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Subject: **Geotechnical Investigation  
Proposed Residential Building  
1291 Summerville Avenue  
Ottawa - Ontario**

Dear Sir,

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Concorde Properties to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed residential building to be located at 1291 Summerville Avenue in the city of Ottawa, Ontario.

It is understood that the proposed development will consist of a three-storey residential structure with a partial basement level. At-grade parking areas, access lanes and landscaped areas are also anticipated as part of the development. It is anticipated that the proposed development will be municipally serviced.

It is further understood that the existing buildings will be demolished as part of the proposed development.

## 1.0 Field Investigation

The fieldwork for the current investigation was conducted on November 17, 2020, and consisted of three test pits excavated to a maximum depth of 3.8 m below existing grading using a rubber tired backhoe. The test holes were located in the field by Paterson personnel to provide general coverage of the subject site taking into consideration existing site features and underground utilities. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of our personnel under the direction of a senior engineer from our geotechnical department. The test hole procedures consisted of excavating to the required depths at the selected locations and sampling the overburden.

The location and ground surface elevation at each test pit was surveyed by Paterson field personnel. Ground surface elevation at the test pit locations were referenced to a temporary benchmark (TBM), consisting of the top of grate of manhole cover located near the southwest corner of the subject site.

A geodetic elevation of 84.95 m was provided for the TBM. The test pit locations along with the ground surface elevation at each test pit location are presented on Drawing PG5573-1 - Test Hole Location Plan attached to the present report.

## 2.0 Field Observations

The subject site is currently occupied by a three storey apartment building with an associated parking area throughout the rear-portion of the site. The ground surface across the site is relatively flat and approximately at grade with Summerville Avenue. The subject site is bordered to the north and east by residential dwellings, to the west by a three storey apartment building, and to the south by Summerville Avenue.

Generally, the subsurface profile encountered at the test hole locations consisted of a layer of fill underlain by a layer of silty sand which was observed to be further underlain by a deposit of silty clay, with exception of TP 3. It should be noted some cobbles were observed throughout the silty sand layer at TP 1. The silty clay deposit was observed to consist of a very stiff brown silty clay crust material at TP 1 and TP 2.

A deposit of glacial till had been encountered below the above-noted layers throughout all test holes. The glacial till was generally observed to consist of a compact silty sand with clay, gravel, cobbles and boulders.

Practical refusal to excavation was encountered at all test pits at depths ranging from 2.2 to 3.9 m below ground surface. Refer to the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets attached for specific details of the soil profile encountered at the test pit locations.

Based on available geological mapping, the subject site consists of interbedded dolostone and limestone of the Gull River formation with an anticipated drift thickness between 1 to 3 m.

All test holes were generally observed to be dry upon completion of the sampling program. Based on the moisture levels and colouring of the recovered soil samples, and our experience with the local area, the long-term groundwater table is expected to be at or below the bedrock surface. It should be noted that groundwater levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations. Therefore, the groundwater level could vary at the time of construction.

## 3.0 Geotechnical Assessment

From a geotechnical perspective, the subject site is considered satisfactory for the proposed residential building. It is anticipated that the proposed building will be founded upon conventional shallow foundation bearing upon an undisturbed stiff silty clay, compact silty sand, glacial till and/or surface sounded bedrock bearing surface.

Due to the presence of a silty clay deposit underlying the subject site, a permissible grade raise restriction will be required for settlement sensitive structures founded within the clay deposit.

It is anticipated that some bedrock removal will be required to complete the proposed basement level and site servicing activities. All contractors should be prepared for bedrock removal within the subject site.

### Stripping Depth

Topsoil and fill, such as those containing organic or deleterious materials, should be stripped from under any buildings and other settlement sensitive structures. It is anticipated that the existing fill within the proposed building footprint, free of deleterious material and significant amounts of organics, can be left in place below the proposed building footprints outside of lateral support zones for the footings. However, it is recommended that the existing fill layer be proof-rolled under dry conditions and above freezing temperatures by an adequately sized vibratory roller making several passes to achieve optimum compaction levels. The compaction program should be reviewed and approved by Paterson personnel at the time of construction. Any poor performing areas noted during the proof-rolling operation should be removed and replaced with an approved fill.

Existing foundation walls and other construction debris should be entirely removed from within the building perimeter and within the lateral support zones of the foundations. Under paved areas, existing construction remnants, such as foundation walls, should be excavated to a minimum of 1 m below final grade.

### Bedrock Removal

Where a small quantity of bedrock removal is required, it can be accomplished by a combination of hoe ramming and conventional excavation techniques.

