

# Geotechnical Investigation Proposed Commercial Building Addition

2500 Palladium Drive Ottawa, Ontario

Prepared for Full Speed Builders

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# 1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Full Speed Builders to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed commercial building addition to be located at 2500 Palladium Drive in the City of Ottawa (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan in Appendix 2 of this report for the general site location).

The objectives of the geotechnical investigation were to:

| Ц | boreholes.   |
|---|--|
|   | Provide geotechnical recommendations for the design of the proposed development including construction considerations which may affect the design. |

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

# 2.0 Proposed Development

Based on the available drawings, the proposed development at the subject site will consist of a building addition with a slab-on-grade and an approximate footprint of 1,151 m<sup>2</sup> which will be built on the west side of the existing car dealership structure.

The location of the proposed building addition currently consists of an asphaltpaved parking lot.



# 3.0 Method of Investigation

# 3.1 Field Investigation

#### Field Program

The field program for the investigation was carried out on June 20,2023 and consisted of a total of 3 boreholes sampled to a maximum depth of 7.3 m below ground surface. The borehole locations were distributed in a manner to provide general coverage of the proposed development, taking into consideration underground utilities and site features. The locations of the boreholes are shown on Drawing PG6679-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The boreholes were advanced using a track-mounted drill rig operated by a twoperson crew. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of Paterson personnel under the direction of a senior engineer.

#### Sampling and In Situ Testing

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

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

Undrained shear strength testing, using a vane apparatus, was carried out at regular intervals of depth in cohesive soils.

The thickness of the silty clay layer was evaluated during the course of the investigation by a dynamic cone penetration test (DCPT) at borehole BH 3-23. The DCPT consists of driving a steel drill rod, equipped with a 50 mm diameter cone at its tip, using a 63.5 kg hammer falling from a height of 760 mm. The number of blows required to drive the cone into the soil is recorded for each 300 mm increment.



#### Groundwater

Groundwater monitoring wells were installed in all boreholes to permit monitoring of the groundwater levels subsequent to the completion of the field program. All groundwater observations are noted on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets presented in Appendix 1.

# 3.2 Field Survey

The borehole locations, and the ground surface elevation at each borehole location, were surveyed by Paterson using a GPS unit with respect to a geodetic datum. The locations of the boreholes, and ground surface elevation at each borehole location, are presented on Drawing PG6679-1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

# 3.3 Laboratory Review

Soil samples were recovered from the subject site and visually examined in our laboratory to review the results of the field logging. All samples from the current investigation will be stored in the laboratory for 1 month after this report is completed. They will then be discarded unless we are otherwise directed.

# 3.4 Analytical Testing

One (1) soil sample was submitted for analytical testing to assess the corrosion potential for exposed ferrous metals and the potential of sulphate attacks against subsurface concrete structures. The sample was submitted to determine the concentration of sulphate and chloride, the resistivity, and the pH of the samples. The results are presented in Appendix 1 and are discussed further in Section 6.7.



# 4.0 Observations

#### 4.1 Surface Conditions

The subject site is currently used as a car dealership, with an existing dealership building located on the eastern end of the site, which is surrounded by asphalt-paved access lanes and parking areas. The site is bordered by Palladium Drive to the south, Autopark Private to the north and east, and an adjacent, and an asphalt-paved parking lot to the west.

The existing ground surface across the site is relatively level at approximate geodetic elevations of 102 to 103 m.

#### 4.2 Subsurface Profile

#### Fill

Generally, the subsurface profile at the subject site consists of an asphalt surface underlain by successive deposits of fill, silty clay, and glacial till. The fill was generally observed to consist of silty sand to silty clay with gravel, extending to approximate depths of 0.7 to 1.6 m below the existing ground surface.

Underlying the fill, a silty clay deposit was encountered which consists of a very stiff to stiff, brown silty clay crust extending to approximate depths of 3.6 to 3.7 m, becoming a firm, grey silty clay below these depths.

