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## Geotechnical Investigation

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## 1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Maple Leaf Custom Homes to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed development to be located at 1104 and 1150 Halton Terrace in the City of Ottawa, Ontario (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan in Appendix 2).

The objectives of the investigation were to:

- ❑ Obtain subsurface soil and groundwater information by means of test holes completed within the subject site.
- ❑ Provide geotechnical recommendations for 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.

## 2.0 Proposed Development

Although detailed development plans were not available at the time of issuance of the current report, it is understood that the proposed development at the subject site will consist of multi-storey residential buildings and townhouse blocks with associated asphalt paved access lanes and parking areas. It is also anticipated that the proposed buildings will each contain a basement level.

## **3.0 Method of Investigation**

### **3.1 Field Investigation**

#### **Field Program**

The field program for our geotechnical investigation was completed on March 22, 2019. At that time, a total of eight (8) test pits were completed across the subject site to provide general coverage for the proposed development. The test holes were advanced to a maximum depth of 2.15 m below existing ground surface. The locations of the test holes are shown on Drawing PG4872-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The test pits were advanced using a track-mounted excavator. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of our personnel under the direction of a senior engineer. The test hole procedure consisted of excavating to the required depths at the selected locations and sampling the overburden.

A previous geotechnical investigation in November 2000 also included 2 test holes (TP 7 and TP 8) at the subject site. The Soil Profile and Test Data Sheets for these test holes are also provided in Appendix 1.

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

Soil samples were recovered from the sidewalls of the test holes. All soil samples were visually inspected and classified on site. The soil samples were placed in sealed plastic bags and transported to our laboratory for further examination and classification. The depths at which the soil samples were recovered from the test holes are shown as G on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets presented in Appendix 1.

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

#### **Groundwater**

Where present, the elevation at which groundwater was encountered at the completion of excavation was noted in the field.

## **Sample Storage**

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

## **3.2 Field Survey**

The location and ground surface elevation of each test hole was surveyed by Novatech Engineering. It is understood that the ground surface elevations at the test hole locations are referenced to a geodetic datum. The test hole locations and ground surface elevation at the test holes are presented on Drawing PG4872-1 - 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 soil investigation results.

## **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 analyzed to determine the concentrations of sulphate and chloride, the resistivity and the pH of the sample. The analytical test results are presented in Appendix 1 and discussed in Subsection 6.7.

## 4.0 Observations

### 4.1 Surface Conditions

Currently, the subject site is predominantly vacant with scattered mature trees. The site is bordered by Halton Terrace to the east, Old Carp Road to the northeast, and single-family homes to the south, west and northwest. The ground surface across the site generally slopes downward gradually from west to east from approximate geodetic elevation 87 m to 82 m.

### 4.2 Subsurface Profile

#### Overburden

Generally, the soil profile encountered at the test hole locations consists of topsoil extending 0.05 to 0.35 m below the existing ground surface.

At TP 1-19 through TP 4-19, located on the eastern end of the subject site, fill was encountered underlying the topsoil extending to approximate depths of 0.6 to 1.9 m below the existing ground surface. The fill was observed to vary from a silty clay with some sand and gravel to crushed stone with sand, clay, and organics.

A silty sand to clayey silt was generally encountered underlying the topsoil and/or fill, extending to approximate depths of 0.6 to 0.9 m.

At TP 3-19 through TP 6-19, glacial till was encountered underlying the fill, silty sand, and/or clayey silt with thicknesses ranging from 0.15 to 0.65 m. The glacial till was generally observed to consist of a light brown clayey silt with some sand, gravel, cobbles, and boulders.

Practical refusal was encountered at all test hole locations at depths ranging from 0.45 m at the northwest end of the site to 2.15 m at the southeast end of the site.

Specific details of the subsurface profile at each test hole location are presented on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1.

#### Bedrock

Based on available geological mapping, the bedrock in this area consists of interbedded sandstone and dolomite of the March Formation with an overburden thickness ranging between 0.1 to 2 m.

### **4.3 Groundwater**

Groundwater levels were noted in the completed test pits by Paterson personnel at the time of test pit excavation. Suspected perched water from spring melt was encountered at TP 1-19 and TP 5-19 at approximate depths of 0.80 m and 0.70 m, respectively. No groundwater was noted in the remaining test pits at the completion of excavation.

