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## Geotechnical Investigation

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## 1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by 1343678 Ontario Ltd. to conduct a geotechnical investigation for a proposed hi-rise building to be located at 1330 Carling Avenue and 815 Archibald Street in the City of Ottawa, Ontario (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan in Appendix 2 of this report).

The objectives of the current investigation were to:

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

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

Investigating the presence or potential presence of contamination on the subject property was not part of the scope of work for this geotechnical investigation.

## 2.0 Proposed Project

The proposed development will consist of a 24 storey mixed-use building with retail within the ground floor and residential condos/apartments for the remaining floors. It is also expected that two underground parking levels will be proposed as part of the proposed development. Associated at-grade parking area, landscaped areas and access lanes are also anticipated. The proposed building will be municipally serviced.

## **3.0 Method of Investigation**

### **3.1 Field Investigation**

#### **Field Program**

The field program for the investigation was carried out from February 5 to 6, 2020. At that time, six boreholes were completed, the boreholes were distributed in a manner to provide general coverage of the subject site. The locations of the boreholes are shown on Drawing PG5157-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

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

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

Undrained shear strength testing, using a vane apparatus, was carried out in cohesive soils.

Dynamic cone penetration testing (DCPT) was completed at two borehole locations. 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. Subsurface conditions observed in the boreholes 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 combination of 51mm diameter PVC groundwater monitoring wells were installed in BH 1, BH 2 and BH 3, and flexible polytubing was installed in BH4, BH5 and BH6 to permit monitoring of the groundwater levels subsequent to the completion of sampling program.

## **Sample Storage**

Subsurface conditions noted at the test hole locations were recorded in detail in the field and recovered soil samples were reviewed in our laboratory.

All samples 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 borehole locations were determined by Paterson personnel taking into consideration the presence of underground and aboveground services. The location and ground surface elevation at each borehole location was surveyed by Paterson personnel. The boreholes were surveyed with respect to a temporary benchmark (TBM), consisting of the top of concrete slab near the south corner of the existing building and the garage bay. A geodetic elevation of 73.60 m was provided for the TBM. Borehole locations and ground surface elevations at the borehole locations are presented on Drawing PG4787-1 - 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 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 ground surface across the subject site is relatively flat and at grade with the surrounding roadways. The subject site consists mainly of an asphalt covered parking with a small grassed and landscaped areas with mature trees bordering the south property boundaries.

The site is bordered by a commercial buildings along the east, residential dwellings to the south, Carling Avenue to the north and Archibald Street to the west.

### **4.2 Subsurface Profile**

#### **Overburden**

Generally, the subsurface profile encountered at the borehole locations consists of an asphalt pavement structure overlying a fill layer consisting of brown silty sand with gravel and cobbles. The above noted layers were underlain by a hard to stiff silty clay deposit followed by glacial till. The glacial till layer consists of silty sand mixed with gravel, cobbles with boulders within trace clay. Practical refusal to DCPT/augering was encountered at BH4 and BH5 at 9.6 m and 8.4 m below the existing ground surface, respectively. Reference should be made to the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 for the details of the soil profiles encountered at each borehole location.

#### **Bedrock**

Based on available geological mapping, bedrock in the area of the subject site consists of interbedded limestone and dolomite of the Gull River Formation with an overburden thickness ranging between 5 and 10 m.

### **4.3 Groundwater**

Groundwater levels were measured in the monitoring wells installed upon completion of the sampling program. The groundwater level readings are presented on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1. The groundwater was also estimated based on the moisture levels, consistency and coloring of the recovered samples. Based on these observations, the long-term groundwater level is anticipated to be located at or below the bedrock surface, at a depth ranging between 2.5 to 3.5 m below existing grade. It should be noted that groundwater levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations, therefore, it could be higher at the time of construction.

## 5.0 Discussion

### 5.1 Geotechnical Assessment

From a geotechnical perspective, the subject site is considered suitable for the proposed hi-rise building development. Foundation options are dependant on the design building loading requirements and depth of the foundation. Several foundation options are listed below and discussed in the following sub-sections:

- Conventional shallow footings placed on an undisturbed stiff silty clay and/or compact glacial till bearing surface.
- Raft foundation.
- End bearing piled foundation.

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

### 5.2 Site Grading and Preparation

#### Stripping Depth

Topsoil, asphalt and fill containing deleterious or organic materials should be removed from within the perimeter of the proposed building and other settlement sensitive structures. Under paved areas, existing construction remnants, such as foundation walls, pipe ducts, etc., should be excavated to a minimum depth of 1 m below final grade.

#### 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 buildings should be compacted to at least 98% of the material's standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).



Non-specified existing fill along with site-excavated soil can be used as general landscaping fill where settlement of the ground surface is of minor concern. 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, free of deleterious materials, are suitable for use as backfill against foundation walls in combination with a composite drainage blanket connected to a perimeter drainage system is provided.

### **Vibration Considerations**

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

The following construction equipments could be the source of vibrations: hoe ram, compactor, dozer, crane, truck traffic, etc. Vibrations, whether caused by blasting operations or by construction operations, could be the source of detrimental vibrations on the nearby buildings and structures. Therefore, all vibrations are recommended to be limited.

