

# **REPORT**

# GEOTECHNICAL AND HYDROGEOLOGICAL INVESTIGATION

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# **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

This report presents the results of geotechnical and hydrogeological investigation carried out at the site of a proposed residential development located at 1047 Richmond Road in Ottawa, Ontario.

The purpose of this investigation was to assess the general subsurface conditions at the site by means of a limited number of boreholes. Based on an interpretation of the factual information obtained, a general description of the soil, bedrock, and groundwater conditions is presented. These interpreted subsurface conditions and available project details were used to provide engineering guidelines on the geotechnical design aspects of the project, including construction considerations which could influence design decisions.

The reader is referred to the "*Important Information and Limitations of This Report*" which follows the text but forms an integral part of this document.

# **2.0 DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AND SITE**

The site of the proposed development is located at 1047 Richmond Road in Ottawa, Ontario. The site is about 2.5 acres and is currently occupied by a single-story commercial building (a car dealership) which consists of a building located in approximately the middle of the site, surrounded by parking areas.

The site is bordered to the east by a residential tower, to the south by Richmond Road, to the west by New Orchard Avenue and the north by a low-rise residential building. The project limits and the location of the proposed development are shown on Figure 1.

Based on the updated design scheme provided to Golder, the site will be developed into three residential buildings including two 38 and 40 storey towers with 6 storey podiums (Towers A and B), and a smaller 6 storey building (Tower C). The proposed development also includes a new park, an outdoor amenity and various access roadways and parking areas. The development includes three levels of underground parking which will encompass the entire development site excluding the future park in the southwest corner.

# **3.0 PROCEDURE**

The field work for the current geotechnical investigation was carried out between September 21 and 30, 2021, in conjunction with the Phase 2 Environmental Site Assessment (ESA). During that time, ten boreholes (numbered 21-01 to 21-10) were advanced at the approximate locations shown on Figure 1.

The boreholes were advanced with a track-mounted hollow stem auger drill rig supplied and operated by CCC Geotechnical and Environmental Drilling of Ottawa, Ontario. The boreholes were advanced to depths ranging from 7.6 m to 15.5 m below the existing ground surface. Refusal to augering was encountered at all of the boreholes at depths ranging from 1.6 to 4.8 m below the existing ground surface.

Upon encountering refusal to augering, boreholes 21-01 to 21-05 were further advanced to a depth of about 7.6 m into the bedrock using pneumatic hammer rock drilling. No rock cores were recovered from these boreholes. Boreholes 21-06 to 21-10 were further advanced for 7.5 and 13.9 m into the bedrock using rotary diamond drilling techniques while retrieving HQ sized core.

Standard Penetration Tests (SPTs) were carried out within the overburden at various intervals of depth in general conformance with ASTM D 1586. Soil samples were recovered using 35 mm inside diameter split-spoon sampling equipment.



Monitoring wells were sealed in all the boreholes (with the exception of 21-08) to allow for subsequent measurements of stabilized groundwater levels as well as to perform in-situ hydraulic conductivity testing. The monitoring wells consist of 51 mm inside diameter rigid PVC pipe with 3.0 m long slotted screen sections, installed within silica sand backfill and sealed by a section of bentonite pellet backfill. Measurement of the groundwater levels was completed on October 05, 2021.

At borehole 21-08, a 63.5 mm inside diameter rigid PVC casing was grouted over the full depth of the borehole to allow for Vertical Seismic Profile (VSP) testing to determine the shear wave velocity profile of the soil and rock.

The fieldwork was supervised by Golder staff who logged the boreholes, directed the in-situ testing, and collected the soil and rock samples retrieved in the boreholes. The samples obtained during the fieldwork were brought to our laboratory for further examination and laboratory testing.

The laboratory testing included determination of natural water content, grain size distribution on selected soil samples, and Uniaxial Compressive Strength (UCS) testing on selected bedrock samples.

Two samples of soil from boreholes 21-06 and 21-10 were submitted to Eurofins Environment Testing for basic chemical analysis related to potential sulphate attack on buried concrete elements and corrosion of buried ferrous elements.

The borehole locations were marked in the field and surveyed by Golder. The positions and ground surface elevations at the borehole locations were determined using a Trimble R8 GPS survey unit. The Geodetic reference system used for the survey is the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD83). The borehole coordinates are based on the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM Zone 09) coordinate system. The elevations are referenced to Geodetic datum (CGVD28).

# **4.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

## **4.1 General**

The following information on the subsurface conditions is provided in this report:

- Borehole records are provided in Appendix A
- **Laboratory test results are provided in Appendix B, and on the relevant borehole records**
- Rock core photographs are provided in Appendix C
- Results of the basic chemical analyses are provided in Appendix D
- Results of geophysical testing are provided in Appendix E
- Results of in-situ hydraulic conductivity testing are provided in Appendix F

In general, the subsurface conditions at this site consist of fill, or fill underlain by a deposit of glacial till which is in turn underlain by dolostone bedrock with shale, limestone, and sandstone interbeds.

The following sections present a more detailed overview of the subsurface conditions encountered during the field investigation.



# **4.2 Pavement Structure**

Pavement structure was encountered in all of the boreholes. The pavement structure consists of 50 to 100 mm of asphaltic concrete overlying 110 to 540 mm thick granular base and subbase layers.

# **4.3 Fill**

Fill was encountered below the pavement structure at all of the borehole locations. The fill consists of sand, silty sand to gravelly silty sand. The fill extends to depths ranging between 0.9 and 2.4 m below the existing ground surface at the borehole locations.

The results of SPT tests carried out within the fill gave 'N' values ranging from 1 to 35 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a very loose to dense (but typically compact) state of packing.

The measured natural water content of two samples of fill were about 10%.

The result of grain size distribution testing carried out on two sample of the fill is provided on Figures B-1 and B-2 in Appendix B.

# **4.4 Glacial Till**

A discontinuous deposit of glacial till exists below the fill, and was encountered in the boreholes 21-04, 21-05, 21-08, and 21-10. The glacial till generally consists of a heterogeneous mixture of gravel, cobbles, and boulders in a matrix of silty sand. The glacial till deposit (where encountered) was fully penetrated to depths ranging from 3.1 to 4.8 m below the existing surface.

The results of standard penetration tests carried out within the glacial till gave SPT 'N' values ranging from 46 to greater than 50 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a dense to very dense state of packing. High SPT 'N' values can also be indicative of cobbles and boulders and not the density of the soil matrix.

The measured natural water content of eight samples of glacial till ranged from 7 to 14%.

The result of grain size distribution testing carried out on one sample of the glacial till is provided on Figure B-3 in Appendix B.

# **4.5 Bedrock**

Refusal to augering was encountered in all of the boreholes at depths ranging from 1.6 to 4.8 m below the existing ground surface. The bedrock was cored in boreholes 21-06 to 21-10 to depths ranging between 9.4 and 15.5 m below the existing ground surface.

In boreholes 21-02, 21-03 and 21-06 to 21-09, a zone of weathered/disturbed bedrock (which could be penetrated by augering and SPT sampling) was encountered at depths ranging from 0.9 to 3.1 m. The thickness of this zone was about 0.5 to 1.7 m at these borehole locations.





The following table summarizes the ground surface elevations, depth to bedrock, bedrock surface elevations and core lengths at the borehole locations:

Note: <sup>1</sup> No bedrock core recovery due to pneumatic hammer rock drilling

The bedrock encountered in the cored boreholes typically consists of medium grey dolostone with shale, limestone, and sandstone interbeds to a depth ranging from 9.1 to 13.2 m below the existing ground surface.

In boreholes 21-08 to 21-10, light grey sandstone with thin partings of shale was encountered below the dolostone layer at depths of 9.1 and 13.2 m below the existing ground surface, respectively.

Rock Quality Designation (RQD) values for dolostone and sandstone bedrock measured in the boreholes range from about 0 to 100% but are more typically in the range of 75 to 100% indicating good to excellent quality rock. In general, the RQD values increase with depth.

Nine UCS tests were carried out on core specimens of the bedrock, and measured UCS values range from 86 to 144 MPa, indicating strong rock. The results of the UCS tests are included in Appendix B. The UCS values are also presented in Figures B-4 and B-5 in Appendix B.

