

# memorandum

re: Slope Stability Analysis

**Proposed Commercial Building** 

575 Dealership Drive - Ottawa, Ontario

**to:** RF Ottawa Limited Partnership – Mr. Julian Nini – juliann@rosefellow.com

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As requested, Paterson Group (Paterson) prepared the current memorandum to provide geotechnical recommendations for the proposed steep slopes to be located along the western property boundary at the aforementioned site. This memo should be read in conjunction with Paterson's geotechnical Report PG6514-1 Revision 1 dated March 8, 2023.

# **Background Information**

It is our understanding that due to the proposed parking area along the west property line, a steep slope is proposed to be excavated (steeper than the recommended 3H:1V). Therefore, Paterson was approached by Rosefellow to analyze the potential to build slopes with a maximum inclination of 1H:1V or 2H:1V and provide recommendations to ensure that the slope is achieved while maintaining the slope stability in the long term.

As part of our assessment of the subject slope, the following drawing was reviewed to retrieve proposed grading and the existing topography of the area:

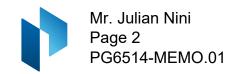
□ Project No. 119123-00, Drawing No. 119123-CGS - Conceptual Grading and Site Servicing, Revision 7 dated Jan 20, 2023, prepared by Novatech.

The following provides our assessment of the proposed slope and our recommendations during and post construction.

# **Slope Stability Assessment**

#### **Subsurface Conditions**

Based on our geotechnical investigation findings, the subsurface profile across the western side of the subject site generally consists of topsoil underlain by a thin layer of silty sand fill. The above noted layers are followed by dense to very dense glacial till or a stiff to very stiff grey silty clay and followed by a layer of glacial till. The glacial till layer consists of brown to grey silty sand with gravel, cobbles and boulders with some clay which are underlain by bedrock.



Generally, based on the measured groundwater levels at each borehole location along with the colouring, consistency and moisture levels of the recovered samples, the groundwater table is expected to range between 2 to 4 m below existing grade. Reference should be made to the latest revision of the geotechnical Report PG6514-1 Revision 1 dated March 8, 2023.

## Slope Stability Analysis methodology

The slope stability analysis was modeled in SLIDE, a computer program which permits a two-dimensional slope stability analysis calculating several limit equilibrium analysis methods, including but not limited, the Bishop's and Morgenstern-Price methods, which are widely accepted slope analyses methods. The program calculates a factor of safety, which represents the ratio of the forces resisting failure to forces favoring failure. The factor of safety displayed represents the lowest value calculated from the analysis results. Theoretically, a factor of safety of 1.0 represents a condition where the slope is stable. However, due to intrinsic limitations of the calculation methods and the variability of the subsurface soil and groundwater conditions, a factor of safety greater than 1.0 is generally required for the failure risk to be considered acceptable.

A minimum factor of safety of 1.5 is generally recommended for conditions where the slope failure would comprise permanent structures. An analysis considering seismic loading was also completed. A horizontal acceleration of 0.16 g was considered for the sections for the seismic loading condition. A factor of safety of 1.1 is considered to be satisfactory for stability analyses including seismic loading. It should be noted that only the figures with the lowest factor of safety are presented and considered the governing factors.

Two (2) slope scenarios (Sections A and B) were studied with the potential proposed inclination of 1H:1V or 2H:1V, respectively, for the proposed slopes to be located along the west side of the site. Conservatively, the subsurface layers were assumed to be fully saturated in order to achieve a factor of safety of 1.5 or higher while in the worst case scenario.

The cross-section locations are presented on Drawing PG6514-1 - Test Hole Location Plan attached to the end of this memorandum. It should be noted that details of the slope height and slope angle at the cross-section locations are presented in Figures 1A through 3B attached to the end of this report based on the proposed grading.

The parameters in Table 1 and 2 were used for the slope stability analysis under static and seismic conditions:

Table 1 - Soil Parameters – Static Conditions  Soil Layer  Unit Weight (kN/m³)  (degrees)  Cohesion (kPa)							
Silty Sand Fill	19	35	, ,				
Silty Clay with Sand and Gravel	18	33	10				
Glacial Till	20	38	5				
Bedrock	24	-	-				

Table 2 - Soil Parameters – Seismic Loading							
Soil Layer Unit Weight Friction Angle Cohesio (kN/m³) (degrees) (kPa)							
Silty Sand Fill	19	35					
Silty Clay with Sand and Gravel	18	33	80				
Glacial Till	20	38	5				
Bedrock	24	-	-				

### Slope Stability Sections

#### Section A

Section A was drawn to form a slope with a maximum slope inclination of 1H:1V and an approximate horizontal distance of 6.5 m between the toe of the slope edge of the proposed curb. A 1 m wide swale was assumed to be located along the bottom of the slope at a depth of approximately 1 m below finished grade.