## **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 buildings.

## **Fill Placement**

Fill placed for grading beneath the structure(s) or other settlement sensitive 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 engineered fill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to 98% of the material's standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).

Non-specified existing fill along with site-excavated soil can be placed as general landscaping fill where surface settlement is a minor concern. The backfill materials should be spread in thin lifts and at a minimum compacted by the tracks of the spreading equipment to minimize voids. If the non-specified backfill is to be placed to increase the subgrade level for areas to be paved, the fill should be compacted in maximum 300 mm lifts and compacted to 95% of the material's 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.

## Foundation Design

Pad footings, up to 5 m wide, and strip footings, up to 3 m wide, placed on an undisturbed, stiff silty clay bearing surface can be designed using a bearing resistance value at serviceability limit states (SLS) of **150 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **225 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the reported bearing resistance value at ULS.

Footings placed on an undisturbed compact silty sand and/or compact glacial till bearing surface can be designed using a bearing resistance value at serviceability limit states (SLS) of **150 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **225 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the bearing resistance value at ULS.

If the bearing medium consisting of silty sand is in a loose state, the bearing surface should be proof-rolled using a suitably sized vibratory roller making several passes under dry conditions and above freezing temperatures.

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.

Footings placed directly on clean, surface sounded bedrock, can be designed using a factored bearing resistance value at Ultimate Limit States (ULS) of **1,000 kPa**, incorporating a geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5.

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.

## Bedrock/Soil Transition

Where a building is founded partly on bedrock and partly on soil, it is recommended to decrease the soil bearing resistance value by 25% for the footings placed on a soil bearing medium to reduce the potential long-term total and differential settlements. At the soil/bedrock transitions, it is recommended that a minimum depth of 500 mm of bedrock be removed from below the founding elevation for a minimum length of 2 m on the bedrock side. This area should be subsequently reinstated with an engineered fill, such as OPSS Granular A or Granular B Type II and compacted to a minimum of 98% of the material SPMDD.

## **Settlement**

Footings placed on a soil bearing surface and designed using the bearing resistance values at SLS given for the soil bearing surface will be subjected to potential post construction total and differential settlements of 25 and 20 mm, respectively.

Footings bearing on a sound bedrock bearing surface and designed using the bearing resistance values noted above will be subjected to negligible potential post-construction total and differential settlements.

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

## **Permissible Grade Raise Restriction**

Based on the current borehole information, a permissible grade raise restriction of **2 m** is recommended for the proposed buildings and settlement sensitive structures where founded over a silty clay deposit.

If higher than permissible grade raises are required, preloading with or without a surcharge, lightweight fill and/or other measures should be investigated to reduce the risk of unacceptable long-term post construction total and differential settlements.

## **Design for Earthquakes**

The site class for seismic site response can be taken as **Class C** for foundations constructed at the subject site. A higher site class, such as Class A or B may be provided for foundations placed on or within 3 m of the bedrock surface. However, the higher site class will need to be confirmed by a site-specific seismic shear wave velocity test. The soils underlying the subject site are not susceptible to liquefaction. Reference should be made to the latest revision of the 2012 Ontario Building Code for a full discussion of the earthquake design requirements.

## **Basement Slab**

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

In areas where existing fill, free of deleterious materials and significant amounts of organics, are present at the basement slab subgrade, it is expected that the fill can remain provided that Paterson personnel reviews and approves the fill at the time of construction.

The existing fill should be proof-rolled using a suitably sized vibratory roller making several passes **under dry conditions and above freezing temperatures**. Any poor performing areas should be removed and reinstated with a compacted engineered fill.

Any soft areas should be removed and backfilled with appropriate backfill material prior to placing any fill. OPSS Granular B Type II, with a maximum particle size of 50 mm, are recommended for backfilling below the floor slab. For structures with basement slabs, it is recommended that the upper 200 mm of subfloor fill consists of 19 mm clear crushed stone.

## **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, in our opinion, 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.

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

### **Static Conditions**

The static horizontal earth pressure ( $p_o$ ) could be calculated with 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)

## Seismic Conditions

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

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

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

The earth force component ( $P_o$ ) under seismic conditions could be calculated using

$$P_o = 0.5 K_o \gamma H^2, \text{ where } K_o = 0.5 \text{ for the soil conditions presented above.}$$

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

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

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

## Pavement Structure

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

**Table 1 - Recommended Flexible Pavement Structure - Car Only Parking Areas**

Thickness (mm)	Material Description
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 fill, in situ soil, or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil.	

