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## **Geotechnical Investigation**

Proposed Multi-Storey Building 1619 and 1655 Carling Avenue Ottawa, Ontario

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# **1.0 Introduction**

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Surface Developments to prepare the current geotechnical report for a proposed multi-storey building to be located at 1619 and 1655 Carling Avenue in the City of Ottawa, Ontario (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan in Appendix 2).

The objectives of the current report are to:

- $\Box$  determine the subsurface soil and groundwater conditions by means of available subsoil information.
- $\Box$  provide geotechnical recommendations pertaining to 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. This report contains our findings and includes geotechnical recommendations pertaining to the design and construction of the subject development as understood at the time of writing this report.

Investigating the presence or potential presence of contamination on the subject property was carried out as a separate program and is reported under separate cover.

# **2.0 Proposed Development**

It is understood that the development will consist of 5 storey podium base located between a 18 storey structure located within the west portion of the site and a 16 storey structure located within the east portion of the site. It is further understood that the development will include 3 levels of underground parking, which will encompass the entire site.

It is further understood that the proposed buildings will be municipally serviced with sewer and water.

# **3.0 Method of Investigation**

# **3.1 Field Investigation**

### **Field Program**

The most recent field program for the subsoil investigation was carried our on August 17, 2020 which consisted of extended a total of four (4) boreholes within the east portion of the site (PE4987, 2020). The previous field investigation was carried out in October, 2008. At that time, a total of six (6) boreholes and fifteen (15) test pits were completed across the subject site to provided general coverage of the proposed development (PE1472, 2008). Also, two (2) boreholes were completed in September, 1994 as part of the previous subsoil investigation conducted by Paterson Group (E1116, 1994).

All available test holes completed by others at the subject site are presented in Appendix 2. The locations of the test holes are presented on Drawing PG5118-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The boreholes were drilled using a truck-mounted drill rig operated by a two-person crew while the test pits were excavated using a rubber tired back-hoe. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of Paterson personnel under the direction of a senior engineer. The drilling and excavation procedure consisted of drilling or excavating to the required depths at the selected locations, and sampling and testing the overburden.

#### **Sampling and In Situ Testing**

Soil samples were collected from the boreholes using a 50 mm diameter split spoon sampler. Soil samples were also recovered along the sidewalls of the test pits by hand during excavation.

All soil samples were visually inspected and initially classified on site. The split spoon and auger samples were placed in sealed plastic bags. All rock core was classified on site and placed into a core boxes. All samples were transported to our laboratory for examination and classification. The depths at which the split-spoon, auger and rock core samples were recovered from the boreholes are shown as SS, AU and RC, 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.

A recovery value and a Rock Quality Designation (RQD) value were calculated for each core run of bedrock and are presented on the borehole logs. The recovery value is the ratio, in percentage, of the length of the bedrock sample recovered over the length of the drilled rock core. The RQD value is the ratio, in percentage, of core length greater than 100 mm over the total core run length.

The 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.

#### **Groundwater**

Monitoring wells were installed in four boreholes during the latest subsoil investigation to permit monitoring of the groundwater levels subsequent to the completion of the sampling program.

#### **Monitoring Well Installation**

Typical monitoring well construction details are described below:

- $\Box$  1.5 to 3 m long slotted 32 mm diameter PVC screen sealed at strategic depths.
- $\Box$  32 mm diameter PVC riser pipe from the top of the screen to the ground surface.
- $\Box$  No.3 silica sand backfill within annular space around screen.
- $\Box$  Bentonite hole plug directly above PVC slotted screen to approximately 300 mm from the ground surface.
- $\Box$  Clean backfill from top of bentonite plug to the ground surface.

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

#### **Sample Storage**

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 otherwise directed.

# **3.2 Field Survey**

The ground surface elevation at each test hole location completed during the most recent subsoil investigation in August, 2020 (PE4987, 2020) was referenced to the top of grate of the catch basin manhole located near the northeast corner of the subject site. A geodetic elevation of 77.35 m was assigned to the TBM on the plan prepared by Farley, Smith & Denis Ltd..

The ground surface elevation at each test hole location completed during the previous subsoil investigation in October, 2008 (PE1472, 2008) was referenced to top of the manhole cover located in front of the subject site. A geodetic elevation of 77.51 m was assigned to the TBM on the plan prepared by Farley, Smith & Denis Ltd..

