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1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Founders Residences Limited Partnership to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed residential development to be located at 1705-1715 Carling Avenue in the City of Ottawa (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan presented in Appendix 2).

The objective of the investigation was to:

- ☐ determine the subsoil and groundwater conditions at this site by means of test holes.
- ☐ provide geotechnical recommendations for the design of the proposed development including construction considerations which may affect its 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.

Investigating the presence or potential presence of contamination on the subject property was not part of the scope of work of this present investigation. Therefore, the present report does not address environmental issues.

2.0 Proposed Development

It is understood that the proposed development will consist of a mixed-use development, with residential care facility and apartment dwelling occupancies. It is understood that it will consist of an 8-9 storey residential building with one level of underground parking. It is further understood that at grade parking will also be provided and that the development will be municipally serviced.

3.0 Method of Investigation

3.1 Field Investigation

The field program for the investigation was carried out on January 22 and 25, 2018. At that time, seven (7) boreholes were completed across the subject site. The test hole locations were distributed across the site in a manner to provide general coverage of the subject site. The locations of the test holes are shown on Drawing PG4423-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The boreholes were put down using either a portable drilling rig or a track-mounted auger drill rig operated by a two person crew. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of Paterson personnel under the direction of a senior engineer. The drilling procedure consisted of augering to the required depths at the selected locations, sampling and testing the overburden.

Sampling and In Situ Testing

Soil samples were collected from the boreholes using a 50 mm diameter split-spoon (SS) sampler or from the auger flights. The split-spoon and auger samples were classified on site, placed in sealed plastic bags, and transported to the laboratory for further review. The depths at which the split-spoon and auger samples were recovered from the boreholes are shown as SS and AU, 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.

Diamond drilling was carried out to assess the bedrock quality. A recovery value and a Rock Quality Designation (RQD) value were calculated for each drilled section of bedrock and are shown on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1. The recovery value is the ratio, in percentage, of the length of the bedrock sample recovered over the length of the drilled section. The RQD value is the ratio, in percentage, of the total length of intact rock pieces longer than 100 mm in one drilled section over the length of the drilled section. These values are indicative of the quality of the bedrock.

The subsurface conditions observed in the boreholes were recorded in detail in the field. The soil profiles are presented on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 of this report.

Groundwater

A 32 mm diameter PVC groundwater monitoring well was installed at BH 1, BH 2, BH 3, BH 6 and BH 7 to permit monitoring of the groundwater levels subsequent to the completion of the sampling program.

Monitoring Well Installation

Typical monitoring well construction details are described below:

- ☐ Slotted 32 mm diameter PVC screen at base of borehole, for 3 m length.
- ☐ 32 mm diameter PVC riser pipe from the top of the screen to the ground surface.
- ☐ No.3 silica sand backfill within annular space around screen.
- ☐ 300 mm thick bentonite hole plug directly above PVC slotted screen.
- ☐ Clean backfill from top of bentonite plug to the ground surface.

Refer to the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 for specific well construction details.

Sample Storage

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

3.2 Field Survey

The borehole locations were selected by Paterson personnel to provide general coverage of the site. The boreholes were located in the field by Annis O'Sullivan Vollebekk (AOV). The ground surface elevations at the test hole locations were determined by AOV. It is understood that the elevations are referenced to a geodetic datum.

The test hole locations and the ground surface elevation at each test hole location are presented on Drawing PG4423-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

3.3 Laboratory Testing

The soil samples recovered from the subject site were examined in our laboratory to review the results of the field logging.

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 sample. The results are presented in Appendix 1 and are discussed further in Subsection 6.7.

4.0 Observations

4.1 Surface Conditions

Generally, the ground surface across the subject site consists of asphalt covered parking areas. The site is occupied by several existing buildings. The site is relatively flat and slightly above grade with the surrounding roadways and properties. The subject site is bordered to the south by Carling Avenue, to the north by Tillbury Avenue, to the west by a commercial property and to the east by residential buildings.

4.2 Subsurface Profile

Generally, the soil conditions encountered at the test hole locations consist of a pavement structure or concrete slab and varying fill layers overlying a native, glacial till deposit. Grey limestone bedrock was encountered at depths ranging from 0.2 to 1.6 m. Based on RQD values, the majority of the bedrock core was noted to be in good to excellent condition. Reference should be made to the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 for specific details of the soil profiles encountered at each test hole location.

Based on available geological mapping, the bedrock in this area mostly consists of interbedded limestone and dolostone of the Gull River Formation with an overburden drift thickness of 3 to 10 m depth.

4.3 Groundwater

The measured groundwater levels in the boreholes are presented in Table 1. It should be noted that groundwater levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations. Therefore, the groundwater level could vary at the time of construction.