**Table 2 - Recommended Flexible Pavement Structure -  
Access Lanes and Heavy Truck Parking Areas**

Thickness (mm)	Material Description
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
450	<b>SUBBASE</b> - OPSS Granular B Type II

**SUBGRADE** - Either fill, in situ soil, 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 sub-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 100% of the SPMDD.

## **4.0 Design and Construction Precautions**

### **Foundation Drainage and Backfill**

A perimeter foundation drainage system is recommended to be provided for the proposed structure. The system should consist of a 100 to 150 mm diameter perforated corrugated plastic pipe, surrounded on all sides by 150 mm of 19 mm clear crushed stone, placed at the footing level around the exterior perimeter of the structure. The clear stone should be wrapped in a non-woven geotextile. The pipe should have a positive outlet, such as a gravity connection to the storm sewer.

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

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

Perimeter footings of heated structures are recommended to be protected against the deleterious effects of frost action. A minimum of 1.5 m of soil cover alone, or a combination of soil cover and foundation insulation should be provided.

Exterior unheated footings, such as 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.

## **Excavation Side Slopes**

The temporary excavation side slopes should either be excavated to acceptable slopes or retained by shoring systems from the beginning of the excavation until the structure is backfilled.

The excavation side slopes above the groundwater level extending to a maximum depth of 3 m should be excavated at 1H:1V or shallower. The shallower slope is required for excavation below groundwater level. The subsurface soil is considered to be mainly 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 maintain safe working distance 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.

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

## **Pipe Bedding and Backfill**

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

A minimum of a 150 mm layer of OPSS Granular A crushed stone should be placed for pipe bedding for sewer and water pipes for a soil subgrade. The bedding thickness should be increased to 300 mm for areas where the subgrade consists of bedrock. 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. The bedding and cover materials should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts compacted to a minimum of 99% of the SPMDD.

The site excavated material may be placed above cover material if the excavation operations are completed in dry weather conditions and the site excavated material is approved by the geotechnical consultant. All cobbles greater than 200 mm in the longest dimension should be removed prior to the site materials being reused.

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 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 SPMDD. Within the frost zone (1.8 m below finished grade), non frost susceptible materials should be used when backfilling trenches below the original bedrock level.

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

It is anticipated that groundwater infiltration into the excavations should be low and controllable using open sumps. Pumping from open sumps should be sufficient to control the groundwater influx through the sides of 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.

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

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

## **Winter Construction**

The subsoil conditions at this site consist of frost susceptible materials. In the presence of water and freezing conditions, ice could form within the soil mass. Heaving and settlement upon thawing could occur.

In the event of construction during below zero temperatures, the founding stratum should be protected from freezing temperatures by the installation of straw, propane heaters and tarpaulins or other suitable means. The excavation base 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 difficult activities to complete during freezing conditions without introducing frost in the subgrade or in the excavation walls and bottoms. Precautions should be considered if such activities are to be completed during freezing conditions. Additional information could be provided, if required.

## **Corrosion Potential and Sulphate**

One (1) sample was submitted for testing. The analytical test results of the soil sample indicate that the sulphate content is less than 0.01%. These results along with the chloride and pH value are indicative that Type 10 Portland cement (Type GU) would be appropriate for this site. The chloride content and the pH of the sample indicate they are not significant factors in creating a corrosive environment for exposed ferrous metals at this site, whereas the resistivity is indicative of a moderate to aggressive corrosive environment.

## 5.0 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 detailed grading plan(s) from a geotechnical perspective.
- Review of architectural and structural drawings to ensure adequate frost protection is provided to the subsoil.
- 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 the construction work has been conducted in general accordance with the above recommendations could be issued, upon request, following the completion of a satisfactory materials testing and observation program by the geotechnical consultant.

## 6.0 Statement of Limitations

The recommendations provided in the report are in accordance with Paterson's present understanding of the project. Paterson request permission to review the recommendations when the drawings and specifications are completed.

A geotechnical investigation is a limited sampling of a site. Should any conditions encountered during construction differ from the test pit locations, Paterson requests immediate notification to permit reassessment of the recommendations provided herein.

The recommendations provided should only be used by the design professionals associated with this project. The recommendations are not intended for contractors bidding on or constructing the project. The latter should evaluate the factual information provided in the report. The contractor should also determine the suitability and completeness for the intended construction schedule and methods. Additional testing may be required for the contractors purpose.

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 Concorde Properties or their agent(s) is not authorized without review by Paterson for the applicability of our recommendations to the altered use of the report.

