Geotechnical Investigation

Proposed 4-Storey Residential Unit
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1 INTRODUCTION

LRL Associates Ltd. (LRL) was retained by 2707120 Ontario Inc. to perform a geotechnical investigation for a 4-Storey Residential Unit, to be located at 193 Norice Street, Ottawa, Ontario.

The purpose of the investigation was to identify the subsurface conditions across the site by the completion of a borehole drilling program. Based on the visual and factual information obtained, this report will provide guidelines on the geotechnical engineering aspects of the design of the project, including construction considerations.

This report has been prepared in consideration of the terms and conditions noted above. Should there be any changes in the design features, which may relate to the geotechnical recommendations provided in the report, LRL should be advised in order to review the report recommendations.

2 SITE AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The site under investigation is located at 193 Norice Street, Ottawa, ON. Currently the site is vacant, with no dwellings present. However, historical aerial photographs indicate the site did occupy a single-family dwelling; that has since been demolished. The site is bound by 191 Norice Street to the east, 58/60 Westwood Drive to the north, 197 Norice Street to the west, and Norice Street from the south. The topography of the site is relatively flat. The site has 31 m of frontage along Norice Street, and a total surface area of about 1,400 m^2. The site location is presented in Figure 1 included in **Appendix A**.

At the time of generating this report, it is understood the development will consist of constructing a four (4) storey residential building, complete with one (1) level of underground parking. The building will have an approximate area of about 870 m^2.

3 PROCEDURE

The fieldwork for this investigation was carried out on May 16, 2024. Prior to the fieldwork, the site was cleared for the presence of any underground services and utilities. A total of two (2) boreholes, labelled BH1 and BH2, were drilled onsite to get a general representation of the site's underlying soil conditions. The approximate locations of the boreholes are shown in Figure 2 included in **Appendix A**.

The boreholes were advanced using a truck mount drill rig equipped with 200 mm diameter continuous flight hollow stem auger supplied and operated by George Downing Estate Drilling Ltd. A "two man" crew experienced with geotechnical drilling operated the drill rig and equipment.

Sampling of the overburden materials encountered in the boreholes was carried out at regular depth intervals using a 50.8 mm diameter drive open conventional spoon sampler in conjunction with standard penetration testing (SPT) "N" values. The SPT were conducted following the method **ASTM D1586** and the results of SPT, in terms of the number of blows per 0.3 m of split-spoon sampler penetration after first 0.15 m designated as "N" value.

The boreholes were advanced to depths of 8.23 and 6.70 m below (existing) ground surface (bgs) in BH1 and BH2 respectively. Upon completion, the boreholes were backfilled using the overburden cuttings.

The fieldwork was supervised throughout by a member of our engineering staff who oversaw the drilling activities, cared for the samples obtained and logged the subsurface conditions encountered within each of the boreholes. All soil samples collected from the boreholes were placed and sealed in plastic bags to prevent moisture loss. The recovered soil samples collected from the boreholes were classified based on visual examination of the materials recovered and the results of the in-situ testing.

Furthermore, all boreholes were located using a Garmin Etrex Legend GPS (Global Positioning System) receiver using NAD 83 datum (North American Datum). Existing grade elevations at the borehole locations were determined by interpolating from the site's topographic survey. Ground surface elevations of the boring locations are shown on their respective borehole logs.

4 SUBSURFACE SOIL AND GROUNDWATER CONDITIONS

4.1 General

A review of local surficial geology maps provided by the Department of Energy, Mines and Resources Canada suggest that the surficial geology for this area is made up of Post-Champlain Sea Deposits; consisting of Silt and Silty Clay; commonly including lenses of sand.

The subsurface conditions encountered in the boreholes were classified based on visual and tactile examination of the materials recovered from the boreholes and the results of in-situ laboratory testing. The soil descriptions presented in this report are based on commonly accepted methods of classification and identification employed in geotechnical practice. Classification and identification of soil were conducted according to the procedure **ASTM D2487** and judgement, and LRL does not guarantee descriptions as exact, but infers accuracy to the extent that is common in current geotechnical practice.

The subsurface soil conditions encountered at the boreholes are given in their respective logs presented in **Appendix B**. A greater explanation of the information presented in the borehole logs can be found in **Appendix C** of this report. These logs indicate the subsurface conditions encountered at a specific test location only. Boundaries between zones on the logs are often not distinct, but are rather transitional and have been interpreted as such.

4.2 Fill Material

At the surface of both boring locations, a layer of fill material was encountered and extended to a depth of 1.45 m bgs. This material was comprised of silt-sand, mixed with some gravel, greyish brown, and moist. SPTs were carried out in the fill material and the "N" values were found to range between 4 and 50+, indicating the layer is loose to very dense. The natural moisture contents were found to range between 3 and 37%.

4.3 Clayey Silt

Underlying the fill material at both boring locations, a layer of clayey silt was encountered, and extended to a depth of 3.96 m bgs. The material can be described as having some sand, brownish grey, and moist. The "N" values were found to range between 0 and 7

indicating the material is very loose to loose. The natural moisture contents were found to range between 17 and 42%.

4.4 Sand

Underlying the clayey silt at both boring locations, a layer of sand was encountered, and extended to depths of 8.23 and 6.70 m bgs (end of exploration depths) in BH1 and BH2 respectively. The material can be described as having some silt, trace clay, grey, and wet. The "N" values were found to range between 21 and 45 indicating the material is compact to dense. The natural moisture contents were found to range between 13 and 21%.

4.5 Laboratory Analysis

Three (3) soil samples were collected for laboratory gradation analyses. The gradation analyses comprised of sieve and hydrometer were conducted following the procedure **ASTM D422.** Details of laboratory analyses are reflected in **Table 1**.

Table 1: Gradation Analysis Summary

Sample Location	Depth (m)	Percent for Each Soil Gradation							Estimated Hydraulic Conductivity K (m/s)
		Gravel		Sand			Silt (%)	Clay (%)	
		Coarse (%)	Fine (%)	Coarse (%)	Medium (%)	Fine (%)			
BH1	3.1-3.7	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	7.4	58.6	33.6	5×10^{-7}
BH2	1.5-2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	21.3	48.7	29.3	5×10^{-7}
BH2	4.6-5.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	10.2	74.8	10.9	3.9	5×10^{-5}

Atterberg limits and moisture contents were conducted on a split spoon soil sample. Based on the test result, the values indicate that the subsoils contains inorganic clays of low plasticity.

A summary of these values are provided below in **Table 2**.

Table 2: Summary of Atterberg Limits and Water Contents

Sample Location	Parameter					
	Depth (m)	Liquid Limit (%)	Plastic Limit (%)	Plasticity Index (%)	Water Content (%)	USCS Group Symbol
BH2	1.5 – 2.1	49	20	29	31	CL

The laboratory reports can be found in **Appendix D** of this report.

4.6 Groundwater Conditions

A piezometer was installed in BH1 to measure the static groundwater level. The piezometer consisted of a 19 mm diameter PVC pipe with a slotted bottom to allow for groundwater infiltration, backfilled with silica sand, and sealed with bentonite. The water was measured on May 22 and May 29, 2024 and found to be at 3.90 and 4.20 m bgs respectively.

It should be noted that groundwater levels could fluctuate with seasonal weather conditions, (i.e.: rainfall, droughts, spring thawing) and due to construction activities at or near the vicinity of the site.

5 GEOTECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS

This section of the report provides general geotechnical recommendations for the design aspect of the project based on our interpretation of the information gathered from the boreholes performed at this site and from the project requirements.

This section will detail design parameters for the specific requirements and limitations with regard to allowable foundation bearing pressure and depth, grade raise and size of the footings.

5.1 Foundations

Based on the subsurface soil conditions established at this site, it is recommended to over-excavate all the clayey silt within the proposed building footprint to expose the sand material, and backfill with Granular B Type II up to the required Underside of Footing (USF) elevation.

