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## 1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Kanata Muslim Association to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed community center to be located at 351 Sandhill Road, in the City of Ottawa, Ontario (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan in Appendix 2).

The objectives of the current investigation were to:

- ❑ determine the subsurface soil and groundwater conditions based on test hole information.
- ❑ provide geotechnical recommendations for the design of the proposed development including construction considerations which may affect the design.

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

## 2.0 Proposed Project

It is our understanding that the proposed development will consist of a 2 storey community center with one basement level. Associated car parking areas, access lanes and landscaped areas are also anticipated for this development. Based on the conceptual drawings provided, it is understood that the southwest corner of the existing building and garage will be demolished to accommodate the proposed development.



## **3.0 Method of Investigation**

### **3.1 Field Investigation**

#### **Field Program**

The field program for the current investigation was carried out on August 3, 2017. At that time, a total of seven (7) boreholes were placed across the subject site. The borehole locations were determined in the field by Paterson personnel taking into consideration site features and existing underground utilities. The locations of the boreholes and test pit are shown on Drawing PG4228-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The boreholes were put down using a track-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 for boreholes consisted of augering to the required depths and at the selected locations and sampling the overburden.

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

Borehole samples were recovered from a 50 mm diameter split-spoon (SS) or the auger flights (AU). All soil samples were visually inspected and initially classified on site. The split-spoon and auger samples were placed in sealed plastic bags. All samples were transported to our laboratory for further examination and classification. The depths at which the split-spoon and auger samples were recovered from the test holes are shown as SS and AU, respectively, on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets presented in Appendix 1.

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

Undrained shear strength testing was carried out at regular depth intervals in cohesive soils.

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

## **Groundwater**

Flexible standpipes were installed in all boreholes 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 otherwise directed.

### **3.2 Field Survey**

The test hole locations and ground surface elevation at the test hole locations were surveyed by Paterson field personnel. Ground surface elevations at the test hole locations were referenced to a temporary benchmark (TBM), consisting of the top of spindle of a fire hydrant located on the east side of Sandhill Road, across from the subject site. A geodetic elevation of 77.23 m was provided for the TBM by Fairhall, Moffatt and Woodland Ltd. The location of the boreholes and the ground surface elevation at each borehole location are presented on Drawing PG4228-1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

### **3.3 Laboratory Testing**

Soil samples recovered from the subject site were visually examined in our laboratory to review the field logs.

### **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**

Currently, the subject site is occupied by a one storey building with a basement level and detached garage, as well as an access lane and landscaped areas. The ground surface at the subject site is relatively flat and at grade with Sandhill Road. A former north-south trending ditch crossed the east corner of the subject site. Based on aerial photographs, the former ditch within the subject site was backfilled by 1976.

### **4.2 Subsurface Profile**

Generally, the subsurface profile at the borehole locations consists of a thin layer of topsoil or a silty sand fill material with trace gravel and crushed stone. The abovenoted material is underlain by a very loose to compact sandy silt to silt and/or loose to compact silty sand to sand followed by a hard to stiff brown silty clay crust. A stiff grey silty clay deposit was encountered below the above noted layers. BH 1 and BH 2 encountered a brown silty clay fill material with varying amounts of sand, gravel, crushed stone, boulders and trace organics to a final depth of 2.1 and 2.9 m, respectively, below existing ground surface. Specific details of the soil profile at borehole locations are presented on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1.

Based on available geological mapping, the subject site is located in an area with interbedded sandstone and dolomite of the March Formation with an overburden drift thickness of 5 to 10 m depth.

### **4.3 Groundwater**

Groundwater readings were taken within the piezometers installed at the borehole locations on August 11, 2017. The groundwater level readings observed within the piezometers are presented in Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1. Based on field observations, experience in the local area, moisture levels and colour of the recovered soil samples, the long-term groundwater table can be expected between 5 and 6 m depth. It should be noted that groundwater levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations and therefore could vary during the time of construction.

## **5.0 Discussion**

### **5.1 Geotechnical Assessment**

From a geotechnical perspective, the subject site is adequate for the proposed building. Based on the soil profile encountered at the test hole locations, it is expected that a hard to very stiff silty clay will be encountered at the proposed founding level.

It should be noted that the location of the proposed building has changed since the geotechnical investigation has been completed. As a result, the boreholes completed within the current proposed building footprint were terminated within the fill layer and were not extended to the founding elevation (the deeper boreholes were completed in an area that is now within the proposed parking area). However, general coverage of the site remains applicable and the very stiff silty clay layer is expected to be encountered at the founding elevation below the currently proposed building location. This will be confirmed by completing bearing surface inspections at the time of construction, which are required regardless of the building location.

