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## 1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Hamel Design and Planning to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed multi-storey building to be located at 360 Booth Street 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 boreholes.
- ☐ 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. A report addressing environmental issues for the subject site was prepared under separate cover.

## 2.0 Proposed Project

It is our understanding that the proposed building consists of a four (4) storey mixed use building with one level of underground parking. The proposed building is to occupy the majority of the subject site.

## **3.0 Method of Investigation**

### **3.1 Field Investigation**

The field program for our geotechnical investigation was carried out on May 30, 2018. At that time, a total of three (3) boreholes were advanced to a maximum depth of 6.3 m. The borehole locations were determined in the field by Paterson personnel taking into consideration site features and underground services. The locations of the boreholes are shown on Drawing PG4545-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The boreholes were advanced using a truck-mounted auger drill rig operated by a two person crew. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of personnel from Paterson's geotechnical division under the direction of a senior engineer. The testing procedure consisted of augering and rock coring to the required depths at the selected locations and sampling the overburden.

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

Soil samples were collected from the boreholes either directly from the auger flights or using a 50 mm diameter split-spoon sampler. Rock cores were obtained using 47.6 mm inside diameter coring equipment. All samples were visually inspected and initially classified on site. The auger and split-spoon samples were placed in sealed plastic bags, and rock cores were placed securely in hard cardboard boxes. All samples were transported to our laboratory for further examination and classification. The depths at which the auger, split spoon and rock core samples were recovered from the boreholes are shown as AU, SS and RC, respectively, on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets presented 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.

The recovery value and a Rock Quality Designation (RQD) value were calculated for each drilled section of bedrock and are presented on the borehole logs. The recovery value is the length of the bedrock sample recovered over the length of the drilled section. The RQD value is the total length of intact rock pieces longer than 100 mm over the length of the core run. The values indicate the bedrock quality.

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 flexible polyethylene standpipe was installed in BH 3 to permit monitoring of the groundwater levels subsequent to the completion of the sampling program.

### **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 determined by Paterson personnel taking into consideration the presence of underground and aboveground services. The location and ground surface elevation at each borehole location was surveyed by Paterson personnel. The ground surface elevations at the borehole locations were surveyed with respect to a temporary benchmark (TBM), consisting of the a catch basin located on Booth Street. An assumed elevation of 100.00 m was assigned for the TBM. The borehole locations and ground surface elevation at each borehole location are presented on Drawing PG4545-1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

## **3.3 Laboratory Testing**

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

## 4.0 Observations

### 4.1 Surface Conditions

The subject site is currently occupied by two (2) two-storey residential buildings with an associated at-grade parking area. The site is bordered to the north and west and south by existing multi-storey residential buildings, and to the east by Booth Street. The ground surface across the site is relatively flat and at grade with the neighbouring properties.

### 4.2 Subsurface Profile

Generally, the subsurface profile encountered at the borehole locations consists of fill overlying a dense to very dense, brown glacial till, consisting of a silty sand with gravel, cobbles and boulders. Bedrock consisting of grey limestone was encountered at depths between 1.5 to 2.1 m below the existing ground surface. The upper portion of the bedrock was noted to be in fair to good quality followed by excellent quality at depth.

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 subject site is located in an area where the bedrock mainly consists of interbedded limestone and shale of the Verulam formation with an anticipated overburden thickness of 1 to 2 m.

### 4.3 Groundwater

Groundwater levels were recorded at the piezometer installed at BH 3 on June 14, 2018. The groundwater level readings noted at that time are presented in Table 1. It should be noted that groundwater levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations and therefore levels could vary at the time of construction.

Table 1 - Summary of Groundwater Level Readings				
Test Hole Number	Ground Elevation (m)	Groundwater Levels (m)		Recording Date
		Depth	Elevation	
BH 3	100.15	3.01	97.14	June 14, 2018

## **5.0 Discussion**

### **5.1 Geotechnical Assessment**

From a geotechnical perspective, the subject site is adequate for the proposed multi-storey building. The proposed building is expected to be founded on conventional footings placed on clean, surface sounded bedrock.