Based on field observations, experience in the local area, and colour of the recovered soil samples, the long-term groundwater level is expected to be within the bedrock. However, it should be noted that groundwater levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations. Therefore, the groundwater level could vary at the time of construction.



## **5.0 Discussion**

### **5.1 Geotechnical Assessment**

From a geotechnical perspective, the subject site is suitable for the proposed development. The proposed buildings are expected to be constructed over conventional shallow foundations placed on clean, surface sounded bedrock.

Bedrock removal will be required to complete the basement levels. Hoe ramming is an option where only small quantities of bedrock need to be removed. Line drilling and controlled blasting are recommended where large quantities of bedrock need to be removed. 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 discussed in the following sections.

### **5.2 Site Grading and Preparation**

#### **Stripping Depth**

Deleterious fill, such as those containing organic materials, should be stripped from under the proposed buildings, paved areas, pipe bedding and other settlement sensitive structures.

Due to the relatively shallow depth of the bedrock surface and the anticipated founding level for the proposed buildings, it is anticipated that all existing overburden material will be excavated from within the proposed building footprints.

#### **Bedrock Removal**

It is expected that line-drilling 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 effects on the existing services, buildings and other structures should be addressed. A pre-blast or construction survey 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 an experienced blasting consultant.

Excavation side slopes in sound bedrock can be carried out using almost vertical side walls. A minimum 1 m horizontal ledge, should be left between the bottom of the overburden excavation 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.

### **Vibration Considerations**

Construction operations are also 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 a source of vibrations: piling rig, hoe ram, compactor, dozer, crane, truck traffic, etc. 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 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). It should be noted that these guidelines are for today's construction standards. Considering that these guidelines are above perceptible human level and, in some cases, could be very disturbing to some people, it is recommended that a pre-construction survey be completed to minimize the risks of claims during or following the construction of the proposed buildings.

## **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 and paved areas should be compacted to at least 98% of its standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).

Non-specified existing fill along with site-excavated soil can be used as general landscaping fill where settlement of the ground surface is of minor concern. These materials should be spread in thin lifts and at least compacted by the tracks of the spreading equipment to minimize voids. If these materials are to be used to build up the subgrade level for areas to be paved, they should be compacted in thin lifts to a minimum density of 95% of their respective SPMDD.

## **5.3 Foundation Design**

### **Bearing Resistance Values**

Footings placed on clean, surface sounded bedrock can be designed using a factored bearing resistance value at ULS of **1,500 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the above noted bearing resistance value.

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.

Footings bearing on clean, surface sounded bedrock and designed using the above mentioned bearing resistance values will be subjected to negligible 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 sound bedrock bearing medium when a plane extending horizontally and vertically from the footing perimeter at a minimum of 1H:6V (or shallower) passes through sound bedrock or a material of the same or higher capacity as the bedrock, such as concrete.

## 5.4 Design for Earthquakes

The site class for seismic site response can be taken as **Class C** for the foundations considered at the subject site. A higher site class, such as Class A or B, may be applicable for this site. However, the higher site class has to be confirmed by a site-specific 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 Ontario Building Code 2012 for a full discussion of the earthquake design requirements.

## 5.5 Basement Slab

For the proposed buildings, it is anticipated that all overburden soil will be removed during the excavation and the basement floor slabs will be founded on a bedrock medium. OPSS Granular A or Granular B Type II, with a maximum particle size of 50 mm, are recommended for backfilling below the floor slab. It is recommended that the upper 200 mm of sub-slab fill consists of a 19 mm clear crushed stone. All backfill materials required to raise grade within the footprint of the proposed buildings should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to at least 98% of its SPMDD.

Subslab drainage systems, consisting of lines of perforated drainage pipe subdrains connected to a positive outlet, are also recommended to be provided in the 19 mm clear crushed stone backfill under the lower basement floor.

## 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>.

Where undrained conditions are anticipated (i.e. below the groundwater level), the applicable effective (undrained) unit weight of the retained soil can be taken as 13 kN/m<sup>3</sup>, where applicable. A hydrostatic pressure should be added to the total static earth pressure when using the effective unit weight.

### 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 Structure

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

<b>Table 1 - 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 soil, fill or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil or fill.	

<b>Table 2 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Access Lanes</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 fill, in situ soil, or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil or fill	

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

If soft spots develop in the subgrade during compaction or due to construction traffic, the affected areas should be excavated and backfilled 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 SPMD using suitable vibratory equipment.