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

### **5.2 Site Grading and Preparation**

#### **Stripping Depth**

Topsoil and deleterious fill, such as those containing organic materials, should be stripped from under any buildings, paved areas, pipe bedding and other settlement sensitive structures.

Existing foundation walls and other construction debris should be entirely removed from within the proposed building perimeter. Under paved areas, existing construction remnants such as foundation walls should be excavated to a minimum of 1 m below final grade.



## **Fill Placement**

Fill used for grading beneath the building structure 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 building area should be compacted to at least 98% of the standard proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).

Non-specified existing fill along with site-excavated soil can be used as general landscaping fill where settlement of the ground surface is of minor concern. These materials should be spread in thin lifts and at least compacted by the tracks of the spreading equipment to minimize voids. Site excavated, brown silty clay under dry conditions and above freezing temperatures and approved by the geotechnical consultant at the time of placement can be used to build up the subgrade level for areas to be paved. The brown silty clay should be placed in maximum 300 mm loose lifts and compacted to a minimum density of 95% of its 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**

### **Conventional Shallow Foundation**

Strip footings, up to 3 m wide, and pad footings, up to 6 m wide, placed on an undisturbed, hard to very stiff silty clay bearing surface can be designed using a bearing resistance value at serviceability limit states (SLS) of **200 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **300 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the above-noted bearing resistance value at ULS.

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

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

## **Lateral Support**

The bearing medium under footing-supported structures is required to be provided with adequate lateral support with respect to excavations and different foundation levels. Adequate lateral support is provided to a soil bearing medium when a plane extending horizontally and vertically from the footing perimeter at a minimum of 1.5H:1V, passing through in situ soil or engineered fill of equal or higher capacity as the soil.

## **Permissible Grade Raise**

A permissible grade raise restriction has been determined for the subject site based on the undrained shear strength values completed within the silty clay deposit. Based on the testing results, a permissible grade raise restriction of **2 m** above existing ground surface is recommended for the subject site.

To reduce potential long term liabilities, consideration should be given to providing means to reduce long term groundwater lowering (e.g. clay dykes, restriction on planting around the settlement sensitive structures, etc.). It should be noted that building over silty clay deposits increases the likelihood of building movements and therefore of cracking. The use of steel reinforcement in foundations placed at key structural locations will tend to reduce foundation cracking as compared to unreinforced foundations.

## **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. The soils underlying the subject site are not susceptible to liquefaction. Refer to the latest revision of the 2012 Ontario Building Code for a full discussion of the earthquake design requirements.

## 5.5 Basement Floor Slab

With the removal of topsoil and deleterious fill, such as those containing organic materials, within the footprint of the proposed building, the native soil surface will be considered to be an acceptable subgrade surface on which to commence backfilling for floor slab construction. Any soft areas should be removed and backfilled with appropriate backfill material. OPSS Granular A or Granular B Type II, with a maximum particle size of 50 mm, are recommended for backfilling below the floor slab. All backfill materials within the footprint of the proposed building should be placed in maximum 200 mm thick loose layers and compacted to at least 98% of its SPMDD. It is recommended that the upper 200 mm of sub-floor fill consist of 19 mm clear crushed stone.

## 5.6 Basement Wall

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.

### Lateral Earth Pressures

The static horizontal earth pressure ( $p_o$ ) can be calculated using 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 the applicable retained soil (kN/m<sup>3</sup>)

$H$  = height of the wall (m)

An additional pressure having 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 Earth Pressures

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 ( $\Delta P_{AE}$ ) can 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 (kN/m<sup>3</sup>)

H = height of the wall (m)

g = gravity, 9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup>

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

The earth force component ( $P_o$ ) under seismic conditions can be calculated using  $P_o = 0.5 K_o \gamma H^2$ , where  $K_o = 0.5$  for the soil conditions noted 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 Pavement Structure

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

<b>Table 1 - 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> - In situ soil, or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil

<b>Table 2 - Recommended Pavement Structure Access Lanes and Heavy Truck Parking Areas</b>	
<b>Thickness (mm)</b>	<b>Material Description</b>
40	<b>Wear Course</b> - HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
50	<b>Binder Course</b> - HL-8 or Superpave 19.0 Asphaltic Concrete
150	<b>BASE</b> - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
450	<b>SUBBASE</b> - OPSS Granular B Type II
	<b>SUBGRADE</b> - 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.