Photographs of the recovered bedrock core are presented in Appendix C.

# **4.6 Groundwater Conditions**

In-situ hydraulic conductivity testing was carried out in monitoring wells installed in Boreholes 21-01 through 21-07, 21-09 and 21-10. An insufficient amount of water was present at monitoring wells 21-01, 21-07 and 21-09 to allow for testing to occur. The testing method at monitoring well 21-06 involved the rapid removal of water from the well using a dedicated foot valve and tubing, and measurement of the recovery of the water level over time. At monitoring wells 21-02, 21-03, 21-04, 21-05 and 21-10, a solid cylindrical slug was lowered quickly into the well and the change of the water level over time was recorded.

The data collected during the falling-head tests on monitoring wells 21-02, 21-03, 21-04, 21-05 and 21-10 were analyzed using the Hvorslev method (Hvorslev, 1951) to provide an estimate of the horizontal hydraulic conductivity of the bedrock adjacent to the test intervals. During the rising head test on monitoring well 21-06, the groundwater level was drawn down into the monitoring well screen; therefore, these data were analysed using the Bouwer and Rice  $(1976)^1$  $(1976)^1$  $(1976)^1$ . The relevant calculations are included in Appendix F.



**Summary of In-situ Hydraulic Conductivity Testing Results**

**Notes:** \*analysed using Hvorslev (1951) method

\*\*analysed using Bouwer and Rice (1976) method

The groundwater level measurement results indicate that the groundwater level in the bedrock ranged from 2.7 m to 9.3 m below the existing ground surface. The results of the rising head test analyses indicate that the hydraulic conductivity (K) of the bedrock at the borehole locations ranged from about  $1 \times 10^{-6}$  to  $2 \times 10^{-3}$  cm/s.

It is expected that the groundwater levels will be subject to fluctuations both seasonally and as a result of precipitation events. Groundwater levels may also be currently influenced by the excavations currently taking place on the south side of Richmond Road and may change as construction in that area is completed.

<span id="page-9-0"></span><sup>1</sup> Bouwer, H. and R.C. Rice, 1976. A slug test method for determining hydraulic conductivity of unconfined aquifers with completely or partially penetrating wells, Water Resources Research, vol. 12, no. 3, pp.423-428.



# <span id="page-10-0"></span>**4.7 Corrosion Testing**

Two samples of soil from boreholes 21-06 and 21-10 were submitted to Eurofins Environment Testing for basic chemical analysis related to potential sulphate attack on buried concrete elements and corrosion of buried ferrous elements. The results of this testing are provided in Appendix D and are summarized below:



# **5.0 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION CONSIDERATIONS**

# **5.1 General**

This section of the report provides engineering guidelines on the geotechnical design aspects of the project based on our interpretation of the available information described herein and project requirements. The information in this portion of the report is provided for planning and design purposes for the guidance of the design engineers and architects. Where comments are made on construction, they are provided only to highlight aspects of construction which could affect the design of the project. Contractors bidding on or undertaking the works should examine the factual results of the investigation, satisfy themselves as to the adequacy of the factual information for construction, and make their own interpretation of the factual data as it affects their proposed construction techniques, schedule, safety, and equipment capabilities, costs, sequencing and the like.

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# **5.2 Seismic Considerations**

## **5.2.1 Seismic Zone**

The site falls within the Western Québec Seismic Zone (WQSZ) according to the Geological Survey of Canada. The WQSZ constitutes a large area that extends from Montréal to Témiscaming, and which encompasses the Ottawa area. Within the WQSZ recent seismic activity has been concentrated in two subzones; one along the Ottawa River and another more active subzone along the Montréal-Maniwaki axis. Historical seismicity within the WQSZ includes the 1935 Témiscaming event which had a magnitude (i.e., a measure of the intensity of the earthquake) of 6.2 and the 1944 Cornwall-Massena event which had a magnitude of 5.6. In comparison to other seismically active areas in the world (e.g., California, Japan, New Zealand), the frequency of earthquake activity within the WQSZ is significantly lower but there still exists the potential for significant earthquake events to be generated.

# **5.2.2 Site Class**

Vertical Seismic Profiling (VSP) geophysical testing was carried out within borehole 21-08 to evaluate the average shear wave velocity of the upper 30 m of soil/bedrock at the site (see Figure 1 for the VSP testing location). The results of the shear wave velocity test are included in Appendix E.

The VSP test results indicate that the average shear wave velocity in the upper 30 m from the bedrock surface (Vs30) was about 1,700 m/s. Based on this value, it is considered that a Site Class "A" designation is appropriate for the site for all structures founded on rock.

# **5.3 Frost Protection**

The presence of frost-susceptible soils within the frost penetration depth will require that isolated, unheated exterior footings adjacent to surfaces which are cleared of snow cover during winter months be provided with a minimum of 1.8 m of earth cover (or equivalent insulation). Exterior foundations of heated structures should be provided with a minimum of 1.5 m of earth cover (or equivalent insulation).

If sufficient earth cover cannot be provided, foundation insulation details can be provided during detailed design.

The foundations of the proposed residential towers and podiums with three underground parking levels are expected to be placed on or within the bedrock at depth, which is unlikely to be highly frost susceptible and will be below the depth of frost. As such, frost protection is not required for the footings founded on bedrock at depth.

# **5.4 Foundations**

Based on our understanding of the proposed development (in particular the three levels of underground parking which cover the entire footprint of the buildings) it is assumed that the foundations for the high-rise towers as well as the mid-rise podiums would likely consist of spread footings placed on the relatively shallow bedrock.

#### **5.4.1 Bearing Resistance**

In general, subsurface conditions encountered during the investigation consist of fill, or fill underlain by glacial till over dolostone/sandstone bedrock. It is considered that the proposed residential towers and podiums can be supported on spread footings placed on or within the competent bedrock.

The factored bearing resistance at Ultimate Limit States (ULS) for spread footing foundations founded on bedrock may be taken as 4,800 kPa for all areas where the foundations are three stories below the existing grade (which includes all of the currently proposed buildings).

These values are applicable provided that the bedrock surface is acceptably cleaned of soil and loose bedrock (i.e., any bedrock that can be easily removed with a hydraulic excavator). The settlement of footings at the corresponding service (unfactored) load levels will be less than 25 mm. Serviceability Limit States (SLS) conditions generally do not govern foundation design in rock.

Should there be localized locations within the excavation where the bedrock surface, following excavation and removal of any weathered rock, is below the planned founding level, then the footing level may be lowered such that the footing will bear directly on the unweathered bedrock. Alternatively, the subgrade could be raised to the underside of the foundation using mass concrete.

The bedrock surfaces should be inspected by qualified geotechnical personnel to confirm that the expected bearing material has been exposed and that the bearing surface has been adequately prepared and cleaned.



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#### **5.4.2 Resistance to Lateral Loads**

Resistance to lateral forces / sliding resistance between the concrete footings and the clean surface of sound bedrock could be considered. For cast-in-place concrete footings bearing directly onto the bedrock surface, the coefficient of friction, tan φ', may be taken as follows:

Cast-in-place concrete footing to clean sound bedrock: tan  $\varphi$ ' = 0.70

The sliding resistance value is unfactored, and a resistance factor of 0.8 would need to be applied to the sliding resistance in accordance with limit states design.

The resistance to lateral loads could be increased by constructing a shear-key at the bottom of the footings if needed. The design of shear keys would require a specific analysis taking into consideration the magnitude of the horizontal loading, the magnitude of the vertical loading, and any variations in the bearing pressure due to overturning moments.

# **5.5 Rock Anchors**

Rock anchors could potentially be used to resist uplift and/or overturning of the foundation. Rock anchors should consist of grouted anchors installed into the bedrock at depth.

Rock anchors are typically installed in a borehole that is drilled with air-percussion equipment or with rotary diamond drilling equipment with water circulation; those drilling methods can fairly penetrate through boulder/cobblery ground such as exists on this site. A cased hole would be drilled through the overburden (if present) with a socket drilled into the bedrock, the steel anchor inserted, and then the annular space around the bar filled with grout.

