



Geotechnical Investigation Report  
Proposed Residential Development

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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) has been retained by TC United Group to carry out a geotechnical investigation for a proposed residential development located on the properties at 130 - 138 Robinson Avenue in Ottawa, Ontario as shown on the Key Plan (refer to Drawing No. 1).

The geotechnical investigation was completed in order to determine the subsurface conditions at the site and to provide recommendations on the geotechnical design aspects of the project.

This report presents the results of the field investigation program and laboratory testing, as well as geotechnical design recommendations. Limitations associated with this report and its contents are provided in the Statement of General Conditions included in Appendix A.

## **2.0 SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS**

### **2.1 SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTIONS**

The proposed development site consists of three individual properties (130, 134 and 138 Robinson Avenue) that each currently contain individual residential structures. The existing buildings at 130 and 134 Robinson Avenue are understood to contain basement levels under parts of the structures while the building at 138 Robinson Avenue contains a crawlspace.

Based on a topographical plan of the site prepared by Stantec dated August 17th, 2018, the ground surface within the site is generally flat with a gentle slope towards Robinson Avenue which is at an elevation near 60 m (Geodetic Datum). The existing ground surface elevations within the site vary between about 60 m and 61.5 m.

Based on the information provided by TC United Group, Stantec understands that it is planned to combine the lots into a single property and construct a three-storey apartment building with a basement level. The building will encompass a plan area of approximately 600 m<sup>2</sup> and is planned to be constructed at the location shown on Drawing No. 1 in Appendix B. The final building elevations have not been determined but it is understood that the top of the basement floor slab is planned to be located approximately 1 m below the grade on Robinson Avenue.

### **2.2 GEOLOGY**

Available previous nearby borehole records indicate that the subsurface conditions at the site consist of glacial till overlying shale bedrock of the Billings formation. Based on available subsurface information in the vicinity of the site including records of boreholes drilled by Stantec on properties on Robinson Avenue located approximately 50 m to the north of the site, the depth to bedrock is anticipated to be approximately 8 m to 10 m below ground surface.

## 3.0 INVESTIGATION METHODS

### 3.1 FIELD INVESTIGATION

Prior to commencing the field investigation, Stantec arranged for utility clearances to be completed by a private utility locating contractor, USL-1.

A geotechnical field investigation, consisting of advancing three (3) boreholes designated as BH18-1 to BH18-3, was carried out on September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The approximate borehole locations are shown on the Borehole Location Plan (Drawing No. 1) in Appendix B.

The boreholes were drilled using a truck-mounted drill rig equipped with 200 mm diameter, hollow-stem augers with soil sampling capabilities that was supplied and operated by George Downing Estate Drilling Ltd. The subsurface stratigraphy encountered in each borehole was recorded in the field by a member of Stantec's geotechnical staff.

Soil samples were recovered at regular intervals using a 50-mm (outside diameter) split-tube sampler by conducting Standard Penetration Tests (SPTs) in accordance with the procedures outlined in the ASTM specification D1586.

Effective refusal to auger penetration was encountered in Borehole BH18-3 at a depth of about 8.5 m below ground surface.

The locations at the boreholes were referenced relative to existing site features by Stantec field personnel. The ground surface elevations at the borehole locations were interpolated from the topographical drawing of the site referenced earlier. Therefore, the ground surface elevations at the borehole locations should be considered approximate only.

Details on the ground surface elevation and depth of drilling at each borehole are summarized in Table 3.1 below.

**Table 3.1: Summary of Borehole Details**

Borehole No.	Approximate Ground Elevation (m)	Total Depth Drilled (m)
BH18-1	61	8.2
BH18-2	60.3	6.7
BH18-3	60.2	8.5

A monitoring well was installed in Borehole BH18-2. The monitoring well consisted of a 50 mm diameter PVC pipe with a 3.0 m long slotted pipe section. The well was backfilled with silica sand to approximately 0.5 m above the top of the screen and a bentonite plug was installed above the sand. The monitoring well installation details are provided on the Borehole Record for BH18-2 in Appendix C. All remaining boreholes were backfilled with drill cuttings mixed with bentonite.

All soil samples recovered from the boreholes were placed in moisture-proof bags. Soil samples collected during the investigation were returned to Stantec's Ottawa laboratory for detailed classification and testing.

## **3.2 LABORATORY TESTING**

The following geotechnical laboratory testing was performed on selected samples:

- Moisture contents;
- Grain size distribution/hydrometer analyses; and
- Atterberg limits.

The results of these geotechnical laboratory tests are discussed in the text of this report and are provided on the Borehole Records in Appendix C and Figures D1 and D2 in Appendix D.

Chemical analyses related to parameters associated with the potential for corrosion or sulphate attack (i.e. pH, resistivity, and chloride and sulphate content) were completed on one sample by Paracel Laboratories Inc.

Samples remaining after testing will be stored for a period of three (3) months after issuance of the final report. Samples will then be discarded after this period unless otherwise directed.

## **4.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

### **4.1 GENERAL**

Detailed descriptions of the subsurface soil and groundwater conditions are presented on the Borehole Records provided in Appendix C. Documents providing explanations of the symbols and terms used on the borehole records are also provided in Appendix C. Laboratory test results are shown on the borehole records as well as Figures D1 and D2 in Appendix D.

The stratigraphic boundaries on the borehole records are inferred from non-continuous sampling and, therefore, represent transitions between soil types rather than exact boundaries between geological units. The borehole records depict conditions at the particular locations and at the particular times indicated. The subsurface soil and groundwater conditions will vary between boreholes and at locations away from the boreholes.

The information provided in the following sections is intended to summarize the conditions encountered; however, the borehole records provided in Appendix C should be used as the primary source of the subsurface information for the site.

In general, the subsurface stratigraphy encountered at the borehole locations consists of surficial materials including asphalt and fill materials underlain by a native glacial till deposit. A summary of the subsurface conditions encountered in the boreholes are provided in the following sections.

### **4.2 ASPHALT**

Asphalt layers, measured to be about approximately 20 mm in thickness, were encountered at the ground surface of all boreholes.

## **4.3 FILL**

Fill materials were encountered beneath the asphalt in all boreholes beneath the asphalt. The fill materials are comprised predominantly of silty sand and contain varying amounts of gravel, clay. The fill also contains cobbles, boulders and rootlets. The fill was measured to extend to depths of approximately 0.9 m to 2.1 m below ground surface corresponding to elevations of approximately 58.1 m to 60.1 m.

A grain size distribution test was completed on one (1) sample of the fill. The results of the test are included in Appendix D and summarized in Table 4.1.

**Table 4.1: Grain Size Distribution Results – FILL**

<b>Borehole</b>	<b>Sample</b>	<b>Depth (m)</b>	<b>Unified Soil Classification System</b>	<b>% Gravel</b>	<b>% Sand</b>	<b>% Silt</b>	<b>% Clay</b>
BH18-3	SS3	1.8	SILTY SAND (SM) with gravel	17	40	32	11

In accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System, the sample tested can be typically be classified as SILTY SAND (SM) with gravel.

Standard Penetration Test (SPT) penetration resistances of 14 to 47 blows per 0.3 m of penetration were measured within the fill materials indicating that these materials are in a compact to dense state.

Laboratory testing conducted on samples of the fill measured natural moisture contents of between approximately 5% and 8%, expressed as a percentage of the dry weight of the soil.

## **4.4 GLACIAL TILL**

A glacial till deposit was encountered beneath the fill materials. The glacial till typically consists of silty sand to silty sand with gravel. Layers/seams of gravel and silty sand were encountered at various depths in Borehole 18-1 and occasional to frequent cobbles and boulders were noted throughout the till deposit.

The glacial till in Ottawa is typically comprised of cobbles and boulders set in a matrix of finer-grained material (i.e. gravel, sand, silt and clay); larger boulders (e.g. in excess of 1.0 m) are common. The till is typically unsorted and without stratification, but in places contains discontinuous layers or irregular shaped masses of sand and silt. In this regard, where glacial till deposits are identified, cobbles and boulders are anticipated to be present throughout the deposits and permeable layers of sand and/or silt may also randomly be present due to the unsorted and unstratified nature of the glacial till.

Standard Penetration Test (SPT) 'N' values measured in the glacial till ranged between 0 to 53 blows per 0.3 m penetration but were more typically in the range of 15 to 50 blows per 0.3 m. The lowest SPT 'N' values measured within the till are considered to have been influenced by disturbance due to drilling activities.

Laboratory testing conducted on samples of the till measured natural moisture contents of between approximately 3 % and 11 %.

Grain size distribution tests were completed on three (3) samples of the glacial till. The results of the tests are included in Appendix D and summarized in Table 4.2.