## **6.0 Design and Construction Precautions**

### **6.1 Foundation Drainage and Backfill**

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

Sub-slab drainage is also recommended to control water infiltration. For preliminary design purposes, we recommend that 100 or 150 mm perforated pipes be placed at approximate 6 m centres. The spacing of the sub-slab drainage system should be confirmed at the time of completing the excavation when water infiltration can be better assessed.

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 Delta Drain 6000 or Miradrain G100N, connected to the perimeter foundation drainage system.

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

Perimeter footings of heated structures are required to be insulated against the deleterious effect of frost action. A minimum of 1.5 m thick soil cover (or equivalent) 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.

However, where footings are founded directly on clean, surface-sounded bedrock with no cracks or fissures, and which is approved by Paterson at the time of excavation, the minimum soil cover, listed above, is not required.

## 6.3 Excavation Side Slopes

The side slopes of excavations in the soil and fill overburden materials should either be cut back at acceptable slopes or should be retained by shoring systems from the start of the excavation until the structure is backfilled. It is assumed that sufficient room will be available for the majority of the excavation to be undertaken by open-cut methods (i.e. unsupported excavations).

### Unsupported Excavations

The excavation side slopes above the groundwater level extending to a maximum depth of 3 m should be cut back at 1H:1V or flatter. The flatter slope is required for excavation below groundwater level. The subsoil at this site 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 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

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



The temporary shoring system may consist of a soldier pile and lagging system which could be cantilevered, anchored or braced. The shoring system is recommended to be adequately supported to resist toe failure, if required, by means of rock bolts or extending the piles into the bedrock through pre-augered holes, if a soldier pile and lagging system is the preferred method.

Any additional loading due to street traffic, construction equipment, adjacent structures and facilities, etc., should be added to the earth pressures described below. The earth pressures acting on the shoring system may be calculated using the following parameters.

<b>Table 3 - Soil Parameters</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>	21
Submerged Unit Weight ( $\gamma$ ), kN/m <sup>3</sup>	13

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

The hydrostatic groundwater pressure should be included to the earth pressure distribution wherever the effective unit weight are calculated for earth pressures. If the groundwater level is lowered, the dry unit weight for the soil/bedrock should be calculated full weight, with no hydrostatic groundwater pressure component.

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

## **6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill**

The pipe bedding for sewer and water pipes should consist of at least 150 mm of OPSS Granular A material. The material should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the SPMDD. The bedding material should extend at least to the spring line of the pipe. The cover material, which should consist of OPSS Granular A, should extend from the spring line of the pipe to at least 300 mm above the obvert of the pipe. The material should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and 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 minimize differential frost heaving. The trench backfill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the SPMDD.

## **6.5 Groundwater Control**

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

A temporary Ministry of the Environment, 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, and EASR will not be allowed as a temporary dewatering measure while awaiting the MECP review of the PTTW application.

### **Impacts on Neighbouring Structures**

Based on available soils information, neighbouring structures are anticipated to be founded within the bedrock. Therefore, no issues are expected with respect to groundwater lowering that would cause long term damage to adjacent structures surrounding the proposed development.

## **6.6 Winter Construction**

Precautions should be considered if construction occurs during the winter. The subsurface soil conditions consist of frost susceptible materials. In the presence of water and freezing conditions, ice could form within the soil mass. Heaving and settlement upon thawing could occur.

In the event of construction during below zero temperatures, the founding stratum should be protected from freezing temperatures by the use of straw, propane heaters and tarpaulins or other suitable means. The base of the excavations should be insulated from sub-zero temperatures immediately upon exposure and until 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 winter without introducing frost in the excavation subgrade base or walls. Precautions should be considered if such activities are to be completed during sub-zero temperatures.

## **6.7 Corrosion Potential and Sulphate**

The results of analytical testing indicate that the sulphate content is less than 0.1%. This result is indicative that Type 10 Portland cement (normal cement) would be appropriate for this site. The chloride content and the pH of the sample indicate that they are not significant factors in creating a corrosive environment for exposed ferrous metals at this site, whereas the resistivity is indicative of a low to moderate corrosive environment.

## 7.0 Recommendations

The following material testing and observation program should be performed by a geotechnical consultant and is required for the foundation design data provided herein to be applicable:

- 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 the completion of a satisfactory inspection program by the geotechnical consultant.