Lastly, the ground surface elevation at each borehole location completed during the initial subsoil investigation completed by Paterson Group in September, 1994 (E1116, 1994) was referenced to the top of spindle of the fire hydrant located at the southwest corner of the property. A geodetic elevation of 78.44 m was assigned to the TBM on the plan prepared by Farley, Smith & Denis Ltd.

The location of the TBMs, test holes and the ground surface elevation at each test hole location are presented in Drawing PG5118-1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

# **3.3 Laboratory Testing**

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

# **4.0 Observations**

# **4.1 Surface Conditions**

The west portion of the subject site is currently used as a commercial parking lot with mature trees bordering the north and west property boundaries. A two (2) storey commercial building occupies the east portion of the subject site.

The site is bordered to the north by low-rise apartment buildings, to the west by a commercial plaza and to the east by Shell Station. The site is approximately at grade with the neighboring properties and approximately at grade with Carling Avenue bordering the south property boundary.

It should be noted that the west portion of the site was historically occupied by several buildings. Based on the available information, the former building was centrally located within the west portion of the site and the building was constructed with a basement level.

# **4.2 Subsurface Profile**

#### **Overburden**

Generally, the subsoil conditions encountered at the test hole locations consists of a pavement structure overlying a variety of fill material which in turn was found to be overlying a glacial till and/or bedrock surface.

All test holes completed during our subsoil investigations were terminated at depths varying 0.9 and 2.8 m below existing ground surface on a grey limestone bedrock.

#### **Bedrock**

Bedrock was cored at 8 borehole locations to a maximum depth of 6.7 m below existing ground surface. The recovery values and RQD values for the bedrock cores were calculated. The recovery values range from 82 to 100%, while the RQD values generally vary between 30 and 100%. Based on these results the quality of the bedrock ranges from poor to excellent.

Based on available geological mapping, the drift thickness in the area ranges in thickness between 2 and 3 m in an area where the bedrock consists of interbedded limestone, dolostone and shale of the Gull River Formation.

# **4.3 Groundwater**

Groundwater levels (GWL) were measured in the monitoring wells on August 23, 2020 (PE4987, 2020) and on November 3, 2008 (PE1472, 2008) as part of the previous subsoil and groundwater investigation. The measured GWL readings are summarized in Table 1 and Table 2 below.



**Note:** The ground surface elevation at each test hole location completed during the subsoil investigation in August, 2020 was referenced to the top of grate of catch basin manhole near the northeast corner of the subject site. A geodetic elevation of 77.35 m was assigned to the TBM on the plan prepared by Farley, Smith & Denis Ltd..



**Note:** The ground surface elevation at each test hole location completed during the subsoil investigation in October, 2008 was referenced to top of the manhole cover located in front of the subject site. A geodetic elevation of 77.51 m was assigned to the TBM on the plan prepared by Farley, Smith & Denis Ltd..

Based on our general knowledge of the areas geology, experience with similar development projects in the immediate area, it is expected that the long-term groundwater is located approximately 2 to 3 m below existing ground surface. However, it should be noted that perched water may be encountered within the upper fractured bedrock and at the bedrock/overburden interface which may lead to an initial high infiltration for building excavation.

# **5.0 Discussion**

# **5.1 Geotechnical Assessment**

The subject site is considered suitable from a geotechnical perspective for the proposed development. It is anticipated that the proposed multi-storey buildings with 3 levels of underground parking will be founded on shallow footings placed on clean, surface sounded bedrock.

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

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

# **5.2 Site Grading and Preparation**

### **Stripping Depth**

Due to the relatively shallow depth of the bedrock surface at the subject site and the anticipated founding level for the proposed building, all existing overburden material should be excavated from within the proposed building footprint. Bedrock removal will be required for the construction of the parking garage levels.

#### **Bedrock Removal**

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

Prior to considering blasting operations, the blasting effects on the existing services, buildings and other structures should be addressed. A pre-blast or pre-construction survey of the existing structures located in proximity of the blasting operations should be conducted prior to commencing construction. The extent of the survey should be determined by the blasting consultant and sufficient to respond to any inquiries/claims related to the blasting operations.

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

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

Excavation side slopes in sound bedrock can be completed with almost vertical side walls. A minimum of 1 m horizontal bench, should remain between the bottom of the overburden and the top of the bedrock surface to provide an area to allow for potential sloughing or to provide a stable base for the overburden shoring system. Depending on the design of the shoring system, the final requirement of the bedrock shelf width will be determined.