Two parameters are used to determine the permissible vibrations, namely, the maximum peak particle velocity and the frequency. For low frequency vibrations, the maximum allowable peak particle velocity is less than that for high frequency vibrations. As a guideline, the peak particle velocity should be less than 15 mm/s between frequencies of 4 to 12 Hz, and 50 mm/s above a frequency of 40 Hz (interpolate between 12 and 40 Hz). The guidelines are for current construction standards. Considering that these guidelines are above perceptible human level and, in some cases, could be very disturbing to some people, a pre-construction survey is recommended be completed to minimize the risks of claims during or following the construction of the proposed building.

## **5.3 Foundation Design**

Several foundation options have been considered for the proposed hi-rise building which are dependant on the design loading requirements and foundation depth. The options are further discussed below.

## Bearing Resistance Values (Conventional Shallow Footings)

The bearing resistance values are provided on the assumption that the footings will be placed on bearing surfaces consisting of native undisturbed soil. The following table summarizes the bearing resistance values to be used at the subject site:

<b>Table 1 - Bearing Resistance Values at Limit States</b>		
<b>Founding Layer</b>	<b>Bearing Resistance Value at SLS (kPa)</b>	<b>Factored Bearing Resistance Value at ULS (kPa)</b>
Hard to Stiff Silty Clay (crust)	150	250
Compact Glacial Till	200	350
Surface sounded bedrock	-	1,500
<b>Note:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> SLS - Serviceability Limit States <input type="checkbox"/> ULS - Ultimate Limit States <input type="checkbox"/> A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the bearing resistance value at ULS.		

An undisturbed soil bearing surface consists of a surface 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.

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

A factored bearing resistance value at ULS of **3,000 kPa**, incorporating a geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 could be used if founded on limestone bedrock and the bedrock is free of seams, fractures and voids within 1.5 m below the founding level. This could be verified by completing and probing 50 mm diameter drill holes to a depth of 1.5 m below the founding level within the footing footprint(s). One drill hole should be completed per footing. The drill hole inspection should be completed by the geotechnical consultant.

## Settlement

The SLS values are based on a total settlement of 25 mm, and a differential settlement of 20 mm between adjacent footings, both founded on a similar 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 a stiff silty clay or glacial till bearing medium above the groundwater table when a plane extending down and out from the bottom edge of the footing at a minimum of 1.5H:1V passes only through in situ soil of the same or higher capacity as the bearing medium soil.

## **Lean Concrete In-filled Trenches**

Where bedrock is encountered below the design underside of footing elevation, consideration should be given to excavating vertical trenches to expose the underlying bedrock surface and backfilling with lean concrete (**15 MPa** 28-day compressive strength). Typically, the excavation sidewalls will be used as the form to support the concrete. The additional width of the concrete poured against an undisturbed trench sidewall will suffice in providing a direct transfer of the footing load to the underlying bedrock.

The effectiveness of this operation will depend on the ability of maintaining vertical trenches until the lean concrete can be poured. It is suggested that once the bottom of the excavation is exposed, an assessment should be completed to determine the water infiltration and stability of the excavation sidewalls extending to the bedrock surface.

The trench excavation should be at least 150 mm wider than all sides of the footing at the base of the excavation. The excavation bottom should be relatively clean using the hydraulic shovel only (workers will not be permitted in the excavation below a 1.5 m depth). Once approved by the geotechnical engineer, lean concrete can be poured up to the proposed founding elevation.

Footings placed on lean concrete filled trenches extending to the bedrock surface can be designed using a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **1,500 kPa**.

## **Raft Foundation**

Alternatively, consideration can be given to a raft foundation if the building loads exceed the bearing resistance values provided for a conventional spread footing foundation. The following parameters may be used for raft design.

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 **250 kPa** can be used for design purposes. 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 associated with one underground parking level. The factored bearing resistance (contact pressure) at ULS can be taken as **400 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the bearing resistance value at ULS.

Based on the following assumptions for the raft foundation, the proposed building can be designed using the above parameters with a total and differential settlement of 25 and 15 mm, respectively.

Base on a single underground parking level or more it is expected that the raft foundation will be installed on the glacial till deposit. The modulus of subgrade reaction was calculated to be **30 Mpa/m** for a contact pressure of 250 kPa. The design of the raft foundation is required to consider the relative stiffness of the reinforced concrete slab and the supporting bearing medium.

## **Deep Foundation - End Bearing Piles**

A deep foundation method, such as end bearing piles, can also be considered for the proposed structure if the design building loads exceed the bearing resistance values provided for a conventional shallow footing or raft foundation. 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 1. Additional resistance values can be provided if available pile sizes vary from those detailed in Table 1. 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

As a minimum, the pipe piles should be equipped with a base plate having a thickness of at least 20 mm to reduce potential damage to the pile tip during driving.

Provision should be made for restriking all of the piles at least once, 48 hours after the initial driving, to confirm the design set and/or the permanence of the set, and to check for upward displacement due to driving adjacent piles. It is recommended that a pile load test or dynamic monitoring and capacity testing be carried out at an early stage during the piling operations to verify the transferred energy from the pile driving equipment and determine the load carrying capacity of the piles. The recommended number of tests is dependent on the number of piles and pile sizes; as a guideline a minimum of 2 tests per pile size should be carried out. It is also recommended that the tested pile locations be spread out across the proposed building footprints.