## **Pavement Structure Drainage**

Satisfactory performance of the pavement structure is largely dependent on keeping the contact zone between the subgrade material and the base stone in a dry condition. Failure to provide adequate drainage under conditions of heavy wheel loading can result in the fine subgrade soil being pumped into the voids in the stone subbase, thereby reducing its load carrying capacity.

Where silty clay is anticipated at subgrade level, consideration should be given to installing subdrains during the pavement construction. The sub-drain inverts should be approximately 300 mm below subgrade level. The subgrade surface should be crowned to promote water flow to the drainage lines.

## **6.0 Design and Construction Precautions**

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

A perimeter foundation drainage system is recommended to be provided for the proposed building. The system should consist of a 150 mm diameter 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 the foundation walls. A drainage geocomposite, such as Miradrain G100N or Delta Drain 6000, connected to the perimeter foundation drainage system with a positive outlet to the site storm sewer is also recommended. Imported granular materials, such as clean sand or OPSS Granular B Type I 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 due to the low permeability of the underlying silty clay subgrade. 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.

#### **Concrete Sidewalks Adjacent to Building(s)**

To avoid differential settlements within the proposed sidewalks adjacent to the proposed building, it is recommended that the upper 600 mm of backfill placed below the concrete sidewalks to consist of free draining, non-frost susceptible material such as, Granular A or Granular B Type II, instead of site excavated material which is considered frost susceptible. The granular material should be placed in maximum 300 mm loose lifts and compacted to 95% of the material's SPMDD using suitable compaction equipment. The subgrade material should be shaped to promote positive drainage towards the building's perimeter drainage pipe.

## **6.2 Protection of Footings 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.

## **6.3 Excavation Side Slopes**

### **Temporary Side Slopes**

The temporary excavation side slopes anticipated 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 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.

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

## **6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill**

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



A minimum of 150 mm of OPSS Granular A should be placed for bedding for sewer or water pipes when placed on soil subgrade. The bedding should extend to the spring line of the pipe. Cover material, from the spring line to a minimum of 300 mm above the obvert of the pipe should consist of OPSS Granular A (concrete or PSM PVC pipes) or sand (concrete pipe). The bedding and cover materials should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick lifts and compacted to 95% of the material's 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.

To reduce long term lowering of the groundwater level at this site, clay seals should be provided in the service trenches. The seals should be at least 1.5 m long and should extend from trench wall to trench wall. Generally, the seals should extend from the frost line and fully penetrate the bedding, subbedding and cover material. The barriers should consist of relatively dry and compatible brown silty clay placed in maximum 225 mm thick loose layers and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the material's SPMDD. The clay seals should be placed at the site boundaries and at strategic locations at no more than 60 m intervals in the service trenches.

## **6.5 Groundwater Control**

It is anticipated that groundwater infiltration into the excavations should be low and controllable using open sumps. Pumping from open sumps should be sufficient to control the groundwater influx through the sides of the shallow excavation. 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.

### **Permit to Take Water**

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 4 to 5 months should be allowed 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 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.

## **6.6 Winter Construction**

Precautions must be taken if winter construction is considered for this project. The subsoil conditions at this site consist of frost susceptible materials. In the presence of water and freezing conditions, ice could form within the soil mass. Heaving and settlement upon thawing could occur.

In the event of construction during below zero temperatures, the founding stratum should be protected from freezing temperatures 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 analytical test results are presented in Table 3 along with industry standards for the applicable threshold values. The results are indicative that Type 10 Portland cement (Type GU).

<b>Table 3 - Corrosion Potential</b>			
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Laboratory Results</b>	<b>Threshold</b>	<b>Commentary</b>
	<b>BH13-SS4</b>		
Chloride	9 µg/g	Chloride content less than 400 mg/g	Negligible concern
pH	7.31	pH value less than 5.0	Neutral Soil
Resistivity	84.5 ohm.m	Resistivity greater than 1,500 ohm.cm	Low to Moderate Aggressive
Sulphate	37 µg/g	Sulphate value greater than 1 mg/g	Negligible Concern

## 6.8 Landscaping Considerations

### Tree Planting Restrictions

The proposed development is located in an area of low to medium sensitive silty clay deposits for tree planting. It is expected that the thickness of the underlying weathered clay crust will provide approximately 1 to 2 m thick buffer to the potentially underlying firm silty clay deposit.

It is recommended that trees placed within 7.5 m of the foundation wall consist of low water demanding trees with shallow roots systems that extend less than 1.5 m below ground surface. Trees placed greater than 7.5 m from the foundation wall may consist of typical street trees, which are typically moderate water demand species with roots extending to a maximum depth of 2 m below ground surface.