## 8.0 Statement of Limitations

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

A soils 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 that we be notified immediately in order to permit reassessment of our recommendations.

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 Maple Leaf Custom Homes or their agent(s) is not authorized without review by this firm 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**

**DATUM** Ground surface elevations provided by Novatech Engineering Consultants Ltd.

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**PG4872**

**REMARKS**

**HOLE NO.**  
**TP 1-19**

**BORINGS BY** Hydraulic Shovel

**DATE** March 28, 2019

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			20	40	60	80		
<b>GROUND SURFACE</b>						0	82.15						
Topsoil and organics	0.07												
<b>FILL:</b> Crushed stone	0.30												
<b>FILL:</b> Brown silty clay with sand, crushed stone and gravel		G	1										∇
	1.00					1	81.15						
<b>FILL:</b> Blast rock		G	2										
	1.90												
End of Test Pit TP terminated on bedrock surface at 1.90m depth (GW infiltration at 0.8m depth)													

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

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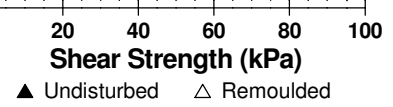
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**TP 2-19**

**BORINGS BY** Hydraulic Shovel

**DATE** March 28, 2019

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %					
GROUND SURFACE								20	40	60	80		
Topsoil and organics	0.05					0	82.46						
<b>FILL:</b> Crushed stone with sand, some clay	0.40												
<b>FILL:</b> Brown silty clay with sand, gravel, trace brick, topsoil and cobbles		G	1										
						1	81.46						
Grey <b>SILTY CLAY</b> , trace sand and gravel	1.60												
End of Test Pit	1.70	G	2										
TP terminated on bedrock surface at 1.70m depth (TP dry upon completion)													





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**HOLE NO.**  
**TP 3-19**

**BORINGS BY** Hydraulic Shovel

**DATE** March 28, 2019

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			20	40	60	80		
<b>GROUND SURFACE</b>						0	82.68						
Topsoil and organics	0.05												
<b>FILL:</b> Crushed stone with sand, some clay													
	0.60												
<b>TOPSOIL</b>													
	0.90												
Firm, reddish brown <b>CLAYEY SILT</b> with sand		G	1			1	81.68						
	1.20												
<b>GLACIAL TILL:</b> Light brown clayey silt with sand, gravel, cobbles, boulders		G	2										
	1.50												
End of Test Pit													
TP terminated on bedrock surface at 1.50m depth (TP dry upon completion)													

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

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REMARKS

HOLE NO. **TP 4-19**

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		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %				
GROUND SURFACE								20	40	60	80	
Topsoil and organics	0.05					0	83.64					
<b>FILL:</b> Crushed stone with sand, clay, trace organics												
	0.60											
<b>TOPSOIL</b>												
	0.90											
Brown <b>SILTY CLAY</b> , trace organics		G	1			1	82.64					
	1.20											
Brown <b>CLAYEY SILT</b> , trace sand and topsoil		G	2									
	1.50											
<b>GLACIAL TILL:</b> Compact to dens, light brown clayey silt with sand, gravel, cobbles, boulders		G	3			2	81.64					
	2.15											
End of Test Pit TP terminated on bedrock surface at 2.15m depth (TP dry upon completion)												

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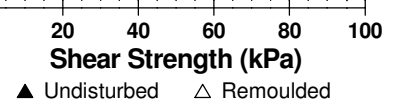
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HOLE NO. **TP 5-19**

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DATE March 28, 2019

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			20	40	60	80		
GROUND SURFACE						0	86.54						
TOPSOIL													
0.20													
Firm, reddish brown <b>CLAYEY SILT</b> , some sand, trace organics		G	1										∇
0.70													
<b>GLACIAL TILL:</b> Compact to dense, light brown clayey silt with sand, gravel, cobbles, boulders - clay content decreasing with depth		G	2			1	85.54						
1.25													
End of Test Pit TP terminated on bedrock surface at 1.25m depth (GWL @ 0.7m depth based on field observations)													



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SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			20	40	60	80		
GROUND SURFACE						0	86.67						
TOPSOIL													
0.25 Firm, reddish brown <b>CLAYEY SILT</b> with sand, trace gravel, organics		G	1										
0.60 Brown <b>CLAYEY SILT to SANDY SILT</b> , trace gravel, cobbles													
0.75 End of Test Pit													
TP terminated on bedrock surface at 0.75m depth (TP dry upon completion)													

