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## **Geotechnical Investigation**

Proposed Mixed-Use Development 1531-1541 Stittsville Main Street Ottawa, Ontario

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## 1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Huntington Properties to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed mixed-use development to be located at 1531-1541 Stittsville Main Street in the City of Ottawa, Ontario (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan in Appendix 2 of this report).

The objectives of the current investigation were to:

determine the subsoil and groundwater conditions at this site by means of boreholes.
to provide geotechnical recommendations pertaining to design of the proposed development including construction considerations which may affect the design.

The following report has been prepared specifically and solely for the aforementioned project which is described herein. 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.

## 2.0 Proposed Development

The proposed development is understood to consist of a 4 storey mixed-use building to occupy the west portion of the subject site and a row of townhomes along the east portion of the site. The proposed mixed-use building is anticipated to have one level of underground parking while the townhomes will have one basement level. At-grade parking areas, access lanes and landscaped areas are also anticipated for this development. It is understood that the existing buildings will be demolished as part of the proposed development. Also, the proposed buildings at 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 October 17, 2018. At that time, a total of 6 boreholes were drilled and sampled to a maximum depth of 6.7 m below existing ground surface. The test hole locations were distributed in a manner to provide general coverage of the subject site taking into consideration site features. The locations of the test holes are shown on Drawing PG4678-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The boreholes were advanced using a track-mounted auger drill 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. The drilling procedure consisted of augering to the required depths at the selected locations, and sampling and testing the overburden.

## Sampling and In Situ Testing

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

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

The overburden thickness was also evaluated during the investigation by completing dynamic cone penetration tests (DCPTs) at boreholes BH 3. 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 logged on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 of this report.

#### Groundwater

Flexible polyethylene standpipes were installed in all borehole. The groundwater observations are discussed in Subsection 4.3 and presented in the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1.

## Sample Storage

All samples from the current geotechnical 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 borehole locations were selected in the field by Paterson personnel in a manner to provide general coverage of the proposed development taking into consideration existing site features, such as underground utility services. The borehole locations and ground surface elevations at the borehole locations were surveyed by Annis O'Sullivan Vollebekk Ltd and are referenced to a geodetic datum. The locations and ground surface elevations of the boreholes are presented on Drawing PG4678-1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

## 3.3 Laboratory Testing

The soil samples 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

Generally, the ground surface across the site gradually slopes down towards the west. The ground surface within the north and east portion of the subject site was noted to be slightly higher in elevation than the surrounding roadways. The subject site was observed to have three (3) commercial buildings with gravel finished parking lots and access lanes.

Based on historical aerial photographs, the central portion of the site was occupied by multiple residential buildings which appears to be demolished in the early 2000s.

The subject site is bordered to the north by Orville Street, to the east by a multi-storey residential building, to the south by a residential dwelling and to the west by Stittsville Main Street.

### 4.2 Subsurface Profile

#### Overburden

Generally, the soil profile encountered at the borehole locations consists of topsoil and/or fill comprised of silty sand with varying amounts of gravel, cobbles, boulders and trace organics. A dense to loose brown silty sand was encountered below the above noted fill material followed by a very dense to dense glacial till consisting of silty sand matrix with trace gravel. Practical auger and DCPT refusals were encountered at a depth of 5 m and 8.2 m in BH 6 and BH 3, respectively. Reference should be made to the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 for specific details of the soil profiles encountered at each test hole location.

#### **Bedrock**

Based on available geological mapping, the subject site is located in an area where the bedrock consists of interbedded limestone and dolomite of the Gull River Formation with an overburden thickness ranging between 5 to 10 m.



## 4.3 Groundwater

The groundwater levels were measured in the borehole locations on October 23, 2018, and are presented in the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1. It is important to note that groundwater level readings could be influenced by surface water infiltrating the backfilled borehole, which can lead to higher than typical groundwater levels. The long-term groundwater level can also be estimated based on moisture levels and colouring of the recovered soil samples. Based on these observations at the borehole locations, the long-term groundwater level is expected at a 3.5 to 4.5 m depth.

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



## 5.0 Discussion

#### 5.1 Geotechnical Assessment

From a geotechnical perspective, the subject site is adequate for the proposed development. The proposed buildings are expected to be founded on conventional footings placed on an undisturbed, dense to compact, silty sand bearing surface.