Bedrock removal will be required to complete the underground parking. Line drilling and controlled blasting where large quantities of bedrock need to be removed is recommended. 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 anticipated founding level for the proposed building, all existing overburden material will be excavated from within the proposed building footprint. Bedrock removal will be required for the construction of the parking garage levels.

Topsoil and deleterious fill, such as those containing organic materials and construction debris should be stripped from under any buildings and other settlement sensitive structures.

#### **Bedrock Removal**

Based on the bedrock encountered in the area, it is expected that line-drilling in conjunction with hoe-ramming or controlled blasting will be required to remove the bedrock. In areas of weathered bedrock and where only a small quantity of bedrock is to be removed, bedrock removal may be possible by hoe-ramming.



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.

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

### **Vibration Considerations**

Construction operations could cause 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 a cooperative environment with the residents.

The following construction equipments could cause vibrations: piling equipment, hoe ram, compactor, dozer, crane, truck traffic, etc. Vibrations, caused by blasting or construction operations could cause detrimental vibrations on the adjoining buildings and structures. Therefore, all vibrations are recommended to be limited during construction.

Two parameters determine the recommended vibration limit: 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). These guidelines are for current construction standards. Considering there are several sensitive buildings in close proximity to the subject site, consideration should be given to lowering these guidelines. These guidelines are above perceptible human level and, in some cases, could be very disturbing to some people. A pre-construction survey is recommended to minimize the risks of claims during or following the construction of the proposed building.

## **Fill Placement**

Fill used for grading beneath the building areas should consist, unless otherwise specified, of clean imported granular fill, such as Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSS) Granular A or Granular B Type II. This material should be tested and approved prior to delivery to the site. The fill should be placed in lifts no greater than 300 mm thick and compacted using suitable compaction equipment for the lift thickness. Fill placed beneath the proposed building areas should be compacted to at least 98% of its standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).

Non-specified existing fill along with site-excavated soil can be used as general landscaping fill and beneath parking areas where settlement of the ground surface is of minor concern. In landscaped areas, these materials should be spread in thin lifts and at least compacted by the tracks of the spreading equipment to minimize voids. If these materials are to be used to build up the subgrade level for areas to be paved, they should be compacted in thin lifts to a minimum density of 95% of their respective SPMDD. Non-specified existing fill and site-excavated soils are not suitable for use as backfill against foundation walls unless a composite drainage blanket connected to a perimeter drainage system is provided.

## **5.3 Foundation Design**

### **Bearing Resistance Values**

Footings placed on a clean, surface sounded limestone bedrock can be designed using a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **2,500 kPa** incorporating a geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5.

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:10V (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 shallower).

## **Settlement**

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

## **5.4 Design for Earthquakes**

The site class for seismic site response can be taken as **Class C** for the foundations considered at the site. A higher site class, such as Class A or B, may be available for foundations placed on the bedrock surface. However, the higher site class would have to be confirmed by a site-specific seismic shear wave velocity test. The soils underlying the subject site are not susceptible to liquefaction.

Reference should be made to the latest revision of the Ontario Building Code (OBC) 2012 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 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**

Where soil is to be retained, the conditions can be well-represented by assuming the retained soil consists of a material with an angle of internal friction of 30 degrees and a dry unit weight of 20 kN/m<sup>3</sup>. Undrained conditions are anticipated (i.e. below the groundwater level). Therefore, the applicable effective unit weight of the retained soil can be taken as 13 kN/m<sup>3</sup>, where applicable. A hydrostatic pressure should be added to the total static earth pressure when using the effective unit weight.

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

$\gamma$  = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil ( $\text{kN/m}^3$ )

$H$  = 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 ( $\Delta P_{AE}$ ).