Two separate scenarios were analyzed to determine whether a 1H:1V slope is achievable given the available tight spacing present on site and are summarized as follows:

- ☐ The first Scenario (Figures 1A and 1B) assumed that the slope face will be covered by a geosynthetic system that would provide erosion control along the slope face.
- □ The second Scenario (Figures 2A and 2B) assumed that a 3.8 m deep geogrid wrapped, compacted granular fill layers placed in a tapered fashion along the face of the slope and separated vertically at 750 mm vertical spacing, would be built to support the 1H:1V slope face. The geogrid wrapped granular fill will contain a biaxial geogrid liner such as Terrafix TBX2500 or equivalent, wrapped around a minimum 750 mm thick layers of OPSS Granular B Type II compacted to 98% of the material's SPMDD. Reference should be made to the sketch presented below for this system.

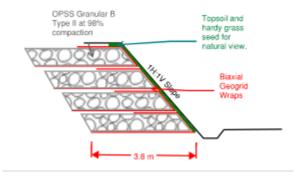
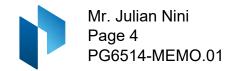


Figure 1- Sketch of the geogrid reinforced slope face



## Section B

Section B was drawn with a maximum slope inclination of 2H:1V with an approximate horizontal distance of 3 m between the toe of the slope to the edge of the proposed curb. A 1 m wide swale was assumed to be located along the bottom of the slope at a depth of approximately 1 m below finished grade.

The analysis was completed with the assumption that the slope face will be supported by an erosion control system such as the use of GeoWeb cells penetrated into the slope face by a minimum of 150 mm below the slope face and backfilled with topsoil and hardy grass seed.

The results of the slope stability sections are summarized in the following section.

## Slope Stability Analysis Results

The static analysis results for slope sections A and B are presented in Figures 1A, 2A, and 3A and attached to the end of this report. The factor of safety for both slope scenarios of Section A was less than the minimum acceptable factor of safety of 1.5 (Figures 1A and 2A). Whereas the factor of safety for Section B (Figure 3A) was found to be greater than 1.5 without the need to complete excessive work on the slope face beyond providing an erosion control system along the slope face.

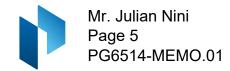
Similarly, the slope stability analysis under seismic loading for Section A were less than the desired factor of safety of 1.1 while the analysis results for Section B indicate a safe slope under seismic conditions. Reference should be made to Figures 1B, 2B and 3B showing the results of the slope stability under seismic loading.

#### **Conclusion and Recommendations**

Based on the above analysis results, it is recommended that the slope be shaped to a minimum of 2H:1V or shallower. If a shallower slope of 1H:1V is required, the extent of the geogrid will be required to encroach into the City property. Provided that the client receives a written approval from the City to encroach, this option will not be viable.

It is highly recommended that an erosion control system be installed along the 2H:1V slope face consisting of the following:

The slope face should be shaped to a minimum 2H:1V with the top of slope at an approximate elevation of 109 m down to an approximate elevation of 102.5 m.
A swale should be excavated along the slope face with a positive outlet to ensure that
the accumulated surface water runoff is drained away from the bottom of the slope.
The swale should be backfilled with granular material consisting of OPSS Granular B
Type II or rip-rap with a maximum particle size of 150 mm to allow for drainage and
provide a sufficient toe protection against active erosion.
The slope face should be covered with GeoWeb system by Presto, or equivalent, with
a minimum cell depth of 150 mm penetrated into the slope face.



The GeoWeb Cells should be backfilled with a minimum of 300 mm th	nick layer of
topsoil followed by applying hardy grass seed to establish vegetation.	Reference
should be made to the attached GeoWeb data sheets.	

- ☐ It is important to note that the placement of the topsoil layer and the application of the hardy grass seed should be completed during the fall season or after the spring thaw, away from freezing temperatures, to ensure a fast growth of roots into the slope face.
- ☐ Any existing trees located within the proposed slope alignment should remain in place as tree roots reinforce the stability of the slope face.

