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1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Merkburn Holdings Ltd. to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed multi-storey commercial building to be located at 56 Steacie Drive, in the City of Ottawa, Ontario (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan presented in Appendix 2).

The objective of the investigation was to:

- ☐ determine the subsoil and groundwater conditions at this site by means of test holes and available soils information.
- ☐ provide geotechnical recommendations for the design of the proposed development based on the results of the test holes and other soil information available.

The following report has been prepared specifically and solely for the aforementioned project which is described herein. It contains our findings and includes geotechnical recommendations pertaining to the design and construction of the subject development as they are understood at the time of writing this report. Environmental considerations for this site have been prepared under separate cover.

2.0 Proposed Project

The proposed project will consist of a building with two floors above ground and one level of underground parking, as well as associated parking areas and access lanes, along with landscaped areas. It is also expected that the subject site will be municipally serviced.

3.0 Method of Investigation

3.1 Field Investigation

Field Program

The field program for the geotechnical investigation was carried out on July 25, 2018. At that time, four (4) boreholes were advanced to a maximum depth of 12.1 m below existing ground surface. The test holes were located in the field by Paterson in a manner to provide general coverage of the subject site. The borehole locations are shown on Drawing PG4484-1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

The boreholes were drilled with a track-mounted rig operated by a two-person crew. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of our personnel under the direction of a senior engineer from our geotechnical department. The drilling procedures consisted of advancing each test hole to the required depths at the selected locations and sampling the overburden.

Sampling and In Situ Testing

Soil samples from the borehole were recovered from the auger flights or using a 50 mm diameter split-spoon sampler. All soil samples were classified on site, placed in sealed plastic bags and transported to our laboratory for further review. The depths at which the auger and split spoon samples were recovered from the test hole are shown as AU and SS, respectively, on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets presented in Appendix 1.

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

The overburden thickness was also evaluated during the course of the investigation by dynamic cone penetration testing (DCPT) at one borehole location. The DCPT consists of driving a steel drill rod, equipped with a 50 mm diameter cone at its tip, using a 63.5 kg hammer falling from a height of 760 mm. The number of blows required to drive the cone into the soil is recorded for each 300 mm increment.

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 of this report.

Groundwater

Flexible polyethylene 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 from the current investigation will be stored in the laboratory for a period of one month after issuance of this report. They will then be discarded unless we are otherwise directed.

3.2 Field Survey

The test hole locations were selected in the field by Paterson personnel in a manner to provide general coverage of the subject site taking into consideration existing site features. Ground elevations were referenced to a temporary benchmark (TBM), consisting of the top spindle of a fire hydrant in front of the subject site. An elevation of 100.00 m was assigned to the TBM. The location of the test holes and TBM are presented on Drawing PG4484-1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

3.3 Laboratory Testing

Soil samples were recovered from the subject site and visually examined in our laboratory to review the results of the field logging.

3.4 Analytical Testing

One (1) soil sample was submitted for analytical testing to assess the corrosion potential for exposed ferrous metals and the potential of sulphate attacks against subsurface concrete structures. The sample was submitted to determine the concentration of sulphate and chloride, the resistivity and the pH of the sample. The results are presented in Appendix 1 and are discussed further in Subsection 6.7.

4.0 Observations

4.1 Surface Conditions

The subject site is currently undeveloped land with a grass surface. Several mature trees were noted along the borders of the subject site. The site slopes gently down from south to north away from Steacie Drive. The site is at generally slightly above grade (approximately 0.5 m) with respect to the adjacent properties to the east and west. An approximately 2 m high slope was noted north of the site, sloping down towards the north. A shallow ditch was noted parallel to Steacie Drive between the roadway and the subject site. A ditch line was noted along the northern border of the property. The site is bordered to the north by a grass and tree covered area followed by a parking lot, to the east and west by adjacent commercial properties and to the south by Steacie Drive.

4.2 Subsurface Profile

Subsurface conditions noted at the borehole locations were recorded in detail in the field and recovered soil samples were reviewed in our laboratory. Generally, the subsurface profile encountered at the borehole locations consists of a thin topsoil layer, overlying a fill layer, which consisted primarily of silty clay mixed with sand and gravel with some construction debris. A silty clay deposit, with trace to some sand and gravel was noted below the fill layer. A glacial till deposit was noted below the silty clay deposit. The fine matrix of the glacial till consisted primarily of silty clay with some sand and gravel. Practical refusal to DCPT was encountered at a 12.1 m depth at BH 1. Practical refusal to augering was encountered at 4.7 m depth at BH 2.