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

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

$\gamma$  = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil ( $\text{kN/m}^3$ )

$H$  = height of the wall (m)

$g$  = gravity,  $9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$

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 ground/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 DSI Canada or Williams Form Engineering Corp. Recognizing the importance of the anchors for the long term performance of the foundation of the proposed building, 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 limestone bedrock of this type would be 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 44** was assigned to the bedrock, and Hoek and Brown parameters (**m and s**) were taken as **0.128 and 0.00009**, 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 parameters given in Table 2 were used.

<b>Table 2 - Parameters Used in Rock Anchor Review</b>	
Grout to Rock Bond Strength - Factored at ULS	1.0 MPa
Compressive Strength - Grout	40 MPa
Rock Mass Rating (RMR) - Fair Quality Limestone Hoek and Brown parameters	44 m = 0.128 and s = 0.00009
Unconfined compressive strength - Limestone bedrock	90 MPa
Unit weight - Submerged Bedrock	15 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
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 75 and 125 mm diameter drill holes are provided in Table 3.

<b>Table 3 - Recommended Rock Anchor Lengths - Grouted Rock Anchor</b>				
<b>Diameter of Drill Hole (mm)</b>	<b>Anchor Lengths (m)</b>			<b>Factored Tensile Resistance (kN)</b>
	<b>Bonded Length</b>	<b>Unbonded Length</b>	<b>Total Length</b>	
75	3.0	1.5	4.5	250
	4.2	2.2	6.4	500
	6.5	2.6	9.1	1000
	10	3.5	13.5	2000
125	2.8	1.5	4.3	250
	3.5	2.4	5.9	500
	5.5	2.8	8.3	1000
	8	3.8	11.8	2000

The anchor drill holes should be within 1.5 to 2 times the rock anchor tendon diameter, inspected by the geotechnical consultant 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

For design purposes, the pavement structure presented in the following tables could be used for the design of car parking areas and access lanes.

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

<b>Table 5 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Access Lanes</b>	
<b>Thickness (mm)</b>	<b>Material Description</b>
40	<b>Wear Course</b> - HL3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
50	<b>Binder Course</b> - HL8 or Superpave 19.0 Asphaltic Concrete
150	<b>BASE</b> - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
400	<b>SUBBASE</b> - OPSS Granular B Type II
<b>SUBGRADE</b> - Either fill, in situ soil or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil or fill	

Minimum Performance Graded (PG) 58-34 asphalt cement should be used for this project. If soft spots develop in the subgrade during compaction or due to construction traffic, the affected areas should be excavated to a competent layer 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 100% of the material's SPMD using suitable vibratory equipment.



## **6.0 Design and Construction Precautions**

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

#### **Foundation Drainage**

It is recommended that a perimeter foundation drainage system be provided for the proposed structure. It is expected that insufficient room is available for exterior backfill. It is suggested that this system could be as follows:

- ☐ Bedrock vertical surface (Hoe ram and grind any irregularities and prepare bedrock surface)
- ☐ Composite drainage layer

It is recommended that the composite drainage system (such as Delta Drain 6000 or equivalent) extend down to the footing level. It is recommended that 150 mm diameter sleeves at 3 m centres be cast in the footing or at the foundation wall/footing interface to allow the infiltration of water to flow to the interior perimeter drainage pipe. The perimeter drainage pipe and underfloor drainage system should direct water to sump pit(s) within the lower basement area.

#### **Underfloor Drainage**

It is anticipated that underfloor drainage will be required to control water infiltration. For preliminary design purposes, we recommend that 150 mm in 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 can be better assessed.

#### **Foundation Backfill**

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

## **6.2 Protection Against Frost Action**

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

Exterior unheated footings, such as isolated exterior piers, are more prone to deleterious movement associated with frost action than the exterior walls of the structure proper and require additional protection, such as soil cover of 2.1 m or an equivalent 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 wall footings, may be required to be insulated against 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**

### **Temporary Side Slopes**

The temporary excavation side slopes should either be excavated to acceptable slopes or retained by shoring systems from the beginning of the excavation until the structure is backfilled.