A glacial till deposit was encountered underlying the silty clay at an approximate depth of 6.4 m, consisting of a compact, grey silty sand to silty clay with gravel.

Practical refusal to the DCPT was encountered in borehole BH 3-23 at a depth of 8.8 m below the existing ground surface.

Reference should be made to the Soil Profile and Test Data Sheets in Appendix 1 for details of the soil profile encountered at each borehole location.

#### **Bedrock**

Based on available geological mapping, the bedrock in the area of the subject site consists of interbedded limestone and shale of the Verulam Formation with an overburden thickness ranging between 15 to 25 m.



## 4.3 Groundwater

Groundwater levels were measured in the monitoring wells on June 28, 2023. The measured groundwater levels are presented in Table 1 below, and on the applicable Soil Profile and Test Data sheet presented in Appendix 1.

| Table 1 - Summary of Groundwater Level Readings |                                       |                          |                              |                |  |  |
|---|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------|----------------|--|--|
| Test Hole<br>Number                             | Ground<br>Surface<br>Elevation<br>(m) | Groundwater<br>Level (m) | Groundwater<br>Elevation (m) | Recording Date |  |  |
| BH 1-23   | 102.69                                | 1.72                     | 100.97                       | June 20, 2023  |  |  |
| BH 2-23   | 102.75                                | 1.76                     | 100.99                       | June 20, 2023  |  |  |
| BH 3-23   | 102.82                                | 2.19                     | 100.63                       | June 20, 2023  |  |  |

#### Note:

Long-term groundwater levels can also be estimated based on the observed colour and consistency of the recovered soil samples. Based on these observations, the long-term groundwater table can be expected at approximate depths of 3 to 4 m below the existing ground surface.

However, it should be noted that groundwater levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations, therefore, the groundwater level could vary at the time of construction.

<sup>-</sup> Ground surface elevations at borehole locations were surveyed by Paterson and are referenced to a geodetic datum.



# 5.0 Discussion

#### 5.1 Geotechnical Assessment

From a geotechnical perspective, the subject site is suitable for the proposed development. It is recommended that foundation support for the proposed building addition consist of conventional spread footings bearing on the undisturbed, stiff silty clay.

Due to the presence of the silty clay layer, a permissible grade restriction is required for the proposed development. The permissible grade raise recommendations are further discussed in Section 5.3.

The above and other considerations are discussed in the following paragraphs.

# 5.2 Site Grading and Preparation

#### **Stripping Depth**

Topsoil, asphalt, 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 future building footprint, free of deleterious material and significant amounts of organics, can be left in place below the proposed building footprint, outside of lateral support zones for the footings. However, it is recommended that the existing fill layer be proof-rolled several times under dry conditions and above freezing temperatures 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.

#### Fill Placement

Engineered fill placed for grading beneath the proposed building addition, where required, should consist 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 the material's standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).



Non-specified existing fill, along with site-excavated soil, can be used as general landscaping fill where settlement of the ground surface is of minor concern. This material should be spread in thin lifts and at least compacted by the tracks of the spreading equipment to minimize voids. If this material is to be used to build up the subgrade level for areas to be paved, it should be compacted in thin lifts to at least 95% of the material's SPMDD.

# 5.3 Foundation Design

Pad footings, up to 5 m wide, and strip footings, up to 2 m wide, placed on an undisturbed, stiff silty clay 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 above noted bearing resistance value at ULS.

An undisturbed soil bearing surface consists of a surface from which all topsoil and deleterious materials, such as loose, frozen or disturbed soil, whether in situ or not, have been removed, in the dry, prior to the placement of concrete for footings.

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

As a general procedure, it is recommended that footings for the proposed addition that are located adjacent to the existing structure be founded at the same level as the existing footings, so that the behaviour of the two structures at their connection will be similar due to the similar bearing medium. Also, there will be minimal stress added to the existing structure from the new structure.

