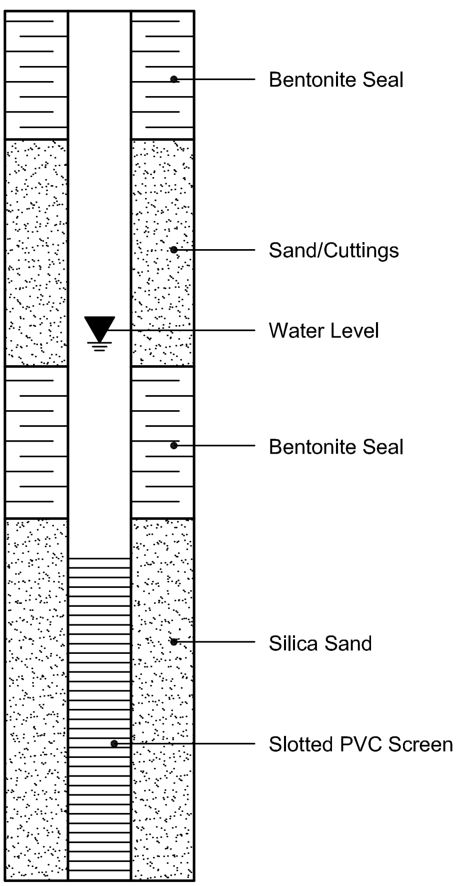
MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION



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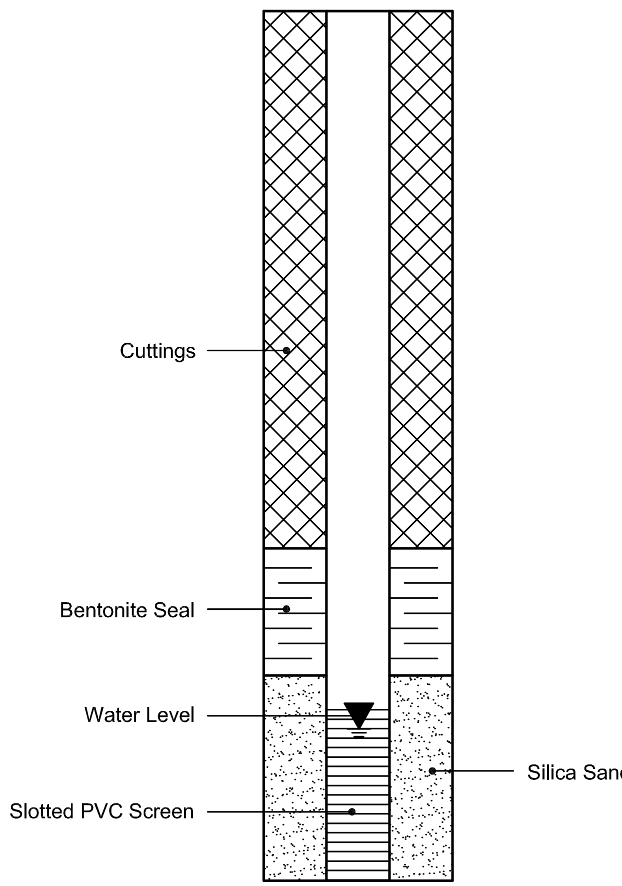

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	Sample Date:	13-Mar-18	-	-	-
	Sample ID:	1811279-01	-	-	-
	MDL/Units	Soil	-	-	-
Physical Characteristics					
% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	67.2	-	-	-
General Inorganics					
pH	0.05 pH Units	7.56	-	-	-
Resistivity	0.10 Ohm.m	26.3	-	-	-
Anions					
Chloride	5 ug/g dry	116	-	-	-
Sulphate	5 ug/g dry	82	-	-	-