The post construction settlement of structural elements which derive their support from piles bearing on bedrock should be negligible.

If piles are to be left exposed during winter months, some form of frost protection will be required to prevent frost adhesion and jacking of the piles. Further guidelines can be provided on these measures at the time of construction, if required.

## 5.4 Design for Earthquakes

The site class for seismic response can be taken as **Class C** for the foundations considered at this site. However, depending on the building's foundation design, such as the number of underground parking levels, depth of footings and bearing mediums, a higher seismic site class could be applicable (**Class A or B**). Therefore, a site specific shear wave velocity test shall be completed to accurately determine the applicable seismic site classification for foundation design of the proposed building, as per Table 4.1.8.4.A of the Ontario Building Code (OBC) 2012.

## 5.5 Basement Floor Slab

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

It is expected that the basement area will be mostly parking and a rigid pavement structure designed by a structural engineer will be applicable. However, if storage or other uses of the lower level where a lean concrete floor slab will be used, it is recommended that the upper 200 mm of sub-slab fill consists of 19 mm clear crushed stone. All backfill material within the footprint of the proposed building should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose layers and compacted to the minimum 98% of its SPMDD.

## 5.6 Basement Wall

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

### Lateral Earth Pressures

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

$K_o$  = at-rest earth pressure coefficient of the applicable retained soil, 0.5

$\gamma$  = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil (kN/m<sup>3</sup>)

H = height of the wall (m)

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

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

### Seismic Earth Pressures

The total seismic force ( $P_{AE}$ ) includes both the earth force component ( $P_o$ ) and the seismic component ( $\Delta P_{AE}$ ). The seismic earth force ( $\Delta P_{AE}$ ) can be calculated using  $0.375 \cdot a_c \cdot \gamma \cdot H^2/g$  where:

$$a_c = (1.45 - a_{max}/g) a_{max}$$

$\gamma$  = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil (kN/m<sup>3</sup>)

H = height of the wall (m)

g = gravity, 9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup>

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

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

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

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

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

## 5.7 Pavement Design

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

<b>Table 3 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Car Only Parking Areas</b>	
<b>Thickness (mm)</b>	<b>Material Description</b>
50	<b>Wear Course</b> - HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
150	<b>BASE</b> - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
300	<b>SUBBASE</b> - OPSS Granular B Type II
<b>SUBGRADE</b> - Either in situ soils, fill approved by the geotechnical consultant or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil.	

<b>Table 4 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Access Lanes and Heavy Truck Parking Areas</b>	
<b>Thickness (mm)</b>	<b>Material Description</b>
40	<b>Wear Course</b> - HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
50	<b>Binder Course</b> - HL-8 or Superpave 19.0 Asphaltic Concrete
150	<b>BASE</b> - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
400	<b>SUBBASE</b> - OPSS Granular B Type II
<b>SUBGRADE</b> - Either in situ soils, fill approved by the geotechnical consultant or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil	

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 I or II material.

The pavement granular base and subbase should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 100% of the material's SPMDD using suitable vibratory equipment.



## 6.0 Design and Construction Precautions

### 6.1 Foundation Drainage and Backfill

#### Foundation Drainage

Based on the preliminary information provided, it is expected that a portion of the proposed building foundation walls located below the long-term groundwater table. To limit long-term groundwater lowering, it is recommended that a groundwater infiltration control system be designed for the proposed building. Also, a perimeter foundation drainage system will be required as a secondary system to account for any groundwater, which breaches the primary ground infiltration control system.

The groundwater infiltration control system should extend at least 1 m above the long-term groundwater level and the following is suggested for preliminary design purposes:

- ❑ Place a suitable waterproofing membrane against the temporary shoring surface, such as a bentomat liner system or equivalent. The membrane liner should extend down to footing level. The membrane liner should also extend horizontally a minimum 600 mm below the footing at underside of footing level.
- ❑ Place a composite drainage layer, such as Delta Drain 6000 or equivalent, over the membrane (as a secondary system). The composite drainage layer should extend from finished grade to underside of footing level.
- ❑ Pour foundation wall against the composite drainage system.

It is recommended that the composite drainage system (such as Delta Drain 6000 or equivalent) extend down to the footing level. It is recommended that 150 mm diameter sleeves at 3-6 m centres be cast in the footing or at the foundation wall/footing interface to allow the infiltration of water to flow to the interior perimeter drainage pipe. The perimeter drainage pipe and underfloor drainage system should direct water to sump pit(s) within the lower basement area.

It is important to note that the building's sump pit and elevator pit be considered for waterproofing in a similar fashion. A detail can be provided by Paterson once the design drawings are available for the elevator and sump pits.

## **Foundation Backfill**

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. Imported granular materials, such as clean sand or OPSS Granular B Type I granular material, should be used for this purpose. A composite drainage system should be applied to the exterior of the building foundation walls in order to minimize the risk of groundwater infiltration from the backfill materials.

## **Underfloor Drainage**

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

## **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 of 1.5 m of soil cover alone should be provided in this regard.