# **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 soil bearing medium when a plane extending down and out from the bottom edges of the footing, at a minimum of 1.5H:1V, passes only through soil of the same or higher capacity as that of the bearing medium.



#### **Permissible Grade Raise Recommendation**

Due to the presence of the silty clay deposit, a permissible grade raise restriction of **1 m** is recommended for grading at the subject site.

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 risks of unacceptable long-term post construction total and differential settlements.

# 5.4 Design for Earthquakes

The site class for seismic site response can be taken as **Class D**. The soils underlying the proposed foundations 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.

#### 5.5 Slab on Grade Construction

With the removal of all topsoil, asphalt, and fill, containing significant amounts of deleterious or organic materials, the existing fill subgrade approved by the geotechnical consultant at the time of excavation will be considered an acceptable subgrade surface on which to commence backfilling for slab-ongrade construction. A vibratory drum roller should complete several passes over the subgrade surface as a proof-rolling program. Any poor performing areas should be removed and reinstated with an engineered fill, such as OPSS Granular B Type II.

It is recommended that the upper 200 mm of sub-floor fill consist of OPSS Granular A crushed stone. All backfill materials required to raise grade 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.

# 5.6 Pavement Design

Car only parking areas, access lanes and heavy truck parking/loading areas are anticipated at this site. For the proposed surface parking areas, the pavement structures provided in Tables 2 and 3, on the next page, are recommended.



| Table 2 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Car Only Parking Areas |                                      |  |  |  |  |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Thickness (mm) Material Description                               |                                      |  |  |  |  |
| 50 <b>Wear Course -</b> HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete |                                      |  |  |  |  |
| 150   | BASE - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone |  |  |  |  |
| 300   | SUBBASE - 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 or fill

| Table 3 - Recommended Pavement Structure Access Lanes and Heavy Truck Parking Areas                             |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| Thickness (mm) Material Description   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 40  | Wear Course - Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete |  |  |  |  |  |
| 50 Binder Course - Superpave 19.0 Asphaltic Concrete  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 150 BASE - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone  |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| 450   | SUBBASE - 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 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 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 99% of the material's SPMDD using suitable vibratory equipment.



# 6.0 Design and Construction Precautions

# 6.1 Foundation Drainage and Backfill

#### **Foundation Drainage**

The proposed structure will not contain below-grade space, therefore, a perimeter foundation drainage system is not considered to be required. However, should the proposed structure contain occupied below-grade space, it is recommended that a perimeter foundation drainage system be provided. The system, where required, should consist of a 150 mm diameter perforated and corrugated plastic pipe, surrounded on all sides by 150 mm of 19 mm clear crushed stone, which is placed at the footing level around the exterior perimeter of the structure. The pipe should have a positive outlet, such as a gravity connection to the storm sewer.

#### Foundation Backfill

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, can be used for this purpose.

Excavated on-site fill could also be re-used for backfilling the exterior sides of the foundation walls. However, this material would need to be maintained in an unfrozen state and at a suitable moisture content for compaction if it is to be re-used on-site.

# 6.2 Protection of Footings Against Frost Action

Perimeter footings of heated structures are recommended to be insulated against the deleterious effects of frost action. A minimum 1.5 m thick soil cover, or an equivalent combination of soil cover and foundation insulation, should be provided in this regard.

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



# 6.3 Excavation Side Slopes

The side slopes of excavations in the 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 expected that sufficient room will be available for the greater part of the excavation to be undertaken by opencut methods (i.e., 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. Excavations below the groundwater level should be cut back at a maximum slope of 1.5H:1V.

The subsoil 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.

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.

# 6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill

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

A minimum of 150 mm of OPSS Granular A should be placed for bedding for sewer or water pipes when placed on a soil subgrade. The bedding should extend to the spring line of the pipe. Cover material, from the spring line to a minimum of 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 and compacted to 98% 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) and above the cover material should match the soils exposed at the trench walls to minimize differential frost heaving. The trench backfill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the material's SPMDD. All cobbles larger than 200 mm in their longest direction should be segregated from re-use as trench backfill.