**Paterson Group Inc.**



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### Attachments

- Soil Profile and Test Data Sheets
- Symbols and Terms
- Analytical Testing Results
- Figure 1 - Key Plan
- Drawing PG5573-1 - Test Hole Location Plan

### Report Distribution

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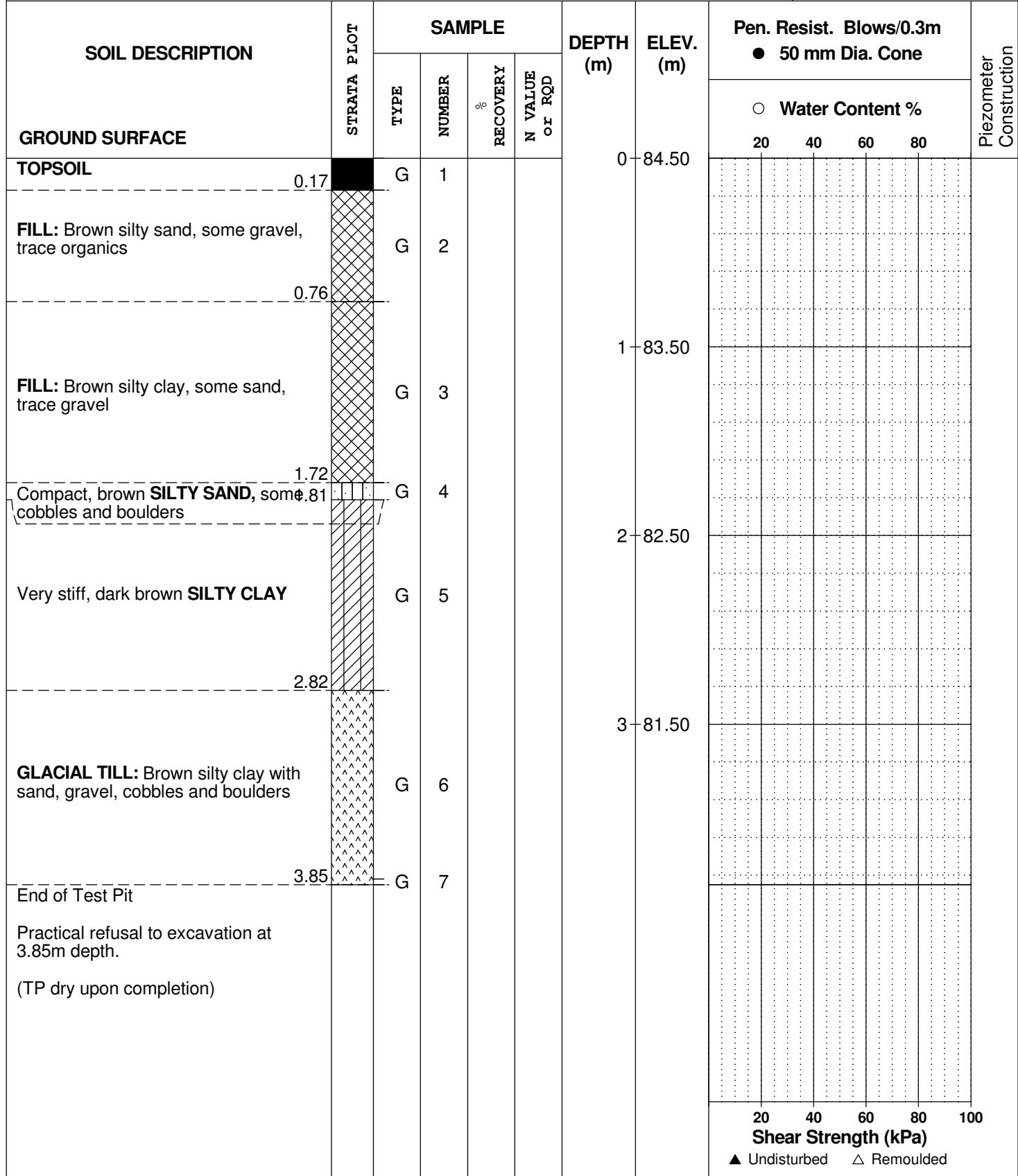
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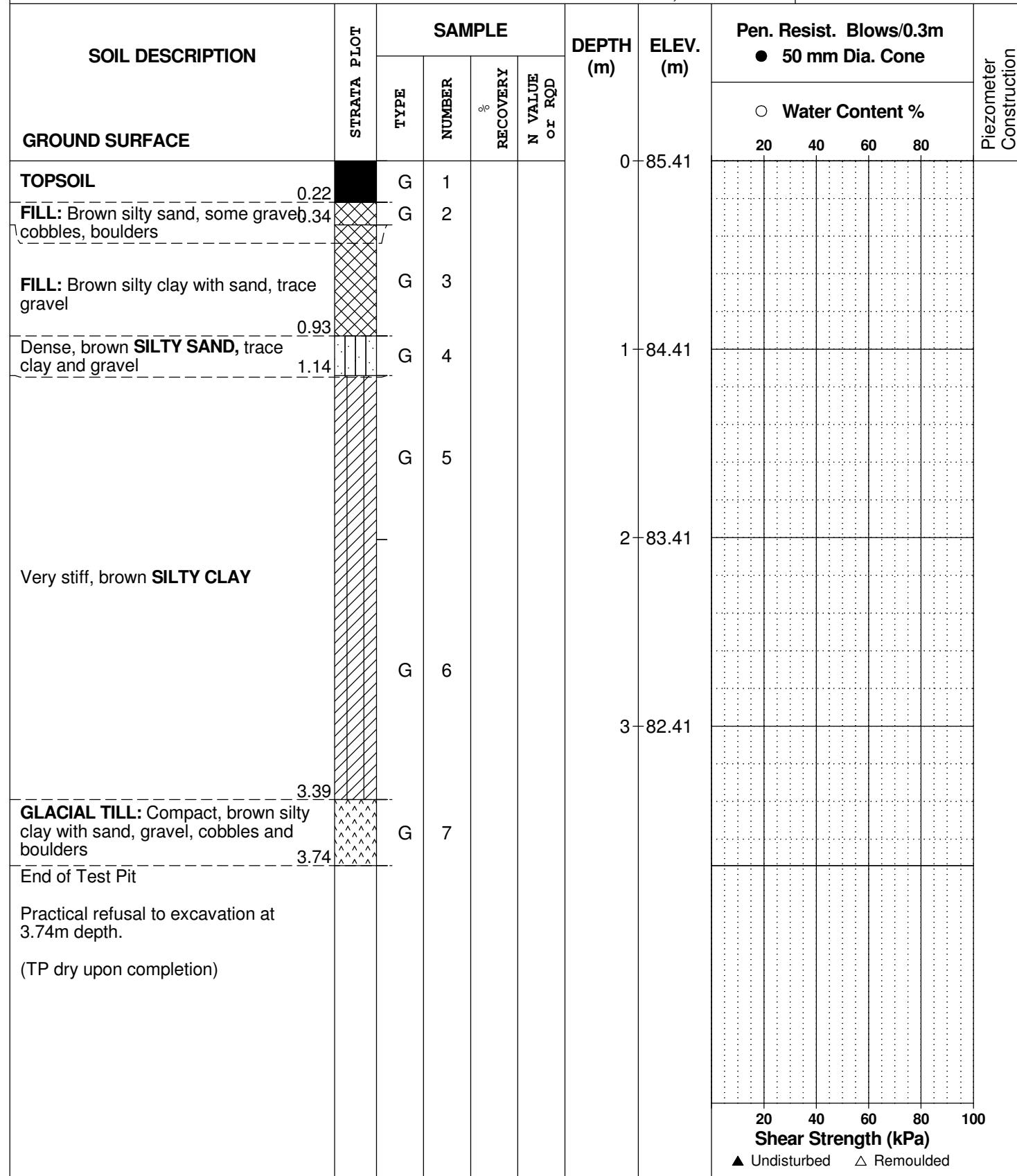
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SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE			DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m				
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %			N VALUE or RQD	● 50 mm Dia. Cone			
GROUND SURFACE							○ Water Content %				
TOPSOIL		G	1			0 - 85.86	20	40	60	80	
FILL: Brown silty sand, some clay, gravel, cobbles and boulders	0.27	G	2								
Dense, brown SILTY SAND, some gravel, trace clay and boulders	0.74	G	3			1 - 84.86					
GLACIAL TILL: Brown silty sand, some gravel, cobbles and boulders	1.64	G	4			2 - 83.86					
End of Test Pit	2.23										
Practical refusal to excavation at 2.23m depth.											
(TP dry upon completion)											
							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.