Table 1 - Summary of Groundwater Level Readings				
Borehole Number	Ground Elevation, m	Groundwater Levels, m		Recording Date
		Depth	Elevation	
BH 1	78.35	1.74	76.61	January 29, 2018
BH 2	79.20	2.76	76.44	January 29, 2018
BH 3	79.49	1.79	77.70	January 29, 2018
BH 6	77.10	3.88	73.22	January 29, 2018
BH 7	76.85	1.92	74.93	January 29, 2018

5.0 Discussion

5.1 Geotechnical Assessment

Generally, the subject site is acceptable from geotechnical perspective for the proposed residential development. Bedrock removal will be required to complete the underground parking level. Line drilling and controlled blasting is recommended where large quantities of bedrock need to be removed. The blasting operations should be planned and completed under the guidance of a professional engineer with experience in blasting operations.

The above and other considerations are further discussed in the following sections.

5.2 Site Grading and Preparation

Stripping Depth

Due to the depth of the bedrock at the subject site and the anticipated founding level for the proposed multi-storey building, it is anticipated that all existing overburden material will be excavated from within the footprint of the proposed building.

Bedrock Removal

It is expected that line-drilling in conjunction with hoe-ramming or controlled blasting will be required to remove the bedrock for the underground parking levels. In areas of weathered bedrock and where only a small quantity of bedrock is to be removed, bedrock removal may be possible by hoe-ramming.

Prior to considering blasting operations, the blasting effects on the existing services, buildings and other structures should be addressed. A pre-blast or pre-construction survey of the existing structures located in proximity of the blasting operations should be carried out prior to commencing site activities. The extent of the survey should be determined by the blasting consultant and should be sufficient to respond to any inquiries/claims related to the blasting operations.

As a general guideline, peak particle velocities (measured at the structures) should not exceed 25 mm per second during the blasting program to reduce the risks of damage to the existing structures.

The blasting operations should be planned and conducted under the supervision of a licensed professional engineer who is also an experienced blasting consultant.

Excavation side slopes in sound bedrock can be carried out using almost vertical side walls. A minimum 1 m horizontal ledge, should be left between the bottom of the overburden excavation and the top of the bedrock surface to provide an area to allow for potential sloughing or to provide a stable base for the overburden shoring system.

Vibration Considerations

Construction operations are also the cause of vibrations, and possibly, sources of nuisance to the community. Therefore, means to reduce the vibration levels as much as possible should be incorporated in the construction operations to maintain, as much as possible, a cooperative environment with the residents.

The following construction equipment could be a source of vibrations: piling rig, hoe ram, compactor, dozer, crane, truck traffic, etc. Vibrations, whether it is caused by blasting operations or by construction operations, could be the cause of the source of detrimental vibrations on the adjoining buildings and structures. Therefore, it is recommended that all vibrations be limited.

Two parameters are used to determine the permissible vibrations, namely, the maximum peak particle velocity and the frequency. For low frequency vibrations, the maximum allowable peak particle velocity is less than that for high frequency vibrations. As a guideline, the peak particle velocity should be less than 15 mm/s between frequencies of 4 to 12 Hz, and 50 mm/s above a frequency of 40 Hz (interpolate between 12 and 40 Hz). It should be noted that these guidelines are for today's construction standards. Considering that several old or sensitive buildings are encountered in the vicinity of the subject site, considerations should be given to lowering these guidelines. Considering that these guidelines are above perceptible human level and, in some cases, could be very disturbing to some people, it is recommended that a pre-construction survey be completed to minimize the risks of claims during or following the construction of the proposed building.

Horizontal Rock Anchors

Horizontal rock anchors may be required at specific locations to prevent pop-outs of the bedrock, especially in areas where bedrock fractures are conducive to the failure of the bedrock surface. The requirement for horizontal rock anchors or alternative bedrock face support system will be evaluated during the excavation operations.

5.3 Foundation Design

Bearing Resistance Values

Footings placed on a clean, surface sounded bedrock surface can be designed using a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **3,000 kPa** incorporating a geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the bearing resistance value at ULS.

A clean, surface-sounded bedrock bearing surface should be free of loose materials, and have no near surface seams, voids, fissures or open joints which can be detected from surface sounding with a rock hammer.

Lateral Support

The bearing medium under footing-supported structures is required to be provided with adequate lateral support with respect to excavations and different foundation levels. Adequate lateral support is provided to a sound bedrock bearing medium when a plane extending down and out from the bottom edge of the footing at a minimum of 1H:6V (or flatter) passes only through sound bedrock or a material of the same or higher capacity as the bedrock, such as concrete. A weathered bedrock bearing medium will require a lateral support zone of 1H:1V (or flatter).

Settlement

Footings bearing on an acceptable bedrock bearing surface and designed using the bearing resistance values provided herein will be subjected to negligible potential post-construction total and differential settlements.

Bedrock Stabilization

Horizontal rock anchors may be required at specific locations where excavations are completed in bedrock below existing footings or vertically through the bedrock adjacent to footings to prevent pop-outs of the bedrock, especially in areas where fractures in the bedrock are conducive to the failure of the bedrock surface.

The requirement for horizontal rock anchors will be evaluated during the excavation operations and should be discussed with the structural engineer during the design stage.

5.4 Design for Earthquakes

The site class for seismic site response can be taken as **Class C** for the foundations considered at this site. A higher seismic site class may be applicable, such as Class A or B, for this subject site. However, a site specific seismic shear wave test will be required to confirm the seismic site classification according to the current OBC standards. Soils underlying the subject site are not susceptible to liquefaction. Reference should be made to the latest revision of the 2012 Ontario Building Code for a full discussion of the earthquake design requirements.