Reference should be made to the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 for details of the soil profiles encountered at each test hole location.

Bedrock

Based on available geological mapping, the local bedrock consists primarily of quartzite, with an anticipated overburden thickness of 5 to 15 m.

4.3 Groundwater

Groundwater levels were measured in the standpipes installed in the boreholes upon completion of the sampling program. The GWL readings are presented in Table 1 and on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1.

Table 1 - Summary of Groundwater Levels				
Borehole Number	Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Measured Groundwater Level (m)		Recording Date
		Depth	Elevation	
BH 1	97.78	1.02	96.76	July 31, 2018
BH 2	98.92	1.94	96.98	July 31, 2018
BH 3	99.10	4.60	94.50	July 31, 2018
BH 4	99.50	1.51	97.99	July 31, 2018

It should be noted that groundwater levels can be influenced by surface water infiltrating the backfilled boreholes.

Long-term groundwater levels can also be estimated based on the observed colour and consistency of the recovered soil samples. Based on these observations, it is estimated that the long-term groundwater table can be expected at approximately 3 to 4 m below ground surface.

It should be noted that groundwater levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations. Therefore, the groundwater level could vary at the time of construction.

5.0 Discussion

5.1 Geotechnical Assessment

The subject site is considered satisfactory for the proposed development from a geotechnical perspective. It is expected that the proposed structure will be founded over conventional shallow footings placed on an undisturbed, stiff silty clay bearing surface. It should be noted that the existing slope along the north property boundary is considered stable from a slope stability perspective with a slope stability factor of safety of greater than 1.5.

Due to the presence of the silty clay layer, the subject site will be subjected to grade raise restrictions. A permissible grade raise restriction of **1.5 m** can be used for design purposes.

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

5.2 Site Grading and Preparation

Stripping Depth

Topsoil and fill, containing significant amounts of deleterious materials, should be stripped from under any buildings and other settlement sensitive structures. Care should be taken not to disturb adequate bearing soils below the subgrade level during site preparation activities.

It is anticipated that the existing fill, free of deleterious material and significant amounts of organics, can be left in place below the proposed car parking areas and access lanes. However, it is recommended that the existing fill layer be proof-rolled using heavy vibratory equipment and approved by Paterson at the time of construction. Any poor performing areas noted during the proof-rolling operation should be removed and replaced with an appropriate fill material.

Fill Placement

Fill used for grading beneath the building areas should consist, unless otherwise specified, of clean imported granular fill, such as Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSS) Granular A or 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 should be compacted to at least 98% of its standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).

Non-specified existing fill along with site-excavated soil can be used as general landscaping fill 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. If these materials are to be used to build up the subgrade level for areas to be paved, they should be compacted in thin lifts to a minimum density of 95% of their respective SPMDD. Non-specified existing fill and site-excavated soils are not suitable for use as backfill against foundation walls unless a composite drainage blanket connected to a perimeter drainage system is provided.

5.3 Foundation Design

Bearing Resistance Values

Strip footings, up to 3 m wide, and pad footings, up to 6 m wide, placed on an undisturbed, stiff, silty clay bearing surface can be designed using a bearing resistance value at serviceability limit states (SLS) of **100 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **180 kPa** incorporating a geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 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 one 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 stiff silty clay or engineered fill above the groundwater table when a plane extending horizontally and vertically from the underside of the footing at a minimum of 1.5H:1V passing through in situ soil of the same or higher bearing capacity as the bearing medium soil.

Permissible Grade Raise

A permissible grade raise restriction of **1.5 m** can be used for design purposes. If greater permissible grade raises are required, preloading with or without a surcharge, lightweight fill, and/or other measures should be investigated to reduce the risks of unacceptable long-term post construction total and differential settlements.

5.4 Design for Earthquakes

The site class for seismic site response can be taken as **Class D** for the foundations considered at this site. However, a higher seismic site class, such as Class C, may be applicable for the subject site. The higher seismic site class would have to be confirmed by a site specific seismic shear wave velocity test. The soils underlying the proposed shallow foundations are not susceptible to liquefaction. Reference should be made to the latest revision of the 2012 Ontario Building Code for a full discussion of the earthquake design requirements.