Because the rock anchors would be permanent elements of the foundations, a "double corrosion protection" system should be provided.

In designing grouted rock anchors, consideration should be given to four possible anchor failure modes.

- i) failure of the steel tendon or top anchorage
- ii) failure of the grout/tendon bond
- iii) failure of the rock/grout bond
- iv) failure within the rock mass, or rock cone pull-out

Potential failure modes i) and ii) are structural and are best addressed by the structural engineer. Adequate corrosion protection of the steel components should be provided to prevent potential premature failure due to steel corrosion.

For potential failure mode iii), the factored bond stress at the concrete/rock interface may be taken as *1,000 kPa* for ULS design purposes. This value should be used in calculating the resistance under ULS conditions. If the response of the anchor under SLS conditions needs to be evaluated, for a preliminary assessment it may be taken as the elastic elongation of the unbonded portion of the anchor under the design loading.

For potential failure mode iv), the preliminary resistance is calculated based on the unit weight (undrained) of the potential mass of rock and soil which could be mobilized by the anchor, and resistance to shear of the rock mass. This is typically considered as the mass of rock included within a cone (or wedge for a line of closely spaced anchors) having an apex at the tip of the anchor and having an apex angle of 60 degrees. For each individual anchor, the ULS factored geotechnical resistance can be calculated based on the following equation:

$$
Q_r = \varphi \frac{\pi}{3} \gamma' D^3 \tan^2(\theta)
$$

Where:



Where the anchor load is applied at an angle to the vertical, the anchor capacity should be reduced as follows:

$$
Q_r' = Q_r \cos(\alpha)
$$

Where:

 $Qr'$  = Factored uplift resistance of the anchor subject to inclined load ( $kN$ )

 $Qr =$  Factored uplift resistance of the anchor (kN)

 $\alpha$  = Angle between the load direction and the vertical

For a group of anchors or for a line of closely spaced anchors, the resistance must consider the potential overlap between the rock masses mobilized by individual anchors. In the case of group effects for a series of rock anchors in a rectangle with width "a" and length "b" installed to a depth "D", the equation for the volume of the truncated trapezoid failure zone would be as follows:

$$
V = \frac{4}{3} D^3 \sin^2 \theta + aD^2 \sin \theta + bD^2 \sin \theta + abD
$$

Where:

 $V =$  Volume of the truncated trapezoid failure zone (m3)

 $D = \text{Depth of anchor group (m)}$ 

- $a =$  Width of anchor group (m)
- $b =$  Length of the anchor group (m)
- $\theta$  = One-half of the apex angle of the rock failure cone, use 30 $^{\circ}$



The ULS factored geotechnical resistance for the truncated trapezoid failure formed by the group of anchors can then be calculated based on the following equation:

$$
Q_r=\varphi\gamma'V
$$

Where:

 $0r =$  Factored uplift resistance of the anchor (kN)  $\varphi$  = Resistance factor, use 0.4  $\gamma'$  = Effective unit weight of rock, use 16 kN/m<sup>3</sup>  $V = Volume of truncated trapezoid (m<sup>3</sup>)$ 

The method described above does not explicitly consider the tensile strength of the rock that must be overcome prior to mobilization of the weight of the rock mass. If required, the tensile strength of the rock mass can be assessed based on the unconfined compressive strength, recovery, and quality of bedrock core obtained. This assessment, however, requires a detailed understanding of the anchor lengths, geometry, loads, etc. and would need to be completed during detailed design.

It is recommended that proof load tests be carried out on the anchors to confirm their resistance. The proof load tests should be carried out in accordance with OPSS 942 *(Prestressed Soil and Rock Anchors).*

A geotechnical professional should be present during the installation and testing of the anchors. Care must be taken during grouting to ensure that the grouting pressure is sufficient to bond the entire length of the grouted area with minimum voids. Confirmation of sufficient embedment into the rock beneath the foundations should be carried out to make sure that the anchors are being installed in rock of adequate quality. The anchor holes must be thoroughly flushed with water to remove all debris and rock flour. It is essential that rock flour be completely removed from the holes to be grouted to promote an adequate bond between the grout and the rock. Prestressing of the anchors prior to loading will minimize anchor movement due to service loads.

# **5.6 Lateral Earth Pressure**

Lateral earth pressures acting on the foundation walls of the underground parking are provided in the following sections for the portion of the underground parking within the overburden (or approximate elevations of between 65.5 and 62.5 m) and portion of the underground parking below and within the bedrock (or approximate elevations of between 62.5 and 56.5 m).

The following sections can also be used to estimate the lateral earth pressures on a temporary shoring system that might be required during the excavations.

## **5.6.1 Underground Parking – Within Overburden**

Lateral earth pressures acting on the foundation walls (or temporary retaining system) above bedrock (i.e., within the overburden) will depend on the type and method of placement of the backfill materials, on the nature of the soils behind the backfill, on the magnitude of surcharge including construction loadings, on the freedom of lateral movement of the structure, and on the drainage conditions behind the walls. Seismic (earthquake) loading may also need to be considered in the design.

#### *5.6.1.1* **Static Lateral Earth Pressures**

It is assumed that the foundation walls will be non-yielding, and therefore at-rest conditions will apply for those walls. It is assumed that the foundation walls will be drained but if the structures will not be drained, the earth pressure equation below the groundwater level should be used for the depth of the soil below groundwater level. The groundwater level was measured to be between 2.7 and 9.3 m depth at this site.

As a first, but likely conservative approximation, the static lateral earth pressure can be calculated as:

σh(z) = K (γ∙z + q) (Above the groundwater level)

$$
\sigma_{h(z)} = K \left[ \gamma d_w + (\gamma - \gamma_w)(z - d_w) + q \right] + (z - d_w) \gamma_w
$$
 (Below the groundwater level)

Where:



The pressures are based on the existing fill and native materials behind the wall and the following parameters (unfactored) should be used to estimate the lateral earth pressures:



The above lateral earth pressures have not been factored; factoring of these loads will be required if the foundation wall is being designed in accordance with Limit States Design.

Where the permanent structure is significantly smaller than the excavation and a wide backfilled gallery exists between the structure wall and an adjacent rigid shoring system, then the permanent structure walls should be designed to retain the granular backfill soils using the above formulas, and an at rest earth pressure coefficient given above.



A minimum compaction surcharge of 12 kPa should be included in the lateral earth pressures for the structural design of the structure. Care must be taken during the compaction operation not to overstress the structure. Heavy construction equipment should be maintained at a distance of at least 1 m away from the structure while the backfill soils are being placed and the backfill should be uniformly raised around the structure. Hand operated compaction equipment should be used to compact the backfill soils within a 1 m wide zone adjacent to the walls. Other surcharge loadings should be accounted for in the design, as required.

## *5.6.1.2* **Seismic Lateral Earth Pressures**

Seismic loading will result in increased lateral earth pressures acting on the retaining and foundation walls. The walls should be designed to withstand the combined lateral loading for the appropriate static pressure conditions given above, plus the earthquake induced dynamic earth pressure. The earthquake-induced dynamic pressure distribution is a linear distribution with maximum pressure at the top of the wall and minimum pressure at its toe (i.e., an inverted triangular pressure distribution).

If the foundation walls are backfilled with granular free draining fill either in a zone with width equal to at least half of the height of the wall or within the wedge-shaped zone defined by a line drawn at 1 horizontal to 1 vertical (1H:1V) extending up and back from the rear face of foundation wall, the following parameters (unfactored) provided in the table below may be used.

 $σ_h(z)$  = K γ z + (K<sub>AE</sub> – K<sub>a</sub>) γ (H-z)

The total pressure distribution (static plus seismic) may be determined as follows:



Seismic (earthquake) loading must be taken into account in the assessment of lateral earth pressures:

- The horizontal seismic coefficient  $(k_h)$  used in the calculation of the seismic active pressure coefficient is taken as 1.0 times the PGA. For structures which allow lateral yielding,  $(k_h)$  is taken as 0.5 times the PGA.
- The following seismic active pressure coefficients  $(K_{AE})$  are for the fill, glacial till and granular backfills:







The above  $K_{AE}$  values for yielding walls are applicable provided that the wall can move up to 250A $\,$ mm, where A is the design zonal acceleration ratio of (0.244 g). This corresponds to displacements of up to approximately 40 mm at this site.