It is recommended that footings for the proposed buildings be placed over an undisturbed, dense to compact bearing surface. Engineered fill may be required where existing fill is located below proposed footing level. Consideration could be given to leaving the existing fill, free of significant amounts of deleterious materials, below the proposed building floor slab outside of the lateral support zone of the proposed footings. However, it is recommended that the existing fill be approved by the geotechnical consultant once the subgrade level is exposed. The approved existing fill material should be proof-rolled using suitable compaction equipment under dry conditions and above freezing temperatures and reviewed by Paterson personnel. Areas deemed poor performing should be removed and replaced with engineered fill.

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

## 5.2 Site Grading and Preparation

### **Stripping Depth**

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

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

### **Fill Placement**

Fill used for grading beneath the proposed buildings, unless otherwise specified, should consist of clean imported granular fill, such as Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSS) Granular A or Granular B Type II, with a maximum aggregate size of 50 mm. The fill should be tested and approved prior to delivery to the site. It 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 areas should be compacted to at least 98% of its standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).



Non-specified existing fill along with site-excavated soil can be used as general landscaping fill 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 used in conjunction with a composite drainage membrane, such as Miradrain G100N or Delta Drain 6000.

### **Proof Rolling**

Consideration could be given to leaving the existing fill, free of significant amounts of deleterious materials, below the proposed buildings' floor slabs outside of the lateral support zone of the proposed footings and within the proposed parking areas and access lanes. However, it is recommended that the subgrade surface be proof-rolled **under dry conditions and above freezing temperatures** by an adequately sized roller making several passes to achieve optimum compaction levels. The compaction program should be reviewed and approved by the geotechnical consultant. In poor performing areas, consideration may be given to removing the poor performing fill and replace with an approved granular fill.

## 5.3 Foundation Design

#### **Shallow Foundations**

Footings founded on an undisturbed, compact silty sand 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 **150 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the reported bearing resistance value at ULS.

Footings founded on an undisturbed, dense silty sand bearing surface can be designed using a bearing resistance value at SLS of **150 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ULS of **225 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the reported bearing resistance value at ULS.

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



#### Settlement

Footings placed on a soil bearing surface and designed using the bearing resistance values at SLS given above will be subjected to potential post construction total and differential settlements of 25 and 20 mm, respectively.

## **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 the in-situ bearing medium soils above the groundwater table when a plane extending down and out from the bottom edge of the footing at a minimum of 1.5H:1V passes only through in situ soil of the same or higher capacity as the bearing medium soil.

## 5.4 Design for Earthquakes

The proposed buildings can be designed using a seismic site response **Class D** as defined in the Ontario Building Code 2012 (OBC 2012; Table 4.1.8.4.A). A higher site class such as site Class C may be achieved provided a site specific shear wave velocity testing is completed for the subject site. The soils underlying the site are not susceptible to liquefaction.

#### 5.5 Basement Slab

With the removal of all topsoil, and deleterious fill, containing organic matter, within the footprint of the proposed buildings, the silty sand or existing fill, approved by Paterson Group at the time of construction, 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 prior to placing any fill. The upper 200 mm of sub-slab fill is recommended to consist of 19 mm clear crushed stone. All backfill material within the footprint of the proposed buildings should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose layers and compacted to a minimum of 98% of the 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, in our opinion, 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 drained unit weight of 20 kN/m<sup>3</sup>.



The total earth pressure ( $P_{AE}$ ) includes both the static earth pressure component ( $P_o$ ) and the seismic component ( $\Delta P_{AE}$ ).

#### **Static Earth Pressures**

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

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

 $\gamma$  = unit weight of the fill of the applicable retained soil (kN/m<sup>3</sup>)

H = height of the wall (m)

#### **Seismic Earth Pressures**

The seismic earth pressure ( $\Delta P_{AE}$ ) can be calculated using the earth pressure distribution equal to  $0.375 \cdot a_c \cdot \gamma \cdot H^2/g$  where:

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

 $\gamma$  = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil (kN/m<sup>3</sup>)

H = height of the wall (m)

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

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

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

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

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



## 5.7 Pavement Structure

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

Table 1 - 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 in situ silty clay, approved existing granular fill or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil

Table 2 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Heavy Truck Parking and Access Lanes				
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			
400 SUBBASE - OPSS Granular B Type II				
<b>SUBGRADE</b> - Either in situ silty clay, approved existing granular fill or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil.				

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

If soft spots develop in the subgrade during compaction or due to construction traffic, the affected areas should be excavated and replaced with OPSS Granular B Type I or II material.