5.5 Basement Slab

With the removal of all topsoil and deleterious fill, containing organic matter, within the footprint of the proposed building(s), 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 B Type II is recommended for backfilling below the basement slab. It is recommended that the upper 200 mm of sub-slab fill consist of an OPSS Granular A crushed stone.

All backfill materials within the footprint of the proposed building should be placed in maximum 300 mm loose lifts and compact to at least 98% of the material's SPMDD.

5.6 Basement Wall

There are several combinations of backfill materials and retained soils that could be applicable for the basement walls of the subject structure. However, 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/m³. The applicable effective unit weight of the retained soil can be estimated as 13 kN/m³, where applicable. A hydrostatic pressure should be added to the total static earth pressure when calculating the effective unit weight.

Lateral Earth Pressures

The static horizontal earth pressure (P_o) can be calculated by a triangular earth pressure distribution equal to $K_o \cdot \gamma \cdot H$ where:

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

γ = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil (kN/m³)

H = height of the wall (m)

An additional pressure having a magnitude equal to $K_o \cdot q$ and acting on the entire wall height should be incorporated to the 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 calculated 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 stay at least 0.3 m away 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 (ΔP_{AE}).

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

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

γ = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil (kN/m³)

H = height of the wall (m)

g = gravity, 9.81 m/s²

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

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

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

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

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

5.7 Pavement Structure

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

Table 2 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Car Only Parking Areas	
Thickness (mm)	Material Description
50	Wear Course - HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
150	BASE - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
300	SUBBASE - OPSS Granular B Type II
SUBGRADE - Either fill, in situ silty clay or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil or fill	

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

Minimum Performance Graded (PG) 58-34 asphalt cement should be used for this project.

If soft spots develop in the subgrade during compaction or due to construction traffic, the affected areas should be excavated 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 material's SPMDD using 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.

Due to the impervious nature of the subgrade materials consideration should be given to installing subdrains during the pavement construction. These drains should extend in four orthogonal directions or longitudinally when placed along a curb. The clear crushed stone surrounding the drainage lines or the pipe, should be wrapped with suitable filter cloth. The subdrain inverts should be approximately 300 mm below subgrade level. The subgrade surface should be shaped to promote water flow to the drainage lines.

6.0 Design and Construction Precautions

6.1 Foundation Drainage and Backfill

It is recommended that a perimeter foundation drainage system be provided for the proposed structure. The system should consist of a 150 mm diameter perforated corrugated plastic pipe, surrounded on all sides by 150 mm of 10 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 unless used in conjunction with a composite drainage system, such as Delta Drain 6000 or an approved equivalent. Imported granular materials, such as clean sand or OPSS Granular B Type I granular material, should be used for this purpose.

6.2 Protection of Footings Against Frost Action

Perimeter footings of heated structures are required to be insulated against the deleterious effects of frost action. A minimum 1.5 m thick soil cover, or an equivalent combination of foundation insulation and soil cover, should be provided in this regard.

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. The recommended minimum thickness of soil cover is 2.1 m (or equivalent).

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 1.5H: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.

A trench box is recommended to protect personnel working in trenches with steep or vertical sides. Services are expected to be installed by “cut and cover” methods and excavations should not remain 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

Groundwater Control for Building Construction

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.

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.

Long-term Groundwater Control

Any groundwater encountered along the building's perimeter or underfloor drainage system will be directed to the proposed building's sump pit. It is expected that groundwater flow will be low (i.e. less than 25,000 L/day) with peak periods noted after rain events. A more accurate estimate can be provided at the time of construction, once groundwater infiltration levels are observed. It is anticipated that the groundwater flow will be controllable using conventional open sumps.

Impacts on Neighbouring Structures

Based on our observations, a local groundwater lowering is anticipated under short-term conditions due to construction of the proposed building. It should be noted that the extent of any significant groundwater lowering will take place within a limited range of the subject site due to the minimal temporary groundwater lowering.

The neighbouring structures are expected to be founded within native silty clay. No issues are expected with respect to groundwater lowering that would cause long term damage to adjacent structures surrounding the proposed building.

6.6 Winter Construction

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

The subsoil conditions at this site mostly consist of frost susceptible materials. In 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 use of straw, propane heaters and tarpaulins or other suitable means. In this regard, 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.