#### 6.5 Groundwater Control

It is anticipated that groundwater infiltration into the excavations should be low to moderate and controllable using open sumps. The contractor should be prepared to direct water away from all subgrades, regardless of the source, to prevent disturbance to the founding medium.

## **Groundwater Control for Building Construction**

A temporary Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) permit to take water (PTTW) may be required if more than 400,000 L/day of ground and/or surface water are to be pumped during the construction phase. At least 4 to 5 months should be allowed for completion of the application 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 Persons as stipulated under O.Reg. 63/16.

# Impacts to Neighbouring Properties

As the proposed building will be a slab-on-grade structure, it is not anticipated that it will be founded below the long-term groundwater level. As a result, long-term groundwater lowering is not anticipated, and therefore no adverse effects are expected to neighbouring properties as a result of groundwater lowering.

Further, as the proposed slab-on-grade structures will be setback from the site limits, no impacts to the neighbouring properties are anticipated as a result of excavation at the subject site.



#### 6.6 Winter Construction

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

# 6.7 Corrosion Potential and Sulphate

The results of analytical testing show 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 severe to aggressive corrosive environment.

# 6.8 Tree Planting Restrictions

Tree planting should follow the City of Ottawa's "Tree Planting in Sensitive Marine Clay Soils - 2017 Guidelines". As Atterberg limits testing was not completed as part of the geotechnical program, it is recommended that tree planting setbacks be a minimum of 7.5 m for trees with a mature height smaller than or equal to 7.5 m, and for trees with a mature height greater than 7.5 m, the tree planting setback should be equal to the mature height of tree. It should be noted that shrubs with root depths less than 1.2 m are permitted within the tree planting setbacks.





It is well documented in the literature, and is our experience, that fast-growing trees located near buildings founded on cohesive soils that shrink on drying can result in long-term differential settlements of the structures. Tree varieties that have the most pronounced effect on foundations are seen to consist of poplars, willows and some maples (i.e. Manitoba Maples) and, as such, they should not be considered in the landscaping design.

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# 7.0 Recommendations

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

- Review of the grading plan, from a geotechnical perspective.
- Observation of all bearing surfaces prior to the placement of concrete.
- Sampling and testing of the concrete and fill materials.
- Periodic observation of the condition of unsupported excavation side slopes in excess of 3 m in height, if applicable.
- Observation of all subgrades prior to backfilling.
- Field density tests to determine the level of compaction achieved.
- Sampling and testing of the bituminous concrete including mix design reviews.

A report confirming that these works have been conducted in general accordance with our recommendations could be issued upon request, following the completion of a satisfactory material testing and observation program by Paterson.

All excess soils, with the exception of engineered crushed stone fill, generated by construction activities that will be transported on-site or off-site should be handled as per *Ontario Regulation 406/19: On-Site and Excess Soil Management*.



# 8.0 Statement of Limitations

The recommendations provided herein are in accordance with the present understanding of the project. Paterson requests permission to review the recommendations when the drawings and specifications are completed.

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, Paterson requests 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 the 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 Full Speed Builders, 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
ANALYTICAL TESTING RESULTS

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Proposed Building Addition - 2500 Palladium Drive Ottawa, Ontario

SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

▲ Undisturbed

△ Remoulded

FILE NO.