**Table 4.2: Grain Size Distribution Results – TILL**

Borehole	Sample	Depth (m)	Unified Soil Classification System	% Gravel	% Sand	% Silt	% Clay
BH18-1	SS5	3.4	SILTY SAND (SM)	9	43	40	8
BH18-1	SS8	5.6	SILTY SAND (SM) with gravel	24	41	35	
BH18-2	SS6	4.1	SILTY SAND (SM)	13	46	30	11

In accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System, the samples tested can be typically be classified as SILTY SAND to SILTY SAND with gravel (SM). It is noted that the gradation results do not represent materials larger than the split spoon diameter. As identified above, cobbles and boulders should be expected throughout the till deposits.

## 4.5 AUGER REFUSAL

Borehole BH18-3 was terminated at a depth of approximately 8.5 m below ground surface (corresponding to an elevation of approximately 51.7 m) upon encountering auger refusal. Based on the depth to bedrock at nearby sites, the auger refusal is inferred to have occurred as a result of encountering bedrock.

## 4.6 GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS

Groundwater levels measured within the open boreholes were at depths of between 2.3 m and 3.8 m below ground surface upon completion of drilling, corresponding to elevations of 56.5 m to 58 m.

A groundwater monitoring well, with a well screen located at a depth of about 3.0 m to 6.0 m below ground surface, was installed in BH18-2. The groundwater level in this well was recorded to be approximately 2.7 m below ground surface corresponding to an elevation of 57.6 m on September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Groundwater levels are subject to fluctuations due to seasonal changes and precipitation events. The water levels should be expected to be higher during the spring season or during and following periods of heavy precipitation or snow melt.

## 4.7 CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

Chemical testing related to the potential for corrosivity and sulphate attack was completed on a selected soil sample from BH18-1. Table 4.3 below summarizes the test results. The laboratory test report is provided in Appendix E.

**Table 4.3: Summary of Chemical Testing Results**

Borehole No.	Sample No./Depth	Physical Characteristics				
		% Solids (by Wt.)	pH	Resistivity (Ohm-m)	Chloride (ug/g)	Sulphate (ug/g)
BH18-1	SS3/1.8m	89.1	7.76	103	8	10



## **5.0 DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

This section provides engineering input related to the geotechnical design aspects of the proposed development based on our interpretation of the available subsurface information described herein and our understanding of the project requirements.

The discussion and recommendations presented in the following sections of this report are intended to provide the designers with preliminary information for planning and design purposes only. Contractors bidding on or undertaking the works should examine the factual results of the investigation, satisfy themselves as to the adequacy of the factual information for construction, and make their own interpretation of the factual data as it affects their proposed construction techniques, schedule, safety, and equipment capabilities.

### **5.1 SEISMIC DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

#### **5.1.1 Seismic Site Class**

The seismic Site Class value, as defined in Section 4.1.8.4 of the 2012 Ontario Building Code (OBC), contains a seismic analysis and design methodology which uses a seismic site response and site classification system defined by the average shear stiffness of the upper 30 metres of the ground below the foundation level. There are six site classes (from A to F), decreasing in stiffness from A (hard rock) to E (soft soil); Site Class F denotes problematic soils for which a site-specific evaluation is required.

As part of the Seismic Site Class assessment, publicly available information from a nearby site where vertical seismic profile (VSP) testing was carried out to determine the shear wave velocity of the subsurface materials was reviewed. The results of this testing indicate that shear wave velocities in excess of 1,000 m/s were measured within till deposits that had similar gradations and strength characteristics to those measured at the subject site. Based on the results of the current field investigation and the above noted VSP testing, it is appropriate to classify the existing ground conditions at the subject site as a Site Class C.

A copy of the NBC Seismic Hazard Calculation Data sheet for this site is provided in Appendix F for reference.

#### **5.1.2 Liquefaction Potential**

The potential for soil liquefaction was evaluated by comparing the cyclic stress ratio (CSR) caused by the design earthquake with the soil resistance expressed in terms of the cyclic resistance ratio (CRR). The evaluation follows the analysis methodology suggested by Idriss and Boulanger (2008) and is based on the following:

- SPT 'N' values from boreholes and available information on the shear wave velocity of till soils noted above.
- A Site Adjusted PGA of 0.28 g.
- An earthquake magnitude  $M_w$  of 6.47.

The assessment indicated that the site soils are generally not considered susceptible to liquefaction taking into account the available information on the shear wave velocities in the till and that the lowest SPT 'N' values measured within the till are considered to have been influenced by disturbance drilling activities.

## **5.2 FROST PENETRATION**

The design frost penetration depth for the Ottawa area is 1.8 m. All foundations founded on frost-susceptible materials should be provided with a minimum of 1.8 meters of earth cover or equivalent insulation for frost protection purposes.

It is to be noted that the above frost penetration depth is applicable only to foundation design. Short period deeper frost penetrations, which would have little impacts on foundations, may occur. The typical soil cover for frost protection of watermains and services is 2.4 m below ground surface in the City of Ottawa.

Exterior slabs-on-grade or slabs-on-grade within unheated areas will also be subject to the risk of heave and deformation/cracking due to frost. Consideration could be given to the use rigid insulation to protect structures against frost action; however appropriate frost tapers would need to be incorporated at the ends of the insulation.

## **5.3 SITE PREPARATION**

### **5.3.1 Grade Raise Restrictions**

It is understood that significant grade raises are not planned at the site. The native subsurface materials present at the site consist predominantly of silty sand till overlying shale bedrock. These materials are not considered to be highly compressible. Therefore, grade raises of less than 1 m, if required, are not anticipated to result in settlements of the underlying soil/bedrock that would adversely affect the performance of the proposed facilities.

### **5.3.2 Site Preparation and Floor Slab Construction**

In preparation for construction of the building foundations and floor slab, all vegetation and tree stumps/roots, organic soil (including topsoil), existing fill materials, existing infrastructure (e.g. foundations, floor slabs and services for the existing buildings) and any loose, wet, and/or otherwise disturbed native material should be removed from within the footprint of the proposed building and any other settlement sensitive areas. To provide consistent subgrade conditions, all below-grade portions of the existing buildings as well as basement wall backfill materials should be removed to expose the native glacial till. Following removal of the above noted materials, the prepared subgrade will require inspection by a geotechnical personnel to verify all unsuitable material has been removed.

The existing basements and foundations of the existing structures at the site are anticipated to extend below the basement floor slab level, and potentially the foundations, for the proposed building. Where removal of existing structures and/or unsuitable materials extends below the floor slab subgrade level, the grade within the new building should be raised/reinstated to the design subgrade level using Structural Fill consisting of Ontario Provincial Standard Specification (OPSS) Granular B Type I or II materials that are placed in lifts no thicker than 300 mm and compacted to at least 100% of the material's Standard Proctor Maximum Dry Density (SPMDD).

The floor slab for the basement/lowest level of the proposed building is understood to be located below the final exterior grades. This level should either be designed to be waterproof/watertight or an underslab drainage system should be provided to prevent hydrostatic pressure build-up beneath the floor due to fluctuations in the water table and/or infiltration of surface water. At least 300 mm of free draining material, such as 16 mm clear crushed stone, should be provided beneath the base of the slab. These materials should be lightly-compacted to provide a level surface and improve trafficability during construction. Subdrains consisting of geotextile encapsulated, 100 mm

diameter perforated pipes should be provided at approximately 6 m spacings within the floor slab bedding and should be connected to a frost-free gravity outlet or a sump from which the water is pumped. The requirements for an underslab vapour barrier should be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Ontario Building Code.

As noted later in this report, the proposed building is recommended to be supported on shallow foundations bearing on the native silty sand till deposit. If existing fill materials or structures are present beneath the proposed founding elevations, all such fill materials and structures should be removed from beneath the footprint of the building, the footings and the zone of influence of all footings, to expose the native glacial till surface. The zone of influence is defined by a line drawn at 1 horizontal to 1 vertical, outward and downward from the edge of the footings. The grade should be raised back up to the founding level using Structural Fill as discussed above.

Inspection and testing services will be critical to ensure that all fill, existing structures and unsuitable materials are removed beneath the proposed building, and that new engineered fill and concrete used is suitable and is placed competently.

## 5.4 FOUNDATION DESIGN INPUT

Based on the subsurface conditions encountered at the site and the proposed finished floor slab level of the proposed building, the preferred foundation option for this site is the use of shallow strip and/or spread footings bearing on either the undisturbed native till deposits or compacted Structural Fill placed above the undisturbed till.

### 5.4.1 Foundation Design Parameters - Shallow Footings

Shallow foundations bearing directly on undisturbed native silty sand till or on Structural Fill placed above the native silty sand till can be designed using factored geotechnical resistance values presented in Table 5.1 below.