The trench excavations should be carried out in a manner to avoid the introduction of frozen materials, snow or ice into the trenches. As well, pavement construction is difficult during winter. The subgrade consists of frost susceptible soils which will experience total and differential frost heaving as the work takes place. Also, the introduction of frost, snow or ice into the pavement materials, which is difficult to avoid, could adversely affect the performance of the pavement structure.

6.7 Corrosion Potential and Sulphate

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

7.0 Recommendations

For the foundation design data provided herein to be applicable, a materials testing and observation services program is required to be completed. The following aspects should be performed by the geotechnical consultant:

- ☐ Review of the site grading plan, once available.
- ☐ Observation of all bearing surfaces prior to the placement of concrete.
- ☐ Sampling and testing of the concrete and fill materials.
- ☐ Observation of the placement of the foundation insulation, if applicable.
- ☐ 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 the construction has been conducted in general accordance with the 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 made in this report are in accordance with our present understanding of the project. We request that we be permitted to review the grading plan once available and our recommendations when the drawings and specifications are complete.

A geotechnical investigation of this nature 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. The extent of the limited area depends on the soil, bedrock and groundwater conditions, as well the history of the site reflecting natural, construction, and other activities. Should any conditions at the site be encountered which differ from those at the test locations, we request notification immediately in order to permit reassessment of our recommendations.

The recommendations provided in this report are intended for the use of design professionals associated with this project. Contractors bidding on or undertaking the work should examine the factual information contained in this report and the site conditions, satisfy themselves as to the adequacy of the information provided for construction purposes, supplement the factual information if required, and develop their own interpretation of the factual information based on both their and their subcontractors construction methods, equipment capabilities and schedules.

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 Merkburn Holdings Ltd. 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

DATUM TBM - Top spindle of fire hydrant. An arbitrary elevation of 100.00m was assigned to the TBM.

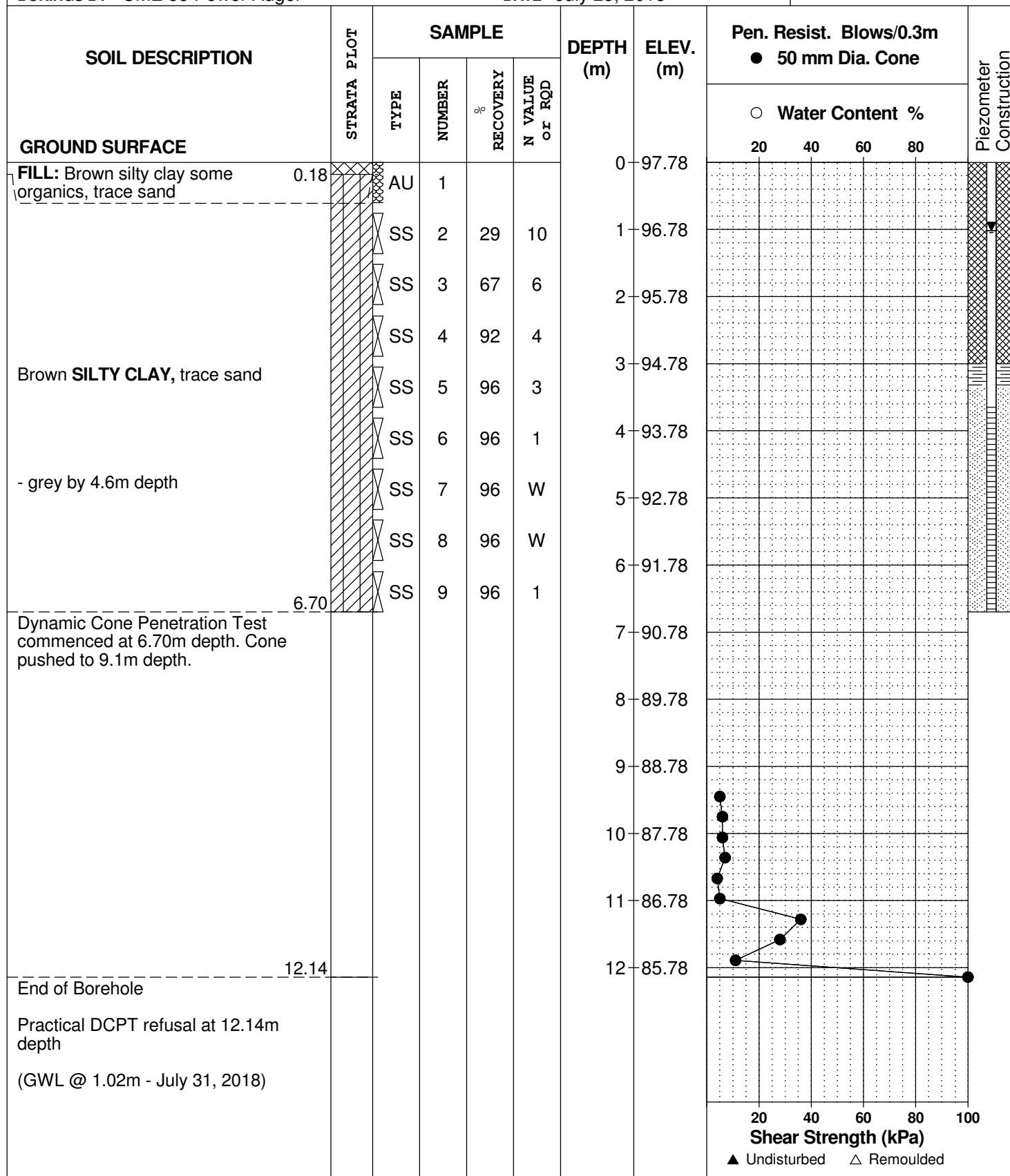
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DATUM	TBM - Top spindle of fire hydrant. An arbitrary elevation of 100.00m was assigned to the TBM.
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HOLE NO. **BH 3**