# **Field Inspections**

All slope related field work should be overseen and approved by Paterson at the time of construction. It is recommended to contact Paterson if different soils than described in this report are encountered along the slope faces to provide additional recommendations, where required.

We trust that this information satisfies your requirements.

Best Regards,

# Paterson Group Inc.

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#### **Attachments:**

- □ Presto Geoweb Data Sheets
- □ Slope Stability Analysis Figures 1A through 3B
- ☐ Drawing PG6514-1 Test Hole Location Plan
- ☐ Conceptual Grading and Site Servicing, Revision 7 dated Jan 20, 2023, prepared by Novatech.



# PRESTO GEOSYSTEMS

# Perforated GEOWEB® System Performance & Material Specification Summary

	Property	Value							Test Method
Base	Material Composition	Polymer – Polyethylene with density of 58.4 - 60.2 lb/ft³ (0.935 – 0.965 g/cm³)						ASTM D 1505	
Material	Color	Black - from Carbon Black Tan, Green, Other colors with no heavy metal content						N/A	
	Stabilizer	Carbon black content 1.5% - 2% by weight Hindered amine light stabilizer (HALS) 1.0% by weight of carrier						N/A	
	Minimum ESCR		5000 hr						
	Sheet Thickness		50 mil -5% +10%(1.27 mm -5% +10%)						ASTM D 5199
Strip Properties	Surface Treatment	Performance: The polyethylene strips shall be textured and perforated such that the peak friction angle between the surface of the textured / perforated plastic and #40 silica sand at 100% relative density shall be no less than 85% of the peak friction angle of the silica sand in isolation when tested by the direct shear method per ASTM D 5321.  Material: The polyethylene strips shall be textured with a multitude of rh shape) indentations. The rhomboidal indentations shall have a surface of perior in 2 (22 – 31 per cm²). In addition, the strips shall be perforated with 0.4 in (10 mm) diameter holes. Perforations within each row shall be 0.7 on-center. Horizontal rows shall be staggered and separated 0.50 in (12 hole centers. The edge of strip to the nearest edge of perforation shall be minimum and the centerline of the weld to the nearest edge of perforation in the center of the non-perforated areas and at the center of each weld					ice density of 140 – 200  vith horizontal rows of 0.75 in (19 mm) n (12 mm) relative to the all be 0.3 in (8 mm) oration shall be 0.7 in nm x 35 mm) is standard		
	Cell Details	Percent Cell Wall Open Area	Nomi Length	Nominal Dimen Length		6 /idth	Density per yd <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> )	N	ominal Area ±1%
	GW20V	21.2% ± 1.0%	8.8 in (224 m	8.8 in (224 mm)		(259 mm)	28.9 yd² (34.6 m²)	44	.8 in <sup>2</sup> (289 cm <sup>2</sup> )
	GW30V	16.8% ± 1.0% 11.3 in (287 mm)			12.6 in	(320 mm)	18.2 yd <sup>2</sup> (21.7 m <sup>2</sup> )	71	.3 in <sup>2</sup> (460 cm <sup>2</sup> )
	GW40V	19.89% ± 1.0% 18.7 in (475 m		nm)	20.0 in (508 mm)		6.9 yd <sup>2</sup> (8.3 m <sup>2</sup> )	6.9 yd² (8.3 m²) 187.0 in² (1,200	
		Cell Depth Minimum Certified Cell Sea						m Strength	
Cell &		3 in (75 mm)			LT	240 lbf (1060 N)			2-27
Seam	Short-term Seam Peel Strength	4 in (100 mm)			320 lbf (1420 N)			- 11	
Properties	3	6 in (150 mm)			480 lbf (2130 N)				
		8 in (200 mm)				640 lbf (2840 N)			
	Long-term Seam Peel Strength	Long term seam peel-strength test shall be performed on all resin or pre-manufactured sheet or strips. A 4.0 in (100 mm) wide s sample shall support a 160 lb (72.5 kg) load for a period of 168 hours (7 days) minimum in a temperature-controlled environment undergoing a temperature change on a 1-hour cycle from ambient room to 130°F (54°C). Ambient room temperature is per AST						environment	
	10,000 hour Seam Peel Strength Certification	Presto shall provide data showing that the high-density polyethylene resin used to produce the GEOWEB® sections using an appropriate number of seam samples and varying loads to generate data indicating that the seam peel stre loading of at least 209 lbf (95 kg) for a minimum of 10,000 hours.					has been tested ngth shall survive a		
	Section Dimension	Section Width			Section Length Range (Cells Long: 18, 21, 25, 29,			29, 34)	
	CCCOII DIIIICIIGIOII	Variable			Minimum			Maximum	
Section	GW20V			12.0 ft (3.7 m)			27.3 ft ( 8.3 m)		
Properties	GW30V	7.7 ft (2.3 m) to 9.2 ft (2.8 m)			15.4 ft (4.7 m)			35.1 ft (10.7 m)	
	GW40V				25.4 ft (7.7 m) 58.2			58.2 ft	(17.8 m)