5.2 Shallow Foundation

Conventional strip and column footings founded on Granular B Type II may be designed using a maximum allowable bearing pressure of **150 kPa** for serviceability limit state **(SLS)** and **225 kPa** for ultimate limit state **(ULS)** factored bearing resistance. The factored ULS value includes the geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5. There are no grade raise restrictions, nor maximum footings widths for this site.

In-situ field testing is required to check the strength and stability of the footings subgrade. Any incompetent subgrade areas as identified from in-situ testing must be sub-excavated and backfilled with approved structural fill. Similarly, any soft or wet areas should also be sub-excavated and backfilled with approved structural fill only. Prior to placing any approved structural fill, the subgrade should be inspected and approved by geotechnical engineer or qualified geotechnical personnel. The bearing pressure is contingent on the water level being 0.3 m below the underside footing elevation in order to have a stable and dry subgrade during construction.

Prior to pouring footings concrete, the subgrade should be inspected and approved by a geotechnical engineer or a representative of geotechnical engineer.

5.3 Structural Fill

For foundations set over undisturbed native soil and where excavation below the underside of the footings is performed in order to reach a suitable founding stratum, consideration should also be given to support the footings on structural fill. The structural fill should be placed over undisturbed native soils in layers not exceeding 300 mm and compacted to 98% of its Standard Proctor Maximum Dry Density (SPMDD) within ±2% of its optimum moisture content. In order to allow the spread of load beneath the footings and to prevent undermining during construction, the structural fill should extend minimum 1.0 m beyond the outside edges of the footings and then outward and downward at 1 horizontal to 1 vertical profile (or flatter) over a distance equal to the depth of the structural fill below the footing, where possible to do so. If 1.0 m beyond the outside edge is not possible due to space restraints, the structural fill must extend to butt up against the

excavation walls. Furthermore, the structural fill must be tested to ensure that the specified compaction level is achieved.

5.4 Underground Parking Level Construction

One (1) underground parking level is being proposed for this site; the approximate depth of this level will be about 3.5 – 4.0 m bgs. All foundation walls shall be damp-proofed as per Ontario Building Code Requirements.

For bedding and to serve as moisture barrier underneath the parking slab, a minimum of 300 mm thick layer of 19 mm clear stone should be placed.

An under-floor drainage system with the invert located a minimum of 300 mm below the underside of slab is recommended to be installed. This shall be comprised of 100 mm diameter weeping tile pre-wrapped with geotextile knitted sock, embedded in a 300 mm surround layer of 19 mm clear stone.

Due to the fine-grained composition of the site's underlying soils, the clear stone surround shall be wrapped in a geotextile fabric.

The drainage system shall be installed in one direction below the slab and connected to sump/frost-free outlet from which water is pumped to the nearby ditches or storm sewer line, if available

5.5 Lateral Earth Pressure

The following equation should be used to estimate the intensity of the lateral earth pressure against any earth retaining structure/foundation walls.

$$P = K (\gamma h + q)$$

Where;

P = Earth pressure at depth h;

K = Appropriate coefficient of earth pressure;

γ = Unit weight of compacted backfill, adjacent to the wall;

h = Depth (below adjacent to the highest grade) at which P is calculated;

q = Intensity of any surcharge distributed uniformly over the backfill surface (usually surcharge from traffic, equipment or soil stockpiled and typically considered 10 kPa).

The coefficient of earth pressure at rest (K_0) should be used in the calculation of the earth pressure on the storm water manhole/basement walls, which are expected to be rather rigid and not to deflect.

The above expression assumes that perimeter drainage system prevents the build-up of any hydrostatic pressure behind the foundation wall.

Table 3 below provides various material types and their respective earth pressure properties.

Table 3: Material and Earth Pressure Properties

Type of Material	Bulk Density (kN/m^3)	Friction Angle (Φ)	Pressure Coefficient		
			At Rest (K_0)	Active (K_A)	Passive (K_P)
Granular A	23.0	34	0.44	0.28	3.53
Granular B Type I	20.0	31	0.49	0.32	3.12
Granular B Type II	23.0	32	0.47	0.31	3.25
Sand	17.5	31	0.49	0.32	3.12

5.6 Settlement

The estimated total settlement of the shallow foundations, designed using the recommended serviceability limit state capacity value, as well as other recommendations given above, will be less than 25 mm. The differential settlement between adjacent column footings is anticipated to be 15 mm or less.

5.7 Liquefaction Potential

Based on the "N" values, the sand encountered onsite is not prone to liquefaction.

5.8 Seismic

Based on the results of this geotechnical investigation and in accordance with the Ontario Building Code 2012 (table 4.1.8.4.A.) and Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual (4th edition), the site can be classified as **Class "C"** as per the Site Classification for Seismic Site Response.

This Site Class in contingent on over-excavating all the clayey silt material from the building footprint, and backfilling with compacted Granular B Type II.

The above classifications were recommended based on conventional method exercised for Site Classification for Seismic Site Response and in accordance with the generally accepted geotechnical engineering practice**.**

5.9 Frost Protection

All exterior footings for any heated structure exposed to frost conditions should have a minimum of 1.5 m of earth cover. Footings for any unheated structures, signage or lighting, and where snow will be cleared, 1.8 m of earth cover is required. Alternatively, the required frost protection could be provided using a combination of earth cover and extruded polystyrene insulation. Detailed guidelines for footing insulation frost protection can be provided upon request.

In the event that foundations are to be constructed during winter months, the foundation soils are required to be protected from freezing temperatures using suitable construction techniques. The base of all excavations should be insulated from freezing temperatures immediately upon exposure, until heat can be supplied to the building interior and the footings have sufficient soil cover to prevent freezing of the subgrade soils.

5.10 Foundation Drainage

A conventional, perforated corrugated polyethylene drainage pipe (100 mm minimum), pre-wrapped with geotextile knitted sock conforming to **OPSS 1840** should be embedded in a 300 mm surround layer of 19 mm clear stone and set adjacent to the perimeter footings. The drainage pipe may be tied into the basement drainage system, and be connected positively to a suitable outlet, such as a sump pit or storm sewer.

In order to minimize ponding of water adjacent to the foundation walls, roof water should be controlled by a roof drainage system that directs water away from the building to prevent ponding of water adjacent to the foundation wall. The exterior grade should be sloped away from the building to promote water drainage away from the foundation walls.

5.11 Foundation Walls Backfill (Shallow Foundations)

To prevent possible foundation frost jacking and lateral loading, the backfill material against any foundation walls, grade beams, isolated walls, or piers should consist of free draining, non-frost susceptible material such as sand or sand and gravel meeting OPSS Granular B Type II or I, or a Select Subgrade Material (SSM).

The foundation wall backfill should be compacted to minimum 95% of its SPMDD using light compaction equipment, where no loads will be set over top. The compaction shall be increased to 98% of its SPMDD under walkways, slabs or paved areas close to the foundation or retaining walls. Backfilling against foundation walls should be carried out on both sides of the wall at the same time where applicable.

5.12 Slab-on-grade Construction

All organic or otherwise deleterious material shall be removed from the proposed building's footprint. The exposed subgrade should then be inspected and approved by a qualified geotechnical personnel.

Any underfloor fill needed to raise the general floor grade shall consist of OPSS Granular B Type II or I, SSM or approved on-site earth borrow, compacted to 98% of its SPMDD. A 200 mm Granular A meeting the **OPSS 1010** shall be placed underneath the slab and compacted to 98% of its SPMDD. Alternatively, if wet condition persists, 200 mm thickness of 19 mm clear stone meeting the **OPSS 1004** requirements shall be used instead of Granular A.