20 40 60 80 100  
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		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %				
GROUND SURFACE						0	86.56	20	40	60	80	
TOPSOIL	[REDACTED]											
0.35												
Compact, brown <b>SANDY SILT to SILTY SAND</b>	[Patterned]	G	1									
		G	2									
0.90												
End of Test Pit												
TP terminated on bedrock surface at 0.90m depth (TP dry upon completion)												
								20	40	60	80	100
								<b>Shear Strength (kPa)</b>				
								▲ Undisturbed    △ Remoulded				

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**DATE** March 28, 2019

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		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %				
GROUND SURFACE						0	84.19	20	40	60	80	
TOPSOIL	0.15											
Fractured <b>BEDROCK</b> with mud seams	0.45											
End of Test Pit (TP dry upon completion)												

20 40 60 80 100  
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Kanata, Ontario

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**FILE NO.**  
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**REMARKS**

**HOLE NO.**  
**TP 7**

**BORINGS BY** Backhoe

**DATE** 2 NOV 00

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION
		TYPE	NUMBER	% RECOVERY	N VALUE or ROD			○ Water Content %				
GROUND SURFACE								20	40	60	80	
Dark brown silty sand TOPSOIL, occasional gravel					0	84.85						
End of Test Pit												
TP terminated on bedrock surface @ 0.40m depth  (TP dry upon completion)												

20 40 60 80 100

**Shear Strength (kPa)**

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**REMARKS**

**HOLE NO.**  
**TP 8**

**BORINGS BY** Backhoe

**DATE** 2 NOV 00

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION	
		TYPE	NUMBER	% RECOVERY	N VALUE or ROD			○ Water Content %					
GROUND SURFACE								20	40	60	80		
Greyish brown silty clay TOPSOIL						0	86.16						
----- 0.50													
Loose, brown SANDY SILT													
----- 0.70		G	10										
End of Test Pit													
TP terminated on bedrock surface @ 0.70m 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.

<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)
D <sub>xx</sub>	-	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
D <sub>10</sub>	-	Grain size at which 10% of the soil is finer (effective grain size)
D <sub>60</sub>	-	Grain size at which 60% of the soil is finer
C <sub>c</sub>	-	Concavity coefficient = $(D_{30})^2 / (D_{10} \times D_{60})$
C <sub>u</sub>	-	Uniformity coefficient = $D_{60} / D_{10}$

C<sub>c</sub> and C<sub>u</sub> are used to assess the grading of sands and gravels:

Well-graded gravels have:  $1 < C_c < 3$  and  $C_u > 4$

Well-graded sands have:  $1 < C_c < 3$  and  $C_u > 6$

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

C<sub>c</sub> and C<sub>u</sub> 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