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## The GEOWEB® Cell Dimensions

Relative Size¹	GW20V	GW30V		GW40V		
Name	GW20V (small cell)	GW30V (mid cell) For all other Applications For Earth Retention <sup>4</sup>		GW40V (large cell)		
Nominal Length x Width <sup>2</sup>	8.8 x 10.2 in (224 x 259 mm)	11.3 x 12.6 in (287 x 320 mm)	10.5 x 13.0 in (267 x 330 mm)	18.7 x 20.0 in (475 x 508 mm)		
Nominal Area <sup>3</sup>	44.8 in² (289 cm²)	71.3 in² (460 cm²)	68.3 in <sup>2</sup> (440 cm <sup>2</sup> )	187.0 in² (1206 cm²)		
Cells per yd² (m²)	28.9 (34.6)	18.2 (21.7)	NA	6.9 (8.3)		
Nominal Depths	3 in (75 mm), 4 in (100 mm), 6 in (150 mm), and 8 in (200 mm) for all cells					

<sup>1</sup> All details and dimensions are nominal and subject to manufacturing tolerances. 2 Cell length and width will vary approximately  $\pm 10\%$  through the recommended expansion range.

#### **The GW20V Section Dimensions**

Section Width  *\(\frac{7.6}{1}\) ft (2.3 m)  \$\frac{9.5}{2}\) ft (2.6 m)	Cells Long	Length Minimum Expansion	Nominal Length	Length Maximum Expansion	Nominal Area
0.3 11 (2.0 111)	18	12.0 ft (3.7 m)	13 ft (4.0 m)	14.5 ft (4.4 m)	112 ft² (10.4 m²)
Minimum Expansion	21	4.0 ft (4.3 m)	15 ft (4.7 m)	16.9 ft (5.1 m)	131 ft² (12.1 m²)
Expansion	25	6.7 ft (5.1 m)	18 ft (5.6 m)	20.1 ft (6.1 m)	156 ft² (14.5 m²)
9	29	9.4 ft (5.9 m)	21ft (6.5 m)	23.3 ft (7.1 m)	181 ft² (16.8 m²)
<b>*</b>	34	22.7 ft (6.9 m)	25 ft (7.6 m)	27.3 ft (8.3 m)	212 ft² (19.7 m²)

## **The GW30V Section Dimensions**



## **The GW40V Section Dimensions**

	Section Width Nominal Width	Cells Long	Length Minimum Expansion	Nominal Length	Length Maximum Expansion	Nominal Area
	₹ 7.6 ft (2.3 m) > 8.5 ft (2.6 m)	18	25.4 ft (7.7 m)	28 ft (8.3 m)	30.8 ft (9.4 m)	234 ft² (21.7 m²)
Maximum Exp	Section Width  Section Width  → 9.2 ft (2.8 m) →	21	29.6 ft (9.0 m)	32 ft (9.7 m)	36.0 ft (11.0 m)	273 ft² (25.3 m²)
Expansion	n Expans	25	35.2 ft (10.7 m)	38 ft (11.6 m)	42.8 ft (13.1 m)	325 ft² (30.2 m²)
	vansion	29	40.9 ft (12.5 m)	44 ft (13.5 m)	49.7 ft (15.1 m)	377 ft² (35.0 m²)
<b>\</b>	<b>——</b>	34	47.9 ft (14.6 m)	52 ft (15.8 m)	58.2 ft (17.8 m)	441 ft² (41.0 m²)

<sup>3</sup> Cell area will vary only ±1% through the recommended section expansion range. 4 Cell dimensions for Earth Retention sections are fixed and NOT variable or nominal.

