

memorandum

Grading Plan Review

re: Proposed Apartment Building

3080 Navan Road - Ottawa, Ontario

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Further to your request and authorization, Paterson Group (Paterson) prepared the current memorandum to provide a Grading and Servicing Plan Review for the proposed development to be located at the aforementioned site. The following memorandum should be read in conjunction with the current Geotechnical Report (Paterson Group Report PG6527-1 Revision 2, dated May 17, 2023).

Grading Plan Review

Paterson reviewed the following grading plan prepared by Novatech for the subject site:

Grading Plan – 3080 Navan Road (Rhythm Apartments), City of Ottawa – Project No. 122180 – Drawing No. 122180-GR Revision 3, dated November 21, 2023.

Geotechnical Review and Recommendations

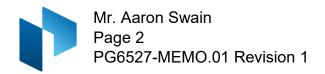
Based on the grading plans provided, the proposed grading throughout the majority of the subject site is within the permissible grade raise recommendations provided in the aforementioned geotechnical report.

However, in the north corner of the site, grade raise exceedances of up to approximately 0.5 m are currently proposed for the landscaped and hardscaped areas located within 5m of the building footprint. Where these grade raise exceedances are proposed, lightweight fill (LWF) is recommended to mitigate excessive settlement. The attached figure PG6527-Figure 1 – Lightweight Fill Recommendations indicates the approximate LWF locations and thicknesses which are recommended.

Overall, the LWF should consist of EPS (expanded polystyrene) geofoam blocks, which allow for raising the grade without adding a significant load to the underlying soils. For this application, EPS Type 15 should be used and extended a minimum of 5 m beyond the building footprint in all directions where it is being recommended to be used.







It should also be noted that EPS is difficult to use under the groundwater level, as it is buoyant, and it must be protected against potential hydrocarbon spills. Based on this, the placement of lightweight fill should be planned to provide a minimum of 1.5 m of backfill upon its surface. The lightweight fill layer is recommended to be placed a minimum of 500 mm above any perimeter drainage sleeves/pipes provided to the main building structures foundation and the associated open-graded stone layers.

The lightweight fill should be placed upon a flat soil surface. Therefore, the soil should be compacted to be relatively smooth and flat prior to installation. Consideration may be given to placing a thin layer of sand or stone dust to attain a relatively smooth/flat surface for placement. The entire lightweight fill layer footprint is recommended to be covered with a layer of polyethylene (taped at seams) extending between the building footprint and outer edge of the layer and extending below its surface by a minimum of 100 mm at all edges of the lightweight fill layer.

If the lightweight fill will be located in an area of landscaping, the placement of the layer should be planned to provide a minimum 500 mm of soil cover be provided to the lightweight fill layer for grass and associated vegetation can establish overtop the lightweight fill.

The placement of all lightweight fill should be reviewed at the time of placement by Paterson personnel. It is also advised a brief pre-construction meeting to be held between Paterson and the construction team to discuss placement prior to the installation. As an alternative to the use of LWF, the areas of the proposed grade raise exceedances could be preloaded to the finished grade, or surcharged, using fill materials. This option, however, would require allowing an extensive period of time for the settlement to occur prior to construction, which may not be compatible with construction timelines. Additional information can be provided if this option is being given consideration.

We trust that this information is satisfactory for your immediate requirements.

Best Regards,

Paterson Group Inc.

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Attachments

☐ Figure 1 – Proposed Lightweight Fill Location Plan