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

## 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:

- ☐ 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 Kanata Muslim Association, 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**

**ANALYTICAL TESTING RESULTS**

## SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

## Geotechnical Investigation

**Proposed Community Center - 351 Sandhill Road  
Ottawa, Ontario**

<b>DATUM</b>	TBM - Top spindle of fire hydrant located on the east side of Sandhill Road, across from subject site. Geodetic elevation = 77.23m as per Fairhall, Moffatt and Woodland Ltd.
<b>REMARKS</b>	

FILE NO. PG4228

HOLE NO. BH 1

**BORINGS BY CME 55 Power Auger**

**DATE** August 3, 2017

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	76.94							
<b>FILL:</b> Brown silty clay, some sand, crushed stone and gravel, trace boulders		SS	1	50	22									
		SS	2	21	24									
		SS	3	25	13									
End of Borehole (BH dry - August 11, 2017)	2.13					2	74.94							
<div><div>20406080100</div><div>Shear Strength (kPa)</div><div>▲ Undisturbed    △ Remoulded</div></div>														



**DATUM** TBM - Top spindle of fire hydrant located on the east side of Sandhill Road, across from subject site. Geodetic elevation = 77.23m as per Fairhall, Moffatt and Woodland Ltd.

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**HOLE NO.**  
**BH 2**

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													
FILL: Brown silty sand, some crushed stone	0.30	SS	1	25	7	0	77.02						
FILL: Brown silty clay, some gravel, cobbles and boulders, trace organics		SS	2	4	5	1	76.02						
		SS	3	12	5	2	75.02						
		SS	4	4	22								
End of Borehole	2.90												
(BH dry - August 11, 2017)													
								Shear Strength (kPa)					
								20	40	60	80	100	
								▲ Undisturbed    △ Remoulded					

**DATUM** TBM - Top spindle of fire hydrant located on the east side of Sandhill Road, across from subject site. Geodetic elevation = 77.23m as per Fairhall, Moffatt and Woodland Ltd.

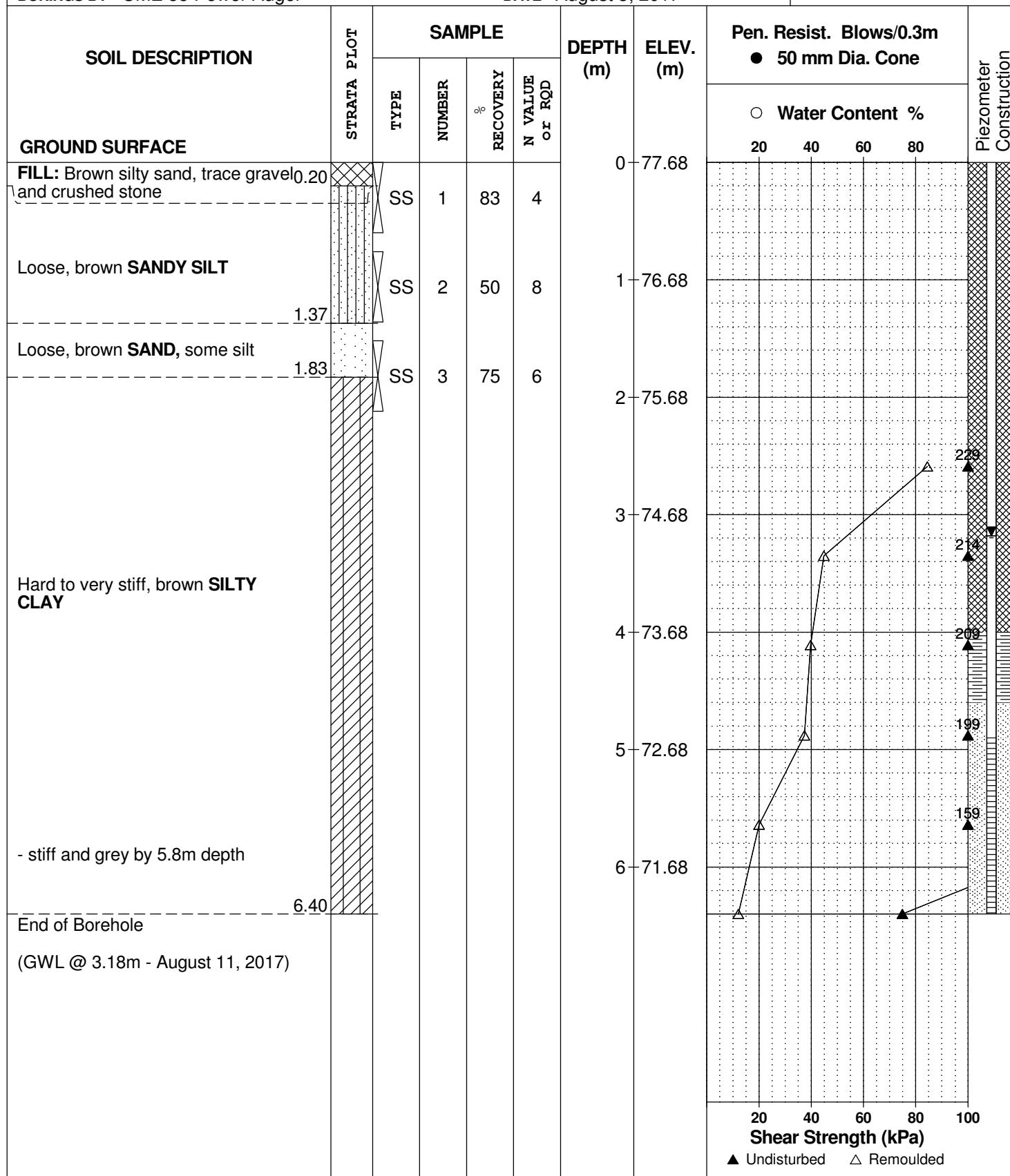
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**BH 3**