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

### SAMPLE TYPES

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

## SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

### GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

### CONSOLIDATION TEST

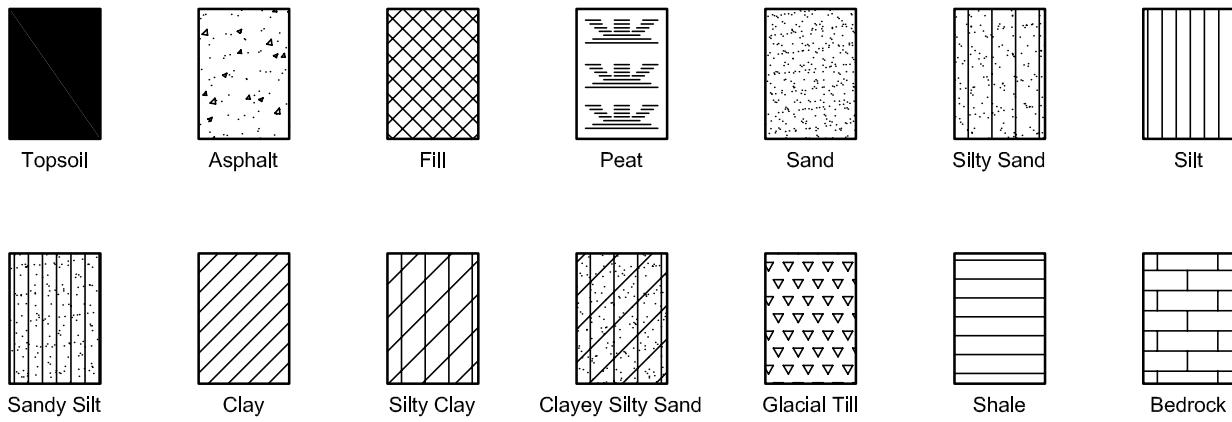
$p'_o$	-	Present effective overburden pressure at sample depth
$p'_c$	-	Preconsolidation pressure of (maximum past pressure on) sample
Ccr	-	Recompression index (in effect at pressures below $p'_c$ )
Cc	-	Compression index (in effect at pressures above $p'_c$ )
OC Ratio		Overconsolidation ratio = $p'_c / p'_o$
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.

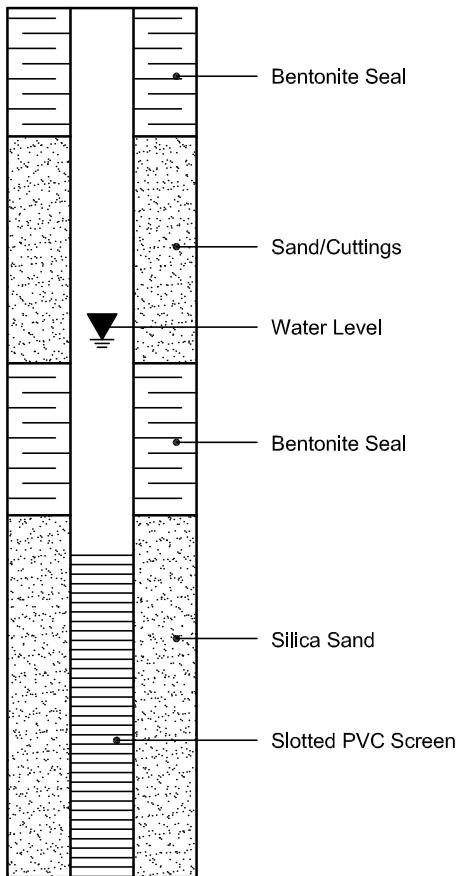
## SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