It is also recommended that the area of extensive exterior slab-on-grade (sidewalks, ramp etc.) shall be constructed using Granular A base of thickness 150 mm with incorporating subdrain facilities. The modulus of subgrade reaction (ks) for the design of the slabs set over competent native soil/structural fill is **18 MPa/m.**

In order to further minimize and control cracking, the floor slab shall be provided with wire or fibre mesh reinforcement and construction or control joints. The construction or control joints should be spaced equal distance in both directions and should not exceed 4.5 m. The wire or fibre mesh reinforcement shall be carried out through the joints.

5.13 Corrosion Potential and Cement Type

A soil sample was submitted to Paracel Laboratories Ltd. for chemical testing. The following **Table 4** below summarizes the results.

Table 4: Results of Chemical Analysis

Sample Location	Depth (m)	pH	Sulphate (µg/g)	Chloride (µg/g)	Resistivity (Ohm.cm)
BH2	2.3 – 2.9	7.17	119	147	2,380

Based on the CAN/CSA-A23.1 standards (Concrete Materials and Methods of Concrete Construction), a sulphate concentration of less than 1000 µg/g falls within the negligible category for sulphate attack on buried concrete. The test result from soil sample was below the noted threshold. As such, buried concrete for footings and foundations walls will not require any special additive to resist sulphate attack and the use of normal Portland cement is acceptable.

The pH, resistivity and chloride concentration provide an indication of the degree of corrosiveness of the sub-surface environment. Based on the above results, the soil resistivity falls within the highly corrosive range. Any buried steel used for this project shall be corrosive resistant.

5.14 Tree Planting

Trees being planted onsite shall follow the document “Tree Planting in Sensitive Marine Clay Soils – 2017 Guidelines”.

In summary, small (7.5 m mature tree height) to medium (7.5 – 14 m mature tree height) size trees may be planted onsite provided they are set back a minimum of 4.5 m from the foundation if the following conditions are met:

- The USF is 2.1 m or greater below the lowest finished grade.
- A small tree must have a minimum of 25 m^3 of available soil volume, and a medium tree must be provided with a minimum of 30 m^3 of available soil volume as determined by a landscape architect.
- Foundation walls are reinforced with two (2) upper and two (2) lower 15M rebar.
- Grading surrounding the tree must promote draining to the tree root zone.

5.15 Potential Impacts to Adjacent Properties

The risk of adverse effects to adjacent and neighbouring properties as a result of the proposed development is considered **very low**, the potential for minor ground movements, vibration, or changes in drainage conditions cannot be fully excluded. Such effects, if they were to occur, could include:

- Minor surface settlement or heave adjacent to excavations.
- Localized cracking in surface features (e.g., pavements, walkways).
- Temporary changes in surface or subsurface water flow patterns.

To further minimize the already low risk of such impacts, the following mitigation measures are recommended:

- Employ excavation methods appropriate for the subsurface conditions.
- Avoid prolonged open excavations and promptly restore disturbed areas.
- Manage surface water and groundwater during construction to prevent migration toward adjacent properties.

- Where warranted, conduct baseline condition surveys of nearby structures and monitor for movement or settlement during the works.

With these measures in place, the likelihood of any measurable impact to adjacent properties remains minimal.

6 EXCAVATION AND BACKFILLING REQUIREMENTS

6.1 Excavation and Shoring

It is anticipated that the maximum depth of excavation onsite will be approximately 4.0 m bgs. Excavation must be carried out in accordance with Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations for construction Projects.

According to the Ontario's Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA), O. Reg. 213/91 and its amendments, the surficial overburden expected to be excavated into at this site can be classified as Type 3. Therefore, shallow temporary excavations can be cut at 1 horizontal to 1 vertical (1H: 1V) for a fully drained excavation starting at the base of the excavation and as per requirements of the OHSA regulations.

Any excavated material stockpiled near an excavation or trench should be stored at a distance equal to or greater than the depth of the excavation/trench and construction equipment, traffic should be limited near open excavation.

It is anticipated that the above-mentioned slopes will not be achievable due to the excavation being in close proximity to the property limits; specifically, for the parking garage.

Considering the depth of excavation, proximity to the adjacent properties and City Right-of-way, it is recommended for the excavation to be supported by shoring. The shoring shall be designed by qualified personnel using the soil parameters found above in **Table 3.**

Should temporary or permanent elements of the shoring system be required to extend beyond the property line, such encroachments must be addressed through the applicable municipal consent and approval process prior to installation. This includes, but is not limited to, securing permissions for any works located beneath public rights-of-way or on adjoining properties.

6.2 Groundwater Control

Based on the subsurface conditions encountered at this site, some minor groundwater seepage or infiltration from the native soils into the shallow temporary excavations during construction is expected, if any. However, it is anticipated that pumping from open sumps should be sufficient to control groundwater inflow. Any groundwater seepage or infiltration entering the excavation should be removed from the excavation by pumping from sumps within the excavations. Surface water runoff into the excavation should be minimized and diverted away from the excavation if possible.

A permit to take water (PTTW) is required from Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC), Ontario Reg. 387/04 and its latest amendments, if more than 379,000 litres per day of groundwater will be pumped during a construction period less than 30 days. Registration in the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR) is required

when the takings of ground water and storm water for the purpose of dewatering construction projects range between 50,000 and 379,000 litres per day.

The actual amount of groundwater inflow into open excavations will depend on several factors such as the contractor's schedule, rate of excavation, the size of excavation, depth below the groundwater level, and at the time of year which the excavation is executed. It is expected that pumping rates will be less than 50,000 litres per day. As such, EASR registration is not required for the construction at this site.

6.3 Pipe Bedding Requirements

It is anticipated that the subgrade material for any underground services required as part of this project will be founded over the clayey silt material. Any sub-excavation of disturbed soil should be removed and replaced with a Granular A, Granular B Type II or I or approved equivalent, laid in loose lifts of thickness not exceeding 300 mm and compacted to 95% of its SPMDD. Bedding, thickness of cover material and compaction requirements for any pipes should conform to the manufacturers design requirements and to the detailed installations outlined in the Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSS) and any applicable standards or requirements. At minimum, a 150 mm thick layer of Granular A shall be used as pipe bedding, at the springline of the pipe, and a 300 mm thick layer above the obvert of the pipe.

If sewers are required to be founded below the groundwater table the native materials may be sensitive to disturbances. Therefore, special precautions should be taken in these areas to stabilize and confine the base of the excavation such as using recompression (thicker bedding) and/or dewatering methods (pumping). In order to properly compact the bedding, the water table should be kept at least 300 mm below the base of the excavation at all time during the installation of any sewers and structures.

As an alternative to Granular A bedding and only where wet conditions are encountered, the use of "clear stone" bedding, such as 19 mm clear stone, **OPSS 1004**, may be considered only in conjunction with a suitable geotextile filter (such as terrafix 270R or approved equivalent). Without proper filtering, there may be entry of fines from native soils and trench backfill into the bedding, which could result in loss of support to the pipes and possible surface settlements. The sub-bedding, bedding and cover materials should be compacted in maximum 300 mm thick lifts to at least 95% of its SPMDD within ±2% of its optimum moisture content using suitable vibratory compaction equipment.

6.4 Trench Backfill

All service trenches should be backfilled using compactable material, free of organics, debris and large cobbles or boulders. Acceptable native materials (if encountered and where possible) should be used as backfill between the roadway subgrade level and the depth of seasonal frost penetrations (i.e. 1.8 m below finished grade) in order to reduce the potential for differential frost heaving between the new excavated trench and the adjacent section of roadway. Where native backfill is used, it should match the native materials exposed on the trench walls. Backfill below the zone of seasonal frost penetration could consist of either acceptable native material or imported granular material conforming to OPSS Granular B Type II or I. Any boulders larger than 150 mm in size should not be used as trench backfill.