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HOLE NO. **BH 4**

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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 %				
GROUND SURFACE								20	40	60	80	
FILL: Brown silty clay, some organics, trace sand	0.15	AU	1			0	99.50					
Brown SILTY CLAY , trace sand - grey by 2.3m depth		SS	2	33	7	1	98.50					
		SS	3	42	6	2	97.50					
		SS	4	88	8	3	96.50					
		SS	5	96	10	4	95.50					
		SS	6	96	4	5	94.50					
		SS	7	96	3	6	93.50					
GLACIAL TILL: Grey silty clay, some sand	5.26	SS	8	42	4							
	6.40	SS	9	58	5							
End of Borehole												
(GWL @ 1.51m - July 31, 2018)												

20 40 60 80 100

Shear Strength (kPa)

▲ Undisturbed △ Remoulded

SYMBOLS AND TERMS

SOIL DESCRIPTION

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

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

The standard terminology to describe the relative strength of cohesionless soils is the compactness condition, usually inferred from the results of the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) 'N' value. The SPT N value is the number of blows of a 63.5 kg hammer, falling 760 mm, required to drive a 51 mm O.D. split spoon sampler 300 mm into the soil after an initial penetration of 150 mm. An SPT N value of "P" denotes that the split-spoon sampler was pushed 300 mm into the soil without the use of a falling hammer.

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

The standard terminology to describe the strength of cohesive soils is the consistency, which is based on the undisturbed undrained shear strength as measured by the in situ or laboratory shear vane tests, unconfined compression tests, or occasionally by the Standard Penetration Test (SPT). Note that the typical correlations of undrained shear strength to SPT N value (tabulated below) tend to underestimate the consistency for sensitive silty clays, so Paterson reviews the applicable split spoon samples in the laboratory to provide a more representative consistency value based on tactile examination.

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

SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

SOIL DESCRIPTION (continued)

Cohesive soils can also be classified according to their “sensitivity”. The sensitivity, S_t , is the ratio between the undisturbed undrained shear strength and the remoulded undrained shear strength of the soil. The classes of sensitivity may be defined as follows:

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

ROCK DESCRIPTION

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

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

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

SAMPLE TYPES

SS	-	Split spoon sample (obtained in conjunction with the performing of the Standard Penetration Test (SPT))
TW	-	Thin wall tube or Shelby tube, generally recovered using a piston sampler
G	-	"Grab" sample from test pit or surface materials
AU	-	Auger sample or bulk sample
WS	-	Wash sample
RC	-	Rock core sample (Core bit size BQ, NQ, HQ, etc.). Rock core samples are obtained with the use of standard diamond drilling bits.

SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

PLASTICITY LIMITS AND GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

CONSOLIDATION TEST

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

PERMEABILITY TEST

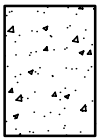
k	-	Coefficient of permeability or hydraulic conductivity is a measure of the ability of water to flow through the sample. The value of k is measured at a specified unit weight for (remoulded) cohesionless soil samples, because its value will vary with the unit weight or density of the sample during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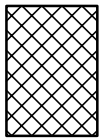
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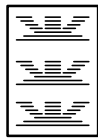
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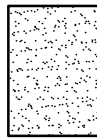
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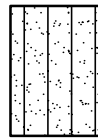
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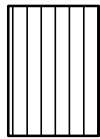
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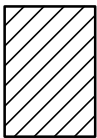
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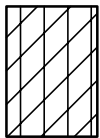
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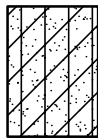
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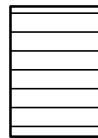
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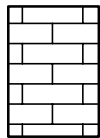
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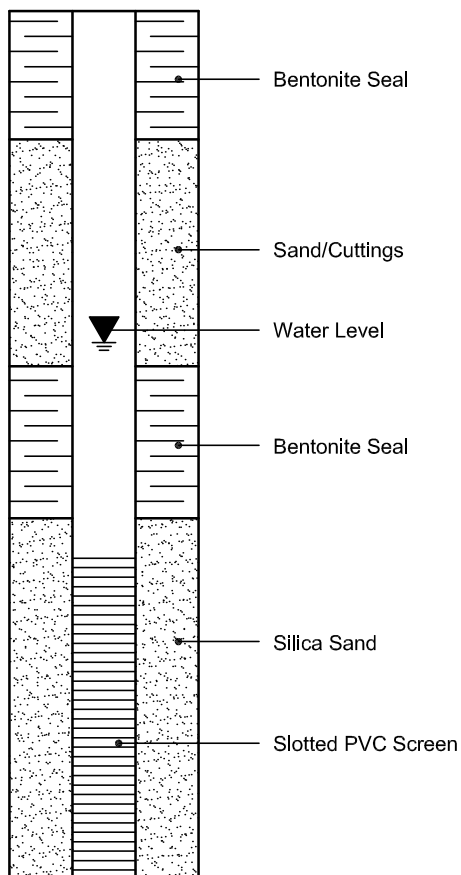
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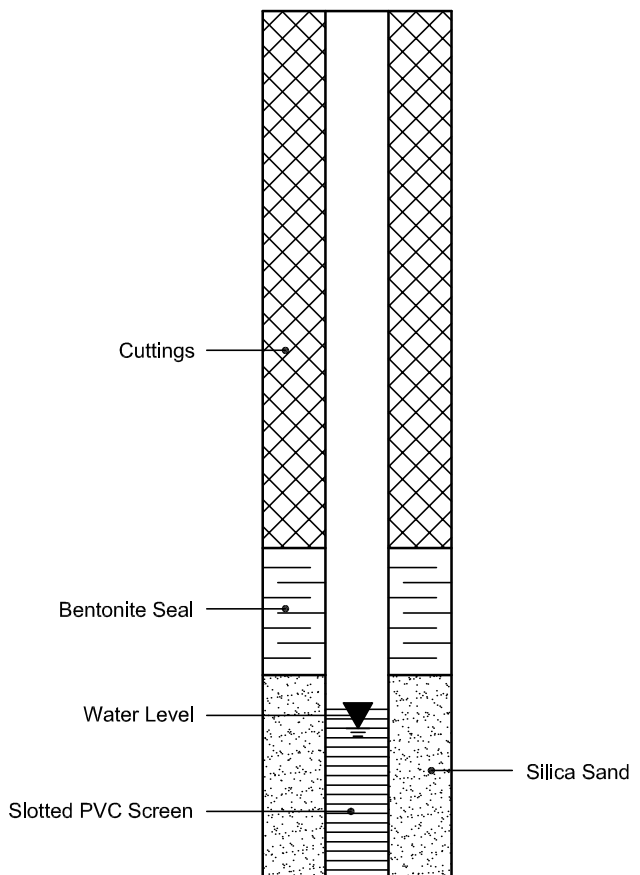
Bedrock

MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION

MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION



PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION



Certificate of Analysis

Client: Paterson Group Consulting Engineers

Client PO: 24810

Report Date: 01-Aug-2018

Order Date: 30-Jul-2018

Project Description: PG4484

Client ID:	BH2-SS3	-	-	-
Sample Date:	07/25/2018 09:00	-	-	-
Sample ID:	1831096-01	-	-	-
MDL/Units	Soil	-	-	-