**Table 5.1: Geotechnical Resistance for Shallow Footings**

Footings Type and Width (m)	Minimum Footing Embedment (m) Below Basement Floor Slab Surface	Factored Geotechnical Resistance at ULS (kPa)	Geotechnical Resistance at SLS (kPa)
Square Footings			
1	0.8	300	225
2			200
2.5			170
Strip Footings			
0.5 to 1.5	0.8	200	150

Notes:

1) The geotechnical resistances in the above table are provided for the range of footing widths and the minimum footing embedment depths (below the basement floor slab surface) listed in the above table. Additional input should be provided by the geotechnical engineer if the foundation sizes or embedment depths are outside of the ranges outlined above.

2) Irrespective of the minimum embedment depths outlined in Table 5.1, all foundations must be provided with sufficient protection against frost action as outlined in Section 5.2.

The factored geotechnical bearing resistance at ULS incorporates a resistance factor of 0.5. The post-construction total and differential settlements of footings sized using the above SLS bearing pressure should be less than about 25 and 20 millimetres, respectively, provided that the soil at or below founding level is not disturbed during construction.

The native soils are highly susceptible to disturbance by construction activity especially during wet or freezing weather. Care should be taken to preserve the integrity of the materials as bearing strata. It is essential that the founding level for the footings be inspected by the geotechnical engineer prior to placing concrete. If the concrete for the footings on the native soil cannot be placed immediately after excavation and inspection, it is recommended that a working mat of lean concrete be placed in the excavation to protect the integrity of the bearing stratum.

The unfactored horizontal resistance to sliding of the spread foundations may be calculated using the following unfactored coefficients of friction:

- 0.55      between OPSS Granular A or B Type II materials and cast-in-place concrete
- 0.45      between silty sand till and cast-in-place concrete

In accordance with Table 8.1 of the Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual 4<sup>th</sup> Edition (CFEM), a resistance factor ( $\phi$ ) against sliding (for frictional materials) of 0.8 should be applied to obtain the factored resistance at ULS.

## **5.4.2 Foundation Wall Backfill**

The soils/fill materials encountered at the site are susceptible to frost heave and should not be used as backfill against exterior, unheated, or well insulated foundation elements within the depth of frost penetration. To avoid problems with frost adhesion and heaving, foundation walls in these areas should be backfilled with non-frost susceptible granular fill meeting the gradation requirements of OPSS Granular B Type I materials. The fill should be placed in maximum 300-millimetre thick lifts and should be compacted to at least 95 percent of the material's SPMDD using suitable vibratory compaction equipment.

In areas where hard surfacing (e.g., concrete slabs, sidewalks) surround the building, differential frost heaving will occur between the granular fill backfill zone and other areas. To reduce this differential heaving, a frost taper of the granular backfill is recommended. The frost taper should extend up from 1.5 metres below finished exterior grade (at the foundation wall) at a slope of 3 horizontal to 1 vertical, or flatter, to the surface level.

Exterior grades should be sloped away from the building to prevent ponding of water around the building. As the lowest floor slab level is understood to be below the final exterior grades, the basement wall backfill should be drained using a perimeter drainage system (e.g. perforated subdrain) which is provided positive drainage to a storm sewer or to a sump from which water is pumped similar to the underslab drainage system discussed in Section 5.3.2.

## 5.5 EARTH PRESSURES

Earth pressures will need to be considered in the design of the basement walls. The total active ( $P_A$ ), passive ( $P_P$ ) and at-rest ( $P_O$ ) thrusts can be calculated using the following equations:

$$P_A = \frac{1}{2} K_a \gamma H^2$$

$$P_P = \frac{1}{2} K_p \gamma H^2$$

$$P_O = \frac{1}{2} K_o \gamma H^2$$

where;

$H$  = height of the wall

$\gamma$  = unit weight of the backfill soil

Values for  $K_a$ ,  $K_p$ ,  $K_o$  and  $\gamma$  are provided in the table below. These values are based on the assumption that a horizontal back slope will be utilized behind the wall system. At-rest earth pressures should be used in the design of walls that are restrained from movement. The thrust acts at a point one third up the height of the wall.

**Table 5.2: Non-Seismic Lateral Earth Pressure Parameters (Horizontal Backfill)**

Parameter	OPSS Granular B - Type I
Bulk Unit Weight, $\gamma$ (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	22
Effective Friction Angle	32°
Coefficient of Earth Pressure at Rest ( $K_o$ )	0.47
Coefficient of Active Earth Pressure ( $K_a$ )	0.31
Coefficient of Passive Earth Pressure ( $K_p$ )	3.25

Total active and passive thrusts under earthquake conditions can be calculated using the following equations:

$$P_{AE} = \frac{1}{2} K_{AE} \gamma H^2$$

$$P_{PE} = \frac{1}{2} K_{PE} \gamma H^2$$

where;

$K_{AE}$  = active earth pressure coefficient (combined static and seismic)

$K_{PE}$  = passive earth pressure coefficient (combined static and seismic)

$H$  = height of wall

$\gamma$  = total unit weight

The recommended seismic earth pressure parameters are provided in Table 5.3 below. The angle of friction between the soil and the wall has been assumed to be 0° to provide a conservative estimate.

**Table 5.3: Seismic Earth Pressure Parameters (Horizontal Backfill)**

Parameter	OPSS Granular B - Type I
Bulk Unit Weight, $\gamma$ (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )	22
Effective Friction Angle	32°
$K_{AE}$ (Non-Yielding Wall)	0.51
Height of Application of $P_{AE}$ from base as a ratio of wall height, (H) – Non Yielding Wall	0.44
Active Earth Pressure ( $K_{AE}$ ) – Yielding Wall	0.4
Height of Application of $P_{AE}$ from base as a ratio of wall height, (H) - Yielding Wall	0.39

Parameter	OPSS Granular B - Type I
Passive Earth Pressure, ( $K_{PE}$ )	2.99
Height of Application of $P_{PE}$ from base as a ratio of wall height, (H)	0.31

In order to use the coefficients of pressure for the granular materials presented in the tables above, the granular backfill must be provided within a wedge extending out from the base of the wall at 45 degrees (or smaller) to the horizontal.

## **5.6 EXCAVATIONS AND BACKFILL**

### **5.6.1 Temporary Excavations**

All temporary excavations should be carried out in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations for Construction Projects. Care should be taken to direct surface water away from the open excavations.

The excavation side slopes should be protected from precipitation or surface runoff to prevent further softening that could lead to additional sloughing and caving. If sloughing and cave-in are encountered in the excavation, the slopes should be further flattened to achieve a stable configuration.

Excavations required for the building construction are expected to typically be less than about 2 m in depth although localized, deeper excavations could be required (e.g. for service connection tie-ins).

Shallow excavations within the overburden at the site are anticipated to extend through fill materials and the native silty sand till deposit. Conventional hydraulic excavating equipment is considered suitable for developing excavations in these materials recognizing that additional effort will be required to remove cobbles and boulders within the glacial till. Boulders larger than 0.3 meters in size should be removed from the excavation side slopes.

The existing fill materials and the native glacial till deposit that are above the water table would be classified as Type 3 soils as defined by Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA) and Regulations for Construction Projects. Within Type 3 soils, temporary open cut excavations must be sloped at 1 horizontal to 1 vertical from the base of the excavation per the requirements of OHSA.

The excavation side slopes would need to be flattened and/or appropriate groundwater control measures implemented if excavations are carried out in overburden materials below the water table.

The excavations must be developed in a manner to ensure that adequate support is provided for any existing structures, utilities or underground services located adjacent to the excavations. Where there is insufficient space to develop open cuts without resultant loss of support for existing features or encroaching into adjacent properties, the installation of a shoring system meeting the requirements of the OHSA would be required. All shoring systems should be designed and approved by a qualified Professional Engineer. The excavation support system should be designed to resist loads from traffic and adjacent building foundations.

### **5.6.2 Temporary Dewatering Considerations**

The groundwater level measured in the piezometer installed in BH18-2 was measured to be at a depth of about 2.7 m below ground surface. Control of groundwater into shallow excavations into the glacial till deposit is expected to be able to be handled by filtered sumps within the excavation areas.

More significant groundwater inflows should be expected for deeper excavations that extend below the groundwater level. More extensive dewatering systems (e.g. external dewatering system using well points or other dewatering wells) could be required for such conditions. Depending on the depth of excavations, dewatering activities may require either registration in the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) or obtaining a Permit to Take Water (PTTW) from the MOECC depending on the anticipated groundwater removal rates. A separate hydrogeological assessment should be completed to confirm these requirements before such excavations are undertaken. This assessment should include measurement of the in situ hydraulic conductivity of the site soils.