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

The parking garage may require protection against frost action depending on the founding depth. Unheated structures, such as the access ramp wall footings, may be required to be insulated against the deleterious effect of frost action. A minimum of 2.1 m of soil cover alone, or a minimum of 0.6 m of soil cover, in conjunction with foundation insulation, should be provided.

## **6.3 Excavation Side Slopes and Temporary Shoring**

### **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.

### **Excavation Side Slopes**

The subsoil at this site is considered to be mainly a Type 2 or 3 soil according to the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations for Construction Projects. 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 the groundwater level.

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

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

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

### **Temporary Shoring**

If a temporary shoring system is considered, the design and implementation of these temporary systems will be the responsibility of the excavation contractor and their design team. Inspections and approval of the temporary system will also be the responsibility of the designer. Geotechnical information provided below is to assist the designer in completing a suitable and safe shoring system. The designer should take into account the potential for a fully saturated condition following a significant precipitation event. Any changes to the approved shoring design system should be reported immediately to the owner’s representative prior to implementation.

For design purposes, the temporary system may 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 added to the earth pressures described below. These systems can be cantilevered, anchored or braced.

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

<b>Table 5 - Soil Parameters for Shoring System Design</b>	
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Values</b>
Active Earth Pressure Coefficient ( $K_a$ )	0.33
Passive Earth Pressure Coefficient ( $K_p$ )	3
At-Rest Earth Pressure Coefficient ( $K_o$ )	0.5
Unit Weight ( $\gamma$ ), kN/m <sup>3</sup>	20
Submerged Unit Weight ( $\gamma$ ), kN/m <sup>3</sup>	13

Generally, it is expected that the shoring systems will be provided with tie-back rock anchors to ensure their stability. It is further recommended that the toe of the shoring be adequately supported to resist toe failure.

## **6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill**

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

At least 150 mm of OPSS Granular A should be used for pipe bedding for sewer and water pipes. The bedding should extend to the spring line of the pipe. Cover material, from the spring line to at least 300 mm above the obvert of the pipe should consist of OPSS Granular A or Granular B Type II with a maximum size of 25 mm. The bedding and cover materials should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick lifts compacted to 95% of the material's standard Proctor maximum dry density.

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

Where hard surface areas are considered above the trench backfill, the trench backfill material within the frost zone (about 1.8 m below finished grade) and above the cover material should match the soils exposed at the trench walls to minimize differential frost heaving. The trench backfill should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the material standard Proctor maximum dry density.

## **6.5 Groundwater Control**

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

Based on our observations, it is anticipated that groundwater infiltration into the excavations should be low to moderate and controllable using open sumps. Pumping from open sumps should be sufficient to control the groundwater influx through the sides of shallow excavations.

The contractor should be prepared to direct water away from all bearing surfaces and subgrades, regardless of the source, to prevent disturbance to the founding medium.

#### **Permit to Take Water**

It is anticipated that groundwater infiltration into the excavations should be low to moderate 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, Conservation and Parks (MECP) permit to take water (PTTW) may be required for this project if more than 400,000 L/day of ground and/or surface water is to be pumped during the construction phase. A minimum 4 to 5 months should be allowed for completion of the PTTW application package and issuance of the permit by the MECP.

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

## **Long-term Groundwater Control**

Any groundwater encountered along the buildings' perimeter or sub-slab drainage system will be directed to the proposed buildings' cistern/sump pit. Provided the proposed groundwater infiltration control system is properly implemented and approved by the geotechnical consultant at the time of construction, the expected long-term groundwater flow should be low (i.e. less than 25,000 L/day) with peak periods noted after rain events. A more accurate estimate can be provided at the time of construction, once groundwater infiltration levels are observed. The long-term groundwater flow is anticipated to be controllable using conventional open sumps.

## **Impacts on Neighbouring Properties**

A local groundwater lowering is anticipated under short-term conditions due to construction of the proposed buildings. Based on the existing groundwater level, 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.

Due to the proposed waterproofing to be installed along the perimeter of the proposed building, no issues are expected with respect to groundwater lowering that would cause long term adverse effects 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 mostly consist of frost susceptible materials. In presence of water and freezing conditions ice could form within the soil mass. Heaving and settlement upon thawing could occur. 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.

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

## **6.7 Corrosion Potential and Sulphate**

The results of analytical testing show that the sulphate content is less than 0.1%. 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 a moderate to slightly aggressive environment for exposed ferrous metals at this site.

## 7.0 Recommendations

A materials testing and observation services program is a requirement for the provided foundation design data to be applicable. The following aspects of the program should be performed by the geotechnical consultant:

- Review the bedrock stabilization and excavation requirements.
- Review groundwater infiltration at the time of construction.
- Review probe holes within the footing locations to confirm bearing resistance values.
- 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 that these works have been conducted in general accordance with our recommendations could be issued, upon request, following the completion of a satisfactory materials testing and observation program by Paterson Group.