### STRATA PLOT

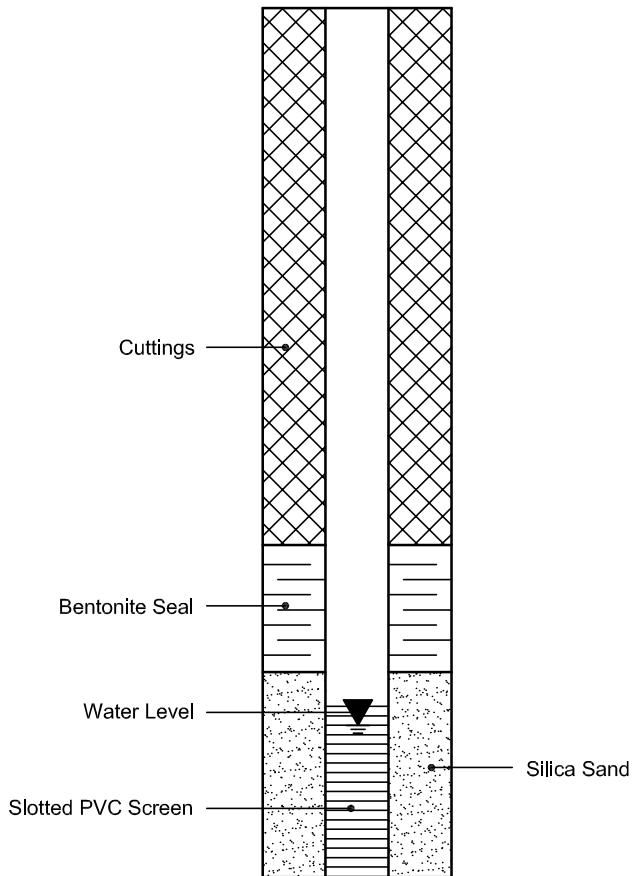


### MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION

#### MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION



#### PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION



Certificate of Analysis

Report Date: 22-Sep-2020

Client: Paterson Group Consulting Engineers

Order Date: 17-Sep-2020

Client PO: 30849

Project Description: PG5482

<b>Client ID:</b>	BH5-20 SS2	-	-	-
<b>Sample Date:</b>	16-Sep-20 09:00	-	-	-
<b>Sample ID:</b>	2038553-01	-	-	-
<b>MDL/Units</b>	Soil	-	-	-

**Physical Characteristics**

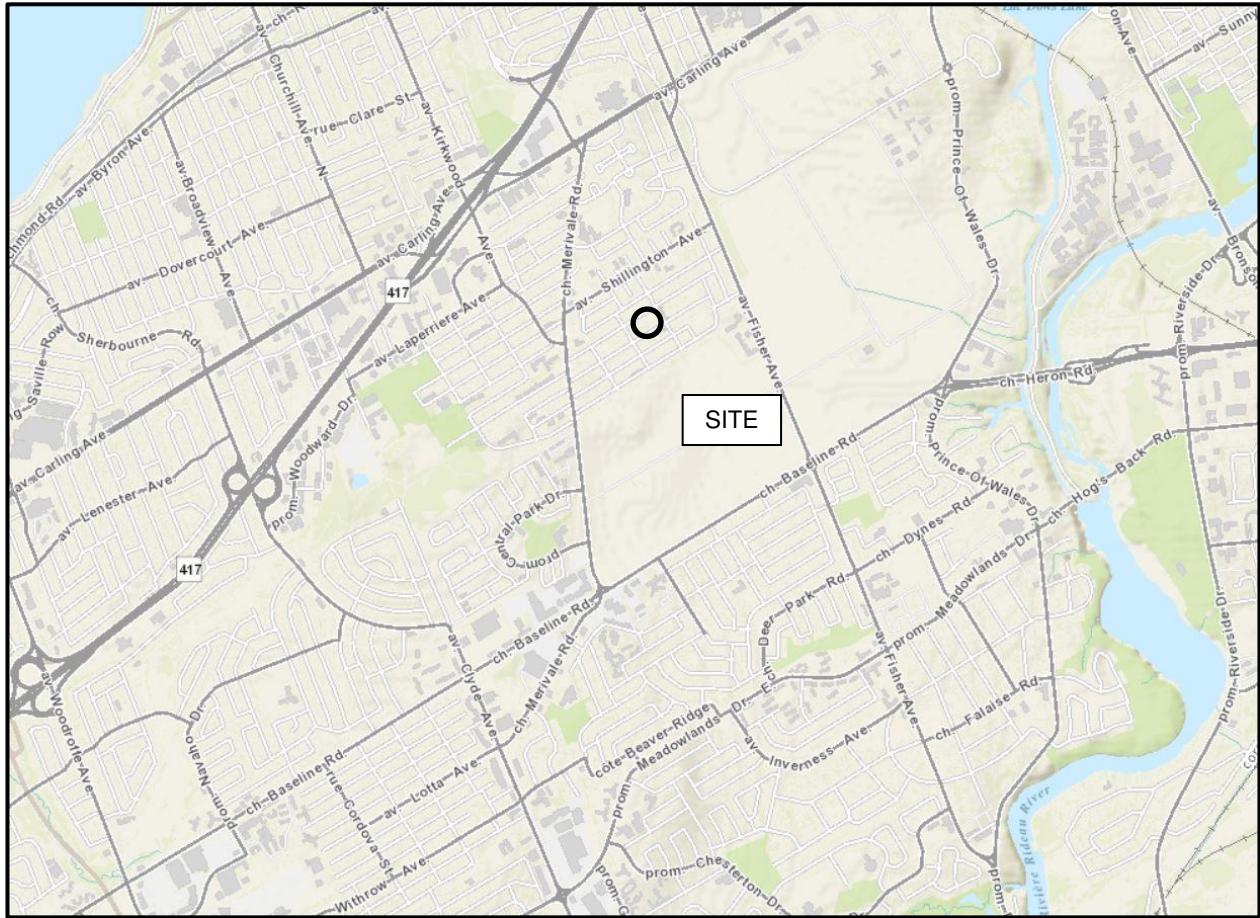
% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	89.7	-	-	-
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**General Inorganics**