APPENDIX 2

FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN

DRAWING PG4440-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN

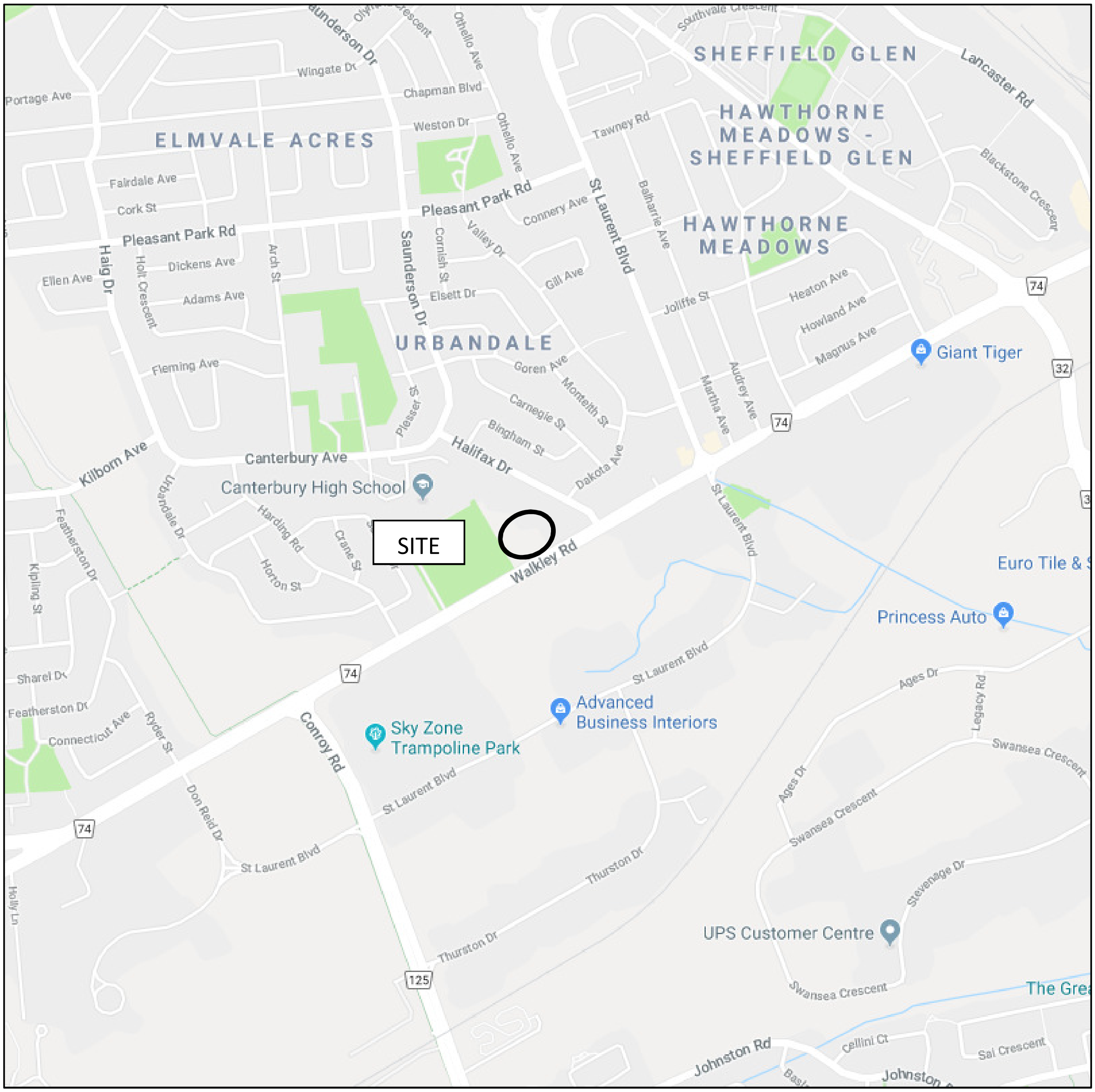