## **5.7 PIPE BEDDING AND BACKFILL**

OPSS Granular A materials should be placed below sewer and water pipes as bedding material. The bedding should have a minimum thickness of 150 mm to meet City of Ottawa standards. Where unavoidable disturbance to the subgrade surface does occur, it may be necessary to thicken the bedding layer or provide a sub-bedding layer of compacted Granular B Type II materials. Pipe backfill and cover materials should also consist of OPSS Granular A material. A minimum thickness of 300 mm of these materials should be provided as vertical and side cover beside and over top of the pipes. These materials should be compacted to at least 95% of the material's SPMDD in lifts no greater than 300 mm. Clear crushed stone backfill should not be permitted as pipe bedding or cover materials.

Where the pipe trenches will be covered with hard surfaced areas, the type of native material placed in the frost zone (i.e. between subgrade level and the top of the pipe cover materials) should match the soil exposed on the trench walls for frost heave compatibility. A 3H:1V frost taper is recommended in order to minimize the effects of differential frost heaving if materials different than those present in excavation sidewalls are used as backfill.

Trench backfill above the pipe cover materials should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and should be compacted to at least 98 % of the material's SPMDD using suitable vibratory compaction equipment.

The existing fill materials and the native glacial till that are free of organic matter and other deleterious materials, may be considered suitable for reuse as trench backfill or as general site grade fill (i.e. materials used to raise the site grade to the design elevations). The ability to compact these materials to the required levels is dependent on the moisture content of the materials; thus, the amount of re-useable material will be dependent on the natural moisture content, weather conditions and the construction techniques at the time of excavation and placement. In addition, any boulders or cobbles with dimensions greater than 150 mm should be removed from these materials prior to placement.

Any imported fill materials proposed for use as bedding or trench backfill should be tested and approved by a geotechnical engineering firm prior to delivery to the site.

Materials testing and inspection should be carried out during construction to ensure the materials meet the project specifications and required levels of compaction.

## 5.8 ADVERSE WEATHER CONSTRUCTION

Additional precautions, effort, and measures may be required, when and where construction is undertaken during late fall, winter, and/or early spring (i.e. when the temperature and climatic conditions can have an adverse influence on the standard construction practices) or during periods of inclement weather. With respect to all earthworks activities undertaken during the late fall through to late spring, when less-than-ideal weather and construction conditions may prevail, the following comments are provided:

1. Foundations shall be constructed on non-frozen ground only; where non-frozen ground includes the material at surface and all underlying soils. The non-frozen nature of the ground must be confirmed by a geotechnical inspection within 1 hour of concrete placement.
2. Similarly, concrete for floor slabs should not be placed on or above frozen ground. Test pits or other measures should be undertaken to confirm that the soils beneath the slab(s) are frost-free prior to slab construction.
3. Following construction of footings, protection measures must be provided to prevent freezing of the foundation subgrade/bearing soils and for protection of the concrete during curing. Foundations that will ultimately be located in heated areas (e.g. interior pad footings) should not be constructed without the full depth of soil cover for frost protection or other protective measures if they will be exposed to winter weather conditions.
4. Engineered fills including pipe bedding and cover, are recommended to consist of imported granular materials, including OPSS Granular A or B materials. The use of non-granular fill materials may be considered for use as trench backfill but obtaining suitable compaction of such materials could be extremely problematic, and these materials should only be used if large, post-construction settlement of the trench backfill is deemed acceptable.
5. Fill placement should be inspected by qualified field personnel on a full-time basis under the supervision of a geotechnical engineer, with the authority to stop the placement of fill at any time when conditions are considered to be unfavourable.
6. Backfill materials, including imported materials, that contain ice, snow, or any frozen material should not be accepted for use.
7. Overnight frost penetration may occur, even in granular fill materials, where precipitation and ground surface runoff pools and accumulates, and freezing temperatures exist. The on-site native soils are prone to frost heave due to ice lensing. Any frozen materials should be removed prior to placing subsequent lifts of engineered fill. Breaking the frost in-situ is not considered acceptable.
8. It may be necessary to stop the placement of engineered fill during periods of cold, where ambient temperatures are  $-5^{\circ}\text{C}$  or less exist.

Appropriate scheduling of the work may also require specific consideration and revision from that typically adopted. The scope of work intended may have to be reduced or adjusted, and/or only select construction activities be undertaken during specific climatic conditions. The areas of planned fill placement may have to be reduced on a daily basis, and the extent of excavations may have to be limited.



## **5.9 CEMENT TYPE AND CORROSION POTENTIAL**

One (1) test was conducted on a selected soil sample to determine the water soluble sulphate content of the site soils. The sulphate concentration in the sample was 10 ug/g as shown in Table 4.3.

The concentration of soluble sulphate provides an indication of the degree of sulphate attack that is expected for concrete in contact with soil and groundwater at the site. Soluble sulphate concentrations less than 1000 µg/g generally indicate that a low degree of sulphate attack is expected for concrete in contact with the soil and groundwater. General Use (GU) Portland cement is appropriate for use at the site.

The test results provided in Table 4.3 should be used by the designers in assessing the potential for corrosion of steel elements and may be used to aid in the selection of coatings and corrosion protection systems for buried steel objects. The soil pH result of 7.76 is within what is considered the normal range for soil pH of 5.5 to 9.0. The pH level of the tested soil does not indicate a highly corrosive environment. The reported resistivity of 103 (ohm-m) suggests a low degree of corrosiveness for steel.

## 6.0 CLOSURE

Not all details related to the proposed development are known at this time. In this regard, all geotechnical comments provided in this report should be reviewed and, if necessary, revised once the final plans become available. Stantec should be retained to review the final drawings and specifications to confirm that the geotechnical input provided herein has been adequately addressed.

This report has been prepared for the sole benefit of TC United Group and their agents, and may not be used by any third party without the express written consent of Stantec Consulting Ltd. and TC United Group. Any use, which a third party makes of this report, is the responsibility of such third party. Use of this report is subject to the Statement of General Conditions provided in Appendix A. It is the responsibility of TC United Group, who is identified as "the Client" within the Statement of General Conditions, and its agents to review the conditions and to notify Stantec Consulting Ltd. should any of these not be satisfied. The Statement of General Conditions addresses the following:

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- Planning, design or construction

We trust the above information meets with your present requirements. Should you have any questions or require further information, please contact us. This report has been prepared by Ramy Saadeldin, Ph.D., P.Eng. and reviewed by Kevin Nelson, P.Eng.

Thank you for the opportunity to be of service to you.

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# **APPENDIX A**

## Statement of General Conditions

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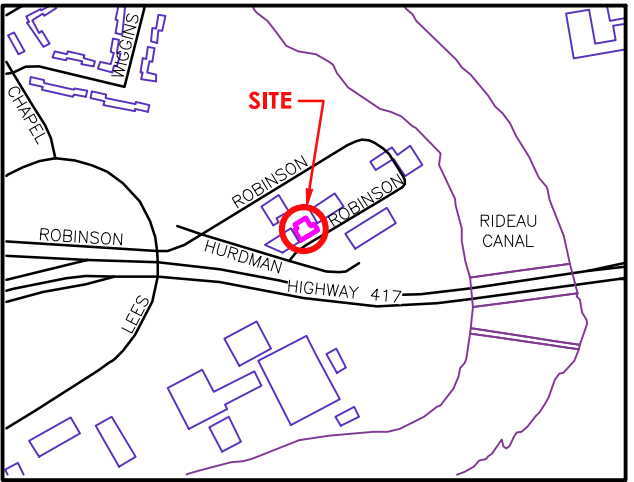
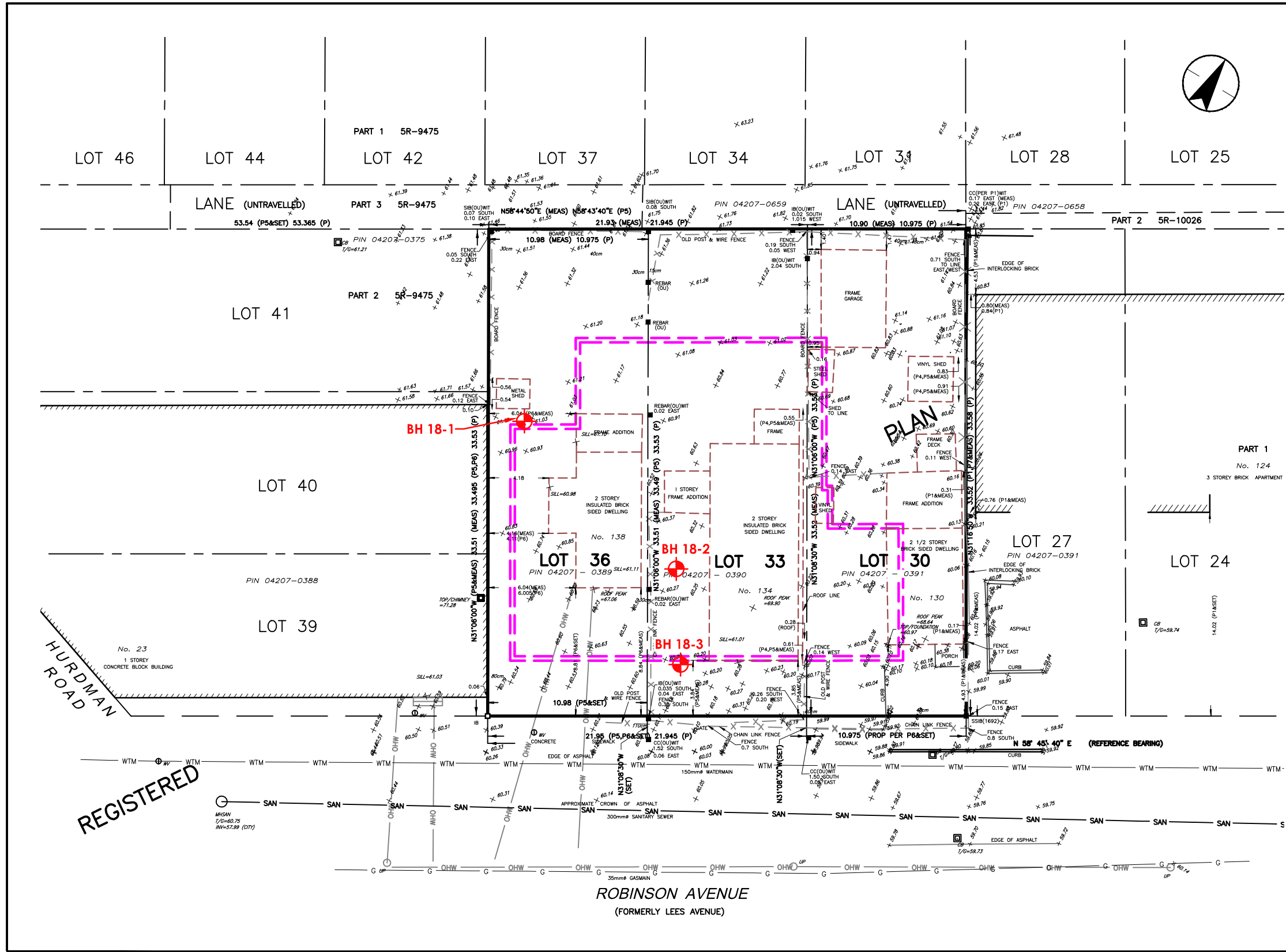
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## **APPENDIX B**