The excavation side slopes above the groundwater level extending to a maximum depth of 3 m should be excavated at 1H:1V or shallower. The shallower slope is required for excavation below groundwater level. The subsurface soil is considered to be mainly Type 2 and 3 soil according to the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations for Construction Projects.

Excavated soil should not be stockpiled directly at the top of excavations and heavy equipment should be kept away from the excavation sides.

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

A trench box is recommended to be used at all times to protect personnel working in trenches with steep or vertical sides. It is expected that services will be installed by "cut and cover" methods and excavations will not be left open for extended periods of time.

In bedrock, almost vertical side slopes can be constructed, provided all weathered and loose rock is removed or stabilized with rock anchors and per the geotechnical consultant's recommendations. Since the parking garage structure is to be located in close proximity to the existing neighbouring structures and roadways, rock bolts and other temporary support may be required during construction.

### **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 should be designed by a structural engineer, specializing in shoring design. The shoring will depend on the depth of the excavation, the proximity of the adjacent structures and the elevation of the adjacent building foundations, roadways and underground services.

The design and implementation of the temporary systems will be the responsibility of the excavation contractor. The geotechnical information provided below is to assist the contractor in completing a safe shoring system. The shoring designer should take into account the impact of a significant precipitation event and designate design measures to ensure that a precipitation event will not negatively impact the shoring system or soils supported by the system. Any changes to the approved shoring design system should be reported immediately to the owner's consultants prior to implementation.

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. The shoring system could be cantilevered, anchored or braced. Generally, the shoring system should be provided with tie-back rock anchors to ensure 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.

<b>Table 6 - Soil Parameters</b>	
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Values</b>
Active Earth Pressure Coefficient ( $K_a$ )	0.33
Passive Earth Pressure Coefficient ( $K_p$ )	3
At-Rest Earth Pressure Coefficient ( $K_o$ )	0.5
Dry Unit Weight ( $\gamma$ ), kN/m <sup>3</sup>	20
Effective Unit Weight ( $\gamma$ ), kN/m <sup>3</sup>	13

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

The hydrostatic groundwater pressure should be included to the earth pressure distribution wherever the effective unit weight are calculated for earth pressures. If the groundwater level is lowered, the dry unit weight for the soil/bedrock should be calculated full weight, with no hydrostatic groundwater pressure component. For design purposes, the minimum factor of safety of 1.5 should be calculated.

### **Underpinning**

Founding conditions of adjacent structures bordering the site should be assessed and underpinning requirements should be evaluated at the time of construction.

## **6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill**

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

A minimum of 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. The bedding and cover materials should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick lifts compacted to a minimum of 95% of the SPMDD.

The site excavated material may be placed above cover material if the excavations are completed in dry weather conditions and the site excavated material is approved by the geotechnical consultant. All cobbles greater than 200 mm in the longest dimension should be removed prior to the materials being reused.

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 225 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, depending on the local groundwater table. The groundwater infiltration will be controllable with open sumps and pumps.

A temporary Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) permit to take water (PTTW) may be required for this project if more than 400,000 L/day of ground and/or surface water is to be pumped during the construction phase. A minimum of 4 to 5 months should be allocated for completion of the PTTW application package and issuance of the permit by the MOECC.

For typical ground or surface water volumes being pumped during the construction phase, typically between 50,000 and 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.

## **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 cistern/sump pit. Provided the proposed groundwater infiltration control system is properly implemented and approved by the geotechnical consultant at the time of construction, it is expected that groundwater flow will be low (i.e. less than 50,000 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**

Based on our observations, a local groundwater lowering is not anticipated under short-term or long-term conditions due to construction of the proposed building. It should be noted that the extent of any significant groundwater lowering will take place within a limited range of the subject site.

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 to 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.

## 7.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that the following be carried out once the master plan and site development are determined:

- ☐ Review the bedrock stabilization and excavation requirements.
- ☐ Review groundwater infiltration at the time of construction.
- ☐ 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 material testing and observation program by the geotechnical consultant.