9 Auriga Drive, Ottawa, Ontario K2E 7T9

Geodetic

**Geotechnical Investigation** 

**DATUM PG6679 REMARKS** HOLE NO. **BH 1-23 BORINGS BY** Excavator **DATE** June 20, 2023 **SAMPLE** Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m Monitoring Well Construction STRATA PLOT **DEPTH** ELEV. **SOIL DESCRIPTION** 50 mm Dia. Cone (m) (m) RECOVERY N VALUE or RQD NUMBER Water Content % **GROUND SURFACE** 80 20 0+102.69Asphaltic concrete 0.05 FILL: Brown silty sand with gravel 1 and crushed stone 0.69 1+101.69SS 2 4 67 Ţ Very stiff to stiff, brown SILTY SS 3 83 5 CLÁY, some to trace sand 2 + 100.69- thin silty sand seams throughout SS 4 Ρ 83 3 + 99.69SS 5 Ρ 100 4 + 98.69SS 6 Ρ 100 SS 7 100 Р 5+97.69Firm, grey SILTY CLAY SS 8 100 Р 6+96.69SS 9 12 Ρ End of Borehole (GWL @ 1.72m - June 28, 2023) 40 60 80 100 Shear Strength (kPa)

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**SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA** 

FILE NO.

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**SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA** 

Shear Strength (kPa)

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## **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, %

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'<sub>o</sub> - 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 Overconsolidaton ratio =  $p'_c/p'_o$ 

Void Ratio Initial sample void ratio = volume of voids / volume of solids

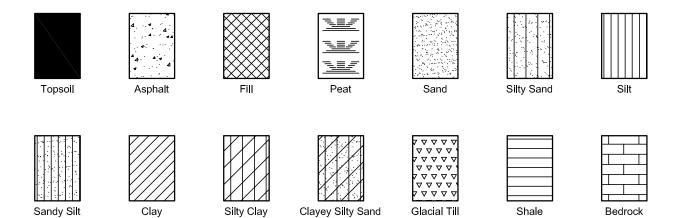
Wo - Initial water content (at start of consolidation test)

#### PERMEABILITY TEST

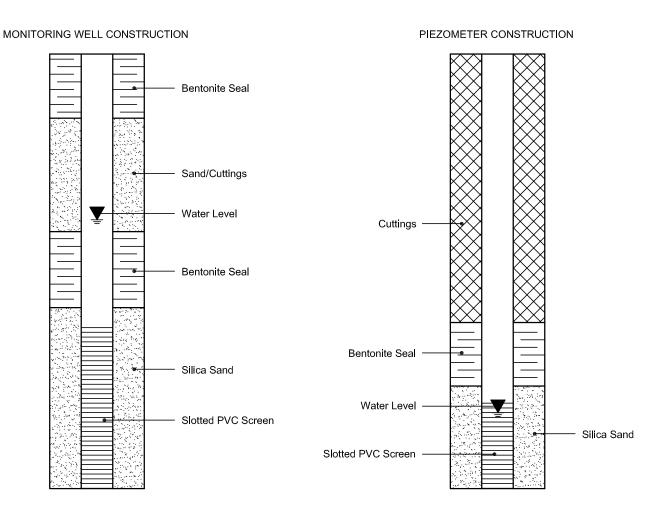
Coefficient of permeability or hydraulic conductivity is a measure of the ability of water to flow through the sample. The value of k is measured at a specified unit weight for (remoulded) cohesionless soil samples, because its value will vary with the unit weight or density of the sample during the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

# SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

## STRATA PLOT



## MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION





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|--------------------------|---------------|-----------------|---|---|---|
|                          | Client ID:    | BH1-23-SS3      | - | - | - |
|                          | Sample Date:  | 20-Jun-23 09:00 | - | - | - |
|                          | Sample ID:    | 2325241-01      | - | - | - |
|                          | MDL/Units     | Soil            | - | - | - |
| Physical Characteristics |               |                 |   |   |   |
| % Solids                 | 0.1 % by Wt.  | 78.2            | - | - | - |
| General Inorganics       |               |                 | , |   |   |
| рН                       | 0.05 pH Units | 7.72            | - | - | 1 |
| Resistivity              | 0.1 Ohm.m     | 14.3            | - | - | 1 |
| Anions                   |               |                 | • |   |   |
| Chloride                 | 10 ug/g dry   | 303             | - | - | - |
| Sulphate                 | 10 ug/g dry   | 201             | - | - | - |



# **APPENDIX 2**

FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN

DRAWING PG6679-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN

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# FIGURE 1

**KEY PLAN** 