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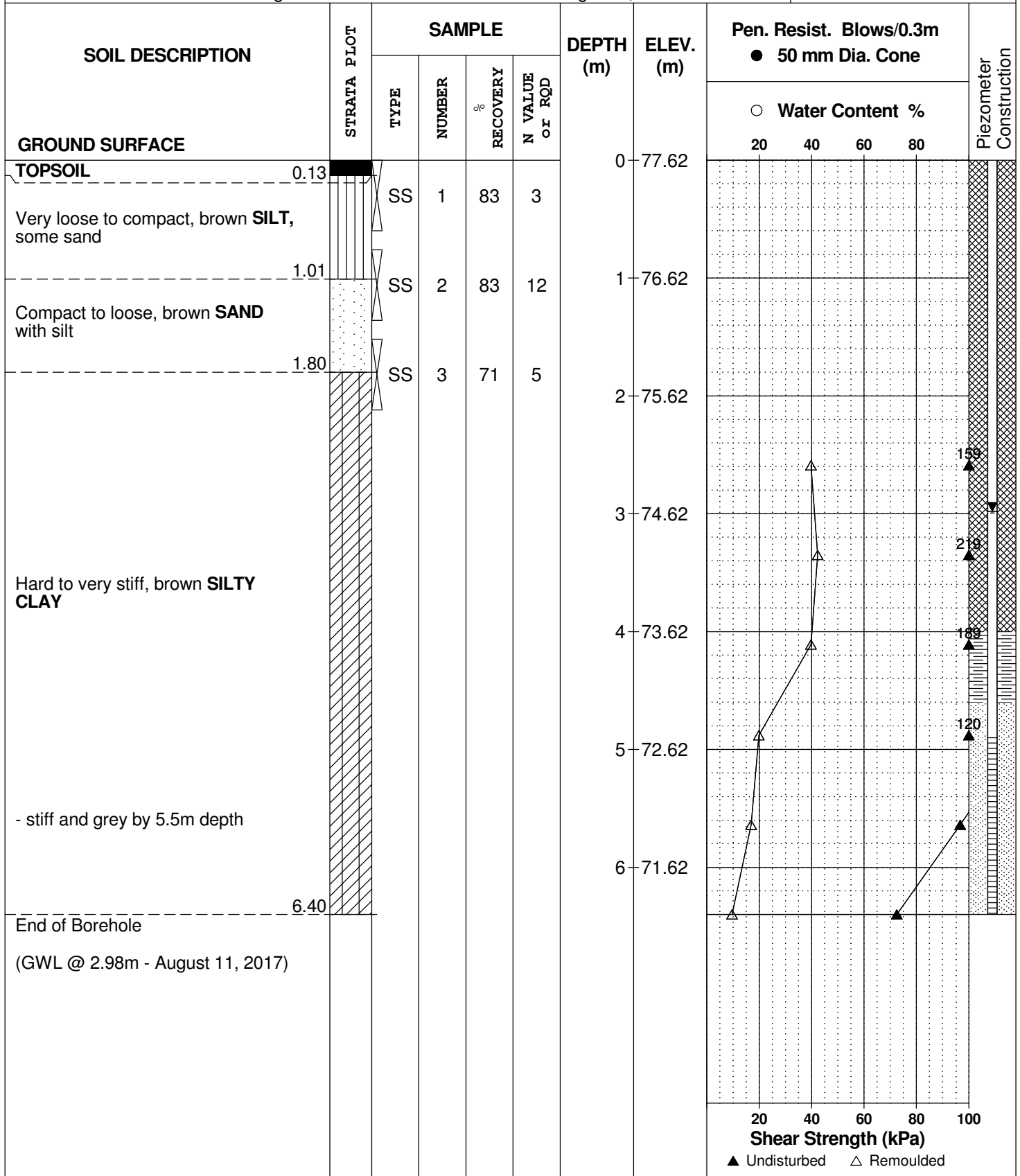
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