It should be noted that the above seismic earth pressure coefficients assume that the back of the wall is vertical and that the ground surface behind the wall is flat. Where sloping backfill is present above the top of the wall, the lateral earth pressures under seismic loading conditions should be calculated by treating the weight of the backfill located above the top of the wall as a surcharge.

#### **5.6.2 Underground Parking – Within Bedrock**

It is considered that three design conditions could exist with regards to the lateral earth pressures that will be exerted on the foundation walls founded within the bedrock:

- Case 1: Walls cast directly against the bedrock face
- Case 2: Walls cast against formwork with a narrow-backfilled gallery provided between the foundation wall and the adjacent excavation bedrock face
- Case 3: Walls cast against formwork with a wide backfilled gallery provided between the foundation wall and the adjacent excavation face

#### Case 1

For the first case (wall cast against the bedrock), there will be no effective lateral earth pressures on the foundation wall. This assumes that any loose blocks or wedges of rock are removed from the face of the excavation or are stabilized prior to constructing the wall, and that any rock stabilization is designed for permanent use (i.e., with appropriate corrosion protection).

#### Case 2

For the second case, the magnitude of the lateral earth pressure depends on the magnitude of the arching which can develop in the backfill and therefore depends on the width of the backfill, its angle of internal friction, as well as the interface friction angles between the backfill and both the rock face and the foundation wall. The magnitude of the lateral earth pressure can be calculated as:

$$
\sigma_h(z) = \frac{\gamma B}{2 \tan \delta} \left( 1 - e^{-2K \frac{z}{B} \tan \delta} \right) + K \mathsf{q}
$$

#### Where:



#### Case 3

For the third case, when the width of the backfill is equal to half the wall height or more (i.e., wide backfill), the foundation walls should be designed to resist lateral earth pressures calculated as outlined in Section 5.6.1.

The following should be considered in estimating the lateral earth pressure:

- Hydrostatic groundwater pressures would also need to be considered if the structure is designed to be water-tight.
- It has been assumed that the underground parking level will be maintained at minimum temperatures but will not be permitted to freeze. If these areas are to be unheated, additional guidelines for the design of the foundation wall will be required.

# **5.7 Excavation**

Excavations for the underground parking and foundations will be made through the overburden and underlying dolostone and sandstone bedrock. It is expected that the excavation will extend up to approximately 9 or 10 m below the existing ground surface (to accommodate the three-storeys of underground parking).

#### **5.7.1 Excavation in Overburden**

No unusual problems are anticipated with excavating the overburden materials using large hydraulic excavating equipment.

In accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) of Ontario, the overburden materials above the groundwater table (i.e., fill and glacial till) would generally be classified as a Type 3 soil and therefore, the side slopes should be stable in the short term at 1 horizontal to 1 vertical. Below the water table, side slopes of 3 horizontal to 1 vertical (Type 4 soil in accordance with the OHSA) will be required.

Where site conditions (such as proximity of existing structures and utilities, or space restrictions) do not allow for the above noted side slopes then suitable safety and support measures must be undertaken according to the requirements of the OSHA. These measures include installation of a suitable shoring system to create and maintain positive support to the sidewalls of the excavation.

Guidelines on excavation shoring are provided in Section 5.9.

## **5.7.2 Excavation in Bedrock**

The bedrock surface was encountered at depths ranging from about 1.6 to 4.8 m below the existing ground surface. Excavations into the bedrock will be required for the three levels of underground parking.

The bedrock encountered at this site, in general, consists of slightly weathered to fresh dolostone/sandstone. The thin upper portion of the bedrock, however, is highly weathered (as encountered in boreholes 21-02, 21-03 and 21-06 to 21-09). It will likely be possible to carry out the bedrock removal using mechanical methods (such as hydraulic excavators and hoe ramming) for the removal of the highly weathered portion of the bedrock or for shallow excavations into bedrock (such as for service installation).

Where deep excavation of the sound bedrock is required (for the underground parking), it is anticipated that the bedrock removal could be carried out using controlled blasting, potentially in conjunction with hoe ramming and closely spaced line drilling.



The borehole log information (such as bedding and jointing orientations and spacing) suggests that near-vertical excavation walls in the bedrock should stand unsupported for the construction period. The borehole data, however, provides only limited information of the bedding and jointing in the bedrock and therefore the exposed bedrock should be inspected regularly (as the bedrock excavation proceeds) by qualified geotechnical personnel to assess the exposed bedrock surface for potential localized instabilities. Additional temporary rock support system such as rock bolts or shotcrete and mesh might be required to secure localized unstable rock wedges or poor-quality rock. If rock bolts are used to secure the unstable rock wedges (on the rock faces against the foundation walls where they are relied on for long-term support of the rock walls), they should be designed as a long-term / permanent stabilization measure and should have adequate corrosion protection cover.

All loose rock should be removed from the sidewalls during excavation to ensure the safety of workers.

The blasting should be controlled to limit the peak particle velocities at all adjacent structures or services such that blast induced damage will be avoided. This will require blast designs by a specialist in this field (see Section 5.13).

# **5.8 Groundwater Management**

## **5.8.1 Estimates of Groundwater Taking and Radius of Influence**

## *5.8.1.1* **Construction Condition**

It is understood that three levels of underground garage parking are being considered. Accordingly, excavation will be through surficial fill and native glacial till, into the underlying bedrock. Based on the groundwater conditions observed in the monitoring wells, excavations will likely extend below the groundwater level. The rate of groundwater inflow to the excavation will depend on many factors, including: the contractor's schedule and rate of excavation, the size of the excavation, and the time of year at which the excavation is made. Also, there may be instances where precipitation collects in an open excavation and must be rapidly pumped out.

According to O.Reg 63/16 and O.Reg 387/04, if the volume of water to be pumped from excavations for the purpose of construction dewatering is greater than 50,000 L/day and less than 400,000 L/day, the water taking will need to be registered as a prescribed activity in the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) and requires the completion of a "Water Taking Plan". Alternatively, a Permit to Take Water (PTTW) is required from the Ministry of the Environment Conservation and Parks (MECP) if a volume of water greater than 400,000 L/day is to be pumped from an excavation.

It is possible that groundwater elevations encountered during construction may be higher than those observed in October 2021, if, for example, construction occurs during the spring. Therefore, groundwater inflow estimates were completed using a groundwater elevation that is 0.5 m higher than the measured groundwater elevations. Incident precipitation could add approximately 700,000 L/day to the underground parking excavation, based on the proposed footprint, and assuming a 79.2 mm precipitation event (a 10-year event as observed at the Ottawa Airport weather station).

The Dupuit-Forcheimer analytical solution was used to estimate the potential groundwater inflow into the underground parking excavation using the geometric mean hydraulic conductivity measured in the wells screened above and to the depth of the underground parking (all monitoring wells except 21-10). The initial head elevation of the analytical model was assigned a value of 62.9 m (i.e., 0.5 m above the value recorded at monitoring well 21-04). It is assumed that construction dewatering activities would lower the groundwater level to an elevation of 56.0 m for the preliminary analysis. The hydraulic conductivity of the bedrock at this depth was

estimated to be approximately 1x10<sup>-4</sup> cm/s. The amount of dewatering needed for the excavation (including a safety factor of 2) is estimated to be between 105,000 (steady-state inflow) and 450,000 (initial inflow) litres per day (L/day). The radius of influence for the excavation is estimated to be approximately 25 m from the edge of the excavation. Groundwater inflow and dewatering radius of influence calculations are included in Appendix F.

Based on the groundwater conditions observed at the site and depending on how the excavation proceeds, water taking exceeding 400,000 L/day may be required to dewater groundwater from the excavation. As a result, a PTTW may be necessary for the water taking associated with the proposed work.