#### **Vibration Considerations**

Construction operations could be 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 a cooperative environment with the residents.

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

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

#### **Weathered Bedrock Face Reinforcement**

Horizontal rock anchors may be required at specific locations to prevent pop-outs of the bedrock, especially in areas where bedrock fractures are conducive to the failure of the bedrock surface. The requirement for horizontal rock anchors will be evaluated during the excavation operations and should be discussed with the structural engineer during the design stage. In addition to rock anchors, a bedrock face reinforcement system, such as a chain link fence connected to the bedrock excavation face, may be required where weathered bedrock is exposed and support is required to create a safe excavation area for workers. Evaluation of a bedrock reinforcement system can be evaluated at the time of excavation by the geotechnical consultant.

#### **Fill Placement**

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

Non-specified existing fill along with site-excavated soil could be placed as general landscaping fill where settlement of the ground surface is of minor concern. These materials should be spread in thin lifts and at a minimum compacted by the heavy equipment tracks to minimize voids. If these materials are to build up the subgrade level for areas to be paved, the material should be compacted in thin lifts to a minimum density of 95% of the SPMDD. Non-specified existing fill and site-excavated soils are not suitable for placement 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**

Based on the subsurface profile encountered, limestone bedrock is expected to be encountered at the founding level.

A factored bearing resistance value at ULS of **6,000 kPa**, incorporating a geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5, could be provided if founded on limestone bedrock which is free of seams, fractures and voids immediately within the founding level.

### **Settlement**

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

# **5.4 Design for Earthquakes**

The site class for seismic site response is a **Class A** for the proposed building. The soil underlying the subject site are not susceptible to liquefaction. A seismic site classification of Class A will require a site specific shear wave velocity testing to be completed to confirm this seismic classification. Refer to the most recent revision of the Ontario Building Code for a full discussion of the earthquake design requirements.

# **5.5 Basement Slab**

All overburden soil will be removed from the subject site leaving the bedrock as the founding medium for the lower basement floor slab. It is expected that the basement area will be mostly parking and the recommended rigid pavement structure noted in Subsection 5.8 will be applicable. However, if storage or other uses of the lower level where a concrete floor slab will be used, it is recommended that the upper 300 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 at least 98% of its SPMDD.

In consideration of the groundwater conditions encountered at the time of the fieldwork, a subfloor drainage system, consisting of lines of perforated drainage pipe subdrains connected to a positive outlet, should be provided in the clear stone under the lower basement floor (discussed in Subsection 6.1).

## **5.6 Basement Wall**

It is understood that the basement walls are to be poured against a water suppression system, which will be placed against the temporary shoring system and exposed bedrock face. Below the bedrock surface, a nominal coefficient for at-rest earth pressure of 0.05 is recommended in conjunction with a bulk unit weight of 24.5 kN/m<sup>3</sup> (effective 15.5 kN/ $m<sup>3</sup>$ ). A seismic earth pressure component will not be applicable for the foundation wall, which is to be poured against the bedrock face.

Where the soil is to be retained, 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<sup>3</sup>. The applicable effective unit weight of the retained soil can be estimated as 13 kN/m<sup>3</sup>, where applicable. A hydrostatic pressure should be added to the total static earth pressure when calculating the effective unit weight.

### **Lateral Earth Pressures**

The static horizontal earth pressure (p<sub>o</sub>) can be calculated using a triangular earth pressure distribution equal to  $\mathsf{K}_{\circ} \cdot \gamma \cdot \mathsf{H}$  where:

- K $_{\circ}$  =  $\,$  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  $\mathsf{K}_{\circ} \cdot$ 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  $(\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{AE}})$  includes both the earth force component  $(\mathsf{P}_{\mathsf{o}})$  and the seismic component ( $\Delta \mathsf{P}_{\texttt{AE}}$ ). The seismic earth force ( $\Delta \mathsf{P}_{\texttt{AE}}$ ) can be calculated using 0.375 a $_{\rm c}$   $\gamma$  ·H $^2$ /g where:

a<sub>c</sub> = (1.45-a<sub>max</sub>/g)a<sub>max</sub>  $\gamma$  = 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<sub>max</sub>), 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 $_{\circ}$ ) under seismic conditions can be calculated using  $P_o$  = 0.5 K<sub>o</sub>  $\gamma$  H<sup>2</sup>, where K<sub>o</sub> = 0.5 for the soil conditions noted above.