## 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 1343678 Ontario Ltd. 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**

## SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

Geotechnical Investigation  
1330 Carling Avenue and 815 Archibald Street  
Ottawa, Ontario

**DATUM** Referenced to a TBM consisting of the top of concrete slab in the south corner of the existing building. Geodetic: 73.60m

**FILE NO.**  
**PG5157**

**REMARKS**

**HOLE NO.**  
**BH 1**

**BORINGS BY** CME 55 Power Auger

**DATE** 2020 February 5

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Monitoring Well Construction
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			20	40	60	80	
<b>GROUND SURFACE</b>												
ASPHALTIC CONCRETE	0.03	AU	1			0	73.20					
FILL: Brown silty sand with gravel and cobbles, some clay		SS	2	67	19	1	72.20					
		SS	3	50	12	2	71.20					
	2.13											
GLACIAL TILL: Grey silty clay with sand, gravel, cobbles and boulders		SS	4	8	6	3	70.20					
		SS	5	17	6							
		SS	6	42	18	4	69.20					
4.57												
End of Borehole												
(GWL @ 2.21m depth - Feb. 13/2020)												

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

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**REMARKS**

**BORINGS BY** CME 55 Power Auger

**DATE** 2020 February 6

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**HOLE NO.** BH 2

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Monitoring Well Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %					
GROUND SURFACE								20	40	60	80		
ASPHALTIC CONCRETE	0.04	AU	1			0	73.26						
FILL: Brown sand with gravel		SS	2	67	17	1	72.26						
		SS	3	58	13	2	71.26						
FILL: Brown-black silty clay with gravel, trace organics	2.39	SS	4	42	5								
	3.15	SS	5	50	16								
GLACIAL TILL: Grey silty clay with sand, gravel, cobbles and boulders		SS	6	33	9	4	69.26						
	5.18	SS	7	0	7	5	68.26						
End of Borehole  (GWL @ 2.23m depth - Feb. 13/2020)													

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**Shear Strength (kPa)**  
▲ Undisturbed    △ Remoulded

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**REMARKS**

**HOLE NO.** BH 3

**BORINGS BY** CME 55 Power Auger

**DATE** 2020 February 6

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Monitoring Well Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			20	40	60	80		
<b>GROUND SURFACE</b>													
ASPHALTIC CONCRETE 0.03		AU	1			0	73.39						
FILL: Brown silty sand with gravel 0.61		SS	2	42	11	1	72.39						
FILL: Brown silty sand with gravel and clay 1.52		SS	3	63	7	2	71.39						
FILL: Brown/grey silty clay with sand, gravel and cobbles 2.29		SS	4	67	27	3	70.39						
GLACIAL TILL: Grey silty clay with sand, gravel, cobbles and boulders		SS	5	13	11	4	69.39						
		SS	6	63	6	4	69.39						
		SS	7	29	15	5	68.39						
		SS	7	29	15	5	68.39						
End of Borehole  (GWL @ 2.28m depth - Feb. 13/2020)						5	68.39						

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**Shear Strength (kPa)**  
▲ Undisturbed    △ Remoulded