The pavement granular base and subbase should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 100% of the material's SPMDD using suitable vibratory equipment.

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## 6.0 Design and Construction Precautions

## 6.1 Foundation Drainage and Backfill

### **Foundation Drainage**

It is recommended that a perimeter foundation drainage system be provided for the proposed structures. The system should consist of a 150 mm in 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.

## **Underfloor Drainage**

Underfloor drainage is recommend to control water infiltration due to groundwater infiltration at the proposed founding elevation. For design purposes, it is recommended that 150 mm diameter perforated, corrugated pipes be placed at 6 m centres. The spacing of the underfloor drainage system should be confirmed at the time of excavation when water infiltration can be better assessed.

#### **Foundation Backfill**

Backfill against the exterior sides of the foundation walls should consist of free-draining non frost susceptible granular materials. The greater part of the site excavated materials will be frost susceptible and, as such, are not recommended for re-use as backfill against the foundation walls, unless used in conjunction with a drainage geocomposite, such as Miradrain G100N or Delta Drain 6000, connected to the perimeter foundation drainage system. Imported granular materials, such as clean sand or OPSS Granular B Type I granular material, should otherwise 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 effect of frost action. A minimum of 1.5 m thick soil cover (or equivalent) should be provided in this regard.

A minimum of 2.1 m thick soil cover (or equivalent) should be provided for exterior unheated footings, or an equivalent combination of soil cover and foundation insulation.



## 6.3 Excavation Side Slopes

The side slopes of the excavations should either be excavated at acceptable slopes or should be retained by shoring systems from the beginning of the excavation until the structure is backfilled. It is anticipated that there will be sufficient room to complete the excavation with acceptable slopes.

## **Unsupported Side Slopes**

Unsupported excavation side slopes above the groundwater level extending to a maximum depth of 3 m should be excavated at 1H:1V or shallower. The shallower slope is required for excavation below groundwater level. The subsurface soils are considered to be 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 be kept away from the excavation sides.

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

A trench box is recommended to 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.

## **Temporary Shoring**

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



The temporary shoring system could consist of steel sheet piles or a soldier pile and lagging system. Any additional loading due to street traffic, construction equipment, adjacent structures and facilities, etc., should be included to the earth pressures described below. This system could be cantilevered, anchored or braced. The shoring system is also recommended to be adequately supported to resist toe failure.

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

Table 3 - Soil Parameters					
Parameters	Values				
Active Earth Pressure Coefficient (K <sub>a</sub> )	0.33				
Passive Earth Pressure Coefficient (Kp)	3				
At-Rest Earth Pressure Coefficient (K <sub>o</sub> )	0.5				
Dry Unit Weight (γ), kN/m³	20				
Effective Unit Weight (γ), kN/m³	13				

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

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

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

## 6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill

The pipe bedding for sewer and water pipes should consist of at least 150 mm of OPSS Granular A material. The material should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of its SPMDD. The bedding material should extent at least to the spring line of the pipe.

The cover material, which should consist of OPSS Granular A, should extend from the spring line of the pipe to at least 300 mm above the obvert of the pipe. The material should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of its SPMDD.

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It should generally be possible to re-use the silty sand or glacial till above the cover material if the excavation and filling operations are carried out in dry weather conditions, provided that all stones 300 mm or greater in their longest dimension are removed.

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 minimize 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 material's SPMDD.

### 6.5 Groundwater Control

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

#### **Permit to Take Water**

A temporary Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) 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 MECP.

For typical ground or surface water volumes, being pumped during the construction phase, 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 MECP review of the PTTW application.

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.

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## **Long-term Groundwater Control**

Our recommendations for the proposed building's long-term groundwater control are presented in Subsection 6.1. Any groundwater infiltration will be directed to the proposed buildings' sump pits. Once steady state is achieved, it's expected that groundwater flow will be low (less than 30,000 L/day) with higher volumes during peak periods noted after significant precipitation events. A more accurate estimate can be provided at the time of construction, once groundwater infiltration levels are observed. It is anticipated that the groundwater flow will be controllable using conventional open sumps.

## **Impacts on Neighbouring Structures**

It is understood that one basement level is planned for the proposed buildings. Based on the existing groundwater level, the extent of any significant groundwater lowering will not take place for the proposed buildings. Based on the proximity of neighbouring buildings and the existing groundwater level within the compact to dense silty sand deposit, the proposed development will not negatively impact the neighbouring structures. It should be noted that no issues are expected with respect to groundwater lowering that would cause long term adverse effects to adjacent structures surrounding the proposed buildings.