#### *5.8.1.2* **Permanent Condition**

The Dupuit-Forcheimer analytical solution was used to estimate the potential groundwater inflow to the drainage system for the three levels of underground parking. The initial groundwater elevation was assumed to be 62.9 m (i.e., 0.5 m above the value recorded at monitoring well 21-04), and it was assumed that the drains would lower the groundwater elevation to elevation 56.5 m for the preliminary analysis. The analytical solution was run using the geometric mean hydraulic conductivity measured in the wells screened at the depth of the underground parking. The steady-state dewatering rate (including a safety factor of 2.0) for the drainage system is estimated to be approximately 92,000 L/day. The radius of influence for the drainage system for steady-state flow was estimated to be approximately 25.0 m from the underground parking (see Appendix F).

# **5.9 Temporary Shoring**

The excavation through the overburden for underground parking will extend to depths of about 1.6 to 4.8 m below the existing ground surface. The contractor is fully responsible for the detailed design and performance of the temporary shoring systems. However, this section of the report provides some general guidelines on possible concepts for the shoring to be used by the designers for assessing the possible impacts of the shoring design and site works as well as to evaluate, at the design stage, the potential for impacts of this shoring on the adjacent properties. Temporary shoring can be used in combination with open cuts above the top of shoring, however, the earth pressure distribution must take into account the effects of the soil pressures from the upper open cut section.

The shoring method(s) chosen to support the excavation sides must take into account the soil and bedrock stratigraphy, the permissible movement of the shoring, the groundwater conditions, the methods adopted to manage the groundwater and construct the shoring systems, the potential ground movements associated with the excavation and construction of the shoring system, and their impact on adjacent structures and utilities.

For design purposes, a soldier pile and timber lagging system are considered a feasible shoring method that may be considered for the proposed excavations at the site. Due to the presence of shallow bedrock beneath the overlaying deposits, the soldier piles might need to be socketed into the competent bedrock to provide sufficient embedment for toe fixity, or the piles may need to be pinned to bedrock. Soldier pile and lagging walls are considered suitable for the sides of the excavations (provided that settlement-sensitive structures or utilities are not present in the zone of influence of the walls) where the objective is to maintain an essentially vertical excavation wall and the movements above and behind the wall need only be sufficiently limited so that relatively flexible features (such as roadways or sidewalks) will not be adversely affected.

Where foundations or settlement-sensitive infrastructure are present within the zone of influence of the shoring, the deflections may need to be greatly limited and therefore soldier pile and timber lagging system might not be feasible. Golder can provide further recommendations and guideline in the detailed design stage when the distance and extent of the excavations with respect to the sensitive structures are determined.

For a soldier pile and lagging system, some form of lateral support to the wall is typically required for excavation depths greater than about 3 to 4 m. Lateral restraint could be provided by means of tie-backs consisting of grouted soil or bedrock anchors. However, the use of rock/ground anchor tie-backs would require the permission of the adjacent property owners since the anchors would likely encroach on their properties. The presence of utilities beneath the adjacent properties, which could interfere with the tie-backs, should also be considered. Alternatively, interior struts can be considered, connected either to the opposite side of the excavation (if not too distant) or to raker piles and/or footings within the excavation.

# **5.10 Floor Slab**

The floor slab of the underground parking will be cast on bedrock.

Provision should be made for at least 150 mm of OPSS.MUNI 1010 Granular A compacted to 100% of the material's standard Proctor Maximum Dry Density (SPMDD) to form the base for the floor slab. Any engineered fill required to raise the grade to the underside of the Granular A, should consist of OPSS.MUNI 1010 Granular B Type II, or the Granular A bedding can be thickened, as needed. The underslab fill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to at least 100% of the material's SPMDD using suitable vibratory compaction equipment.

Provision should be made for drainage underneath the floor slab. The details on the permanent dewatering system are provided in Section 5.8.1.2, and subfloor drainage system should be designed to accommodate permanent groundwater inflow.

As a preliminary guideline, the subfloor drainage system may consist of a network of perimeter drains and sub-drain pipes conveying collected groundwater to a sump or sumps from which the groundwater can be pumped to a municipal sewer. The drainage system would consist of interconnected, perforated drain pipes (fully wrapped in non-woven geotextile and backfilled with free draining granular soils) installed around the perimeter and within the underground parking footprint. The capacity of the subfloor drainage system should be modified during construction as required if higher than anticipated inflows are observed. For preliminary design, the subdrains should be spaced no greater than 6.0 m apart.

Vertical drainage system should be provided to the exterior foundation walls. The drainage system must withstand the design horizontal earth pressures used for foundation wall design and should be connected to the underslab perimeter drainage system (see further discussions below).

# **5.11 Foundation Wall Backfill and Drainage**

The existing fill and glacial till encountered at this site are potentially frost susceptible and should not be used as backfill against the foundation walls. To avoid problems with frost adhesion and heaving as well as to provide drainage, the foundation walls should be backfilled with non-frost susceptible sand or sand and gravel conforming to the requirements for Ontario Provincial Standard Specification (OPSS) Granular B Type I, Granular B Type II, or Granular A. The granular backfill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and should be compacted to at least 95% of the material's SPMDD using suitable vibratory compaction equipment. To reduce compaction induced stresses, only light compaction rollers or plate tampers should be used within 1.0 m of the wall.

If the basement walls will be backfilled, vertical drainage membrane such as Miradrain (or similar drainage board) should be installed prior to backfilling. If the wall will be cast against shoring/rock the drainage board should be installed prior to casting the wall.

Any narrow galleries between the foundation walls and shoring wall/exposed bedrock may be backfilled using clear stone (where too narrow for normal compacted granular fill). Where the clear stone is in direct contact with soil, it should be fully wrapped in non-woven geotextile.

The perimeter drainage of the basement wall backfill should be provided by means of a perforated pipe in a surround of 19 mm clear stone, fully wrapped in geotextile, which leads by gravity drainage to an adjacent storm sewer or sump pit.

In areas where pavement or other hard surfacing will abut the building, differential frost heaving could occur between the granular fill immediately adjacent to the building and the more frost susceptible backfill placed beyond the wall backfill. To reduce the severity of this differential heaving, the backfill adjacent to the foundation walls should be placed to form a frost taper. The frost taper should be brought up to pavement subgrade level from 1.5 m below finished exterior grade at a slope of 3 horizontal to 1 vertical, or flatter, away from the wall. The granular fill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and should be compacted to at least 95% of the material's SPMDD using suitable vibratory compaction equipment.

# **5.12 Ground Movements**

During the excavation of the underground parking area, lateral deformation and vertical settlement of the adjacent ground may occur as a result of installation and deflection of the excavation activities. The ground movements induced could affect the stability or performance of structures and buildings or underground utilities adjacent to the excavation. Therefore, the magnitude and extent of ground movement and potential impacts on surrounding infrastructure should be assessed prior to construction to confirm movements will be in tolerable limits and monitored during construction.

Protective measures such as temporary shoring for the excavations in soil may need to be adopted where the excavations interfere with the zone of influence of adjacent building foundations or other structures/utilities.

# **5.13 Vibration Monitoring**

A pre-construction or pre-blast survey should be carried out for all of the surrounding structures. Selected existing interior and exterior cracks in the structures should be identified during the pre-construction survey and should be monitored for lateral or shear movements by means of pins, glass plate telltales and/or movement telltales.

The excavation contractor should be required to submit a complete and detailed blasting design and monitoring proposal prepared by a blasting/vibrations specialist prior to commencing blasting. This would have to be reviewed and accepted in relation to the requirements of the blasting specifications.

The contractor should be limited to only small, controlled shots. The following frequency dependent peak vibration limits at the nearest structures and services are suggested as typical vibration criteria commonly adopted for construction projects. If unusually sensitive receptors are identified during construction planning, then specific criteria may need to be adopted for those receptors.



It is recommended that the monitoring of ground vibration intensities (peak ground vibrations and accelerations) from the blasting operations be carried out both in the ground adjacent to the closest structures and services and within the structures themselves.

If practical, bedrock removal should commence at the furthest points from the closest structure or service to assess the ground vibration attenuation characteristics and to confirm the anticipated ground vibration levels.

Vibration monitoring should be carried out throughout all bedrock removal operations.