To minimize future settlement of the backfill and achieve an acceptable subgrade for the roadway, the trench should be compacted in maximum 300 mm thick lifts to at least 95%

of its SPMDD. The specified density may be reduced where the trench backfill is not located within or in close proximity to existing roadways or any other structures.

For trenches carried out in existing paved areas, transitions should be constructed to ensure that proper compaction is achieved between any new pavement structure and the existing pavement structure to minimize potential future differential settlement between the existing and new pavement structure. The transition should start at the subgrade level and extend to the underside of the asphaltic concrete level (if any) at a 1 horizontal to 1 vertical slope. This is especially important where trench boxes are used and where no side slopes are provided to the excavation. Where asphaltic concrete is present, it should be cut back to a minimum of 150 mm from the edge of the excavation to allow for proper compaction between the new and existing pavement structures.

7 REUSE OF ON-SITE SOILS

The existing surficial overburden soils consist mostly of clayey silt. This material is considered to be frost susceptible and should not be used as backfill material, except for landscaping purposes where no loads will be applied.

It should be noted that the adequacy of any material for reuse as backfill will depend on its water content at the time of its use and on the weather conditions prevailing prior to and during that time. Therefore, all excavated materials to be reused shall be stockpiled in a manner that will prevent any significant changes in their moisture content, especially during wet conditions. Any excavated materials proposed for reuse should be stockpiled in a manner to promote drying and should be inspected and approved for reuse by a geotechnical engineer.

Any imported material shall conform to OPSS Granular B – Type II or I, SSM, or an approved equivalent.

8 RECOMMENDED PAVEMENT STRUCTURE

It is anticipated that the subgrade soils for any asphalted areas onsite will consist of clayey silt.

The following **Table 5** presents the recommended pavement structures to be constructed over a stable subgrade.

Table 5: Recommended Pavement Structure

Course	Material	Thickness (mm)	
		Light Duty Parking Area (mm)	Heavy Duty Parking Area (Access Roads, Fire Routes and Trucks) (mm)
Surface	HL3/SP12.5 A/C	50	40
Binder	HL8/SP19.0 A/C	-	50
Base course	Granular A	150	150
Sub base	Granular B Type II	300	450
Total:		500	690

Performance Graded Asphaltic Cement (PGAC) **58-34** is recommended for this project.

The base and subbase granular materials shall conform to **OPSS 1010** material specifications. Any proposed materials shall be tested and approved by a geotechnical engineer prior to delivery to the site and shall be compacted to 98% of its SPMDD. Asphaltic concrete shall conform to **OPSS 1150** and be placed and compacted to at least 93% of the Marshall Density. The mix and its constituents shall be reviewed, tested and approved by a geotechnical engineer prior to delivery to the site.

8.1 Paved Areas & Subgrade Preparation

The access lanes and parking areas shall be stripped of vegetation, debris and other obvious objectionable material. Following the backfilling and satisfactory compaction of any underground service trenches up to the subgrade level, the subgrade shall be shaped, crowned and proof-rolled. A loaded Tandem axle, dual wheel dump truck or approved equivalent heavy duty smooth drum roller shall be used for proof-rolling. Any resulting loose/soft areas should be sub-excavated down to an adequate bearing layer and replaced with approved backfill.

The preparation of subgrade shall be scheduled and carried out in manner so that a protective cover of overlying granular material (if required) is placed as quickly as possible in order to avoid unnecessary circulation by heavy equipment, except on unexcavated or protected surfaces. Frost protection of the surface shall be implemented if works are carried out during the winter season.

The performance of the pavement structure is highly dependent on the subsurface groundwater conditions and maintaining the subgrade and pavement structure in a dry condition. The surface of the pavement should be properly graded to direct runoff water towards suitable drainage features. It is recommended that the lateral extent of the subbase and base layers not be terminated vertically immediately behind the curb/edge of pavement line but be extended beyond the curb.

9 INSPECTION SERVICES

The engagement of the services of the geotechnical consultant during construction is recommended to confirm that the subsurface conditions throughout the proposed site do not materially differ from those given in the report and that the construction activities do not adversely affect the intent of the design.

All footing areas and any structural fill areas for the proposed structures should be inspected by LRL to ensure that a suitable subgrade has been reached and properly prepared. The placing and compaction of any granular materials beneath the foundations and slab-on-grade should be inspected to ensure that the materials used conform to the grading and compaction specifications.

The subgrade for the pavement areas and underground services should be inspected and approved by geotechnical personnel. In-situ density testing should be carried out on the pavement granular materials, pipe bedding and backfill to ensure the materials meet the specifications for required compaction.

If footings are to be constructed during winter season, the footing subgrade should be protected from freezing temperatures using suitable construction techniques.

10 REPORT CONDITIONS AND LIMITATIONS

It is stressed that the information presented in this report is provided for the guidance of the designers and is intended for this project only. The use of this report as a construction document or its use by a third party beyond the client specifically listed in the report is neither intended nor authorized by LRL Associates Ltd. Contractors bidding on or undertaking the works should examine the factual results of the investigation, satisfy themselves as to the adequacy of the information for construction, and make their own interpretation of the factual data as it affects their construction techniques, schedule, safety and equipment capabilities.

The professional services for this project include only the geotechnical aspects of the subsurface conditions at this site. The presence or implications of possible contamination resulting from previous uses or activities at this site or adjacent properties, and/or resulting from the introduction onto the site of materials from off-site sources are outside the terms of reference for this report.

The recommendations provided in this report are based on subsurface data obtained at the specific boring locations only. Boundaries between zones presented on the borehole are often not distinct but transitional and were interpreted. Experience indicates that the subsurface soil and groundwater conditions can vary significantly between and beyond the test locations. For this reason, the recommendations given in this report are subject to a field verification of the subsurface soil conditions at the time of construction.

The recommendations are applicable only to the project described in this report. Any changes to the project will require a review by LRL Associates Ltd., to ensure compatibility with the recommendations contained in this project.

We trust this report provides sufficient information for your present purposes. If you have any questions concerning this report or if we may be of further services to you, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours truly,
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APPENDIX A

Site and Borehole Location Plan

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GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION
PROPOSED 4-STOREY RESIDENTIAL
193 NORICE STREET
OTTAWA, ONTARIO