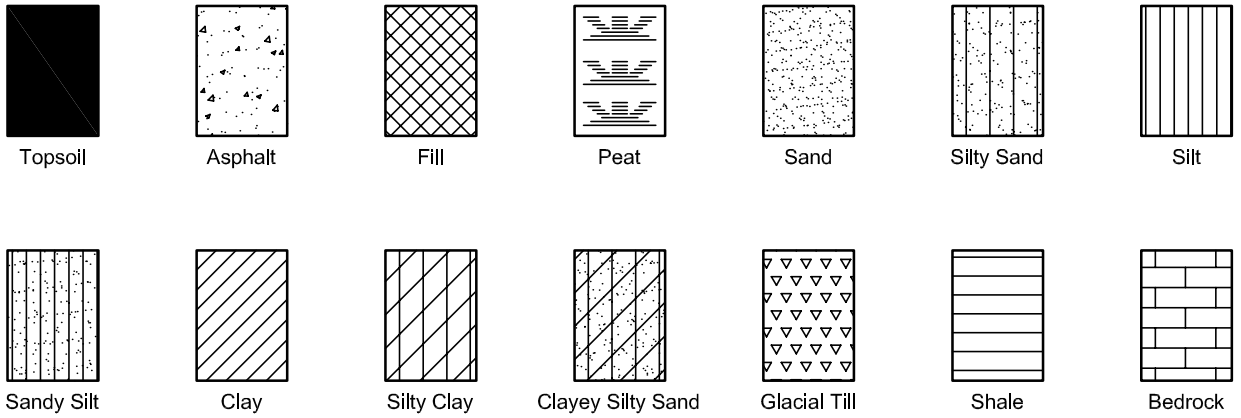
p' <sub>o</sub>	-	Present effective overburden pressure at sample depth
p' <sub>c</sub>	-	Preconsolidation pressure of (maximum past pressure on) sample
C <sub>cr</sub>	-	Recompression index (in effect at pressures below p' <sub>c</sub> )
C <sub>c</sub>	-	Compression index (in effect at pressures above p' <sub>c</sub> )
OC Ratio		Overconsolidation ratio = $p'_c / p'_o$
Void Ratio		Initial sample void ratio = volume of voids / volume of solids
W <sub>o</sub>	-	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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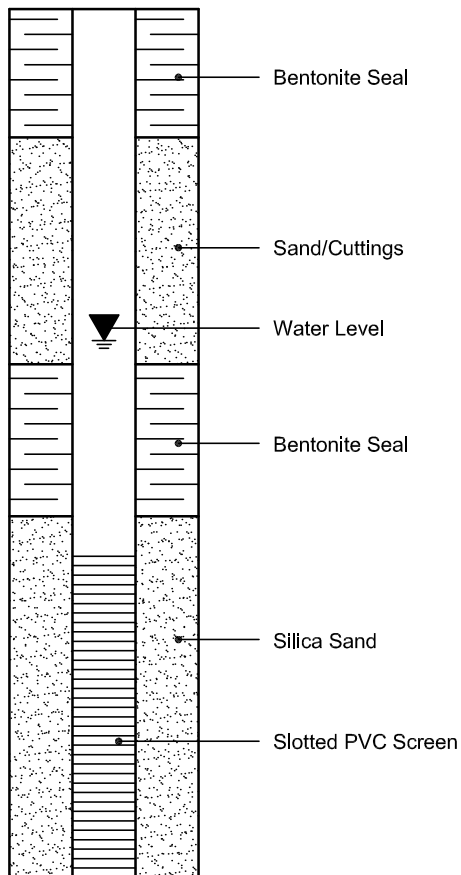
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### STRATA PLOT

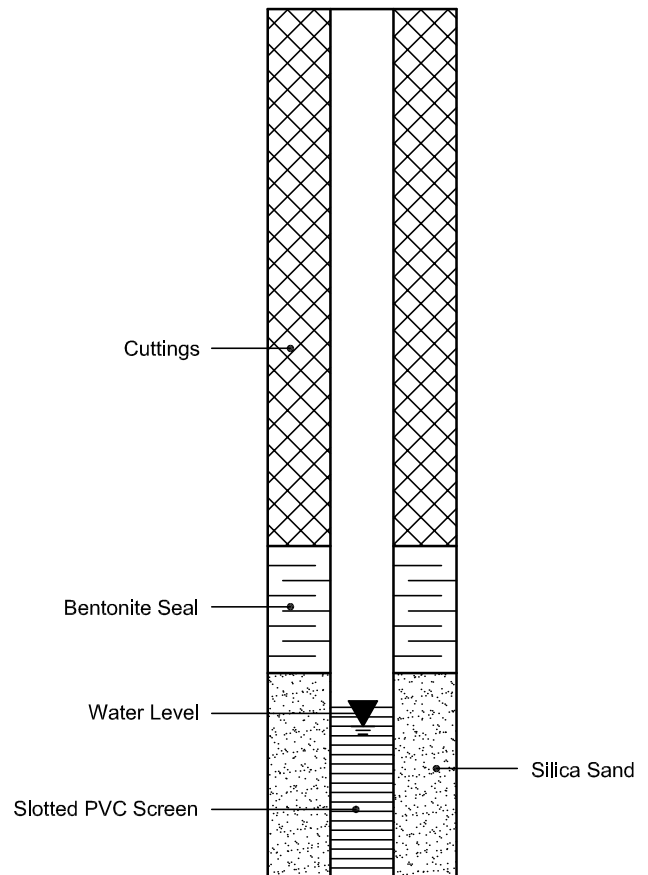


### MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION

#### MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION



#### PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION



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<b>Sample Date:</b>	14-Jul-17	-	-	-
<b>Sample ID:</b>	1729076-01	-	-	-
<b>MDL/Units</b>	Soil	-	-	-