#### 6.6 Winter Construction

The subsurface 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. Precautions should be taken if winter construction is considered for this project.

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, 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 constructed in a manner that will avoid the introduction of frozen materials 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. In addition, 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. Additional information could be provided, if required.



## 6.7 Corrosion Potential and Sulphate

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



## 7.0 Recommendations

It is a requirement for the foundation design data provided herein to be applicable that a materials testing and observation services program including the following aspects be performed by the geotechnical consultant.

Observation of all bearing surfaces prior to the placement of concrete.
Sampling and testing of the concrete and granular fill materials used.
Periodic observation of the condition of unsupported excavation side slopes in excess of 3 m in height, if applicable.
Observation of all subgrades prior to backfilling.
Field density tests to determine the level of compaction achieved.
Sampling and testing of the bituminous concrete including mix design reviews.

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



### 8.0 Statement of Limitations

The recommendations provided in this report are in accordance with our present understanding of the project. We request permission to review our recommendations when the drawings and specifications are completed.

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

The recommendations provided herein should only be used by the design professionals associated with this project. They are not intended for contractors bidding on or undertaking the work. The latter should evaluate the factual information provided in this report and determine the suitability and completeness for their intended construction schedule and methods. Additional testing may be required for their purposes.

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 Huntington Properties or their agents is not authorized without review by Paterson for the applicability of our recommendations to the alternative use of the report.

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## **APPENDIX 1**

SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA SHEETS

SYMBOLS AND TERMS

ANALYTICAL TESTING RESULTS

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**SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA** 

154 Colonnade Road South, Ottawa, Ontario K2E 7J5

TBM - Top spindle of fire hydrant located on the northeast corner of Orville Street

FILE NO.

Shear Strength (kPa)

△ Remoulded

▲ Undisturbed

**DATUM** and Stittsville Main Street. Geodetic elevation = 123.22m, as per Annis, **PG4678 REMARKS** O'Sullivan, Vollebekk Ltd. HOLE NO. BH<sub>1</sub> **BORINGS BY** CME 55 Power Auger DATE October 17, 2018 **SAMPLE** Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m STRATA PLOT **DEPTH** ELEV. Piezometer Construction 50 mm Dia. Cone SOIL DESCRIPTION (m) (m) RECOVERY VALUE r RQD NUMBER Water Content % N o v **GROUND SURFACE** 80 20 0+123.24TOPSOIL, some gravel 0.18 **FILL:** Brown silty sand 0.50 1+122.242 SS 13 46 SS 3 71 23 2+121.24SS 4 67 31 Compact to dense, brown SILTY SAND 3+120.245 SS 71 35 4 + 119.24SS 6 79 38 SS 7 79 47 5+118.245.33 SS 8 88 84 GLACIAL TILL: Very dense, brown  $6 \pm 117.24$ silty sand, some gravel SS 9 88 84 6.71 End of Borehole (Piezometer blocked & dry at 3.93m -Oct. 23, 2018) 40 60 80 100

**SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA** 

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DATUM

TBM - Top spindle of fire hydrant located on the northeast corner of Orville Street and Stittsville Main Street. Geodetic elevation = 123.22m, as per Annis,

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OLE NO

BORINGS BY CME 55 Power Auger					ATE (	October 1	7, 2018	HOLE NO. BH 2	
SOIL DESCRIPTION	PLOT		SAMPLE		DEPTH	ELEV.	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m  ■ 50 mm Dia. Cone  ○ Water Content %  20 40 60 80		
		TYPE	NUMBER	% RECOVERY	N VALUE or RQD	(m)	(m)	O Water Content %	Piezometer
GROUND SURFACE	STRATA	•	ž	REC	z ö		100.00	20 40 60 80	Pie
FILL: Brown silty sand with gravel, cobbles and boulders, trace organics		AU	1			0-	123.26		
		ss	2	100	50+	1-	-122.26		
<u>.</u>		ss	3	71	36	2-	-121.26		
		ss	4	75	32	3-	120.26		
Dense, brown <b>SILTY SAND</b>		ss	5	79	32				
- silt content increasing with depth						4-	-119.26		
		ss	6	83	41	5-	-118.26		
		V				6-	-117.26		
End of Borehole 6.71		ss	7	79	42				
(Piezometer blocked & dry at 4.07m - Oct. 23, 2018)									
								20 40 60 80 10 Shear Strength (kPa) ▲ Undisturbed △ Remoulded	0