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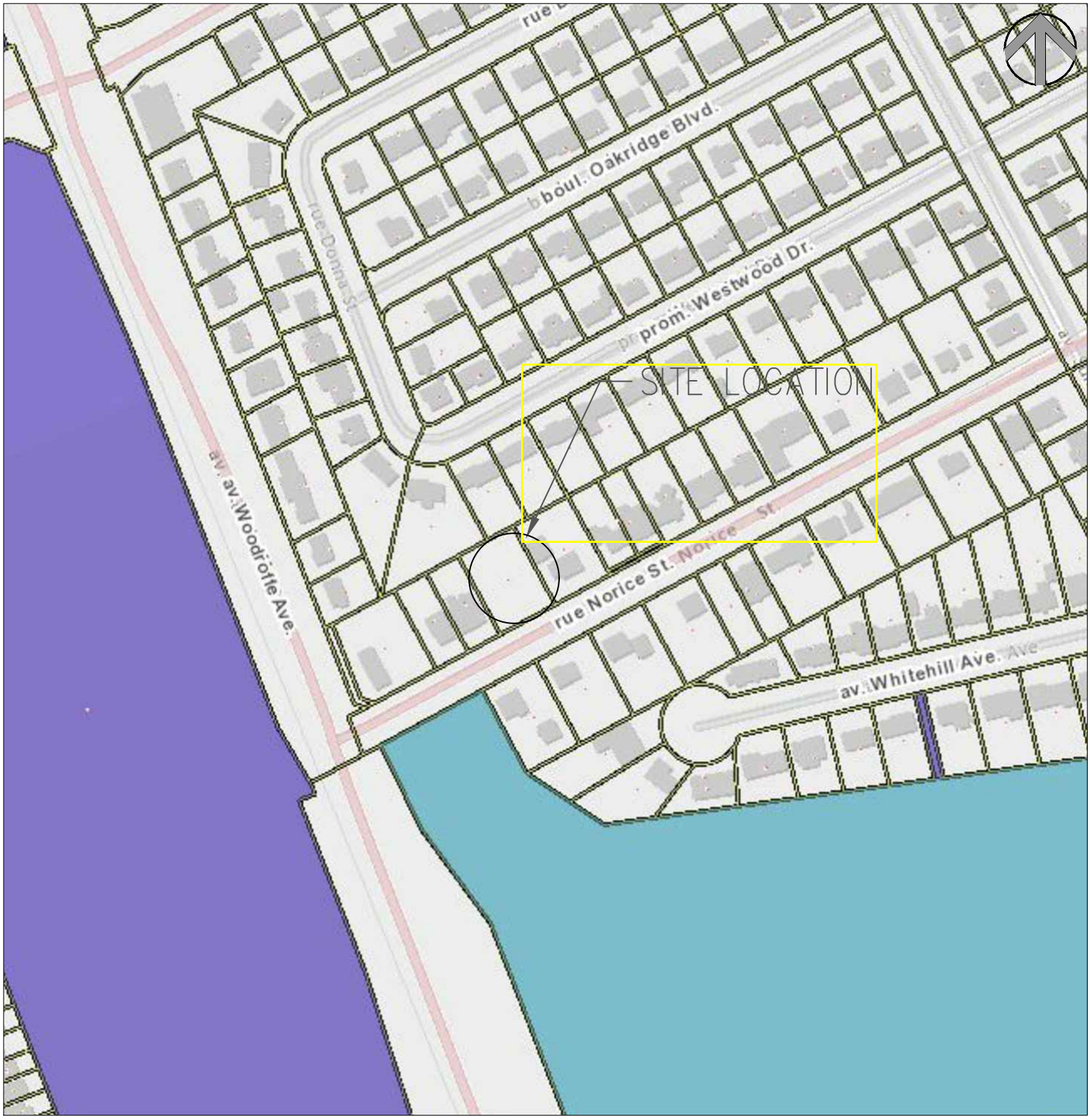
SITE LOCATION
SOURCE: GEOOTTAWA

CLIENT	DATE	PROJECT
2707120 ONTARIO INC.	JUNE 2024	240094

FIGURE 1



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BOREHOLE LOCATION
SOURCE: GOOGLE AERIAL VIEW

CLIENT	DATE	PROJECT	
2707120 ONTARIO INC.	JUNE 2024	240094	FIGURE 2

APPENDIX B
Borehole Logs

Borehole Log: BH-1

Project No.: 240094 **Project:** GEO Investigation - Proposed 4-Storey Residential

Client: 2707120 Ontario Inc. **Location:** 193 Norice St, Ottawa ON

Date: May 16, 2024 **Field Personnel:** BJ

Driller: George Downing Estate Drilling. **Drilling Equipment:** Truck Mount CME 75 **Drilling Method:** Hollow Stem Auger

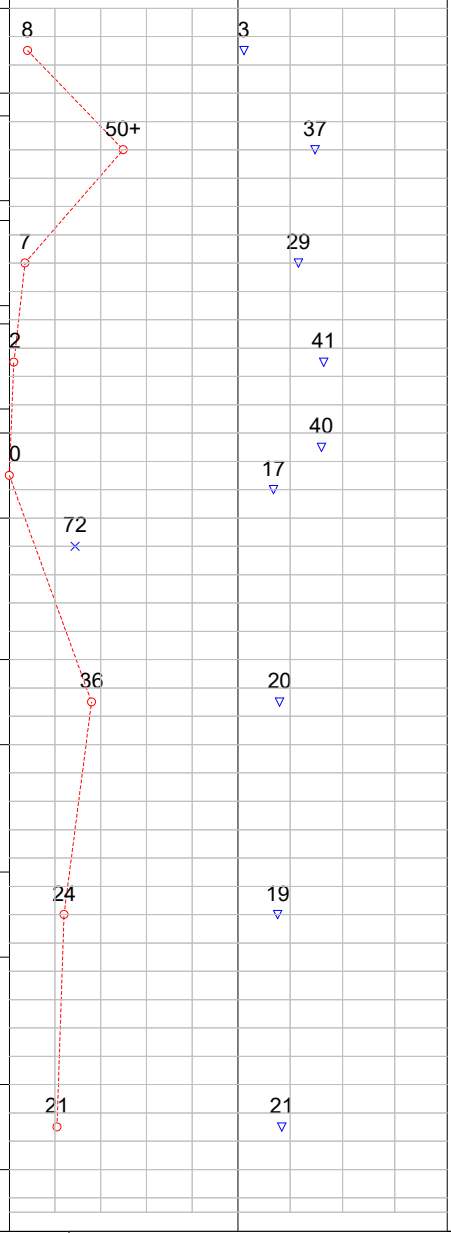
Depth (ft / m)	Soil Description	Elev./Depth (m)	Lithology	Type	Sample Number	N or RQD	Recovery (%)
0 / 0	Ground Surface	88.10					
0 / 0	**FILL MATERIAL** silt-sand, some gravel, moist, greyish brown, loose to very dense.	0.00			SS1	8	33
3 / 1					SS2	50+	50
4 /		86.65					
5 /	**CLAYEY SILT** trace sand, brownish grey, moist, very loose to loose.	1.45			SS3	7	75
6 / 2							
8 /					SS4	2	42
10 / 3	-becomes wet and grey at about 3.0 m bgs.				SS5	0	100
13 / 4		84.14					
13 / 4	**SAND** some silt, trace clay, wet, grey, compact to dense.	3.96					
16 / 5					SS6	36	50
20 / 6					SS7	24	75
25 /							
26 / 8					SS8	21	86
27 /		79.87					
28 /	End of Borehole	8.23					

Shear Strength (kPa) 50 150

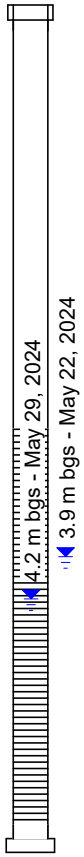
SPT N Value (Blows/0.3 m) 20 40 60 80

Water Content (%) 25 50 75

Liquid Limit (%) 25 50 75



Water Level (Standpipe or Open Borehole)



Easting: 440949 **Northing:** 5020963

Site Datum: Site Benchmark - Top of Spindle of Hydrant: 88.88 m

Groundsurface Elevation: 88.10 m **Top of Riser Elev.:** 88.75 m

Hole Diameter: 200mm

NOTES:

50+ blows from SS2 on suspected concrete debris within the Fill Material

Borehole Log: BH-2

Project No.: 240094 **Project:** GEO Investigation - Proposed 4-Storey Residential

Client: 2707120 Ontario Inc. **Location:** 193 Norice St, Ottawa ON

Date: May 16, 2024 **Field Personnel:** BJ

Driller: George Downing Estate Drilling. **Drilling Equipment:** Truck Mount CME 75 **Drilling Method:** Hollow Stem Auger

Depth (ft / m)	Soil Description	Elev./Depth (m)	Lithology	Type	Sample Number	N or RQD	Recovery (%)
0 / 0	Ground Surface	87.33					
0 – 4 / 0 – 1	**FILL MATERIAL** silt-sand, some gravel, moist, greyish brown, loose.	0.00			SS1	4	15
3 – 4 / 1					SS2	10	42
		85.88					
5 – 7 / 1 – 2	**CLAYEY SILT** some sand, brownish grey, moist, very loose to loose.	1.45			SS3	7	86
7 – 9 / 2					SS4	1	100
9 – 12 / 3	-becomes wet and grey at about 3.0 m bgs.				SS5	1	100
		83.37					
12 – 16 / 4 – 5	**SAND** some silt, trace clay, wet, grey, compact to dense.	3.96			SS6	38	50
16 – 21 / 5 – 6					SS7	45	75
		80.63					
22 / 6	End of Borehole	6.70					