**Physical Characteristics**

% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	90.9	-	-	-
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**General Inorganics**

pH	0.05 pH Units	7.56	-	-	-
Resistivity	0.10 Ohm.m	56.6	-	-	-

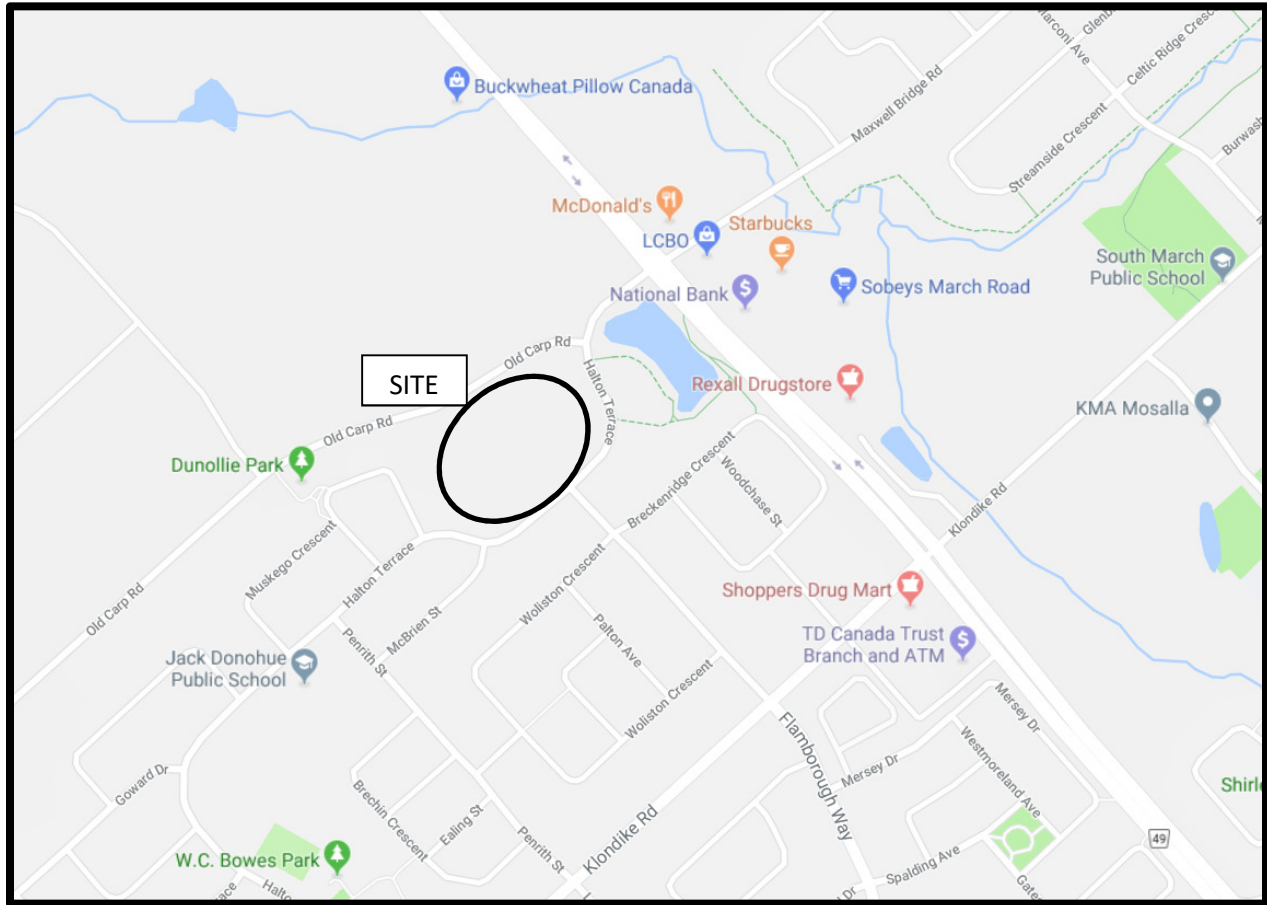
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Sulphate	5 ug/g dry	9	-	-	-