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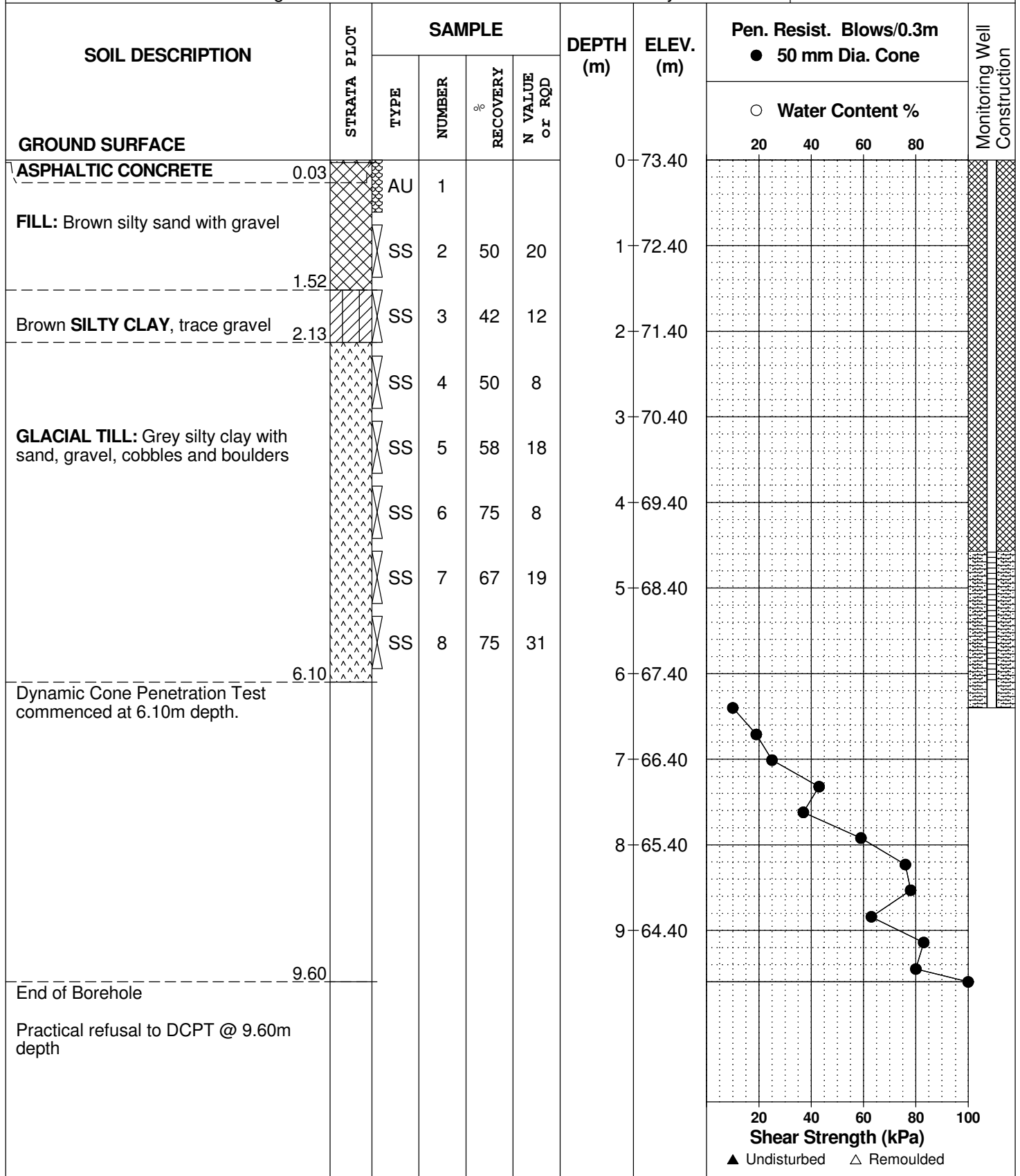
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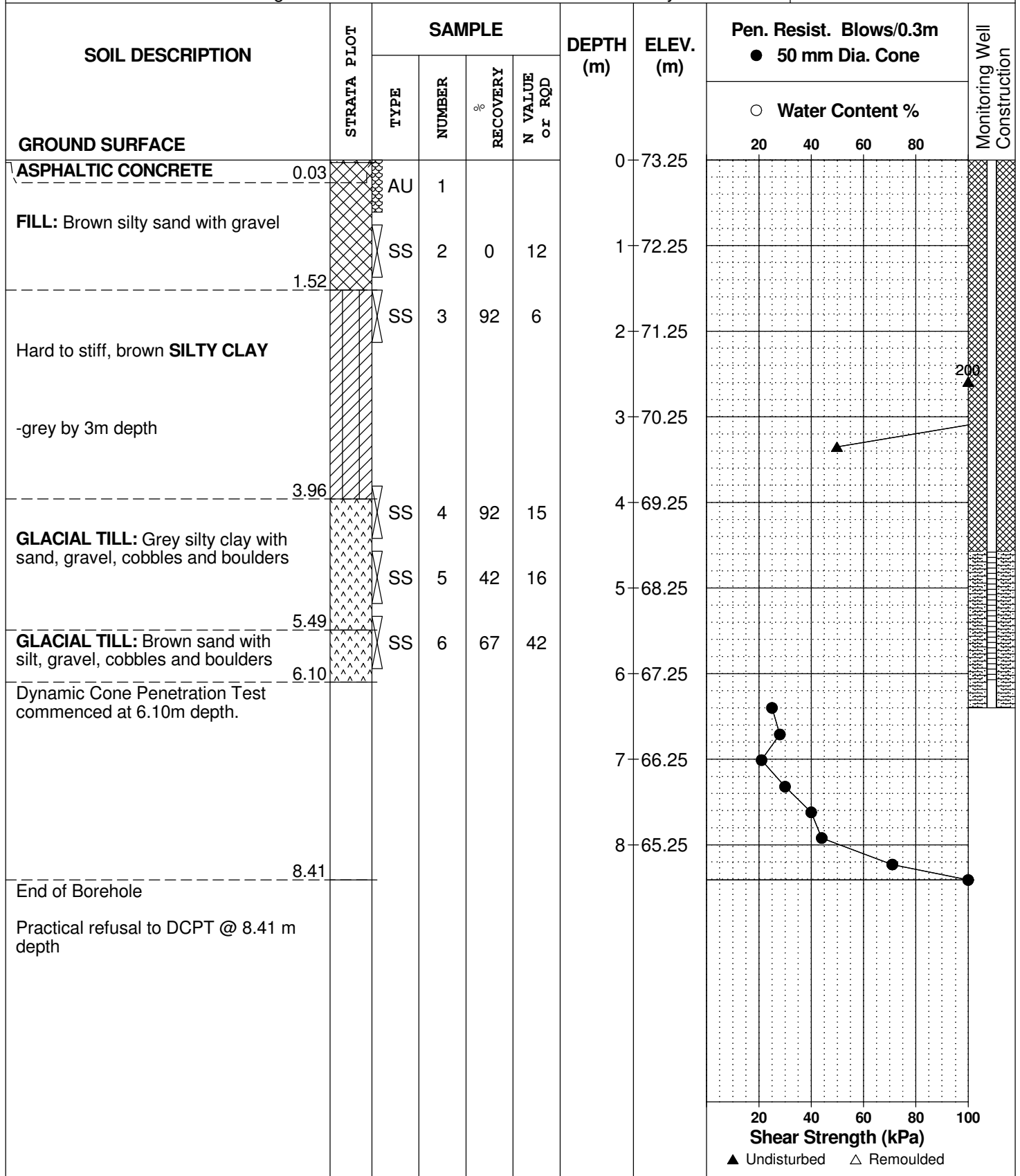
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**REMARKS**