# **5.14 Site Servicing**

#### **5.14.1 Pipe Bedding and Cover**

At least 150 mm of OPSS Granular A should be used as pipe bedding for sewer and water pipes. Where unavoidable disturbance to the subgrade surface occurs, or if fill material is located below the invert of the pipe, it will be necessary to remove the disturbed material or fill, and place a sub-bedding layer consisting of compacted OPSS Granular B Type II beneath the Granular A. The bedding material should in all cases extend to the spring line of the pipe and should be compacted to at least 95% of the material's SPMDD. The use of clear crushed stone as a bedding layer should not be permitted anywhere on this project since fine particles from the sandy backfill materials or surrounding soil could potentially migrate into the voids in the clear crushed stone and cause loss of lateral pipe support.

Cover material, from spring line of the pipe to at least 300 mm above the top of pipe, should consist of OPSS Granular A or Granular B Type I with a maximum particle size of 25 mm. The cover material should be compacted to at least 95% of the material's SPMDD.

#### **5.14.2 Trench Backfill**

Trench backfill may consist of approved excavated material such as the existing pavement granulars, inorganic fill and glacial till, where the services will be overlain by pavements or other hard surfacing.

It is important for frost heave compatibility that the trench backfill within the frost zone of 1.8 m depth below pavement grade matches the soil exposed on the trench walls. This will require some separation of materials upon excavation. In particular, where the watermain is to be installed beneath existing pavements, the trench backfill should match those existing granular layers.

Trench backfill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and should be compacted to at least 95% of its SPMDD using suitable compaction equipment.



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# **5.15 Pavement Design**

In preparation for pavement construction, all disturbed, or otherwise deleterious materials (i.e., those materials containing organic material) should be removed from the roadway areas. To minimize potential for disturbance, the general grade should not be cut to final subgrade level until all services have been installed.

Sections requiring grade raising to the proposed subgrade level should be filled using acceptable (compactable and inorganic) earth borrow, OPSS Select Subgrade Material (SSM) or granular fill. These materials should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and should be compacted to at least 95% of the material's SPMDD using suitable compaction equipment.

Below the pavement structure, frost compatibility must be maintained across any new service trenches. Due to the variability of the soils within the project limits, the subsoil should be inspected by qualified geotechnical personnel to make sure that there is no potential for differential frost heaving.

#### **5.15.1 Pavement Drainage**

The surface of the pavement subgrade should be crowned to promote drainage of the roadway granular structure. The subgrade surface should be crowned or sloped to promote drainage of the roadway granular structure. Perforated pipe subdrains should be provided along the low sides of the roadway along the entire length. The subdrains should be installed in accordance with the City of Ottawa Specification F-4050 "Pipe Subdrain" and as per City of Ottawa Drawing No. R1. The geotextile should consist of a Class I non-woven geotextile to OPSS 1860. The geotextile should have a maximum Apparent Opening Size A.O.S. of 212 µm. The subdrains should be connected to the catch basins such that the pavement structure will be positively drained and will intercept flows within the subbase.

Backfilling of catch basin laterals located below subgrade level should be completed using acceptable native soils or fill which match the material types exposed on the lateral trench walls. This will reduce potential problems associated with differential frost heaving.

#### **5.15.2 Granular Pavement Materials**

Good drainage significantly improves the freeze-thaw resistance of the asphaltic concrete and decreases the frequency of transverse cracking, thereby extending the life of the pavement. The granular base and subbase for new construction should consist of Granular A and Granular B Type II (City of Ottawa F-3147), respectively.

## **5.15.3 Pavement Design**

The pavement structure for local roads or parking lots, which will not experience bus or truck traffic (other than school bus and garbage collection), should consist of:





The pavement structure for roadways which will experience bus and/or truck traffic as well as fire routes should consist of:



The granular base and subbase materials should be uniformly compacted to at least 100% of material's SPMDD using suitable vibratory compaction equipment. The asphaltic concrete should be compacted in accordance with Table 10 of OPSS 310.

The composition of the asphaltic concrete pavement with 90 mm thickness should be as follows:

- Superpave 12.5 mm Surface Course 40 mm
- Superpave 19.0 mm Base Course 50 mm

The composition of the asphaltic concrete pavement with 120 mm thickness should be as follows:

- Superpave 12.5 mm Surface Course 50 mm
- Superpave 19.0 mm Base Course 70 mm

The asphaltic cement should consist of PG 58-34 and the design of the mixes should be based on a Traffic Category B.

The above pavement design is based on the assumption that the pavement subgrade has been acceptably prepared (i.e., where the trench backfill and grade raise fill have been adequately compacted to the required density and the subgrade surface not disturbed by construction operations or precipitation). Depending on the actual conditions of the pavement subgrade at the time of construction, it could be necessary to increase the thickness of the subbase and/or to place a woven geotextile beneath the granular materials.

## **5.15.4 Pavement Structure Compaction**

Adequate compaction of the granular materials will be essential to the continued acceptable performance of the roadway and parking areas. Compaction should be carried out in conformance with procedures outlined in OPSS 501 "Construction Specification for Compacting" with compacted densities of the various materials being in accordance with Subsection 501.08.02 Method A. The granular base and subbase material should be uniformly compacted to at least 100% of the material's SPMDD using suitable vibratory compaction equipment. Compaction of the asphaltic concrete should be carried out in accordance with OPSS 310, Table 10.

The placement and compaction of any engineered fill, as well as sewer and watermain bedding and backfill, should be inspected to ensure that the materials used conform to the specifications from both a grading and compaction viewpoint. In addition, compaction testing and sampling of the asphaltic concrete used on site should be carried out to make sure that the materials used, and level of compaction achieved during construction meet the project requirements.

## **5.15.5 Joints, Tie-ins with Existing Pavements, Pavement Resurfacing**

At intersections with roadways at the project extents, the new pavement structure should be continued to the limits of construction. At connections to existing pavements, the existing pavement should be milled back beyond the curb return an additional 300 mm to the depth of the new surface course to accept the new surface course asphaltic concrete.

The granular courses and subbase level should be tapered between the new and existing pavements by using 10 horizontal to 1 vertical tapers up or down as required. At driveways and commercial entrances, butt joints may be used.

A tack coat should be provided on all and vertical and milled horizontal surfaces. The tack coat should consist of SS-1 emulsified asphalt diluted with an equal amount of water. The undiluted and emulsified asphalt shall be in conformance with OPSS 1103.

# **5.16 Site Grading**

The subsurface conditions at this site generally consist of fill, or fill underlain by a deposit of glacial till, which are in turn underlain by bedrock.

No practical restrictions apply to the thickness of grade raise fill which may be placed on the site from a foundation design perspective.

# **5.17 Material Reuse**

The existing fill and glacial till materials encountered at this site are not considered to be generally suitable for reuse as structural/engineered fill. Within foundation areas, imported engineered fill such as OPSS Granular B Type II should be used (if required). The existing fill and native overburden soils could however be reused in non-structural areas (i.e., landscaping).

# **5.18 Trees**

The silty clay soils in Ottawa are sensitive to water depletion by trees of high-water demand during periods of dry weather. When trees draw water from the clayey soil, the clay undergoes shrinkage which can result in settlement of adjacent structures.

Based on the results of the geotechnical investigation, the site is not underlain by sensitive silty clay. Therefore, no restrictions on the types or sizes of trees that may be planted or tree to foundation setback distances need to be considered for this development.

# **5.19 Corrosion and Cement Type**

The concentration of sulphate provides an indication of the degree of sulphate attack that is expected for concrete in contact with soil and groundwater at the site. The sulphate results (see Section [4.7\)](#page-10-0) were compared with Table 3 of Canadian Standards Association Standards A23.1-14 (CSA A23.1) and generally indicate a low degree of sulphate attack potential on concrete structures at the locations of all tested samples. Therefore, concrete made with Type GU Portland cement is considered acceptable for all substructures.

The pH, resistivity and chloride concentration provide an indication of the degree of corrosiveness of the sub-surface environment. Generally, the results indicate a moderate potential for corrosion of exposed ferrous metal within the study area, which should be taken into consideration in the design of substructures.

# **6.0 ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

If construction is carried out during periods of sustained below freezing temperatures, all subgrade areas should be protected from freezing (e.g., by using insulated tarps and/or heating).