5.5 Basement Slab

All overburden soil will be removed for the proposed building and the basement floor slab will be founded on a bedrock medium. OPSS Granular A or Granular B Type II, with a maximum particle size of 50 mm, are recommended for backfilling below the floor slab. It is recommended that the upper 200 mm of sub-slab fill consists of a 19 mm clear crushed stone.

In consideration of the groundwater conditions encountered during the investigation, a subfloor drainage system, consisting of lines of perforated drainage pipe subdrains connected to a positive outlet, should be provided in the clear stone backfill under the lower basement floor.

5.6 Basement Wall

There are several combinations of backfill and retained soils that could be applicable for the basement walls of the subject structure. However, the conditions could be well-represented by assuming the retained soil consists of a material with an angle of internal friction of 30 degrees and a dry unit weight of 20 kN/m³. It is expected that a portion of the basement walls are to be poured against a composite drainage blanket, which will be placed against the exposed bedrock face. A nominal coefficient of at-rest earth pressure of 0.05 is recommended in conjunction with a dry unit weight of 23.5 kN/m³ (effective unit weight of 15.5 kN/m³). A seismic earth pressure component will not be applicable for the foundation wall, which is to be poured against the bedrock face. It is expected that the seismic earth pressure will be transferred to the underground floor slabs, which should be designed to accommodate these pressures. A hydrostatic groundwater pressure should be added for the portion below the groundwater level.

Undrained conditions are anticipated (i.e. below the groundwater level). Therefore, the applicable effective unit weight of the retained soil should be 13 kN/m^3 , where applicable. A hydrostatic pressure should be added to the total static earth pressure when calculating the effective unit weight.

For areas where the proposed building foundation walls are to support soil, the following earth pressure distributions should be reviewed. Two distinct conditions, static and seismic, should be reviewed for design calculations. The parameters for design calculations for the two conditions are presented below.

Static Conditions

The static horizontal earth pressure (p_o) could be calculated with a triangular earth pressure distribution equal to $K_o \cdot \gamma \cdot H$ where:

K_o = at-rest earth pressure coefficient of the applicable retained soil, 0.5

γ = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil (kN/m^3)

H = height of the wall (m)

An additional pressure with a magnitude equal to $K_o \cdot q$ and acting on the entire height of the wall should be added to the above diagram for any surcharge loading, q (kPa), that may be placed at ground surface adjacent to the wall. The surcharge pressure will only be applicable for static analyses and should not be used in conjunction with the seismic loading case.

Actual earth pressures could be higher than the “at-rest” case if care is not exercised during the compaction of the backfill materials to maintain a minimum separation of 0.3 m from the walls with the compaction equipment.

Seismic Conditions

The total seismic force (P_{AE}) includes both the earth force component (P_o) and the seismic component (ΔP_{AE}).

The seismic earth force (ΔP_{AE}) could be calculated using $0.375 \cdot a_c \cdot \gamma \cdot H^2/g$ where:

$a_c = (1.45 - a_{\max}/g)a_{\max}$

γ = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil (kN/m^3)

H = height of the wall (m)

g = gravity, 9.81 m/s^2

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

The earth force component (P_o) under seismic conditions could be calculated using $P_o = 0.5 K_o \gamma H^2$, where $K_o = 0.5$ for the soil conditions presented above.

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

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

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

5.7 Rock Anchor Design

The geotechnical design of grouted rock anchors in sedimentary bedrock is based upon two possible failure modes. The anchor can fail either by shear failure along the grout/rock interface or by pullout from a 60 to 90 degree cone with the apex near the middle of the anchor bonded length. Interaction may develop between the failure cones of adjacent anchors resulting in a total group capacity less than the sum of the individual anchor load capacity.

A third failure mode of shear failure along the grout/steel interface should also be reviewed by a qualified structural engineer to ensure all typical failure modes have been reviewed. Typical rock anchor suppliers, such as Dywidag Systems International (DSI Canada), have qualified personnel on staff to recommend appropriate rock anchor size and materials.

Centre-to-centre spacing between anchors should be at least four times the anchor hole diameter and greater than 1/5 of the total anchor length (minimum of 1.2 m) to lower the group influence effects. Anchors in close proximity to each other are recommended to be grouted at the same time to ensure any fractures or voids are completely in-filled and grout does not flow from one hole to an adjacent empty one.

Regardless of whether an anchor is of the passive or post tensioned type, the anchor is recommended to be provided with a fixed length at the anchor base, which will provide the anchor capacity, and a free length between the rock surface and the bonded length. As the depth at which the apex of the shear failure cone develops midway along the bonded length, a fully bonded anchor has a much shallower cone, and therefore less geotechnical resistance, than one where the bonded length is at the bottom portion of the anchor.