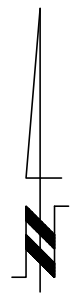
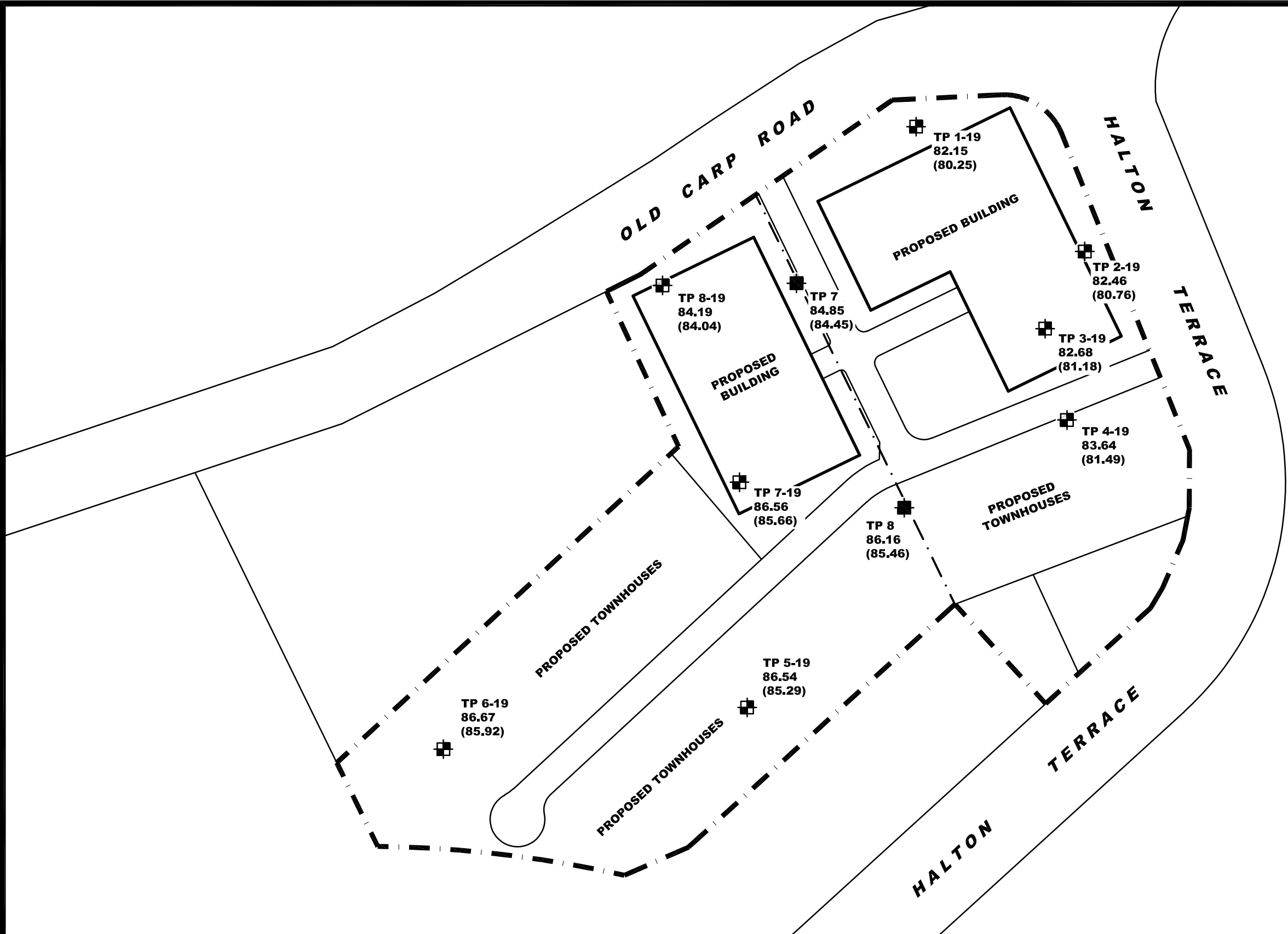
# **APPENDIX 2**

**FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN**

**DRAWING PG4872-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN**



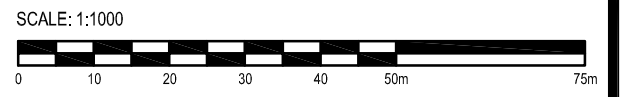
**FIGURE 1**  
**KEY PLAN**



**LEGEND:**

- TEST PIT LOCATION, CURRENT INVESTIGATION
- TEST PIT LOCATION, PATERSON GROUP REPORT G8020, NOVEMBER 2000
- 82.15 GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION (m)
- (80.25) ELEVATION OF PRACTICAL REFUSAL TO EXCAVATION (m)

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