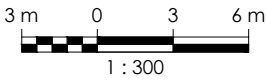
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- APPROXIMATE BOREHOLE LOCATION
- EXISTING BUILDING FOOTPRINT
- PROPOSED BUILDING FOOTPRINT

**NOTES**

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**BOREHOLE LOCATION PLAN**

# **APPENDIX C**

## **Symbols & Terms Used on the Borehole Records Borehole Records**

## SYMBOLS AND TERMS USED ON BOREHOLE AND TEST PIT RECORDS

### SOIL DESCRIPTION

#### Terminology describing common soil genesis:

<i>Rootmat</i>	- vegetation, roots and moss with organic matter and topsoil typically forming a mattress at the ground surface
<i>Topsoil</i>	- mixture of soil and humus capable of supporting vegetative growth
<i>Peat</i>	- mixture of visible and invisible fragments of decayed organic matter
<i>Till</i>	- unstratified glacial deposit which may range from clay to boulders
<i>Fill</i>	- material below the surface identified as placed by humans (excluding buried services)

#### Terminology describing soil structure:

<i>Desiccated</i>	- having visible signs of weathering by oxidization of clay minerals, shrinkage cracks, etc.
<i>Fissured</i>	- having cracks, and hence a blocky structure
<i>Varved</i>	- composed of regular alternating layers of silt and clay
<i>Stratified</i>	- composed of alternating successions of different soil types, e.g. silt and sand
<i>Layer</i>	- > 75 mm in thickness
<i>Seam</i>	- 2 mm to 75 mm in thickness
<i>Parting</i>	- < 2 mm in thickness

#### Terminology describing soil types:

The classification of soil types are made on the basis of grain size and plasticity in accordance with the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS) (ASTM D 2487 or D 2488) which excludes particles larger than 75 mm. For particles larger than 75 mm, and for defining percent clay fraction in hydrometer results, definitions proposed by Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition are used. The USCS provides a group symbol (e.g. SM) and group name (e.g. silty sand) for identification.

#### Terminology describing cobbles, boulders, and non-matrix materials (organic matter or debris):

Terminology describing materials outside the USCS, (e.g. particles larger than 75 mm, visible organic matter, and construction debris) is based upon the proportion of these materials present:

<i>Trace, or occasional</i>	Less than 10%
<i>Some</i>	10-20%
<i>Frequent</i>	> 20%

#### Terminology describing compactness of cohesionless soils:

The standard terminology to describe cohesionless soils includes compactness (formerly "relative density"), as determined by the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) N-Value - also known as N-Index. The SPT N-Value is described further on page 3. A relationship between compactness condition and N-Value is shown in the following table.

Compactness Condition	SPT N-Value
<i>Very Loose</i>	<4
<i>Loose</i>	4-10
<i>Compact</i>	10-30
<i>Dense</i>	30-50
<i>Very Dense</i>	>50

#### Terminology describing consistency of cohesive soils:

The standard terminology to describe cohesive soils includes the consistency, which is based on undrained shear strength as measured by *in situ* vane tests, penetrometer tests, or unconfined compression tests. Consistency may be crudely estimated from SPT N-Value based on the correlation shown in the following table (Terzaghi and Peck, 1967). The correlation to SPT N-Value is used with caution as it is only very approximate.

Consistency	Undrained Shear Strength		Approximate SPT N-Value
	kips/sq.ft.	kPa	
<i>Very Soft</i>	<0.25	<12.5	<2
<i>Soft</i>	0.25 - 0.5	12.5 - 25	2-4
<i>Firm</i>	0.5 - 1.0	25 - 50	4-8
<i>Stiff</i>	1.0 - 2.0	50 - 100	8-15
<i>Very Stiff</i>	2.0 - 4.0	100 - 200	15-30
<i>Hard</i>	>4.0	>200	>30



## ROCK DESCRIPTION

Except where specified below, terminology for describing rock is as defined by the International Society for Rock Mechanics (ISRM) 2007 publication "The Complete ISRM Suggested Methods for Rock Characterization, Testing and Monitoring: 1974-2006"

### Terminology describing rock quality:

RQD	Rock Mass Quality
0-25	Very Poor Quality
25-50	Poor Quality
50-75	Fair Quality
75-90	Good Quality
90-100	Excellent Quality

Alternate (Colloquial) Rock Mass Quality	
Very Severely Fractured	Crushed
Severely Fractured	Shattered or Very Blocky
Fractured	Blocky
Moderately Jointed	Sound
Intact	Very Sound

**RQD (Rock Quality Designation)** denotes the percentage of intact and sound rock retrieved from a borehole of any orientation. All pieces of intact and sound rock core equal to or greater than 100 mm (4 in.) long are summed and divided by the total length of the core run. RQD is determined in accordance with ASTM D6032.

**SCR (Solid Core Recovery)** denotes the percentage of solid core (cylindrical) retrieved from a borehole of any orientation. All pieces of solid (cylindrical) core are summed and divided by the total length of the core run (It excludes all portions of core pieces that are not fully cylindrical as well as crushed or rubble zones).

**Fracture Index (FI)** is defined as the number of naturally occurring fractures within a given length of core. The Fracture Index is reported as a simple count of natural occurring fractures.

### Terminology describing rock with respect to discontinuity and bedding spacing:

Spacing (mm)	Discontinuities	Bedding
>6000	Extremely Wide	-
2000-6000	Very Wide	Very Thick
600-2000	Wide	Thick
200-600	Moderate	Medium
60-200	Close	Thin
20-60	Very Close	Very Thin
<20	Extremely Close	Laminated
<6	-	Thinly Laminated

### Terminology describing rock strength:

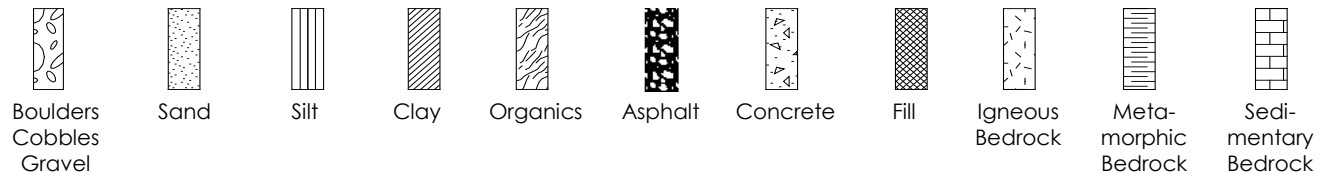
Strength Classification	Grade	Unconfined Compressive Strength (MPa)
Extremely Weak	R0	<1
Very Weak	R1	1 – 5
Weak	R2	5 – 25
Medium Strong	R3	25 – 50
Strong	R4	50 – 100
Very Strong	R5	100 – 250
Extremely Strong	R6	>250

### Terminology describing rock weathering:

Term	Symbol	Description
Fresh	W1	No visible signs of rock weathering. Slight discoloration along major discontinuities
Slightly	W2	Discoloration indicates weathering of rock on discontinuity surfaces. All the rock material may be discolored.
Moderately	W3	Less than half the rock is decomposed and/or disintegrated into soil.
Highly	W4	More than half the rock is decomposed and/or disintegrated into soil.
Completely	W5	All the rock material is decomposed and/or disintegrated into soil. The original mass structure is still largely intact.
Residual Soil	W6	All the rock converted to soil. Structure and fabric destroyed.