FIGURE 1

KEY PLAN

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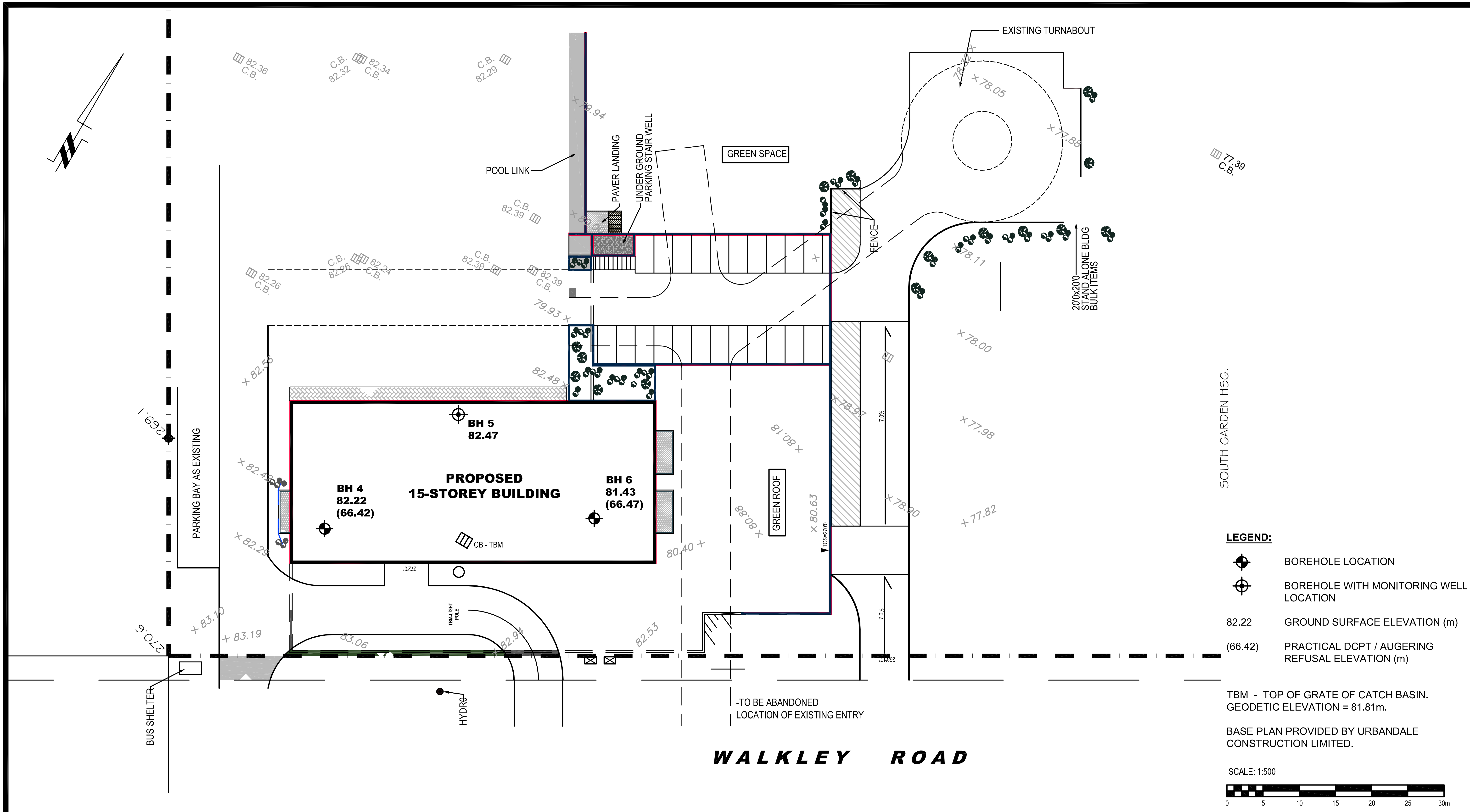

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