## 8.0 Statement of Limitations

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

A geotechnical investigation is a limited sampling of a site. Should any conditions at the site be encountered which differ from those at the test hole locations, we request immediate notification in order to reassess our recommendations.

The recommendations provided should only be used by the design professionals associated with this project. The recommendations are not intended for contractors bidding on or constructing the project. The latter should evaluate the factual information provided in the report. The contractor should also determine the suitability and completeness for the intended construction schedule and methods. Additional testing may be required for the contractors' purpose.

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 360 Booth St Limited, Hamel Design and Planning or their agent(s) is not authorized without review by this firm for the applicability of our recommendations to the altered use of the report.

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# **APPENDIX 1**

**SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA SHEETS**

**SYMBOLS AND TERMS**

## SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

HOLE NO. **BH 1**[illegible]

## SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

**Geotechnical Investigation  
Proposed Mixed-Use Building - 360 Booth Street  
Ottawa, Ontario**

FILE NO. PG4545

HOLE NO. BH 2

**DATE** May 30, 2018

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## SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

Geotechnical Investigation  
Proposed Mixed-Use Building - 360 Booth Street  
Ottawa, Ontario

**DATUM** TBM - Top of catchbasin. An arbitrary elevation of 100.00m was assigned to the TBM.








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**BH 3**

**BORINGS BY** CME 55 Power Auger

**DATE** May 30, 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	100.15					
FILL: Crushed stone		AU	1									
0.46												
GLACIAL TILL: Brown silty sand with gravel, cobbles, some clay		SS	2	40	50+	1	99.15					
1.52												
		RC	1	83	54	2	98.15					
		RC	2	100	76	3	97.15					
BEDROCK: Grey limestone												
		RC	3	100	92	5	95.15					
		RC	4	100	100	6	94.15					
6.32												
End of Borehole												
(GWL @ 3.01m - June 14, 2018)												
								20	40	60	80	100
								Shear Strength (kPa)				
								▲ Undisturbed    △ Remoulded				

# SYMBOLS AND TERMS

## SOIL DESCRIPTION

Behavioural properties, such as structure and strength, take precedence over particle gradation in describing soils. Terminology describing soil structure are as follows:

Desiccated	-	having visible signs of weathering by oxidation of clay minerals, shrinkage cracks, etc.
Fissured	-	having cracks, and hence a blocky structure.
Varved	-	composed of regular alternating layers of silt and clay.
Stratified	-	composed of alternating layers of different soil types, e.g. silt and sand or silt and clay.
Well-Graded	-	Having wide range in grain sizes and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes (see Grain Size Distribution).
Uniformly-Graded	-	Predominantly of one grain size (see Grain Size Distribution).

The standard terminology to describe the strength of cohesionless soils is the relative density, usually inferred from the results of the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) 'N' value. The SPT N value is the number of blows of a 63.5 kg hammer, falling 760 mm, required to drive a 51 mm O.D. split spoon sampler 300 mm into the soil after an initial penetration of 150 mm.

Relative Density	'N' Value	Relative Density %
Very Loose	<4	<15
Loose	4-10	15-35
Compact	10-30	35-65
Dense	30-50	65-85
Very Dense	>50	>85

The standard terminology to describe the strength of cohesive soils is the consistency, which is based on the undisturbed undrained shear strength as measured by the in situ or laboratory vane tests, penetrometer tests, unconfined compression tests, or occasionally by Standard Penetration Tests.

Consistency	Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	'N' Value
Very Soft	<12	<2
Soft	12-25	2-4
Firm	25-50	4-8
Stiff	50-100	8-15
Very Stiff	100-200	15-30
Hard	>200	>30

## **SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)**

### **SOIL DESCRIPTION (continued)**

Cohesive soils can also be classified according to their “sensitivity”. The sensitivity is the ratio between the undisturbed undrained shear strength and the remoulded undrained shear strength of the soil.

Terminology used for describing soil strata based upon texture, or the proportion of individual particle sizes present is provided on the Textural Soil Classification Chart at the end of this information package.