pH	0.05 pH Units	7.50	-	-	-
Resistivity	0.10 Ohm.m	21.3	-	-	-

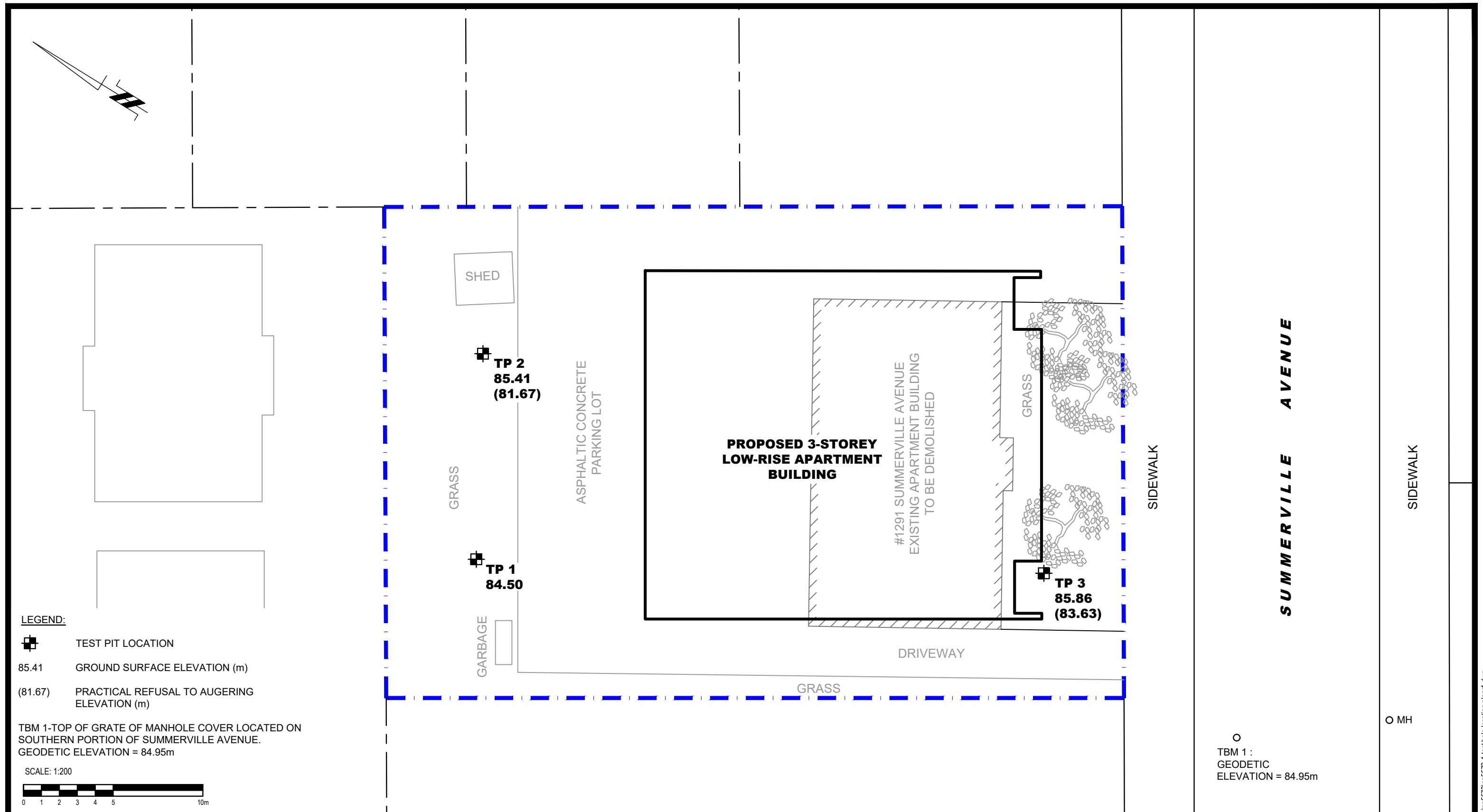
**Anions**

Chloride	5 ug/g dry	171	-	-	-
Sulphate	5 ug/g dry	73	-	-	-



**FIGURE 1**

**KEY PLAN**



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