## STRATA PLOT

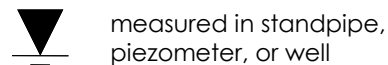
Strata plots symbolize the soil or bedrock description. They are combinations of the following basic symbols. The dimensions within the strata symbols are not indicative of the particle size, layer thickness, etc.



## SAMPLE TYPE

SS	Split spoon sample (obtained by performing the Standard Penetration Test)
ST	Shelby tube or thin wall tube
DP	Direct-Push sample (small diameter tube sampler hydraulically advanced)
PS	Piston sample
BS	Bulk sample
HQ, NQ, BQ, etc.	Rock core samples obtained with the use of standard size diamond coring bits.

## WATER LEVEL MEASUREMENT



measured in standpipe, piezometer, or well



inferred

## RECOVERY

For soil samples, the recovery is recorded as the length of the soil sample recovered. For rock core, recovery is defined as the total cumulative length of all core recovered in the core barrel divided by the length drilled and is recorded as a percentage on a per run basis.

## N-VALUE

Numbers in this column are the field results of the Standard Penetration Test: the number of blows of a 140 pound (63.5 kg) hammer falling 30 inches (760 mm), required to drive a 2 inch (50.8 mm) O.D. split spoon sampler one foot (300 mm) into the soil. In accordance with ASTM D1586, the N-Value equals the sum of the number of blows (N) required to drive the sampler over the interval of 6 to 18 in. (150 to 450 mm). However, when a 24 in. (610 mm) sampler is used, the number of blows (N) required to drive the sampler over the interval of 12 to 24 in. (300 to 610 mm) may be reported if this value is lower. For split spoon samples where insufficient penetration was achieved and N-Values cannot be presented, the number of blows are reported over sampler penetration in millimetres (e.g. 50/75). Some design methods make use of N-values corrected for various factors such as overburden pressure, energy ratio, borehole diameter, etc. No corrections have been applied to the N-values presented on the log.

## DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION TEST (DCPT)

Dynamic cone penetration tests are performed using a standard 60 degree apex cone connected to 'A' size drill rods with the same standard fall height and weight as the Standard Penetration Test. The DCPT value is the number of blows of the hammer required to drive the cone one foot (300 mm) into the soil. The DCPT is used as a probe to assess soil variability.

## OTHER TESTS

S	Sieve analysis
H	Hydrometer analysis
k	Laboratory permeability
$\gamma$	Unit weight
$G_s$	Specific gravity of soil particles
CD	Consolidated drained triaxial
CU	Consolidated undrained triaxial with pore pressure measurements
UU	Unconsolidated undrained triaxial
DS	Direct Shear
C	Consolidation
$Q_u$	Unconfined compression
$I_p$	Point Load Index ( $I_p$ on Borehole Record equals $I_p(50)$ in which the index is corrected to a reference diameter of 50 mm)

	Single packer permeability test; test interval from depth shown to bottom of borehole
	Double packer permeability test; test interval as indicated
	Falling head permeability test using casing
	Falling head permeability test using well point or piezometer

CLIENT TC United Group BOREHOLE No. BH18-1  
LOCATION 130-138 Robinson Avenue PROJECT No. 121622263  
DATES: BORING September 5, 2018 WATER LEVEL 3.0 m (Sep 5, 2018) DATUM Geodetic

DEPTH (m)	ELEVATION (m)	SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	WATER LEVEL	SAMPLES				UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH - kPa									
					TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY (mm)	N-VALUE OR QD	<div> <div>50100150200</div> <div>WATER CONTENT &amp; ATTERBERG LIMITS</div> <div> <div>W<sub>p</sub></div> <div>W</div> <div>W<sub>L</sub></div> </div> <div>DYNAMIC PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS/0.3m</div> <div>★</div> <div>STANDARD PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS/0.3m</div> <div>●</div> </div>									
0	61.00	20 mm ASPHALT																
	61.0	FILL: Dense, brown, SILTY SAND, trace to some gravel, trace rootlets			SS	1	260	33										
1	60.1	- 75 mm thick gravel layer was noted at the bottom of SS1			SS	2	420	66										
2	58.7	TILL: Compact to very dense, brown, SILTY SAND (SM), with gravel			SS	3	500	28										
		Contains occasional cobbles and boulders			SS	4	220	40										
3	58.0	TILL: Dense, grey, SILTY GRAVEL, with sand			SS	5	500	33										
		Grinding of the augers on inferred cobbles and boulders at 2.8 m			SS	6	380	26										
4		TILL: Compact to very dense, brown, SILTY SAND to SILTY SAND, with gravel (SM)			SS	7	50	30										
5		Wet			SS	8	310	25										
6		Contains occasional to frequent cobbles and boulders			SS	9	260	53										
7		90 mm thick silty sand seam at 3.2 m depth			SS	10	420	46										
8		50 mm thick gravel seam at 5.4 m depth			SS	11	340	50										
	52.8	Thin gravel seam at 7.6 m depth																
		End of Borehole																
9		Water level in open borehole measured at 3.0m bgs upon completion of drilling																
10																		
11																		

▽ Groundwater Level in Open Borehole  
▼ Groundwater Level Measured in Standpipe

■ Field Vane Test, kPa  
□ Remoulded Vane Test, kPa  
△ Pocket Penetrometer Test, kPa

CLIENT TC United Group BOREHOLE No. BH18-2  
 LOCATION 130-138 Robinson Avenue PROJECT No. 121622263  
 DATES: BORING September 5, 2018 WATER LEVEL 2.7 m (Sep 17, 2018) DATUM Geodetic

DEPTH (m)	ELEVATION (m)	SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	WATER LEVEL	SAMPLES				UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH - kPa									
					TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY (mm)	N-VALUE OR QD	50 100 150 200 WATER CONTENT & ATTERBERG LIMITS DYNAMIC PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS/0.3m STANDARD PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS/0.3m 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90									
0	60.30	20 mm ASPHALT																
	60.3	FILL: Compact to dense, brown, SILTY SAND, with gravel			SS	1	335	14										
		Grinding of augers noted within the fill																
1					SS	2	240	37										
	58.8																	
2	58.2	FILL: Compact, orange-brown, SILTY SAND, with gravel (REWORKED TILL)			SS	3	430	27										
		TILL: Compact to very dense, brown, SILTY SAND to SILTY SAND (SM), with gravel			SS	4	0	46										
		Contains occasional to frequent cobbles and boulders																
3		Loose from 3 m to 4 m depth			SS	5	0	5										
		SPT'N' value influenced by drilling disturbance			SS	6		WOH										
4																		
		Brownish grey below 4.7m depth			SS	7	450	17										
5																		
					SS	8	530	37										
6																		
	53.6				SS	9	510	26										
7		End of Borehole																
		Water level measured in monitoring well at 2.7m depth on September 17, 2018																
8																		
		Well Installation:																
		Screen from 6.0 to 3.0 m bgs																
9		Silica sand from 6.0 to 2.5 m bgs																
		Bentonite hole plug from 2.5 to 1.8 m bgs																
		Drill cuttings from 1.8 to 0.0 m bgs																
10																		
11																		

▽ Groundwater Level in Open Borehole  
 ▼ Groundwater Level Measured in Standpipe

■ Field Vane Test, kPa  
 □ Remoulded Vane Test, kPa  
 ▲ Pocket Penetrometer Test, kPa

CLIENT TC United Group BOREHOLE No. BH18-3  
LOCATION 130-138 Robinson Avenue PROJECT No. 121622263  
DATES: BORING September 5, 2018 WATER LEVEL 2.3 m (Sep 5, 2018) DATUM Geodetic