The total earth force (P<sub>AE</sub>) is considered to act at a height, h (m), from the base of the wall, where:

h = {P<sub>o</sub>·(H/3)+ΔP<sub>AE</sub>·(0.6·H)}/P<sub>AE</sub>

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 Rock Anchor Design**

The geotechnical design of grouted rock anchors in limestone bedrock is based upon two possible failure modes. The rock anchor can fail either by shear failure along the grout/rock interface or by pullout at 60 to 90 degree cone of rock with the apex of the cone near the middle of the bonded length of the anchor. Interaction may develop between the failure cones of anchors that are relatively close to one another resulting in a total group capacity smaller than the sum of the individual anchor load capacity.

A third failure mode of shear failure along the grout/steel interface should be reviewed by a qualified structural engineer to ensure all typical failure modes have been reviewed. Typical rock anchor suppliers, such as Dywidag Systems International (DSI Canada) or Williams Form Engineering, have qualified personnel on staff to recommend appropriate rock anchor size and materials.

Anchors in close proximity to each other are recommended to be grouted at the same time to ensure any fractures or voids are completely in-filled and grout fluid does not flow from one hole to an adjacent empty one.

Anchors can be of the "passive" or the "post-tensioned" type, depending on whether the anchor tendon is provided with post-tensioned load or not, prior to servicing. To resist seismic uplift pressures, a passive rock anchor system is adequate. However, a post-tensioned anchor will absorb the uplift load pressure with less deflection than a passive anchor.

Regardless of whether an anchor is of the passive or the post tensioned type, it is recommended that the anchor is provided with a fixed anchor length at the anchor base, which will provide the anchor capacity, and an free anchor length between the rock surface and the top of the bonded length. As the depth at which the apex of the shear failure cone develops midway along the bonded length, a fully bonded anchor would tend to have a much shallower cone, and therefore less geotechnical resistance, than one where the bonded length is limited to the bottom part of the overall anchor.

Permanent anchors should be provided with corrosion protection. As a minimum, this requires that the entire drill hole be filled with cementitious grout. The free anchor length is provided by installing a sleeve to act as a bond break, with the sleeve filled with grout. Double corrosion protection can be provided with factory assembled systems, such as those available from Dywidag Systems International or Williams Form Engineering Corp.

### **Grout to Rock Bond**

Generally, the unconfined compressive strength of limestone ranges between 75 and 100 MPa, which is stronger than most routine grouts. A factored tensile grout to rock bond resistance value at ULS of **1.0 MPa**, incorporating a resistance factor of 0.3, should be provided. A minimum grout strength of 40 MPa is recommended.

#### **Rock Cone Uplift**

The rock anchor capacity depends on the dimensions of the rock anchors and the anchorage system configuration. Based on existing bedrock information, a **Rock Mass Rating (RMR) of 69** was assigned to the bedrock, and Hoek and Brown parameters (**m and s**) were taken as **0.575 and 0.00293**, respectively.

#### **Recommended Grouted Rock Anchor Lengths**

Parameters used to calculate grouted rock anchor lengths are provided in Table 3.



The fixed anchor length will depend on the diameter of the drill holes. Recommended anchor lengths are provided in Table 4. The factored tensile resistance values provided are based on a single anchor with no group influence effects.



It is recommended that the anchor drill hole diameter be within 1.5 to 2 times the rock anchor tendon diameter and the anchor drill holes be inspected by geotechnical personnel and should be flushed clean prior to grouting. The use of a grout tube to place grout from the bottom up in the anchor holes is further recommended.

The geotechnical capacity of each rock anchor should be proof tested at the time of construction. More information on testing can be provided upon request. Compressive strength testing is recommended to be completed for the rock anchor grout. A set of grout cubes should be tested for each day grout is prepared.

## **5.8 Pavement Structure**

For design purposes, it is recommended that the rigid pavement structure for the lower level of the underground parking structure should consist of Category C2, 32 MPa concrete at 28 days with air entrainment of 5 to 8%. The recommended rigid pavement structure is further presented in Table 5 below. The flexible pavement structure presented in Table 6 should be used for at grade access lanes and heavy loading parking areas overlying the podium deck.