Shear Strength (kPa) 50 150 — **SPT N Value** (Blows/0.3 m) 20 40 60 80

Water Content (%) 25 50 75 — **Liquid Limit** (%) 25 50 75

SPT N Value: 4, 10, 7, 1, 1, 68, 38, 45

Water Content: 32, 49, 42, 36, 13, 13

Water Level (Standpipe or Open Borehole)

Easting: 440942 **Northing:** 5020980

Site Datum: Site Benchmark - Top of Spindle of Hydrant: 88.88 m

Groundsurface Elevation: 87.33 m **Top of Riser Elev.:** N/A

Hole Diameter: 200mm

NOTES:

APPENDIX C

Symbols and Terms used in Borehole Logs

Symbols and Terms Used on Borehole and Test Pit Logs

1. Soil Description

The soil descriptions presented in this report are based on commonly accepted methods of classification and identification employed in geotechnical practice. Classification and identification of soil involves some judgement and LRL Associates Ltd. does not guarantee descriptions as exact, but infers accuracy to the extent that is common in current geotechnical practice. Boundaries between zones on the logs are often not distinct but transitional and were interpreted.

a. Proportion

The proportion of each constituent part, as defined by the grain size distribution, is denoted by the following terms:

Term	Proportions
"trace"	1% to 10%
"some"	10% to 20%
prefix (i.e. "sandy" silt)	20% to 35%
"and" (i.e. sand "and" gravel)	35% to 50%

b. Compactness and Consistency

The state of compactness of granular soils is defined on the basis of the Standard Penetration Number (N) as per ASTM D-1586. It corresponds to the number of blows required to drive 300 mm of the split spoon sampler using a metal drop hammer that has a weight of 62.5 kg and free fall distance of 760 mm. For a 600 mm long split spoon, the blow counts are recorded for every 150 mm. The "N" value is obtained by adding the number of blows from the 2nd and 3rd count. Technical refusal indicates a number of blows greater than 50.

The consistency of clayey or cohesive soils is based on the shear strength of the soil, as determined by field vane tests and by a visual and tactile assessment of the soil strength.

The state of compactness of granular soils is defined by the following terms:

State of Compactness Granular Soils	Standard Penetration Number "N"	Relative Density (%)
Very loose	0 – 4	<15
Loose	4 – 10	15 – 35
Compact	10 - 30	35 – 65
Dense	30 - 50	65 - 85
Very dense	> 50	> 85

The consistency of cohesive soils is defined by the following terms:

Consistency Cohesive Soils	Undrained Shear Strength (C_u) (kPa)	Standard Penetration Number "N"
Very soft	<12.5	<2
Soft	12.5 - 25	2 - 4
Firm	25 - 50	4 - 8
Stiff	50 - 100	8 - 15
Very stiff	100 - 200	15 - 30
Hard	>200	>30

c. Field Moisture Condition

Description (ASTM D2488)	Criteria
Dry	Absence of moisture, dusty, dry to touch.
Moist	Dump, but not visible water.
Wet	Visible, free water, usually soil is below water table.

2. Sample Data

a. Elevation depth

This is a reference to the geodesic elevation of the soil or to a benchmark of an arbitrary elevation at the location of the borehole or test pit. The depth of geological boundaries is measured from ground surface.

b. Type

Symbol	Type	Letter Code
	Auger	AU
	Split Spoon	SS
	Shelby Tube	ST
	Rock Core	RC

c. Sample Number

Each sample taken from the borehole is numbered in the field as shown in this column.

LETTER CODE (as above) – Sample Number.

d. Recovery (%)

For soil samples this is the percentage of the recovered sample obtained versus the length sampled. In the case of rock, the percentage is the length of rock core recovered compared to the length of the drill run.

3. Rock Description

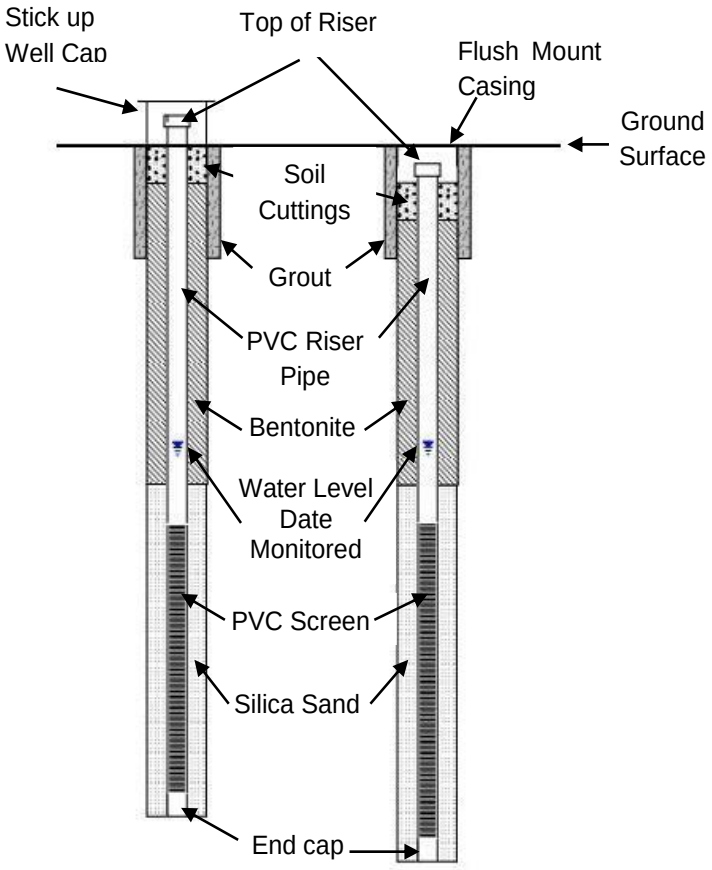
Rock Quality Designation (RQD) is a rough measure of the degree of jointing or fracture in a rock mas. The RQD is calculated as the cumulative length of rock pieces recovered having lengths of 100 mm or more divided by the length of coring. The qualitative description of the bedrock based on RQD is given below.

Rock Quality Designation (RQD) (%)	Description of Rock Quality
0 –25	Very poor
25 – 50	Poor
50 – 75	Fair
75 – 90	Good
90 – 100	Excellent

Strength classification of rock is presented below.

Strength Classification	Range of Unconfined Compressive Strength (MPa)
Extremely weak	< 1
Very weak	1 – 5
Weak	5 – 25
Medium strong	25 – 50
Strong	50 – 100
Very strong	100 – 250
Extremely strong	> 250

4. General Monitoring Well Data



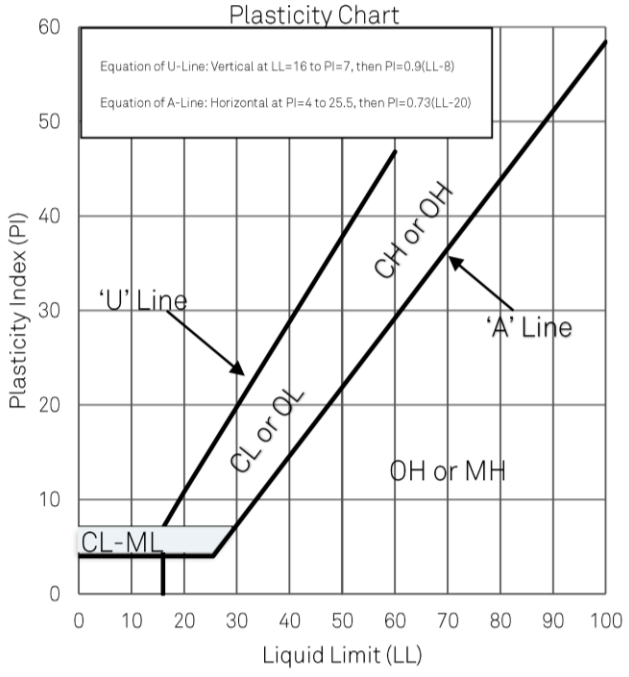
5. Classification of Soils for Engineering Purposes (ASTM D2487)