All footing and subgrade areas should be inspected by experienced geotechnical personnel prior to filling or concreting to document that the correct/expected strata exist and that the bearing surfaces have been properly prepared. The placing and compaction of any engineered fill, pipe bedding, and pavement base and subbase materials should be inspected to ensure that the materials used conform to the specifications from both a grading and compaction point of view.

At the time of the writing of this report, only conceptual details for the proposed development were available. Golder Associates should review the final drawings and specifications for this project prior to tendering to confirm that the guidelines in this report have been adequately interpreted and to review some of our preliminary recommendations.

# **7.0 CLOSURE**

We trust that this report contains sufficient information for your present purposes. If you have any questions regarding this report or if we can be of further service to you on this project, please reach out us.



# Signature page

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Soil and groundwater conditions shown in the factual data and described in the report are the observed conditions at the time of their determination or measurement. Unless otherwise noted, those conditions form the basis of the recommendations in the report. Groundwater conditions may vary between and beyond reported locations and can be affected by annual, seasonal and meteorological conditions. The condition of the soil, rock and groundwater may be significantly altered by construction activities (traffic, excavation, groundwater level lowering, pile driving, blasting, etc.) on the site or on adjacent sites. Excavation may expose the soils to changes due to wetting, drying or frost. Unless otherwise indicated the soil must be protected from these changes during construction.

**Sample Disposal:** Golder will dispose of all uncontaminated soil and/or rock samples 90 days following issue of this report or, upon written request of the Client, will store uncontaminated samples and materials at the Client's expense. In the event that actual contaminated soils, fills or groundwater are encountered or are inferred to be present, all contaminated samples shall remain the property and responsibility of the Client for proper disposal.

**Follow-Up and Construction Services:** All details of the design were not known at the time of submission of Golder's report. Golder should be retained to review the final design, project plans and documents prior to construction, to confirm that they are consistent with the intent of Golder's report.

During construction, Golder should be retained to perform sufficient and timely observations of encountered conditions to confirm and document that the subsurface conditions do not materially differ from those interpreted conditions considered in the preparation of Golder's report and to confirm and document that construction activities do not adversely affect the suggestions, recommendations and opinions contained in Golder's report. Adequate field review, observation and testing during construction are necessary for Golder to be able to provide letters of assurance, in accordance with the requirements of many regulatory authorities. In cases where this recommendation is not followed, Golder's responsibility is limited to interpreting accurately the information encountered at the borehole locations, at the time of their initial determination or measurement during the preparation of the Report.

**Changed Conditions and Drainage:** Where conditions encountered at the site differ significantly from those anticipated in this report, either due to natural variability of subsurface conditions or construction activities, it is a condition of this report that Golder be notified of any changes and be provided with an opportunity to review or revise the recommendations within this report. Recognition of changed soil and rock conditions requires experience and it is recommended that Golder be employed to visit the site with sufficient frequency to detect if conditions have changed significantly.

Drainage of subsurface water is commonly required either for temporary or permanent installations for the project. Improper design or construction of drainage or dewatering can have serious consequences. Golder takes no responsibility for the effects of drainage unless specifically involved in the detailed design and construction monitoring of the system.

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**APPENDIX A**

Borehole Records



#### **The Golder Associates Ltd. Soil Classification System is based on the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS)**

#### **ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS USED ON RECORDS OF BOREHOLES AND TEST PITS**





#### **MODIFIERS FOR SECONDARY AND MINOR CONSTITUENTS**



#### **PENETRATION RESISTANCE**

#### **Standard Penetration Resistance (SPT), N:**

The number of blows by a 63.5 kg (140 lb) hammer dropped 760 mm (30 in.) r equired to drive a 50 mm (2 in.) split-spoon sampler for a distance of 300 mm (12 in.). Values reported are as recorded in the field and are uncorrected.

#### **Cone Penetration Test (CPT)**

An electronic cone penetrometer with a 60° conical tip and a project end area of<br>10 cm<sup>2</sup> pushed through ground at a penetration rate of 2 cm/s. Measurements of tip resistance (q<sub>t</sub>), porewater pressure (u) and sleeve frictions are recorded<br>electronically at 25 mm penetration intervals.

#### **Dynamic Cone Penetration Resistance (DCPT); Nd:**

The number of blows by a 63.5 kg (140 lb) hammer dropped 760 mm (30 in.) to drive uncased a 50 mm (2 in.) diameter, 60° cone attached to "A" size drill rods for a distance of 300 mm (12 in.).

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- **PH:** Sampler advanced by hydraulic pressure<br>**PM:** Sampler advanced by manual pressure
- **PM:** Sampler advanced by manual pressure<br>WH: Sampler advanced by static weight of ha
- **WH:** Sampler advanced by static weight of hammer<br>WR: Sampler advanced by weight of sampler and ro Sampler advanced by weight of sampler and rod





overburden pressure.

2. Definition of compactness terms are based on SPT 'N' ranges as provided in<br>Terzaghi, Peck and Mesri (1996). Many factors affect the recorded SPT 'N'<br>value, including hammer efficiency (which may be greater than 60% in a trip hammers), overburden pressure, groundwater conditions, and grainsize. As<br>such, the recorded SPT 'N' value(s) should be considered only an approximate<br>guide to the soil compactness. These factors need to be considered upon for design or construction.

**Field Moisture Condition** 





#### **SOIL TESTS**



1. Tests anisotropically consolidated prior to shear are shown as CAD, CAU.



1. SPT 'N' in accordance with ASTM D1586, uncorrected for overburden pressure effects; approximate only.

2. SPT 'N' values should be considered ONLY an approximate guide to consistency; for sensitive clays (e.g., Champlain Sea clays), the N-value approximation for consistency terms does NOT apply. Rely on direct measurement of undrained shear strength or other manual observations.



Unless otherwise stated, the symbols employed in the report are as follows:


### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 21-01** SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: Geodetic

LOCATION: N 5026314.5 ;E 361326.2

BORING DATE: September 24, 2021



### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 21-02** SHEET 1 OF 1

DATUM: Geodetic

LOCATION: N 5026359.3 ;E 361297.8

BORING DATE: September 21, 2021



# **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 21-03** SHEET 1 OF 1

BORING DATE: September 21 & 22, 2021

DATUM: Geodetic

LOCATION: N 5026355.1 ;E 361289.2



### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 21-04** SHEET 1 OF 1

BORING DATE: September 21, 2021

DATUM: Geodetic

LOCATION: N 5026369.7 ;E 361313.7



# **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 21-05** SHEET 1 OF 1

BORING DATE: September 22/24, 2021

DATUM: Geodetic

LOCATION: N 5026358.2 ;E 361327.9



### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 21-06** SHEET 1 OF 2

DATUM: Geodetic

LOCATION: N 5026317.1 ;E 361275.1

BORING DATE: September 30, 2021





### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 21-07** SHEET 1 OF 2

DATUM: Geodetic

LOCATION: N 5026297.0 ;E 361328.4

BORING DATE: September 30, 2021





### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 21-08** SHEET 1 OF 3

BORING DATE: September 28, 2021

DATUM: Geodetic

LOCATION: N 5026385.1 ;E 361306.5







### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 21-09** SHEET 1 OF 3

DATUM: Geodetic

LOCATION: N 5026279.3 ;E 361293.7

BORING DATE: September 29, 2021







### **RECORD OF BOREHOLE: 21-10** SHEET 1 OF 3

DATUM: Geodetic

LOCATION: N 5026360.8 ;E 361363.7

BORING DATE: September 29, 2021







**APPENDIX B**

Laboratory Test Results









- 1. Well formed cones on both ends
- 2. Well formed cones on one end, vertical cracks through cap
- 3. Columnar vertical craking through both ends
- 4. Diagonal fracture with no cracking through ends
- 5. Side fractures at top or bottom

Project:

6. Side fractures at both sides of top or bottom

- Cores tested in vertical direction.
- Cores tested in air-dry condition.
- Time to failure  $> 2$  and  $< 15$  minutes.



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Project:





**APPENDIX C**

Bedrock Core Photographs
































**APPENDIX D**

Results of Basic Chemical Analyses

### **Certificate of Analysis**

# **Environment Testing**





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Results relate only to the parameters tested on the samples submitted. Methods references and/or additional QA/QC information available on request.