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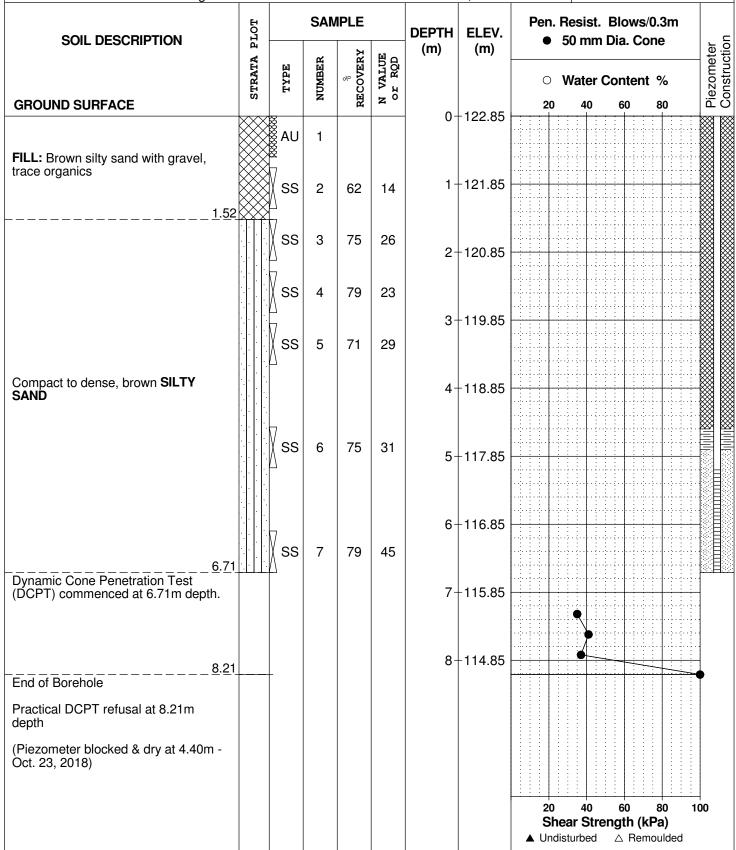
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**DATUM** 

TBM - Top spindle of fire hydrant located on the northeast corner of Orville Street

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HOLE NO. **BH 4 BORINGS BY** CME 55 Power Auger DATE October 17, 2018 **SAMPLE** Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m STRATA PLOT DEPTH ELEV. Piezometer Construction 50 mm Dia. Cone SOIL DESCRIPTION (m) (m) RECOVERY VALUE r RQD NUMBER Water Content % N o v **GROUND SURFACE** 80 20 0+121.86**TOPSOIL** 0.18 FILL: Brown silty sand, trace gravel 1+120.862 SS 4 46 1.83 SS 3 50 5 2+119.86SS 4 4 58 Loose to compact, dark to light brown SILTY SAND 3+118.865 SS 67 5 4+117.86SS 6 67 23 4.57 SS 7 75 37 5+116.86GLACIAL TILL: Dense, brown silty SS 8 79 39 sand, trace gravel 6+115.86SS 9 100 43 6.71 End of Borehole (Piezometer blocked & dry at 4.25m -Oct. 23, 2018) 40 60 80 100 Shear Strength (kPa) ▲ Undisturbed △ Remoulded

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**SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA** 

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**BH** 5

BORINGS BY CME 55 Power Auger			DATE October 17,				7, 2018		BH 5		
SOIL DESCRIPTION			SAN	IPLE		DEPTH	ELEV.			Blows/0.3m Dia. Cone	- E
		TYPE	NUMBER	% RECOVERY	N VALUE or RQD	(m)	(m)			ontent % 60 80	Piezometer Construction
GROUND SURFACE TOPSOIL 0.36		8				0-	123.72	20			$\boxtimes \boxtimes$
0.36		AU	1								
FILL: Brown silty sand, some gravel		SS 7	2	58	20	1-	-122.72				
2.29		ss	3	75	55	2-	-121.72				
		ss	4	62	23	3-	-120.72				
		ss	5	71	20						
Compact to dense, brown SILTY SAND		ss	6	75	29	4-	-119.72				
		ss	7	75	33	5-	-118.72				
6.71		ss	8	71	36	6-	-117.72				
End of Borehole	1.1.1	ľ									
(Piezometer blocked & dry at 3.90m - Oct. 23, 2018)											
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## **SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA**

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HOLE NO.