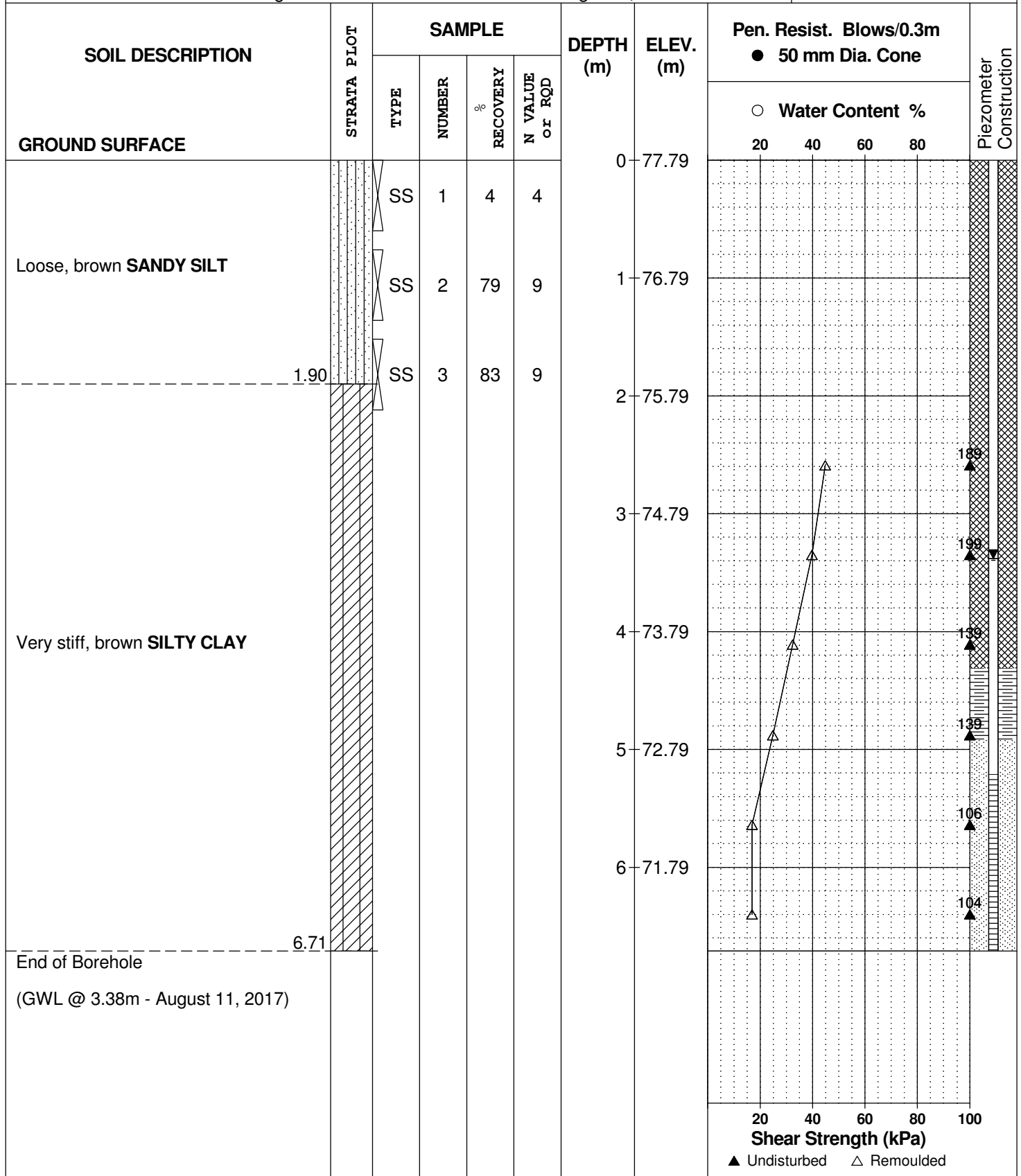
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**BH 5**



## SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

**Geotechnical Investigation  
Proposed Community Center - 351 Sandhill Road  
Ottawa, Ontario**

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HOLE NO. **BH 6**

**DATE** August 3, 2017

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## SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

## Geotechnical Investigation

**Proposed Community Center - 351 Sandhill Road  
Ottawa, Ontario**

<b>DATUM</b>	TBM - Top spindle of fire hydrant located on the east side of Sandhill Road, across from subject site. Geodetic elevation = 77.23m as per Fairhall, Moffatt and Woodland Ltd.
<b>REMARKS</b>	

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HOLE NO. BH 7

**BORINGS BY** CME 55 Power Auger

DATE August 3, 2017

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# SYMBOLS AND TERMS

## SOIL DESCRIPTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

### **ROCK DESCRIPTION**

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

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

<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



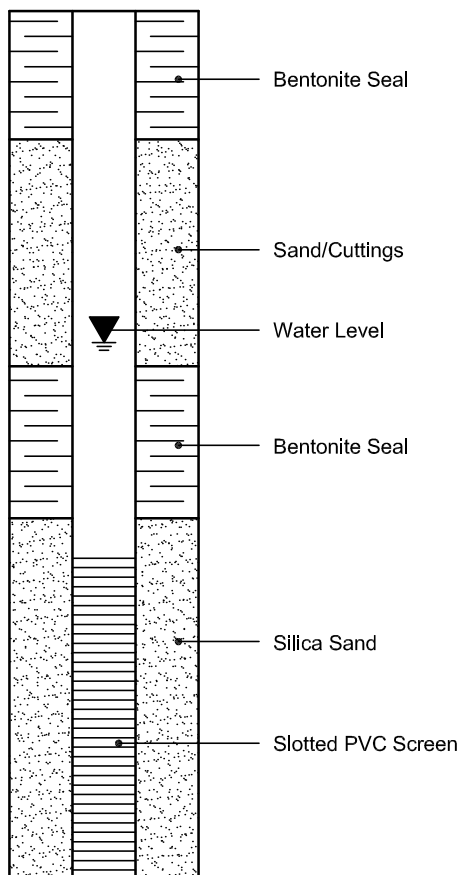
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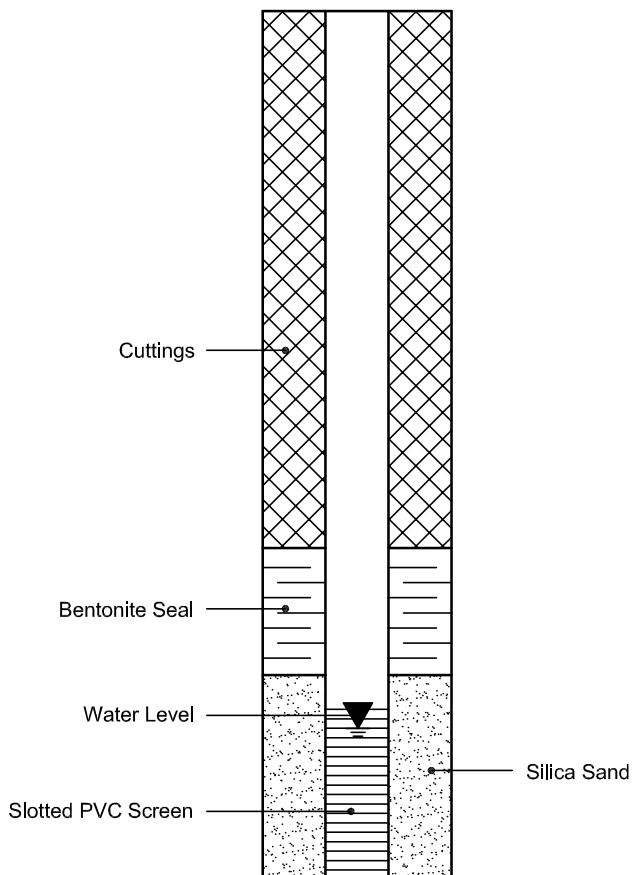
Bedrock

### MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION

#### MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION



#### PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION



Certificate of Analysis

Client: Paterson Group Consulting Engineers

Client PO: 22030

Report Date: 11-Aug-2017

Order Date: 4-Aug-2017

Project Description: PG4228

Client ID:	BH3-SS3	-	-	-
Sample Date:	03-Aug-17	-	-	-
Sample ID:	1731543-01	-	-	-
MDL/Units	Soil	-	-	-