**HOLE NO.** BH 6

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**DATE** 2020 February 6

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Monitoring Well Construction
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			20	40	60	80	
<b>GROUND SURFACE</b>												
ASPHALTIC CONCRETE	0.05	AU	1			0	73.30					
FILL: Brown silty sand with gravel	0.61											
Brown SILTY SAND, trace gravel		SS	2	67	8	1	72.30					
	1.52											
Brown SILTY SAND with gravel, some black sand		SS	3	13	12	2	71.30					
	2.39											
GLACIAL TILL: Grey silty clay with sand, gravel, cobbles and boulders		SS	4	67	8	3	70.30					
		SS	5	25	21	4	70.30					
		SS	6	42	18	4	69.30					
		SS	7	0	13	5	68.30					
		SS	8	13	7	6	67.30					
End of Borehole	6.40											

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



# SYMBOLS AND TERMS

## SOIL DESCRIPTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

## SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

### SOIL DESCRIPTION (continued)

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

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

### ROCK DESCRIPTION

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

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

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

### SAMPLE TYPES

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

## SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

### GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

### CONSOLIDATION TEST

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

### PERMEABILITY TEST

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

### STRATA PLOT



Topsoil



Asphalt



Fill



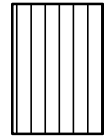
Peat



Sand



Silty Sand



Silt



Sandy Silt



Clay



Silty Clay



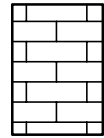
Clayey Silty Sand



Glacial Till



Shale



Bedrock

### MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION

#### MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION



#### PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION



Certificate of Analysis

Report Date: 20-Feb-2020

Client: Paterson Group Consulting Engineers

Order Date: 13-Feb-2020

Client PO: 25611

Project Description: PG5157

<b>Client ID:</b>	BH5-SS3 5'-7'	-	-	-
<b>Sample Date:</b>	05-Feb-20 13:00	-	-	-
<b>Sample ID:</b>	2007559-01	-	-	-
<b>MDL/Units</b>	Soil	-	-	-

**Physical Characteristics**

% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	64.7	-	-	-
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**General Inorganics**