Physical Characteristics

% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	80.6	-	-	-
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General Inorganics

pH	0.05 pH Units	7.47	-	-	-
Resistivity	0.10 Ohm.m	51.0	-	-	-

Anions

Chloride	5 ug/g dry	32	-	-	-
Sulphate	5 ug/g dry	43	-	-	-

APPENDIX 2

FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN

DRAWING PG4484-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN

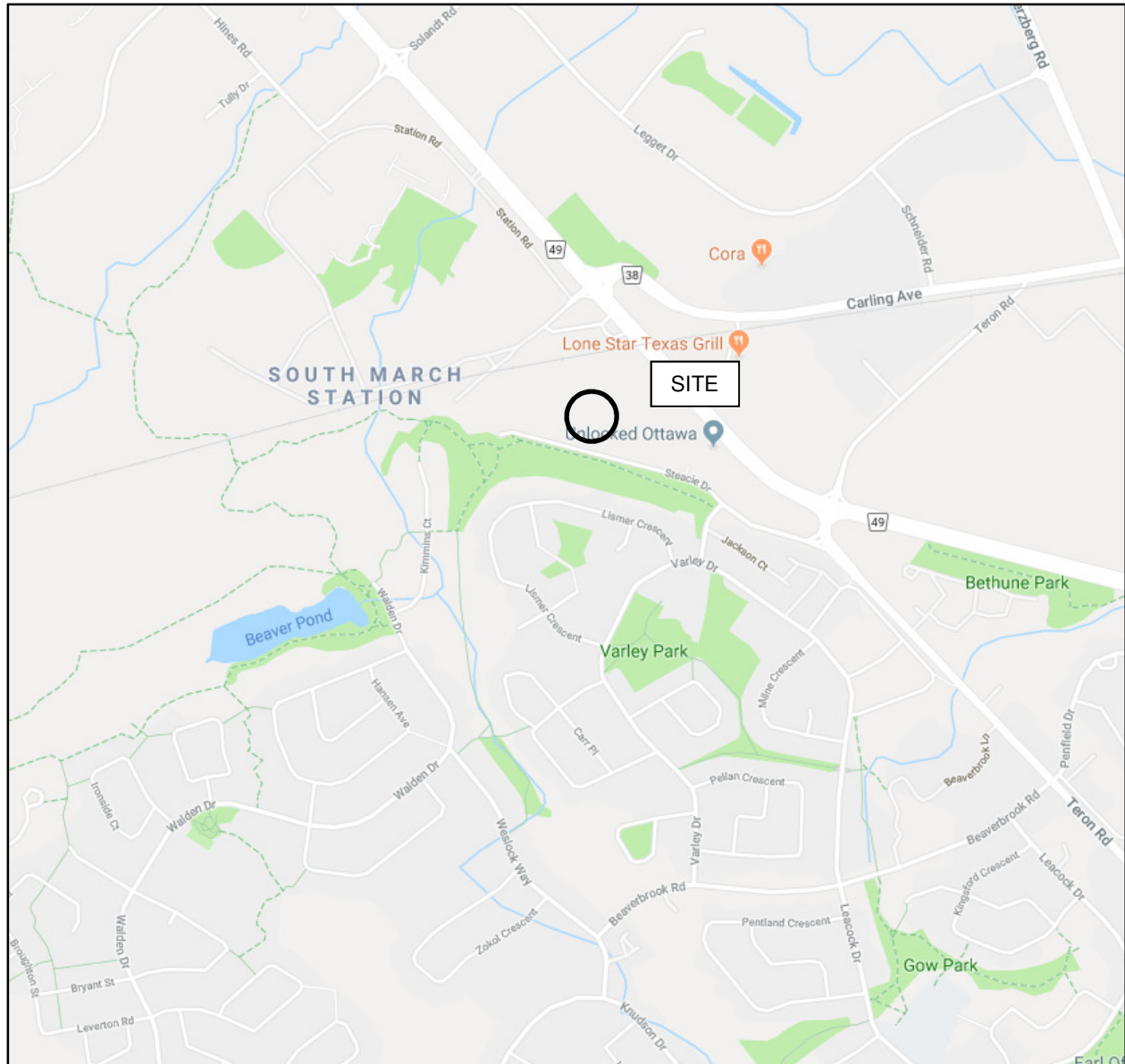