### **ROCK DESCRIPTION**

The structural description of the bedrock mass is based on the Rock Quality Designation (RQD).

The RQD classification is based on a modified core recovery percentage in which all pieces of sound core over 100 mm long are counted as recovery. The smaller pieces are considered to be a result of closely-spaced discontinuities (resulting from shearing, jointing, faulting, or weathering) in the rock mass and are not counted. RQD is ideally determined from NXL size core. However, it can be used on smaller core sizes, such as BX, if the bulk of the fractures caused by drilling stresses (called “mechanical breaks”) are easily distinguishable from the normal in situ fractures.

<b>RQD %</b>	<b>ROCK QUALITY</b>
90-100	Excellent, intact, very sound
75-90	Good, massive, moderately jointed or sound
50-75	Fair, blocky and seamy, fractured
25-50	Poor, shattered and very seamy or blocky, severely fractured
0-25	Very poor, crushed, very severely fractured

### **SAMPLE TYPES**

SS	-	Split spoon sample (obtained in conjunction with the performing of the Standard Penetration Test (SPT))
TW	-	Thin wall tube or Shelby tube
PS	-	Piston sample
AU	-	Auger sample or bulk sample
WS	-	Wash sample
RC	-	Rock core sample (Core bit size AXT, BXL, etc.). Rock core samples are obtained with the use of standard diamond drilling bits.

## SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

### GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

MC%	-	Natural moisture content or water content of sample, %
LL	-	Liquid Limit, % (water content above which soil behaves as a liquid)
PL	-	Plastic limit, % (water content above which soil behaves plastically)
PI	-	Plasticity index, % (difference between LL and PL)
Dxx	-	Grain size which xx% of the soil, by weight, is of finer grain sizes These grain size descriptions are not used below 0.075 mm grain size
D10	-	Grain size at which 10% of the soil is finer (effective grain size)
D60	-	Grain size at which 60% of the soil is finer
Cc	-	Concavity coefficient = $(D_{30})^2 / (D_{10} \times D_{60})$
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