DEPTH (m)	ELEVATION (m)	SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	WATER LEVEL	SAMPLES				UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH - kPa									
					TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY (mm)	N-VALUE OR QD	<div> <div>50100150200</div> <div>W<sub>p</sub> W W<sub>L</sub></div> <div>WATER CONTENT &amp; ATTERBERG LIMITS</div> <div>DYNAMIC PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS/0.3m</div> <div>STANDARD PENETRATION TEST, BLOWS/0.3m</div> </div>									
0	60.20								10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	
	60.2	20 mm ASPHALT			SS	1	390	17	○	●								
		FILL: Compact, brown, SILTY SAND, with gravel																
		SS1 contained trace rootlets			SS	2	375	18	○	●								
	58.7																	
	58.1	FILL: Dense, brown, SILTY SAND (SM), with gravel (REWORKED TILL)			SS	3	370	47	○				●					
		Gravel pieces were noted at the bottom of SS3																
					SS	4	360	22				●						
		TILL: Compact to very dense, brown, SILTY SAND to SILTY SAND (SM), with gravel			SS	5	380	6	●	○								
		Contains occasional to frequent cobbles and boulders																
					SS	6	510	9		●								
					SS	7	400	15	○	●								
					SS	8	120	43	○				●					
6	54.1	Augers advanced without sampling																
7																		
8																		
	51.7	Auger refusal on inferred bedrock at 8.5 m depth																
		End of Borehole																
9																		
		Water level measured in open borehole at 2.3m bgs upon completion of drilling																
10																		
11																		

▽ Groundwater Level in Open Borehole  
▼ Groundwater Level Measured in Standpipe

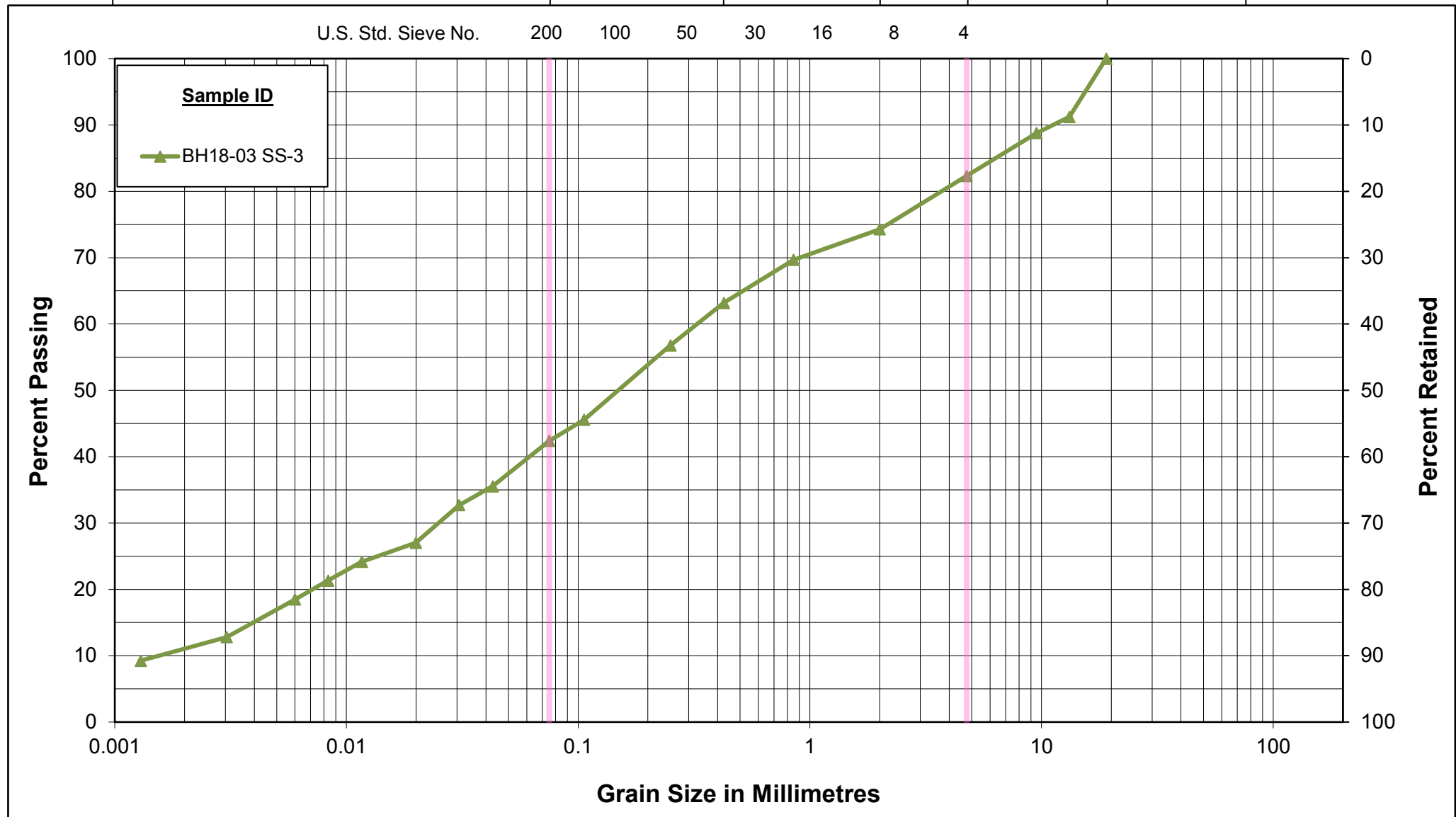
■ Field Vane Test, kPa  
□ Remoulded Vane Test, kPa  
△ Pocket Penetrometer Test, kPa

# **APPENDIX D**

Laboratory Test Results  
Grain Size Distribution Plots

# Unified Soil Classification System

	SAND			Gravel	
CLAY & SILT	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Coarse



## GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

SILTY SAND (REWORKED TILL) (FILL)

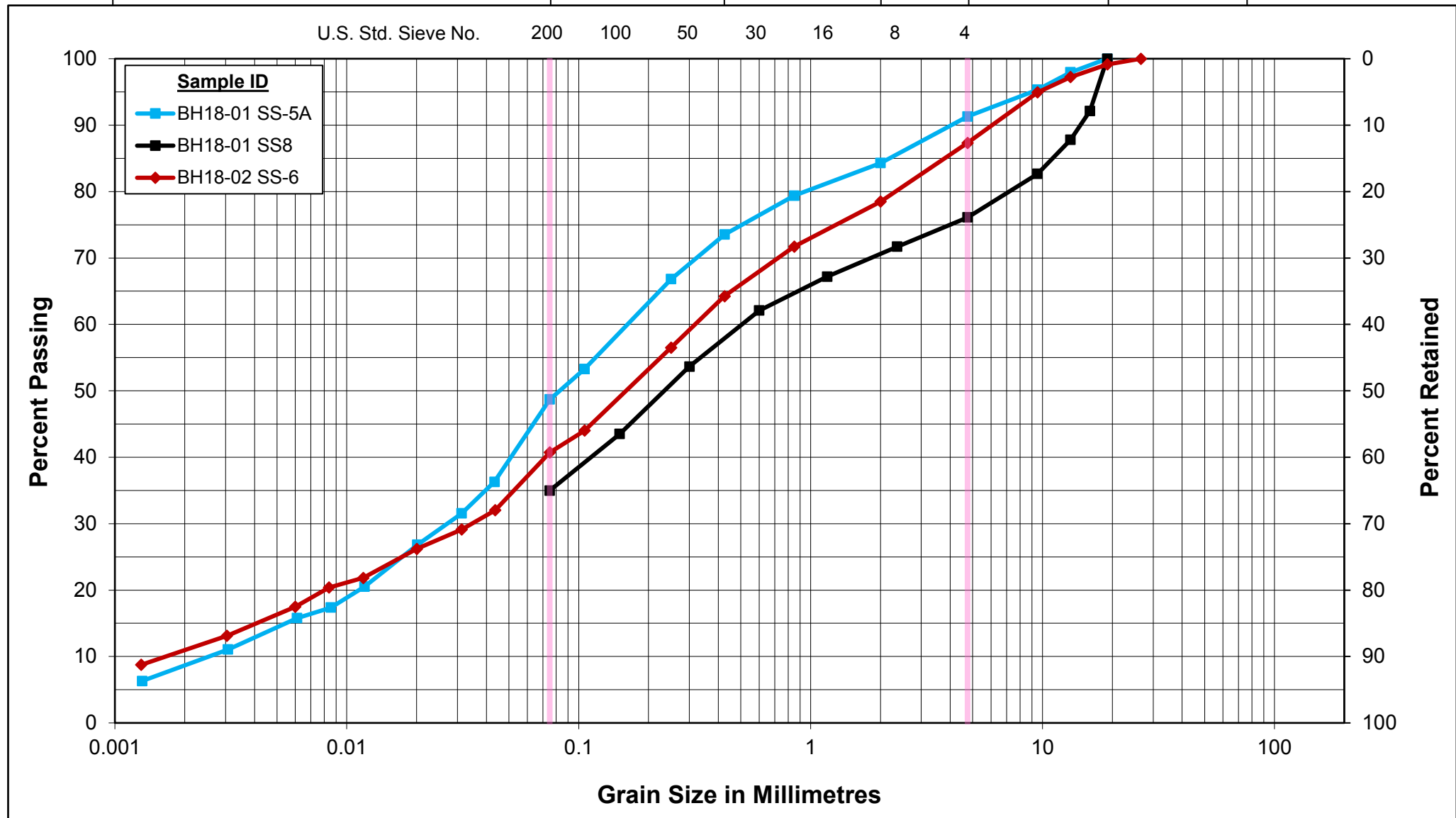
130-138 Robinson Ave.