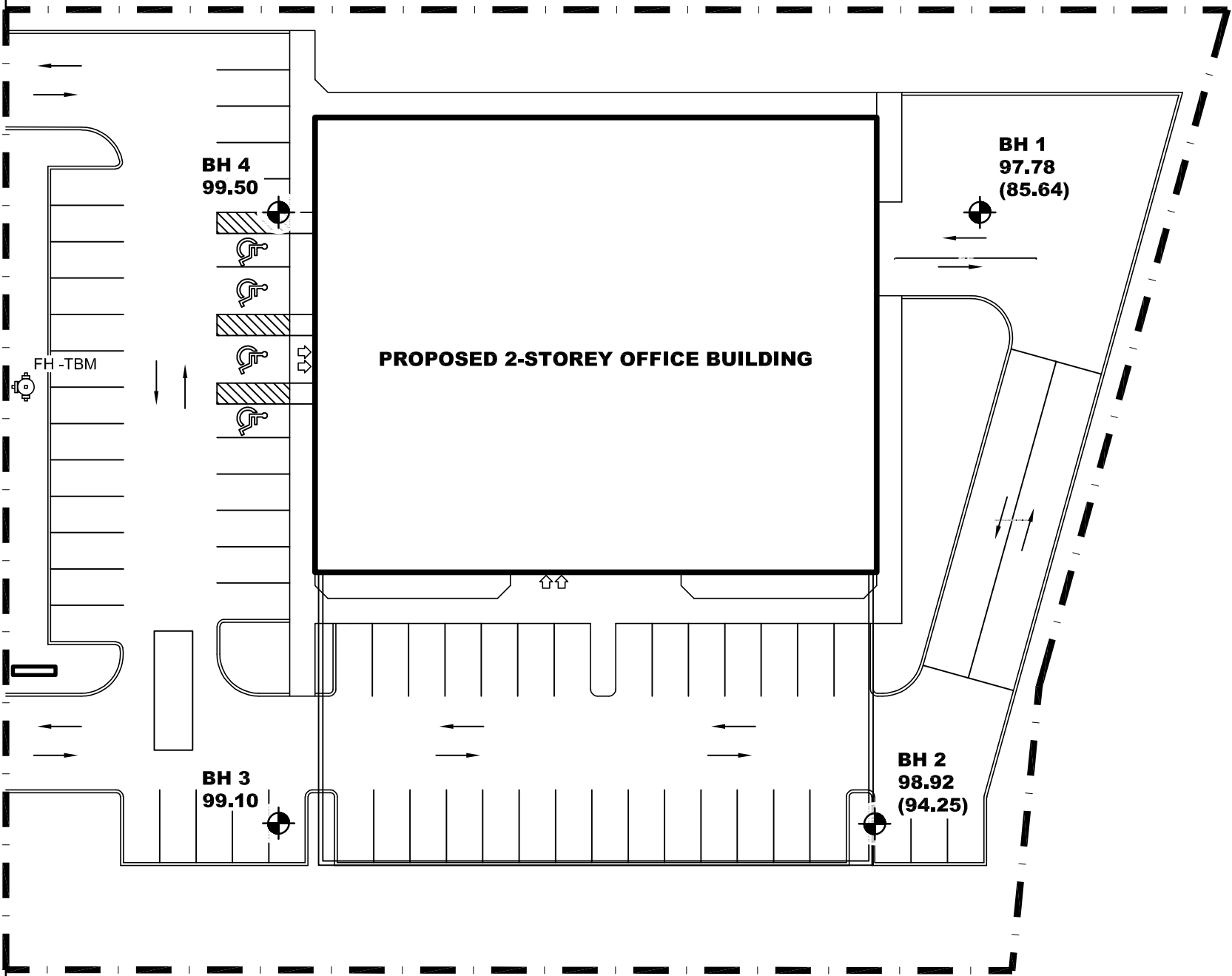



FIGURE 1

KEY PLAN

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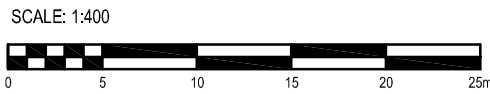
LEGEND:

 BOREHOLE LOCATION

97.78 GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION (m)

(85.64) PRACTICAL REFUSAL TO DCPT / AUGERING ELEVATION (m)

TBM - TOP SPINDLE OF FIRE HYDRANT. AN ARBITRARY ELEVATION OF 100.00m WAS ASSIGNED TO THE TBM.



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