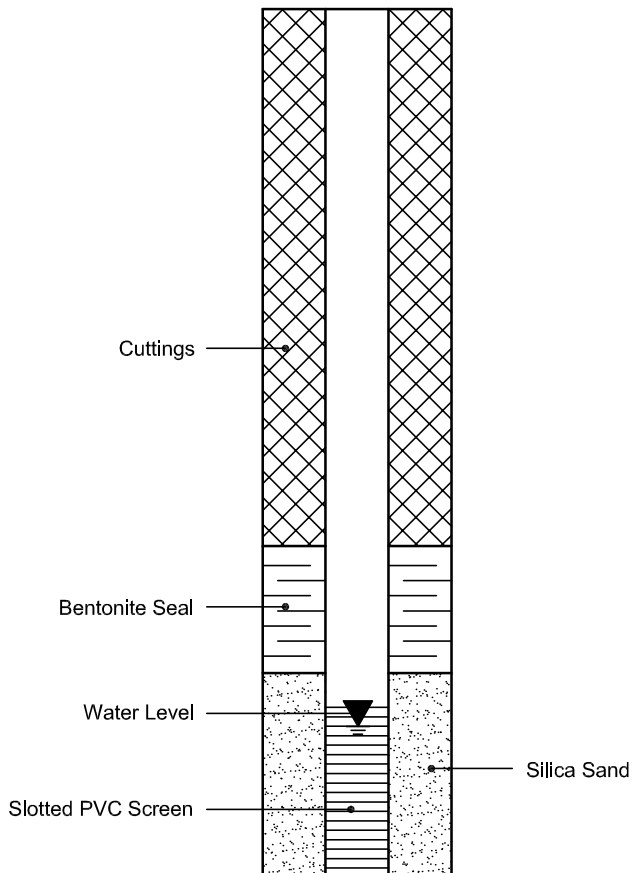
Bedrock

### MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION

#### MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION



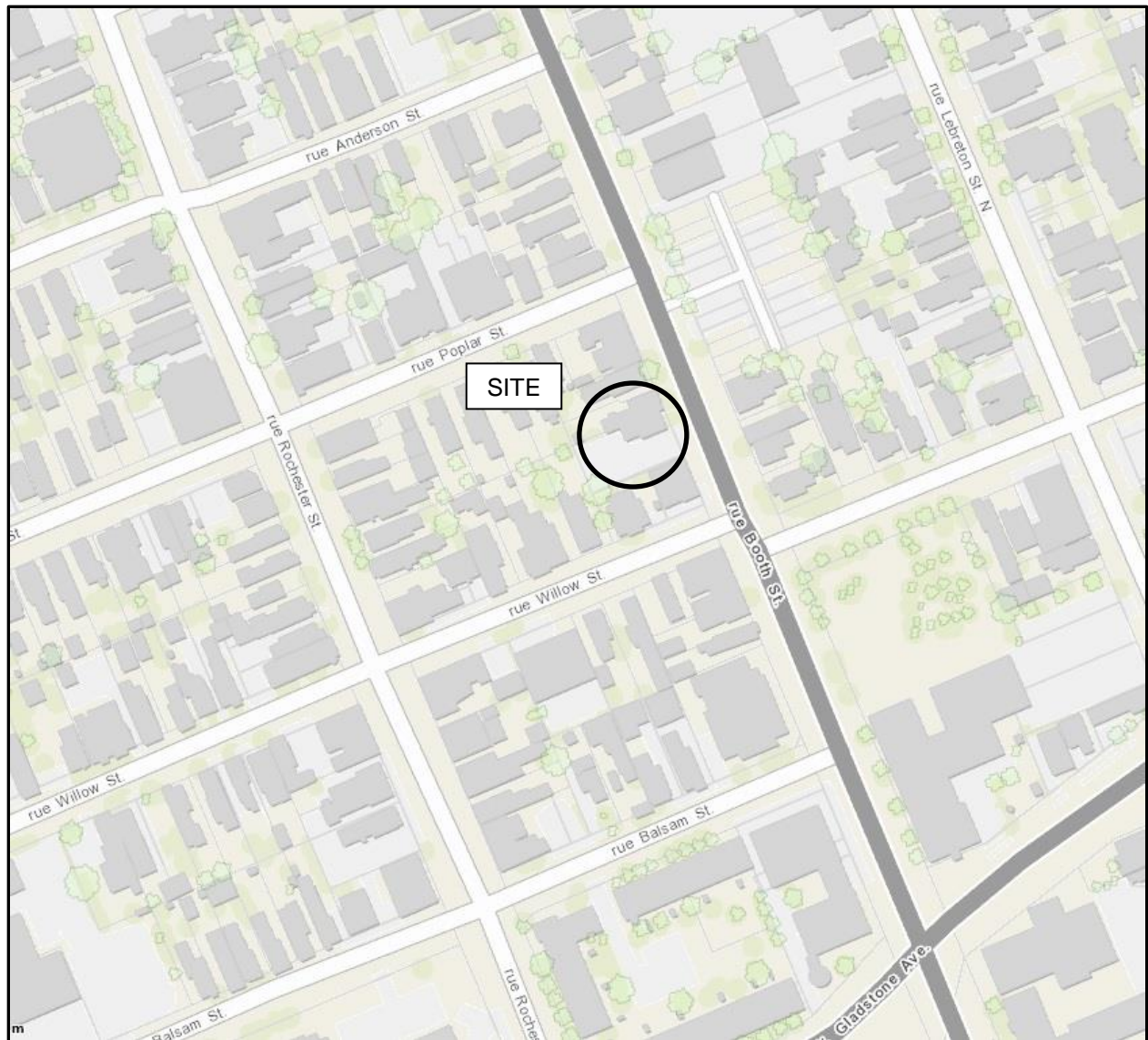
#### PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION



# **APPENDIX 2**

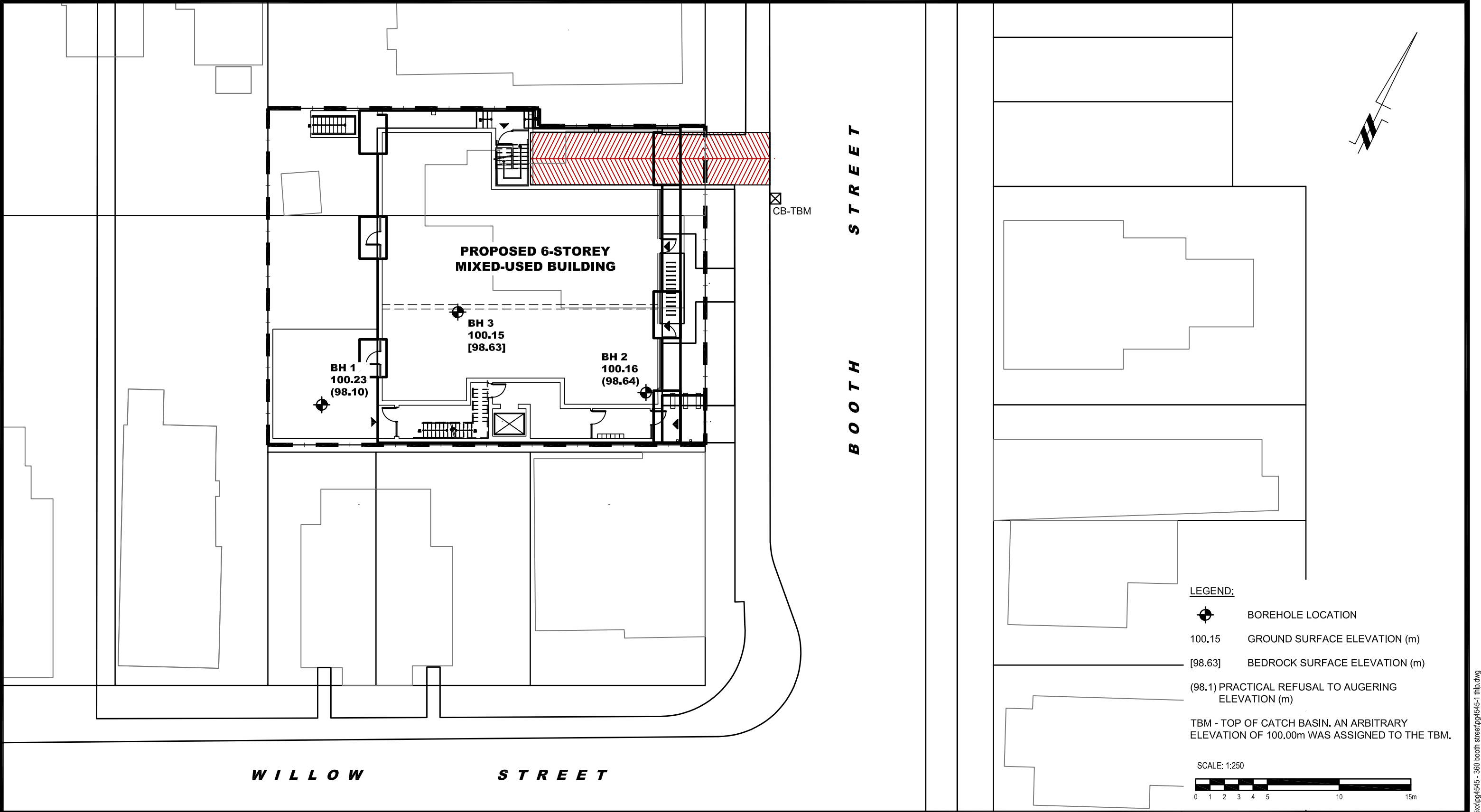
**FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN**

**DRAWING PG4545-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN**



**FIGURE 1**

**KEY PLAN**



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