Permanent anchors should be provided with corrosion protection. As a minimum, this requires that the entire drill hole be filled with cementitious grout. The free anchor length is provided by installing a sleeve to act as a bond break, with the sleeve filled with grout. Double corrosion protection can be provided with factory assembled systems, such as those available from Dywidag Systems International or Williams Form Engineering Corp. Recognizing the importance of the anchors for the long term performance of the foundation of the proposed buildings, the rock anchors for this project are recommended to be provided with double corrosion protection.

Grout to Rock Bond

Generally, the unconfined compressive strength of the limestone bedrock ranges between 80 and 120 MPa, which is stronger than most routine grouts. A factored tensile grout to rock bond resistance value at ULS of 1,000 kPa, incorporating a resistance factor of 0.3, can be used. A minimum grout strength of 40 MPa is recommended.

Rock Cone Uplift

As discussed previously, the geotechnical capacity of the rock anchors depends on the dimensions of the rock anchors and the configuration of the anchorage system. A **Rock Mass Rating (RMR) of 65** was assigned to the bedrock, and Hoek and Brown parameters (**m and s**) were taken as **0.575 and 0.00293**, respectively. For design purposes, all rock anchors were assumed to be placed at least 1.2 m apart to reduce group anchor effects.

Recommended Rock Anchor Lengths

Rock anchor lengths can be designed based on the required loads. Rock anchor lengths for some typical loads have been calculated and are presented on the following page. Load specified rock anchor lengths can be provided, if required.

For calculations the following parameters were used.

Table 2 - Parameters used in Rock Anchor Review	
Grout to Rock Bond Strength - Factored at ULS	1.0 MPa
Compressive Strength - Grout	40 MPa
Rock Mass Rating (RMR) - Good quality Limestone Hoek and Brown parameters	65 m=0.575 and s=0.00293
Unconfined compressive strength - Limestone bedrock	80 MPa
Unit weight - Submerged Bedrock	15 kN/m ³
Apex angle of failure cone	60°
Apex of failure cone	mid-point of fixed anchor length

From a geotechnical perspective, the fixed anchor length will depend on the diameter of the drill holes. Recommended anchor lengths for a 75 and 125 mm diameter hole are provided in Table 3.

Table 3 - Recommended Rock Anchor Lengths - Grouted Rock Anchor				
Diameter of Drill Hole (mm)	Anchor Lengths (m)			Factored Tensile Resistance (kN)
	Bonded Length	Unbonded Length	Total Length	
75	1.0	0.5	1.5	250
	1.7	0.8	2.5	500
	2.8	1.4	4.2	1000
	4.7	2.4	7.1	2000
125	0.9	0.4	1.3	250
	1.4	0.6	2.0	500
	2.2	1.1	3.3	1000
	3.6	1.8	5.4	2000

The anchor drill holes should be within 1.5 to 2 times the rock anchor tendon diameter, inspected by geotechnical personnel and flushed clean with water prior to grouting. A tremie tube is recommended to place grout from the bottom of the anchor holes. Compressive strength testing is recommended to be completed for the rock anchor grout. A set of grout cubes should be tested for each day that grout is prepared.

The geotechnical capacity of each rock anchor should be proof tested at the time of construction. More information on testing can be provided upon request. Compressive strength testing is recommended to be completed for the rock anchor grout. A set of grout cubes should be tested for each day grout is prepared.

5.8 Pavement Structure

The recommended pavement structures for the subject site are shown in Tables 4 and 5.

Table 4 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Car Only Parking Areas	
Thickness (mm)	Material Description
50	Wear Course - HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
150	BASE - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
300	SUBBASE - OPSS Granular B Type II
	SUBGRADE - In situ soil, or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil

Table 5 - Recommended Pavement Structure Access Lanes and Heavy Truck Parking Areas	
Thickness (mm)	Material Description
40	Wear Course - HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
50	Binder Course - HL-8 or Superpave 19.0 Asphaltic Concrete
150	BASE - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
450	SUBBASE - OPSS Granular B Type II
	SUBGRADE - In situ soil, or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil

Minimum Performance Graded (PG) 58-34 asphalt cement should be used for this project. If soft spots develop in the subgrade during compaction or due to construction traffic, the affected areas should be sub-excavated and replaced with OPSS Granular B Type II material. The pavement granular base and subbase should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 98% of the SPMDD with suitable vibratory equipment.

6.0 Design and Construction Precautions

6.1 Foundation Drainage and Backfill

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

Backfill against the exterior sides of the foundation walls should consist of free-draining, non frost susceptible granular materials. The greater part of the site excavated materials will be frost susceptible and, as such, are not recommended for re-use as backfill against foundation walls, unless used in conjunction with a drainage geocomposite, such as Miradrain G100N or Delta Drain 6000, connected to the perimeter foundation drainage system. Imported granular materials, such as clean sand or OPSS Granular B Type 1 granular material, should otherwise be used for this purpose.

Under Floor Drainage

It is anticipated that underfloor drainage will be required to control water accumulation during spring melt and after heavy rain events. For preliminary design purposes, we recommend that 150 mm diameter perforated pipes be placed at 6 m centres. The spacing of the underfloor drainage system should be confirmed at the time of completing the excavation when water infiltration/accumulation can be better assessed.