To control cracking due to shrinking of the concrete floor slab, it is recommended that strategically located saw cuts be used to create control joints within the concrete floor slab of the lower underground parking level. The control joints are generally recommended to be located at the center of the column lines and spaced at approximately 24 to 36 times the slab thickness (for example; a 0.15 m thick slab should have control joints spaced between 3.6 and 5.4 m). The joints should be cut between 25 and 30% of the thickness of the concrete floor slab and completed as early as 4 hour after the concrete has been poured during warm temperatures and up to 12 hours during cooler temperatures.



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.

# **6.0 Design and Construction Precautions**

# **6.1 Foundation Drainage and Backfill**

#### **Water Suppression System and Foundation Drainage**

It is understood that the proposed structure will occupy the entire boundary of the subject site. It is expected that insufficient room will be available for exterior backfill along these walls and, therefore, the foundation wall will be blind poured against a foundation drainage/waterproofing system placed directly against the temporary shoring system and a suitably prepared bedrock surface. It is suggested that this system should be constructed as follows (refer to Figure 2 - Water Suppression System in Appendix 2 for an illustration of this system cross-section):

- $\Box$  The concrete mud slab will create a horizontal hydraulic barrier to lessen the water infiltration at the base of the excavation within 10 m of the east property boundary and will consist of a 75 mm thick layer of 25 MPa compressive strength concrete.
- $\Box$  Temporary shoring system and vertical surface should be prepared to receive the proposed foundation drainage and waterproofing membranes for the underground parking structure. The bedrock surface will be prepared by grinding or using shotcrete to smooth out angular sections depending on the manufacturer's requirements of the proposed waterproofing membrane.
- $\Box$  A waterproofing membrane will be applied to the temporary shoring system and prepared vertical bedrock surface from 2 m below grade to the founding elevation. The membrane will serve as a water infiltration suppression system. The membrane will also be placed along the horizontal surface beneath the perimeter footings to provide a better seal at the vertical and horizontal interface. To further reduce the volume of groundwater from the adjacent property to the east, it is recommended to double the bentonite waterproofing membrane along the east property boundary and extending a minimum of 10 m west along the north and south property boundaries.
- $\Box$  A composite drainage layer will be placed from finished grade to the bottom of the foundation wall. It is recommended that the composite drainage system (such as Delta Drain 6000 or equivalent) extend down to the bottom of the foundation wall. It is expected that 150 mm diameter sleeves placed at 3 m centres be cast in the foundation wall at the footing interface to allow the infiltration of water to flow to an interior perimeter drainage pipe. The perimeter drainage pipe should direct water to the sump pit(s) within the lower basement area.

### **Underfloor Drainage**

Underfloor drainage may be required to control water infiltration below the lowest underground parking level slab that breaches the horizontal hydraulic barrier (minimum 100 mm thick concrete mud slab). For design purposes, it is recommended that a 150 mm diameter perforated pipe be placed in each bay. The final spacing of the underfloor drainage system should be confirmed at the time of completing the excavation when water infiltration can be better assessed.

#### **Adverse Effects of Dewatering on Adjacent Properties**

Since the proposed development will be founded below the long term groundwater level, a waterproofing membrane was recommended to lessen the effects of water infiltration. Any minor dewatering of the site will be within the bedrock layer which is considered relatively shallow at the subject site. Therefore, no adverse effects to the surrounding buildings or properties are expected with the lowering of the groundwater in this area.

#### **Foundation Backfill**

Above the bedrock surface, backfill against the exterior sides of the foundation walls should consist of free-draining non frost susceptible granular materials. The greater part of the site excavated materials will be frost susceptible and, as such, are not recommended for re-use as backfill against the foundation walls, unless used in conjunction with a drainage geocomposite, such as Miradrain G100N or Delta Drain 6000, connected to the perimeter foundation drainage system. Imported granular materials, such as clean sand or OPSS Granular B Type I granular material, should otherwise be used for this purpose.

# **6.2 Protection of Footings Against Frost Action**

Perimeter footings of heated structures are required to be insulated against the deleterious effects of frost action. A minimum of 1.5 m of soil cover alone, or a minimum of 0.6 m of soil cover, in conjunction with foundation insulation, should be provided.

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.

It is expected that the parking garage will not require protection against frost action due to the founding depth. Unheated structures such as the access ramp may 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**

#### **Excavation Side Slopes**

The side slopes of the shallow excavations anticipated should either be cut back at acceptable slopes or be retained by shoring systems from the beginning of the excavation until the structure is backfilled. However, for most of the site, insufficient room will be available to permit the building excavation to be constructed by open-cut methods (i.e. unsupported excavations).