pH	0.05 pH Units	7.50	-	-	-
Resistivity	0.10 Ohm.m	8.74	-	-	-

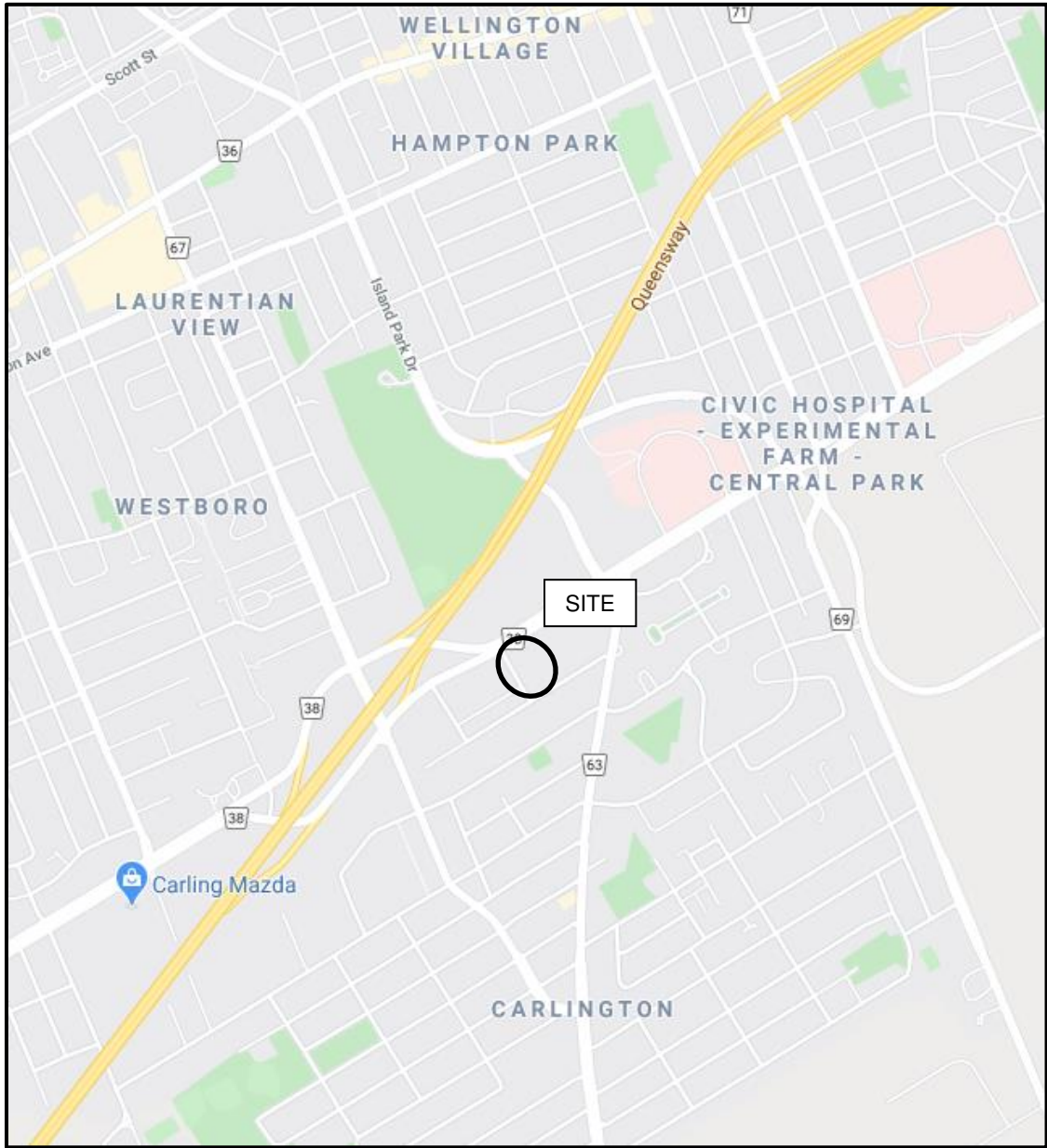
**Anions**

Chloride	5 ug/g dry	242	-	-	-
Sulphate	5 ug/g dry	687	-	-	-

# **APPENDIX 2**

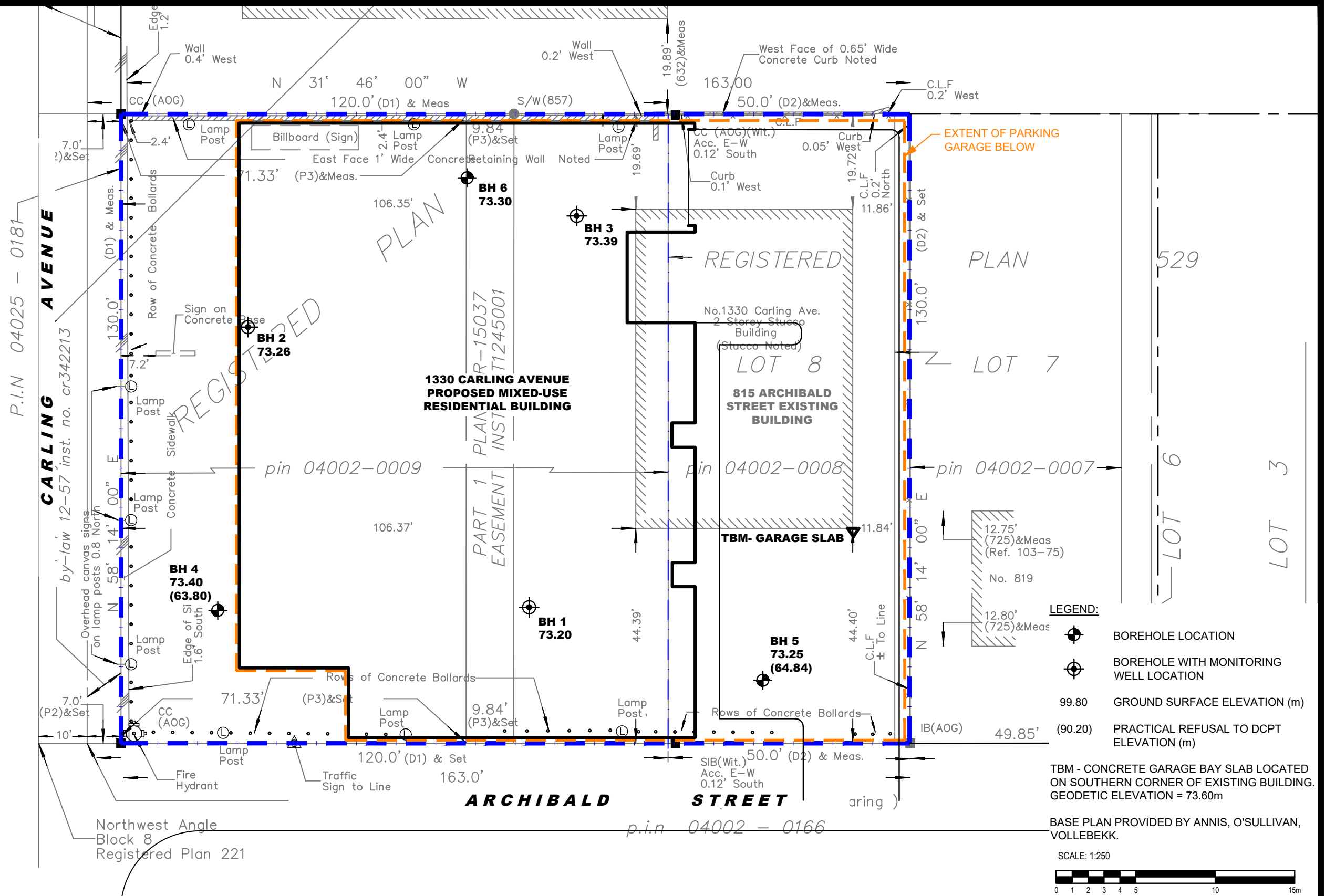
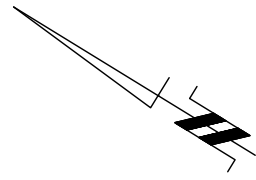
**FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN**

**DRAWING PG5157-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN**



# FIGURE 1

## KEY PLAN



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