6.2 Protection Against Frost Action

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

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

The parking garage should not require protection against frost action due to the founding depth. Unheated structures, such as the access ramp, may be required to insulate against the deleterious effect of frost action. A minimum of 2.1 m of soil cover alone, or a minimum of 0.6 m of soil cover, in conjunction with foundation insulation, should be provided.

6.3 Excavation Side Slopes

Temporary Side Slopes

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

Slopes in excess of 3 m in height should be periodically inspected by the geotechnical consultant in order to detect if the slopes are exhibiting signs of distress.

Excavation side slopes in sound bedrock could be completed with almost vertical side walls. Where bedrock is of lower quality, the excavation face should be free of any loose rock. An area specific review should be completed by the geotechnical consultant at the time of construction to determine if rock bolting or other remedial measures are required to provide a safe excavation face for areas where low quality bedrock is encountered. A minimum of 1 m horizontal bench, should remain between the bottom of the overburden and the top of the bedrock surface to provide an area for potential sloughing or a stable base for the overburden shoring system.

Temporary Shoring

Temporary shoring may be required for the overburden soil to complete the required excavations where insufficient room is available for open cut methods. The shoring requirements will depend on the depth of the excavation, the proximity of the adjacent buildings and underground structures and the elevation of the adjacent building foundations and underground services.

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

The temporary system could consist of soldier pile and lagging system or interlocking steel sheet piling. Any additional loading due to street traffic, construction equipment, adjacent structures and facilities, etc., should be included to the earth pressures described below. These systems could be cantilevered, anchored or braced. Generally, the shoring systems should be provided with tie-back rock anchors to ensure the stability. The shoring system is recommended to be adequately supported to resist toe failure, if required, by means of rock bolts or extending the piles into the bedrock through pre-augered holes if a soldier pile and lagging system is the preferred method.

The earth pressures acting on the shoring system may be calculated with the following parameters.

Table 6 - Soil Parameters	
Parameters	Values
Active Earth Pressure Coefficient (K_a)	0.33
Passive Earth Pressure Coefficient (K_p)	3
At-Rest Earth Pressure Coefficient (K_o)	0.5
Dry Unit Weight (γ), kN/m ³	20
Effective Unit Weight (γ), kN/m ³	13

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

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

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

6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill

A minimum of 300 mm of OPSS Granular A should be placed for bedding for sewer or water pipes when placed on bedrock 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 pipe obvert 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 compacted to a minimum of 95% of the SPMDD.

Where hard surface areas are considered above the trench backfill, the trench backfill material within the frost zone (about 1.8 m below finished grade) should match the soils exposed at the trench walls to reduce the potential differential frost heaving. The trench backfill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the SPMDD.

6.5 Groundwater Control

Groundwater Control for Building Construction

The contractor should be prepared to direct water away from all bearing surfaces and subgrades, regardless of the source, to prevent disturbance to the founding medium.

Infiltration levels are anticipated to be low through the excavation face. The groundwater infiltration will be controllable with open sumps and pumps. The following general information regarding permits for pumping water should be noted:

If the anticipated pumping volumes exceed 400,000 L/day of ground and/or surface water, a temporary Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) permit to take water (PTTW) would be required for this project during the construction phase. A minimum 4 to 5 months should be allowed for completion of the PTTW application package and issuance of the permit by the MOECC.

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

An EASR building permit may be required for the proposed building excavation program depending on the period of work. It is not expected that a PTTW will be required.

Long-term Groundwater Control

Any groundwater encountered along the building's perimeter or sub-slab drainage system will be directed to the proposed building's sump pit. It is expected that groundwater flow will be low (i.e. - less than 15,000 L/day) with peak periods noted after rain events. A more accurate estimate can be provided at the time of construction, once groundwater infiltration levels are observed. It is anticipated that the groundwater flow will be controllable using conventional open sumps.

Impacts on Neighbouring Structures

It should be noted that the extent of any significant groundwater lowering will take place within a limited range of the subject site due to the minimal temporary groundwater lowering.

The neighbouring structures are expected to be founded within native glacial till and/or directly over a bedrock bearing surface. No issues are expected with respect to groundwater lowering that would cause long term damage to adjacent structures surrounding the proposed building.

6.6 Winter Construction

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

Where excavations are completed in proximity of existing structures which may be adversely affected due to the freezing conditions. In particular, where a shoring system is constructed, the soil behind the shoring system will be subjected to freezing conditions and could result in heaving of the structure(s) placed within or above frozen soil. Provisions should be made in the contract document to protect the walls of the excavations from freezing, if applicable.

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

6.7 Corrosion Potential and Sulphate

The results of analytical testing show that the sulphate content is less than 0.1%. These results are indicative that Type 10 Portland cement (normal cement) would be appropriate for this site. The results of the chloride content, pH and resistivity indicate the presence of an aggressive environment for exposed ferrous metals at this site.