The subsurface soil at this site is considered to be mainly a Type 2 and 3 soil according to the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations for Construction Projects. Excavated soil should not be stockpiled directly at the top of excavations and heavy equipment should be kept away from the excavation sides.

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

#### **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 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. 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, 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 used.

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



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 used above the groundwater level while the effective unit weight should be used below the groundwater level.

The hydrostatic groundwater pressure should be added to the earth pressure distribution wherever the effective unit weights are used for earth pressure calculations. If the groundwater level is lowered, the dry unit weight for the soil should be used full weight, with no hydrostatic groundwater pressure component.

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

#### **Underpinning of Adjacent Structures**

Based on the relatively shallow depth of the bedrock at the subject site, it is expected that the building neighbouring structure located near the east property boundary of the site is most likely founded on the bedrock surface. Therefore, underpinning is not expected to be required for this project.

# **6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill**

At least 150 mm of OPSS Granular A should be placed for bedding for sewer or water pipes when placed on soil/bedrock subgrade. 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 (concrete or PSM PVC pipes) or sand (concrete pipe). The bedding and cover materials should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick lifts compacted to a minimum of 95% of the SPMDD.

Where hard surface areas are considered above the trench backfill, the trench backfill material within the frost zone (about 1.8 m below finished grade) should match the soils exposed at the trench walls to reduce the potential 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**

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 excavation.

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

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

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

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.

# **6.6 Winter Construction**

Precautions must be taken if winter construction is considered for this project.

Where excavations are completed 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.

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

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

# **7.0 Recommendations**

It is a requirement for the foundation design data provided herein to be applicable that a materials testing and observation services program including the following aspects be performed by the geotechnical consultant.

- $\Box$  Review of the geotechnical aspects of the excavating contractor's shoring design, prior to construction.
- $\Box$  Review the bedrock stabilization and excavation requirements.
- Review proposed waterproofing and foundation drainage design and requirements.
- $\Box$  Observation of all bearing surfaces prior to the placement of concrete.
- $\Box$  Sampling and testing of the concrete and fill materials used.
- $\Box$  Periodic observation of the condition of unsupported excavation side slopes in excess of 3 m in height, if applicable.
- $\Box$  Observation of all subgrades prior to backfilling and follow-up field density tests to determine the level of compaction achieved.
- $\Box$  Sampling and testing of the bituminous concrete including mix design reviews.

A report confirming that these works have been conducted in general accordance with our 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 provided in this report are in accordance with our present understanding of the project. We request permission to review our recommendations when the drawings and specifications are completed.

A geotechnical investigation is a limited sampling of a site. Should any conditions at the site be encountered which differ from those at the test locations, we request immediate notification to permit reassessment of our recommendations.

The recommendations provided herein should only be used by the design professionals associated with this project. They are not intended for contractors bidding on or undertaking the work. The latter should evaluate the factual information provided in this report and determine its suitability and completeness for their intended construction schedule and methods. Additional testing may be required for their purposes.

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

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# **APPENDIX 1**

**SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA SHEETS**

**SYMBOLS AND TERMS**

**TEST HOLE LOGS BY OTHERS**






















































## **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:



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.



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.



## **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 closelyspaced 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**



### **SAMPLE TYPES**



- 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**



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**



## **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 Peat Asphalt Sand Silty Sand Fill Sandy Silt Clay Silty Clay Clayey Silty Sand **Glacial Till** Shale Bedrock

## MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION

MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION

PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION



#### PROJECT: 011-2812

**LOCATION:** 

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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 01-1

SHEET 1 OF 1 DATUM: Geodetic

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SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

**BORING DATE: 02 17, 2001** 



LOCATION:

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SHEET 1 OF 1

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: 02 17, 2001

DATUM: Geodetic





#### PROJECT: 011-2812

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SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

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PROJECT: 011-2812

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DATUM: Geodetic



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# RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 02-1

LOCATION: See Site Plan

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

BORING DATE: June 17, 2002

SHEET 1 OF 2 DATUM: Geodetic







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PROJECT: 021-2402

LOCATION: See Site Plan

### RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 03-1

BORING DATE: 28 March 2003

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PENETRATION TEST HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

DATUM: Local

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SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