**Physical Characteristics**

% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	73.3	-	-	-
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**General Inorganics**

pH	0.05 pH Units	7.31	-	-	-
Resistivity	0.10 Ohm.m	84.5	-	-	-

**Anions**

Chloride	5 ug/g dry	9	-	-	-
Sulphate	5 ug/g dry	37	-	-	-

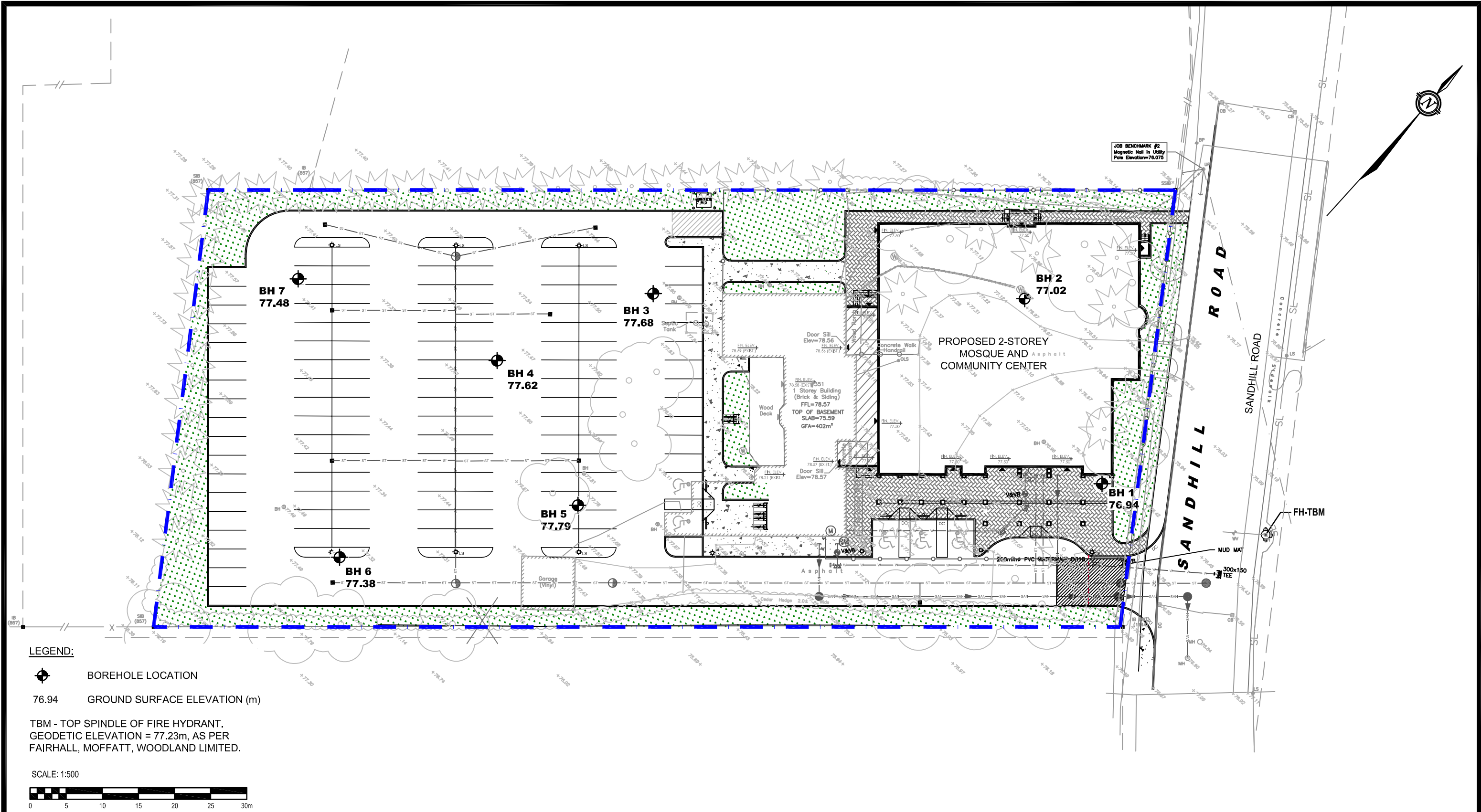
# **APPENDIX 2**

**FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN**

**DRAWING PG4228-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN**



FIGURE 1  
**KEY PLAN**



LEGEND:



BOREHOLE LOCATION

76.94 GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION (m)

TBM - TOP SPINDLE OF FIRE HYDRANT.  
GEODETIC ELEVATION = 77.23m, AS PER  
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SCALE: 1:500



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TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN

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