(United Soil Classification System)

Major divisions			Group Symbol	Typical Names	Classification Criteria
Coarse-grained soils More than 50% retained on No. 200 sieve* (>0.075 mm)	Gravels More than 50% of coarse fraction retained on No. 4 sieve(4.75 mm)	Clean gravels <5% fines	GW	Well-graded gravel	If 15% sand add "with sand" to group name.
			GP	Poorly graded gravel	
		Gravels with >12% fines	GM	Silty gravel	
			GC	Clayey gravel	
	Sands 50% or more of coarse fraction passes No. 4 sieve(<4.75 mm)	Clean sands <5% fines	SW	Well-graded sand	If 15% gravel add "with gravel to group name
			SP	Poorly graded sand	
		Sands with >12% fines	SM	Silty sand	
			SC	Clayey sand	
Fine-grained soils50% or more passes No. 200 sieve* (<0.075 mm)	Silts and Clays Liquid Limit <50%	Inorganic	ML	Silt	If 15 to 29% coarse-grained, add "with sand" or "with gravel" as appropriate. If > 30% coarse-grained, add "sandy" or "gravelly" as appropriate. Class as organic when oven dried liquid limit is < 75% of undried liquid limit.
			CL	Lean Clay -low plasticity	
		Organic	OL	Organic clay or silt (Clay plots above 'A' Line)	
	Silts and Clays Liquid Limit >50%	Inorganic	MH	Elastic silt	
			CH	Fat Clay -high plasticity	
		Organic	OH	Organic clay or silt (Clay plots above 'A' Line)	
	Highly Organic Soils		PT	Peat, muck and other highly organic soils	

Classification on basis of percentage of fines:
Less than 5% pass No. 200 sieve - GW, GP, SW, SP
More than 12% pass No. 200 sieve - GM, GC, SM, SC
5 to 12% pass No. 200 sieve - Borderline classifications, use of dual symbols

$C_u = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}} \geq 4$; $C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$ between 1 and 3		
Not meeting either Cu or Cc criteria for GW		
Atterberg limits below "A" line or PI less than 4		Atterberg limits plotting in hatched area are borderline classifications requiring use of dual symbols
Atterberg limits on or above "A" line and PI > 7		If fines are organic add "with orgnic fines" to group name
$C_u = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}} \geq 6$; $C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}}$ between 1 and 3		
Not meeting either Cu or C ccriteria for SW		
Atterberg limits below "A" line or PI less than 4		Atterberg limits plotting in hatched area are borderline classifications requiring use of dual symbols
Atterberg limits on or above "A" line and PI > 7		If fines are organic add "with orgnic fines" to group name



APPENDIX D
Laboratory Results

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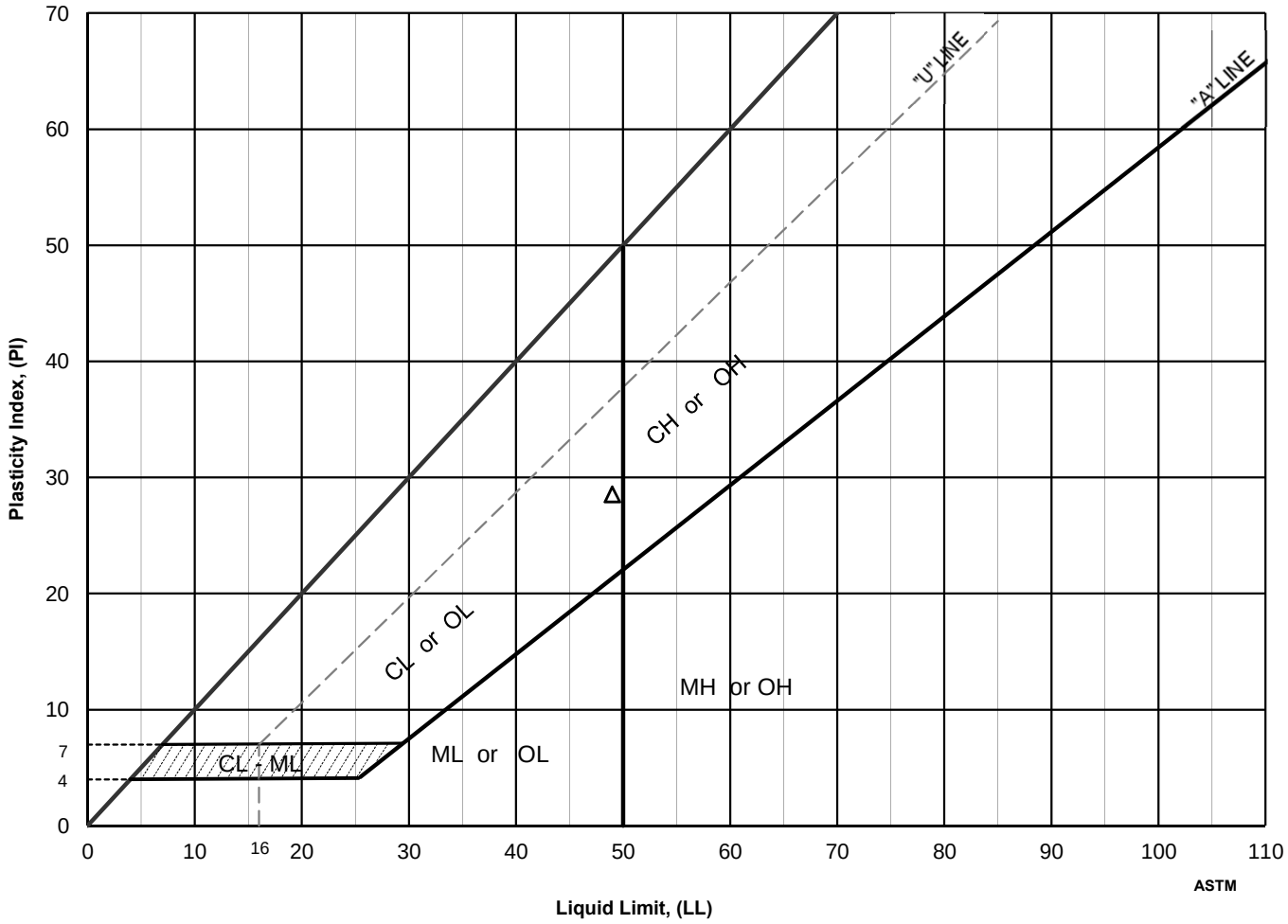
Plasticity Index

ASTM D 4318 / LS-703/704

Client:	2707120 Ontario Inc.	**File No.:**	240094
Project:	Geotechnical Investigation	**Report No.:**	1
Location:	193 Norice Street, Ottawa, ON.	**Date:**	May 16, 2024

Plasticity Chart



	Location	Sample	Depth, m	Moisture Content, %	Liquid Limit	Plastic Limit	Plasticity Index	Liquidity Index	Activity Number	USCS
△	BH 2	SS-3	1.52 - 2.13	31	49	20	29	0.38	0.97	CL