DYNAMIC PENETRATION<br>RESISTANCE, BLOWS/0.3m HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY. SAMPLES SOIL PROFILE ADDITIONAL<br>LAB. TESTING PIEZOMETER **BORING METHOD** DEPTH SCALE<br>METRES  $OR$ 20 40 60 60  $10<sup>4</sup>$  $10<sup>4</sup>$  $10<sup>4</sup>$  $10<sup>4</sup>$ **STRATA PLOT** BLOWS/0.3m **STANDPIPE NUMBER TYPE ELEV** SHEAR STRENGTH nat V,  $\frac{1}{10}$  O - 0 WATER CONTENT PERCENT **INSTALLATION DESCRIPTION** Cu, kPa e<sup>w</sup> DEPTH Wp H H W  $(m)$ 20 10 30 40 20 40 60  $n_{\tilde{z}}$ Ground Surface<br>ASPHALT, CONCRETE<br>Crushed stone (FILL) ×  $\overline{0.05}$ 77.26 Sand and gravel (FILL) 76 65 Brown SANDY SILT, traces of gravel 0.91 )<br>|}<br>|} 50<br>DO 14 76.39  $\overline{11}$ Slightly weathered to sound grey<br>LIMESTONE BEDROCK, with occasional **ESSERIES** black shale interbed Bentonite Seal <u>তু</u>  $_{\rm RC}^{\rm NO}$  $\bar{\bf z}$ l, 96.G 76.7 k). **POWER AUGER** ğ T.C.R. (%) Ē Ē 'n, R.O.O. 8.C.R. B Silica Sand NQ<br>RC  $\mathfrak s$ iga.s 90. 70. . |
|32 mm Diam.<br>|PVC #10 Slot Screen NQ<br>RC 医三甲基甲基  $\overline{\mathbf{A}}$ 43.B 83.1 93.0  $\frac{72.81}{4.95}$ **End of Borehole** s W.L. in Screen at<br>Elev. 75.87 m<br>April 13, 203 ā **BOREHOLE Colder** LOGGED: DEPTH SCALE

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LOCATION: See Site Plan

#### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 03-2**

BORING DATE: 28 March 2003

SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: Local

PENETRATION TEST HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

SAMPLER HAMMER, 64kg; DROP, 760mm

HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY, DYNAMIC PENETRATION<br>RESISTANCE, BLOWS/0.3m **SOIL PROFILE SAMPLES** ADDITIONAL<br>LAB. TESTING BORING METHOD PIEZOMETER DEPTH SCALE<br>METRES  $10<sup>4</sup>$  $10^4$  $10^4$  $10<sup>4</sup>$ OR 80 60 20  $\mathbf{A}$ **STRATAPLOT** BLOWS/0.3m STANDPIPE NUMBER ELEV. **TYPE** nat V. + Q - 0 SHEAR STRENGTH WATER CONTENT PERCENT DESCRIPTION **INSTALLATION**  $-\mathbf{e}^{\mathbf{w}}$ **DEPTH**  $wp \vdash$  $\sim$  $\langle m \rangle$ kn. **AO** ۹ñ 2ñ. 30  $\overline{AB}$  $77.51$ **Ground Surface**  $0.00$ (From TP 03-2) Light brown sand and gravel with building debris (FILL) ¥ Bentonite Seal 100 nm Diem, (Hollow Stern) **POWER AUGER** 74.8 Slightly weathered grey LIMESTONE  $2.90$ BEDROCK, with occasional black shale *interbed*  $\bar{z}$ Silica Sand 222222 ∣ ะ<br>|∞  $\pmb{\mathfrak{t}}$ an 2 80.7 ه ۱۵  $\frac{1}{2}$ T.C.R. (%)  $\tilde{\epsilon}$ R.O.D. 32 mm Diam. PVC #10 Slot Screen  $\frac{NQ}{RC}$  $\overline{z}$ 100 100 es i **RANGE**  $72,56$ <br>4.95 End of Borehole  $\overline{\mathbf{5}}$ W.L. in Screen at<br>Elev. 75.98 m<br>April 13, 2003

**DEPTH SCALE** 

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# **RECORD OF TEST PITS - continued**



Note: no evidence of staining or hydrocarbon odours

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## **APPENDIX 2**

**FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN**

**FIGURE 2 - WATER SUPPRESSION SYSTEM**

**DRAWING PG5118-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN**



## **FIGURE 1**

**KEY PLAN**

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