**APPENDIX E**

Results of Geophysical Testing



## **TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM**

**DATE** October 27, 2021 21494078

**TO** Ali Ghirian Golder Associates Ltd.

**FROM** Peter Giamou, Christopher Phillips **EMAIL pgiamou@golder.com;** 

### **VERTICAL SEISMIC PROFILING RESULTS 1047 RICHMOND ROAD, OTTAWA, ONTARIO**

This memorandum presents the results of two Vertical Seismic Profiling (VSP) testing carried out in Borehole 21-08 at 1047 Richmond Road, Ottawa, Ontario. VSP testing was carried out on October 6, 2021. Borehole 21-08 was drilled to an approximate depth of 15 m below the existing ground surface and then cased with a 2.5 inch PVC pipe grouted in place. The borehole consisted of approximately 3.2 m of sandy silt over dolostone and sandstone bedrock to the bottom of the borehole.

### **Methodology**

For the VSP method, seismic energy is generated at the ground surface by an active seismic source and recorded by a geophone located in a nearby borehole at a known depth. The active seismic source can be either compression or shear wave. The time required for the energy to travel from the source to the receiver (geophone) provides a measurement of the average compression or shear-wave seismic velocity of the medium between the source and the receiver. Data obtained from different geophone depths are used to calculate a detailed vertical seismic velocity profile of the subsurface in the immediate vicinity of the test borehole.

The high-resolution results of a VSP survey are often used for earthquake engineering site classification, as per the National Building Code of Canada (NBCC).

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**Example 1: Layout and resulting time traces from a VSP survey.** 

### **Field Work**

The field work was carried out on October 6, 2021, by personnel from the Golder Mississauga office.

At Borehole 21-08, compression and shear-wave seismic energy were generated from a sledge-hammer located 2.00 m from the borehole. The seismic source for the shear-wave test consisted of a 2.4-metre-long, 150 millimetre by 150 millimetre wooden beam, weighted by a vehicle and horizontally struck with a 9.9 Kg sledgehammer on alternate ends of the beam to induce polarized shear waves. Test measurements started at ground surface and were recorded in the borehole with a 3-component receiver spaced at 1-metre intervals below the ground surface to the maximum depth of the casing (15 m).

The seismic records collected for each source location were stacked a minimum of three times to minimize the effects of ambient background seismic noise on the collected data. The data was sampled at 0.020833 millisecond intervals and a total time window of 0.341 seconds was collected for each seismic shot.

### **Data Processing**

Processing of the VSP test results consisted of the following main steps:

- 1) Compilation of seismic records to present seismic traces for all depth intervals on a single plot for each seismic source and for each component;
- 2) Low Pass Filtering of data to remove spurious high-frequency noise;
- 3) First-break picking of the compression and shear-wave arrivals; and,
- 4) Calculation of the average compression and shear-wave velocity to each tested depth interval.



Processing of the VSP data was completed using the SeisImager/SW software package (Geometrics Inc.). The seismic records from Borehole 21-08 are presented on the following two plots and show the first-break picks of the compression wave (Figure 1) and shear wave arrivals (Figure 2) overlaid on the seismic waveform traces recorded at the different geophone depths. The arrivals were picked on the vertical component for the compression source and on the two horizontal components for the shear source.



**Figure 1: First-break picking of compression wave arrivals (red) along the seismic traces recorded at each receiver depth of Borehole 21-08.** 





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### **Figure 2: First-break picking of shear wave arrivals (red) along the seismic traces recorded at each receiver depth of Borehole 21-08.**

### **Results**

The VSP results at Borehole 21-08 are summarized in Table 1. The shear wave and compression wave layer velocities were calculated by best-fitting a theoretical travel time model to the field data. The depths presented on the table are relative to ground surface.

The estimated dynamic engineering moduli, based on the calculated wave velocities, are also presented in Table 1. The engineering moduli were calculated using an estimated bulk density, based on the borehole log. An estimated bulk density of 2000 kg/m $^3$  was used for the overburden and an estimated bulk density of 2,600 kg/m $^3$ was used for the limestone bedrock.

At Borehole 21-08 the average shear wave velocity from ground surface to a depth of 30 metres was measured to be 1,171 metres per second. The average velocity at Borehole BH 21-08 was calculated assuming that the velocity from 15 metres to a depth of 30 metres was constant with an average shear-wave velocity value of 2,800 m/s which is equal to the velocity at the bottom of the borehole.

### **Limitations**

This technical memorandum, which specifically includes all tables, figures and attachments, is based on data and information collected by Golder Associates Ltd. and is based solely on the conditions of the properties at the time of the work, supplemented by historical information and data obtained by Golder Associates Ltd. as described in this memo.

Golder Associates Ltd. has relied in good faith on all information provided and does not accept responsibility for any deficiency, misstatements, or inaccuracies contained in the reports as a result of omissions, misinterpretation, or fraudulent acts of the persons contacted or errors or omissions in the reviewed documentation.

The services performed, as described in this memo, were conducted in a manner consistent with that level of care and skill normally exercised by other members of the engineering and science professions currently practicing under similar conditions, subject to the time limits and financial and physical constraints applicable to the services.

Any use which a third party makes of this memo, or any reliance on, or decisions to be made based on it, are the responsibilities of such third parties. Golder Associates Ltd. accepts no responsibility for damages, if any, suffered by any third party as a result of decisions made or actions based on this memo.

The findings and conclusions of this memo are valid only as of the date of this memo. If new information is discovered in future work, including excavations, borings, or other studies, Golder Associates Ltd. should be requested to re-evaluate the conclusions of this memo, and to provide amendments as required.

### **Closure**

We trust that these results meet your current needs. If you have any questions or require clarification, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

### **Golder Associates Ltd.**

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Attachments: Table 1 – VSP Modeller BH 21-08

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**TABLES** 

# TABLE 1- VSP MODELLER BH21-08







### **Notes**

1. Depth presented is relative to the ground surface.

2. This table shall be analyzed in conjunction with the accompanying report.

**APPENDIX F** 

Results of In-situ Hydraulic Conductivity Testing

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### **Inflow to Excavation Dupuit-Forchheimer Equation: Q=πK((h<sup>o</sup> 2 -hp<sup>2</sup> )/ln(R/r))**

#### **1047 Richmond Road**





Radius of Influence of Excavation (m) 23

#### **Rainfall Amount - Based on a 79.2 mm precipitation event in 24 hours with a return of 10 years**



#### **Notes**

L - litres

m - metres

mbgs - metres below ground surface

Initial\*: Potential worst-case inflow rate when trench is initially rapidly dewatered Steady-State\*\*: Steady state inflow rate



Groundwater elevation (masl) 62.89 0.5 m higher than measured at 21-4

 $h_n$ 

**r**

∆h

**R**

Bottom of the aquifer



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**Sichart and Kyrieleis Equation: R=3000Δh(K 1/2)**

Radius of Influence of Excavation (m) 21





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K = \frac{r_c^2}{2L_e} ln \left[ \frac{L_e}{2R_e} + \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{L_e}{2R_e}\right)^2} \right] \left[ \frac{ln\left(\frac{h_1}{h_2}\right)}{(t_2 - t_1)} \right]
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 where K = (m/sec)

where:

 $r_c$  = casing radius (metres) *R <sup>e</sup>* = filter pack radius (metres)

*L e* = length of screened interval (metres)

 $t =$  time (seconds)

 $h_t$  = head at time  $t$  (metres)





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### **BOUWER AND RICE SLUG TEST ANALYSIS RISING HEAD TEST 21-6**



where:

- $r_c$  = casing radius (metres);
- $R_e$  = effective radius (metres);
- $L_e$  = length of screened interval (metres);  $y_i$

 $r_w$  = radial distance to undisturbed aquifer (metres)

 $y_0$  = initial drawdown (metres)

 $y_t$  = drawdown (metres) at time t (seconds)





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K = \frac{r_c^2}{2L_e} ln \left[ \frac{L_e}{2R_e} + \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{L_e}{2R_e}\right)^2} \right] \left[ \frac{ln\left(\frac{h_1}{h_2}\right)}{(t_2 - t_1)} \right]
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