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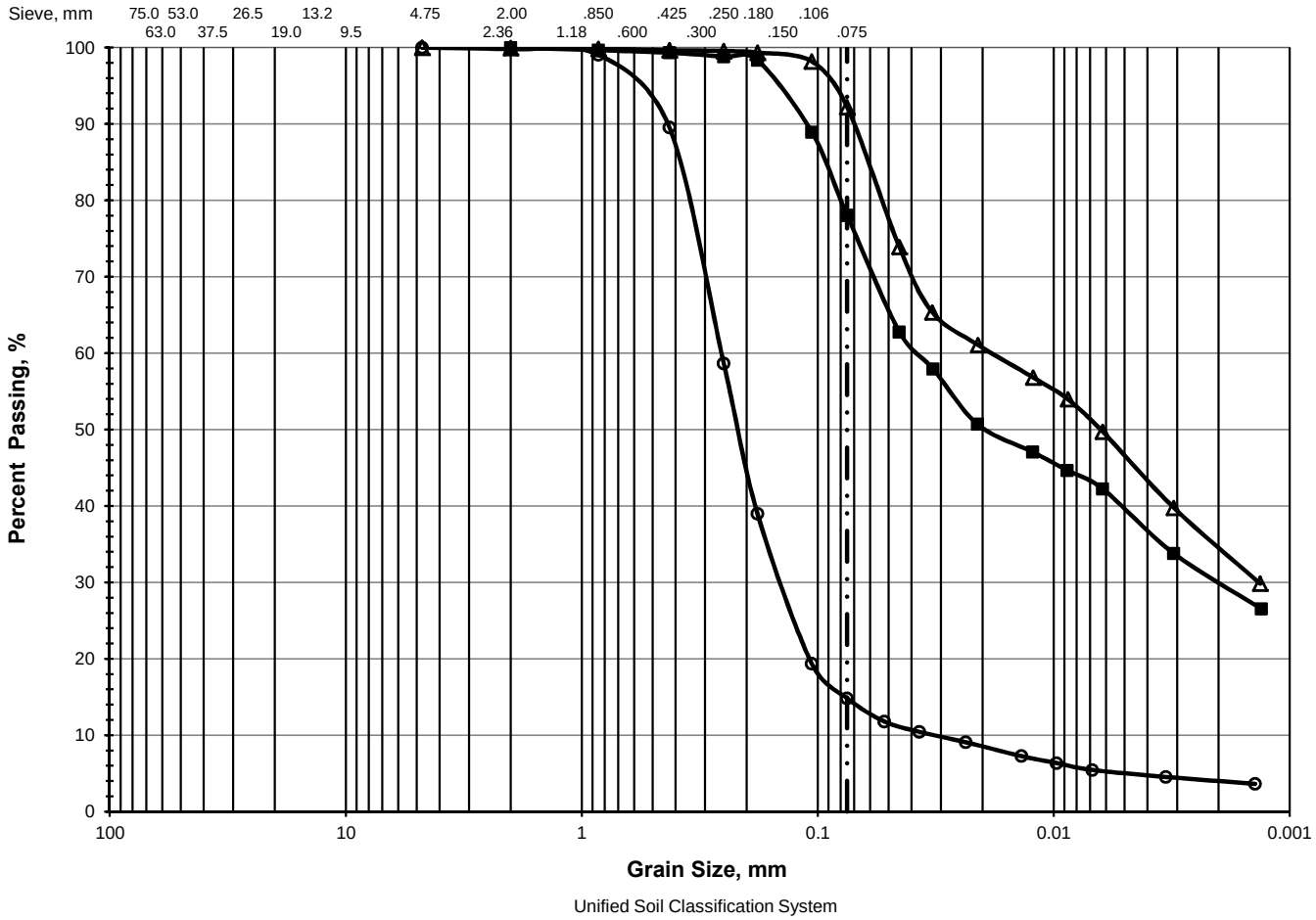
Particle Size Analysis

ASTM D 422 / LS-702

Client:	2707120 Ontario Inc.	**File No.:**	240094
	Geotechnical Investigation	**Report No.:**	2
	193 Norice Street, Ottawa, ON.	**Date:**	May 16, 2024



Unified Soil Classification System

	> 75 mm	% GRAVEL		% SAND			% FINES	
		Coarse	Fine	Coarse	Medium	Fine	Silt	Clay
△	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.3	7.4	58.6	33.6
■	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7	21.3	48.7	29.3
○	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	10.2	74.8	10.9	3.9

	Location	Sample	Depth, m	D_{60}	D_{50}	D_{30}	D_{15}	D_{10}	C_c	C_u
△	BH 1	SS-5	3.05 - 3.66	0.0187	0.0064	0.0014				
■	BH 2	SS-3	1.52 - 2.13	0.0378	0.0193	0.0022				
○	BH 2	SS-6	4.57 - 5.18	0.2577	0.2192	0.1460	0.0762	0.0327	2.5	7.9

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Client PO:
Project: 240094
Custody: 72955

Report Date: 23-May-2024
Order Date: 17-May-2024

Order #: 2420463

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

Paracel ID	Client ID
2420463-01	BH2 SS4 7.5-9.5'

Approved By:

Dale Robertson, BSc
Laboratory Director

Analysis Summary Table

Analysis	Method Reference/Description	Extraction Date	Analysis Date
Anions	EPA 300.1 - IC, water extraction	22-May-24	22-May-24
pH, soil	EPA 150.1 - pH probe @ 25 °C, CaCl buffered ext.	22-May-24	22-May-24
Resistivity	EPA 120.1 - probe, water extraction	22-May-24	22-May-24
Solids, %	CWS Tier 1 - Gravimetric	21-May-24	22-May-24

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Report Date: 23-May-2024

Client: **LRL Associates Ltd.**

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Project Description: 240094

	Client ID:	BH2 SS4 7.5-9.5'	-	-	-		
	Sample Date:	16-May-24 09:00	-	-	-	-	-
	Sample ID:	2420463-01	-	-	-		
	Matrix:	Soil	-	-	-		
	MDL/Units						
Physical Characteristics							
% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	75.5	-	-	-	-	-
General Inorganics							
pH	0.05 pH Units	7.17	-	-	-	-	-
Resistivity	0.1 Ohm.m	23.8	-	-	-	-	-
Anions							
Chloride	10 ug/g	147	-	-	-	-	-
Sulphate	10 ug/g	119	-	-	-	-	-

Method Quality Control: Blank

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Units	%REC	%REC Limit	RPD	RPD Limit	Notes
Anions								
Chloride	ND	10	ug/g					
Sulphate	ND	10	ug/g					
General Inorganics								
Resistivity	ND	0.1	Ohm.m					

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Project Description: 240094

Method Quality Control: Duplicate

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Units	Source Result	%REC	%REC Limit	RPD	RPD Limit	Notes
Anions									
Chloride	831	10	ug/g	837			0.7	35	
Sulphate	212	10	ug/g	209			1.6	35	
General Inorganics									
pH	7.12	0.05	pH Units	7.10			0.3	2.3	
Resistivity	54.9	0.1	Ohm.m	53.7			2.2	20	
Physical Characteristics									
% Solids	90.8	0.1	% by Wt.	89.4			1.6	25	

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Project Description: 240094

Method Quality Control: Spike

Analyte	Result	Reporting Limit	Units	Source Result	%REC	%REC Limit	RPD	RPD Limit	Notes
Anions									
Chloride	927	10	ug/g	837	89.4	82-118			
Sulphate	304	10	ug/g	209	94.8	80-120			

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Qualifier Notes:

Sample Data Revisions:

None

Work Order Revisions / Comments:

None

Other Report Notes:

n/a: not applicable

ND: Not Detected

MDL: Method Detection Limit

Source Result: Data used as source for matrix and duplicate samples

%REC: Percent recovery.

RPD: Relative percent difference.

NC: Not Calculated

Soil results are reported on a dry weight basis unlesss otherwise noted.

Where %Solids is reported, moisture loss includes the loss of volatile hydrocarbons.