Figure No. D1

Project No. 121622263

# Unified Soil Classification System

CLAY & SILT	SAND			Gravel	
	Fine	Medium	Coarse	Fine	Coarse



## GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

SILTY SAND to SILTY SAND, with gravel (SM) (TILL)

130-138 Robinson Ave.

Figure No. D2

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# **APPENDIX E**

## Laboratory Chemical Analysis Results

## Certificate of Analysis

**Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Ottawa)**

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Ottawa, ON K1B 1A7  
Attn: Ramy Saadeldin

Client PO:  
Project: 121622263  
Custody:

Report Date: 18-Sep-2018  
Order Date: 12-Sep-2018

**Order #: 1837287**

This Certificate of Analysis contains analytical data applicable to the following samples as submitted:

Paracel ID	Client ID
1837287-01	BH18-01, SS-3, 5'-7'

Approved By:



Dale Robertson, BSc  
Laboratory Director

Certificate of Analysis  
Client: Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Ottawa)  
Client PO:

Report Date: 18-Sep-2018  
Order Date: 12-Sep-2018  
Project Description: 121622263

### Analysis Summary Table

Analysis	Method Reference/Description	Extraction Date	Analysis Date
Anions	EPA 300.1 - IC, water extraction	14-Sep-18	14-Sep-18
pH, soil	EPA 150.1 - pH probe @ 25 °C, CaCl buffered ext.	13-Sep-18	13-Sep-18
Resistivity	EPA 120.1 - probe, water extraction	17-Sep-18	18-Sep-18
Solids, %	Gravimetric, calculation	17-Sep-18	17-Sep-18

Certificate of Analysis  
**Client: Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Ottawa)**  
**Client PO:**

Report Date: 18-Sep-2018  
 Order Date: 12-Sep-2018  
**Project Description: 121622263**

<b>Client ID:</b>	BH18-01, SS-3, 5'-7'	-	-	-
<b>Sample Date:</b>	09/05/2018 09:00	-	-	-
<b>Sample ID:</b>	1837287-01	-	-	-
<b>MDL/Units</b>	Soil	-	-	-

**Physical Characteristics**

% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	89.1	-	-	-
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**General Inorganics**

pH	0.05 pH Units	7.76	-	-	-
Resistivity	0.10 Ohm.m	103	-	-	-

**Anions**

Chloride	5 ug/g dry	8	-	-	-
Sulphate	5 ug/g dry	10	-	-	-

Certificate of Analysis  
 Client: Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Ottawa)  
 Client PO:

Report Date: 18-Sep-2018  
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 Project Description: 121622263

**Method Quality Control: Blank**

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Units	Source Result	%REC	%REC Limit	RPD	RPD Limit	Notes
<b>Anions</b>									
Chloride	ND	5	ug/g						
Sulphate	ND	5	ug/g						
<b>General Inorganics</b>									
Resistivity	ND	0.10	Ohm.m						

Certificate of Analysis  
 Client: Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Ottawa)  
 Client PO:

Report Date: 18-Sep-2018  
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 Project Description: 121622263

**Method Quality Control: Duplicate**

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Units	Source Result	%REC	%REC Limit	RPD	RPD Limit	Notes
<b>Anions</b>									
Chloride	23.0	5	ug/g dry	23.1			0.3	20	
Sulphate	175	5	ug/g dry	167			4.9	20	
<b>General Inorganics</b>									
pH	11.57	0.05	pH Units	11.58			0.1	10	
Resistivity	105	0.10	Ohm.m	103			2.1	20	
<b>Physical Characteristics</b>									
% Solids	84.2	0.1	% by Wt.	86.9			3.1	25	

Certificate of Analysis  
 Client: Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Ottawa)  
 Client PO:

Report Date: 18-Sep-2018  
 Order Date: 12-Sep-2018  
 Project Description: 121622263

### Method Quality Control: Spike

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Units	Source Result	%REC	%REC Limit	RPD	RPD Limit	Notes
<b>Anions</b>									
Chloride	116	5	ug/g	23.1	93.2	78-113			
Sulphate	262	5	ug/g	167	95.1	78-111			

Certificate of Analysis  
Client: Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Ottawa)  
Client PO:

Report Date: 18-Sep-2018  
Order Date: 12-Sep-2018  
Project Description: 121622263

**Qualifier Notes:**

***Login Qualifiers :***

Received at temperature > 25C  
*Applies to samples: BH18-01, SS-3, 5'-7'*

**Sample Data Revisions**

None

**Work Order Revisions / Comments:**

None

**Other Report Notes:**

n/a: not applicable  
ND: Not Detected  
MDL: Method Detection Limit  
Source Result: Data used as source for matrix and duplicate samples  
%REC: Percent recovery.  
RPD: Relative percent difference.

Soil results are reported on a dry weight basis when the units are denoted with 'dry'.  
Where %Solids is reported, moisture loss includes the loss of volatile hydrocarbons.



# **APPENDIX F**

## Seismic Hazard Calculation Sheet

# 2015 National Building Code Seismic Hazard Calculation

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Western Canada English (250) 363-6500 Facsimile (250) 363-6565

September 25, 2018

Site: 45.4177 N, 75.6664 W User File Reference: 130 TO 138 ROBINSON AVE, OTTAWA, ON

Requested by: RS,

**National Building Code ground motions: 2% probability of exceedance in 50 years (0.000404 per annum)**

Sa(0.05)	Sa(0.1)	<b>Sa(0.2)</b>	Sa(0.3)	<b>Sa(0.5)</b>	<b>Sa(1.0)</b>	<b>Sa(2.0)</b>	<b>Sa(5.0)</b>	<b>Sa(10.0)</b>	<b>PGA (g)</b>	<b>PGV (m/s)</b>
0.449	0.526	<b>0.441</b>	0.335	<b>0.238</b>	<b>0.118</b>	<b>0.056</b>	<b>0.015</b>	<b>0.0054</b>	<b>0.282</b>	<b>0.197</b>

**Notes.** Spectral ( $S_a(T)$ , where  $T$  is the period in seconds) and peak ground acceleration (PGA) values are given in units of  $g$  ( $9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ ). Peak ground velocity is given in  $\text{m/s}$ . Values are for "firm ground" (NBCC 2015 Site Class C, average shear wave velocity  $450 \text{ m/s}$ ). NBCC2015 and CSAS6-14 values are specified in **bold** font. Three additional periods are provided - their use is discussed in the NBCC2015 Commentary. Only 2 significant figures are to be used. *These values have been interpolated from a 10-km-spaced grid of points. Depending on the gradient of the nearby points, values at this location calculated directly from the hazard program may vary. More than 95 percent of interpolated values are within 2 percent of the directly calculated values.*

Ground motions for other probabilities:

Probability of exceedance per annum	0.010	0.0021	0.001
Probability of exceedance in 50 years	40%	10%	5%
Sa(0.05)	0.044	0.149	0.249
Sa(0.1)	0.061	0.187	0.301
Sa(0.2)	0.055	0.162	0.256
Sa(0.3)	0.044	0.125	0.196
Sa(0.5)	0.031	0.088	0.139
Sa(1.0)	0.015	0.045	0.070
Sa(2.0)	0.0061	0.021	0.033
Sa(5.0)	0.0012	0.0047	0.0081
Sa(10.0)	0.0006	0.0019	0.0032
PGA	0.033	0.102	0.164
PGV	0.021	0.068	0.111

## References

**National Building Code of Canada 2015 NRCC no. 56190;**  
**Appendix C:** Table C-3, Seismic Design Data for Selected Locations in Canada

**User's Guide - NBC 2015, Structural Commentaries NRCC no. xxxxxx** (in preparation)  
**Commentary J:** Design for Seismic Effects

**Geological Survey of Canada Open File 7893** Fifth Generation Seismic Hazard Model for Canada: Grid values of mean hazard to be used with the 2015 National Building Code of Canada

See the websites [www.EarthquakesCanada.ca](http://www.EarthquakesCanada.ca) and [www.nationalcodes.ca](http://www.nationalcodes.ca) for more information

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