7.0 Recommendations

A materials testing and observation services program is a requirement for the provided foundation design data to be applicable. The following aspects of the program should be performed by the geotechnical consultant:

- ☐ Review of the geotechnical aspects of the excavation contractor's shoring design, prior to construction.
- ☐ Review the bedrock stabilization and excavation requirements.
- ☐ Observation of all bearing surfaces prior to the placement of concrete.
- ☐ Sampling and testing of the concrete and fill materials used.
- ☐ Periodic observation of the condition of unsupported excavation side slopes in excess of 3 m in height, if applicable.
- ☐ Observation of all subgrades prior to backfilling.
- ☐ Field density tests to determine the level of compaction achieved.
- ☐ Sampling and testing of the bituminous concrete including mix design reviews.

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

8.0 Statement of Limitations

The recommendations provided in this report are in accordance with our present understanding of the project.

A geotechnical investigation is a limited sampling of a site. The recommendations are based on information gathered at the specific test locations and can only be extrapolated to an undefined limited area around the test locations. Should any conditions at the site be encountered which differ from those at the test locations, Paterson requests notification immediately in order to permit reassessment of the recommendations.

The present report applies only to the project described in this document. Use of this report for purposes other than those described herein or by person(s) other than Founders Residences Limited Partnership, or their agent(s) is not authorized without review by Paterson Group for the applicability of our recommendations to the altered use of the report.

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APPENDIX 1

SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA SHEETS

SYMBOLS AND TERMS

SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

Geotechnical Investigation
Prop. Mixed-Use Development - 1705 Carling Ave.
Ottawa, Ontario

DATUM Ground surface elevations provided by Annis, O'Sullivan, Vollebekk Limited.

FILE NO. PG4423

REMARKS

HOLE NO. BH 1

BORINGS BY CME 55 Power Auger

DATE January 22, 2018

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REMARKS

HOLE NO. **BH 3**

BORINGS BY CME 55 Power Auger

DATE January 22, 2018

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Monitoring Well Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %					
								20	40	60	80		
GROUND SURFACE													
Asphaltic concrete	0.13		AU	1			0	79.49					
FILL: Crushed stone with silt and sand	0.60												
GLACIAL TILL: Very dense, brown silty sand with gravel, cobbles and boulders	1.58		SS	2	33	50+	1	78.49					
BEDROCK: Grey limestone			RC	1	95	67	2	77.49					
			RC	2	100	93	3	76.49					
			RC	3	100	95	5	74.49					
			RC	4	100	100	6	73.49					
End of Borehole	6.20												
(GWL @ 1.79m - Jan. 29, 2018)													
Shear Strength (kPa) ▲ Undisturbed △ Remoulded													

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HOLE NO. **BH 4**

DATE January 22, 2018

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction
		TYPE	NUMBER	% RECOVERY	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %				
								20	40	60	80	
GROUND SURFACE												
Asphaltic concrete 0.10		AU	1			0	77.96					
FILL: Crushed stone with silt and sand 0.60												
GLACIAL TILL: Brown silty sand with gravel, cobbles and boulders 0.79		AU	2									
End of Borehole												
Practical refusal to augering at 0.79m depth.												

Shear Strength (kPa)
 ▲ Undisturbed △ Remoulded

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REMARKS

HOLE NO. **BH 5**

BORINGS BY CME 55 Power Auger

DATE January 22, 2018

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction
		TYPE	NUMBER	% RECOVERY	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %				
								20	40	60	80	
GROUND SURFACE						0	79.13					
Asphaltic concrete 0.10												
FILL: Crushed stone with silt and sand 0.28		AU	1									
GLACIAL TILL: Very dense, brown silty sand with gravel, cobbles and boulders 0.53		AU	2									
End of Borehole												
Practical refusal to augering at 0.53m depth												

20 40 60 80 100

Shear Strength (kPa)

▲ Undisturbed △ Remoulded

SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

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HOLE NO. **BH 6**

DATE January 25, 2018

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SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

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HOLE NO. **BH 7**

DATE January 25, 2018

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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 relative strength of cohesionless soils is the compactness condition, 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. An SPT N value of "P" denotes that the split-spoon sampler was pushed 300 mm into the soil without the use of a falling hammer.

Compactness Condition	'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 shear vane tests, unconfined compression tests, or occasionally by the Standard Penetration Test (SPT). Note that the typical correlations of undrained shear strength to SPT N value (tabulated below) tend to underestimate the consistency for sensitive silty clays, so Paterson reviews the applicable split spoon samples in the laboratory to provide a more representative consistency value based on tactile examination.

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, S_t , is the ratio between the undisturbed undrained shear strength and the remoulded undrained shear strength of the soil. The classes of sensitivity may be defined as follows:

Low Sensitivity:	$S_t < 2$
Medium Sensitivity:	$2 < S_t < 4$
Sensitive:	$4 < S_t < 8$
Extra Sensitive:	$8 < S_t < 16$
Quick Clay:	$S_t > 16$

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 NQ or larger size core. However, it can be used on smaller core sizes, such as BQ, 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, generally recovered using a piston sampler
G	-	"Grab" sample from test pit or surface materials
AU	-	Auger sample or bulk sample
WS	-	Wash sample
RC	-	Rock core sample (Core bit size BQ, NQ, HQ, etc.). Rock core samples are obtained with the use of standard diamond drilling bits.

SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

PLASTICITY LIMITS AND GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

WC%	-	Natural water content or water content of sample, %
LL	-	Liquid Limit, % (water content above which soil behaves as a liquid)
PL	-	Plastic Limit, % (water content above which soil behaves plastically)
PI	-	Plasticity Index, % (difference between LL and PL)
Dxx	-	Grain size at 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 = $(D_{30})^2 / (D_{10} \times D_{60})$
Cu	-	Uniformity coefficient = D_{60} / D_{10}

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

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

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

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

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

CONSOLIDATION TEST

p'_o	-	Present effective overburden pressure at sample depth
p'_c	-	Preconsolidation pressure of (maximum past pressure on) sample
Ccr	-	Recompression index (in effect at pressures below p'_c)
Cc	-	Compression index (in effect at pressures above p'_c)
OC Ratio		Overconsolidation ratio = p'_c / p'_o
Void Ratio		Initial sample void ratio = volume of voids / volume of solids
Wo	-	Initial water content (at start of consolidation test)

PERMEABILITY TEST

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

STRATA PLOT



Topsoil



Asphalt



Fill



Peat



Sand



Silty Sand



Silt



Sandy Silt



Clay



Silty Clay



Clayey Silty Sand



Glacial Till



Shale



Bedrock

MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION

MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION



PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION



Certificate of Analysis

Client: Paterson Group Consulting Engineers

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Report Date: 31-Jan-2018

Order Date: 26-Jan-2018

Project Description: PG4423

Client ID:	BH3-AU1	-	-	-
Sample Date:	22-Jan-18	-	-	-
Sample ID:	1804460-01	-	-	-
MDL/Units	Soil	-	-	-

Physical Characteristics

% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	87.8	-	-	-
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General Inorganics