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▲ Undisturbed

Shear Strength (kPa)

60

80

△ Remoulded

100

DATE October 17, 2018

**BH 6 BORINGS BY** CME 55 Power Auger Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m **SAMPLE** STRATA PLOT **DEPTH** ELEV. Piezometer Construction 50 mm Dia. Cone SOIL DESCRIPTION (m) (m) RECOVERY VALUE r RQD NUMBER Water Content % N o v 80 **GROUND SURFACE** 20 0+122.72FILL: Brown silty sand, some gravel 1+121.72SS 2 22 67 and organics SS 3 79 67 2+120.722.29 SS 4 33 75 3+119.72SS 5 67 25 Dense to very dense, brown SILTY **SAND** 4+118.72SS 6 79 23 SS 7 45 50 +5.03 5+117.72 End of Borehole Practical refusal to augering at 5.03m depth (Piezometer blocked & dry at 3.15m -Oct. 23, 2018)

## **SYMBOLS AND TERMS**

#### **SOIL DESCRIPTION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## **SOIL DESCRIPTION (continued)**

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

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

#### **ROCK DESCRIPTION**

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

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

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
PS	-	Piston sample
AU	-	Auger sample or bulk sample
WS	-	Wash sample
RC	-	Rock core sample (Core bit size AXT, BXL, etc.). Rock core samples are obtained with the use of standard diamond drilling bits.

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

#### **GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**

MC% - Natural moisture content or water content of sample, %

Liquid Limit, % (water content above which soil behaves as a liquid)
 PL - Plastic limit, % (water content above which soil behaves plastically)

PI - Plasticity index, % (difference between LL and PL)

Dxx - Grain size which xx% of the soil, by weight, is of finer grain sizes

These grain size descriptions are not used below 0.075 mm grain size

D10 - Grain size at which 10% of the soil is finer (effective grain size)

D60 - Grain size at which 60% of the soil is finer

Cc - Concavity coefficient =  $(D30)^2 / (D10 \times D60)$ 

Cu - Uniformity coefficient = D60 / D10

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'<sub>o</sub> - 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 Overconsolidaton 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

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.

## SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

## STRATA PLOT



## MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION





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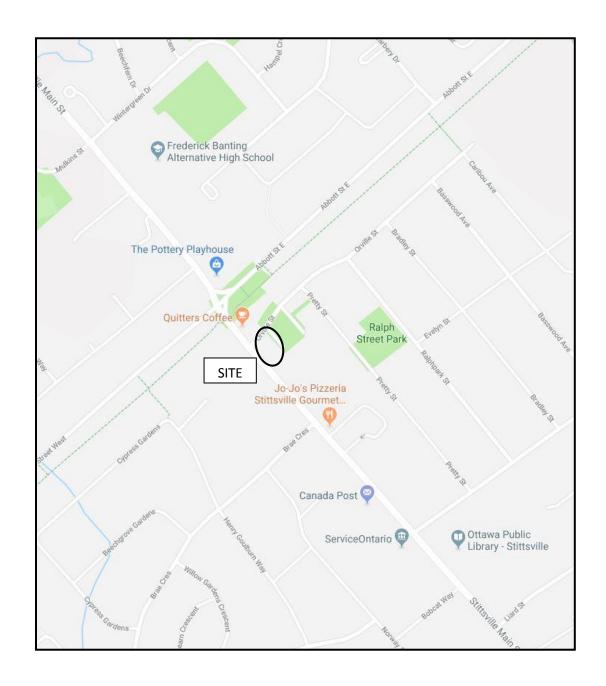
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	Sample Date:	10/17/2018 09:00	-	-	-			
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	MDL/Units	Soil	-	-	-			
Physical Characteristics								
% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	93.2	-	-	-			
General Inorganics								
рН	0.05 pH Units	7.90	-	-	-			
Resistivity	0.10 Ohm.m	45.5	-	-	-			
Anions								
Chloride	5 ug/g dry	25	-	-	-			
Sulphate	5 ug/g dry	15	-	-	-			

## **APPENDIX 2**

FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN

**DRAWING PG4678-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN** 



# FIGURE 1 KEY PLAN

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