pH	0.05 pH Units	7.88	-	-	-
Resistivity	0.10 Ohm.m	18.1	-	-	-

Anions

Chloride	5 ug/g dry	172	-	-	-
Sulphate	5 ug/g dry	177	-	-	-

APPENDIX 2

FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN

DRAWING PG4423-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN

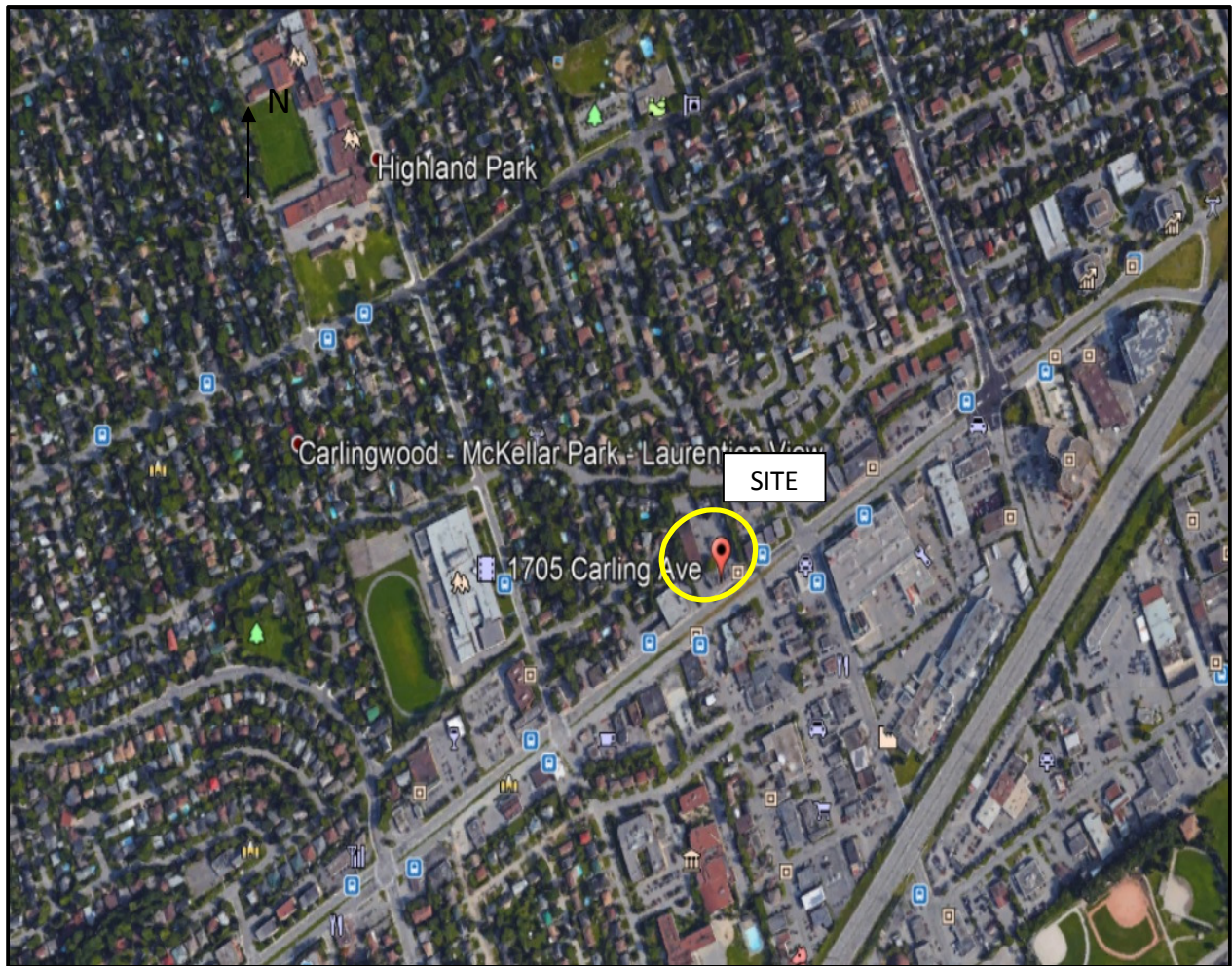




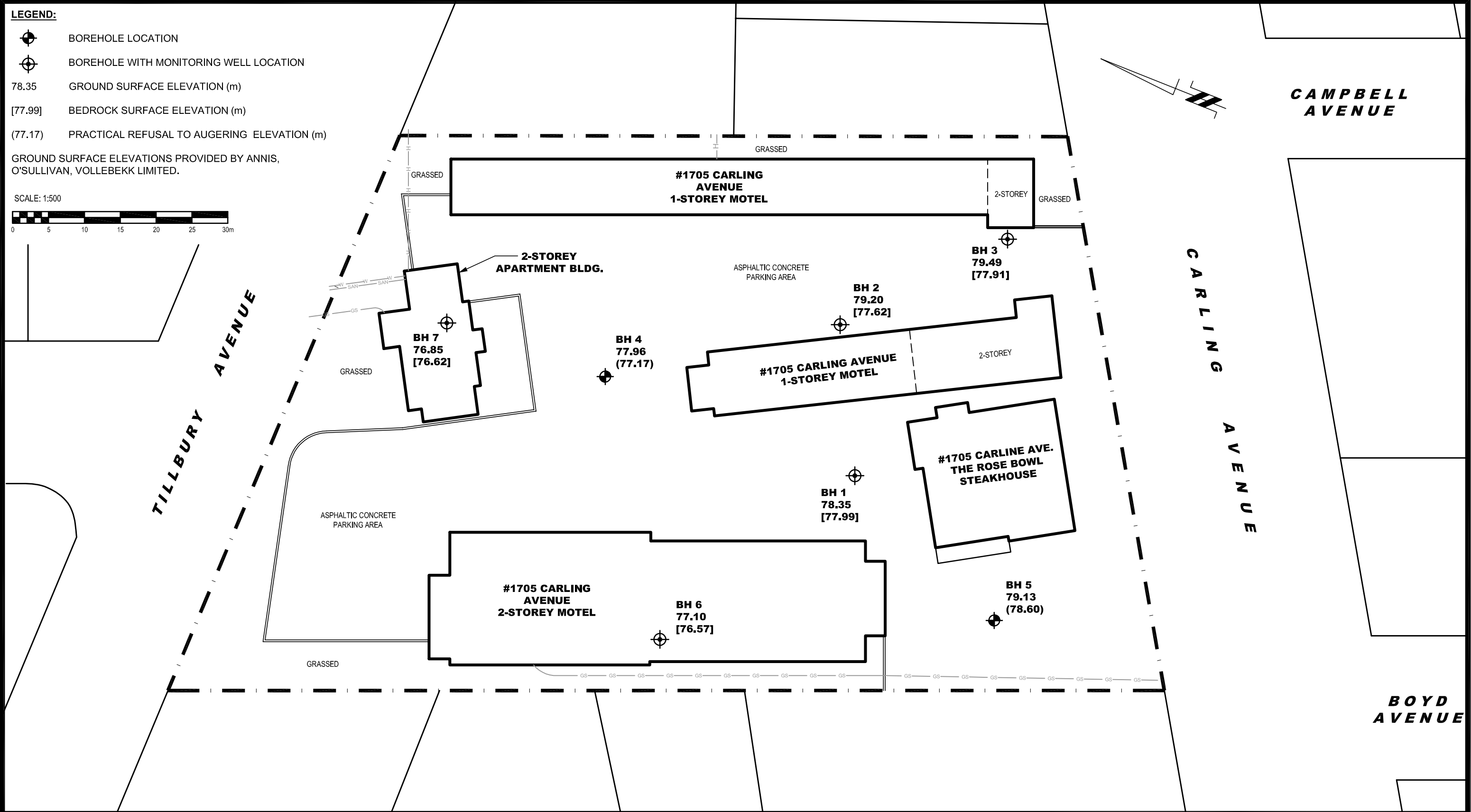
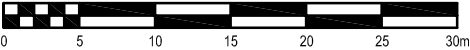
FIGURE 1
KEY PLAN

LEGEND:

- BOREHOLE LOCATION
- BOREHOLE WITH MONITORING WELL LOCATION
- 78.35 GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION (m)
- [77.99] BEDROCK SURFACE ELEVATION (m)
- (77.17) PRACTICAL REFUSAL TO AUGERING ELEVATION (m)

GROUND SURFACE ELEVATIONS PROVIDED BY ANNIS,
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