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1.0 INTRODUCTION

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by ZW Group acting on behalf of Carleton University to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed residence building to be located at 1125 Colonel By Drive 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:

- \Box Determine the subsoil and groundwater conditions at this site by means of test pits and boreholes.
- \Box Provide geotechnical recommendations for the 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 PROJECT

It is understood that the proposed development consists of a multi-storey building with up to 20 storeys. It is our understanding the proposed building will be constructed with a basement level and will be tied into the tunnel system at Carleton University. The courtyard portion will also be lowered from the existing grade to the level just below the basement floor slab at an elevation of 62.7 m.

Associated at grade parking areas, access lanes and landscaped areas are also anticipated as part of the development.

Furthermore, it is our understanding that a pedestrian tunnel will constructed to connect the proposed residential building to the current tunnel system.

3.0 METHOD OF INVESTIGATION

3.1 Field Investigation

Field Program

The field program for the supplemental geotechnical investigation was carried out on November 5 and 6, 2014. At that time a total of 7 boreholes and 5 test pits were completed to a maximum depth of 6.7 m. The field program for the previous geotechnical investigation was carried out on July 25, and 28, 2014. At that time a total of 6 boreholes were advanced to a maximum depth of 9.8 m. In addition, 4 test pits were excavated to a maximum depth of 6.5 m on August 7, 2014.

The test holes were distributed in a manner to provide general coverage of the proposed structure taking into consideration of site features and underground utilities. The test holes locations are illustrated on Drawing PG3292-2 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The boreholes were completed using a track-mounted auger drill rig operated by a two person crew. The test pits were completed using a hydraulic shovel supplied by Dufresne Piling or Drummonds. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of personnel from our geotechnical division under the direction of a senior engineer. The testing procedure consisted of augering or excavating to the required depths at the selected locations and sampling and testing the overburden.

Sampling and In Situ Testing

Soil samples were collected from the boreholes using a 50 mm diameter splitspoon (SS) sampler or auger flights. The soils samples (grab samples) recovered from the test pits were recovered from the excavation sidewalls. All soil samples were visually inspected and initially classified on site. The split-spoon, auger and grab samples were placed in sealed plastic bags and transported to the our laboratory for examination and classification. The depths at which the split-spoon, auger and grab samples were recovered from the test holes are shown as SS, AU and G, respectively, on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets presented 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.

Undrained shear strength testing was conducted in cohesive soils using a field vane apparatus.

Overburden thickness was evaluated during the course of the site investigation by dynamic cone penetration testing (DCPT) at BH 6. The DCPT consists of driving a steel drill rod, equipped with a 50 mm diameter cone at the 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 at the borehole and test pits were recorded in detail in the field. The soil profiles are presented on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1.

Groundwater

Flexible polyethylene standpipes were installed in all boreholes to permit monitoring of the groundwater levels subsequent to the completion of the sampling program. Open hole groundwater levels were noted in the test pits at the time of the field program.

Sample Storage

All samples will be stored in the laboratory for a period of one month after issuance of this report. They will then be discarded unless we are otherwise directed.

3.2 Field Survey

The test hole locations were selected by Vincent P. Colliza Architects Inc. They were determined in the field and surveyed by Paterson personnel. The ground surface elevation at each test hole location was referenced to a temporary benchmark (TBM), consisting of the finished floor slab of the existing residence building located to the south of the subject site. A geodetic elevation of 65.6 m was provided for the TBM on the drawing provided by Vincent P. Colizza Architects Inc. The location of the TBM, test holes and the ground surface elevations at the test hole locations are presented on Drawing PG3292-2 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

3.3 Laboratory Testing

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

3.4 Analytical Testing

One 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 samples. The results are presented in Appendix 1 and are discussed further in Subsection 6.7.

4.0 OBSERVATIONS

4.1 Surface Conditions

Generally, the central and east portion of the subject site is currently occupied by an existing asphaltic concrete automobile parking area. The west portion slopes approximately 3 m down from the parking area into a low-lying vegetated area covered with fill, mulch, grass and some brush.

The site is bordered to the south by the existing 5 to 6 storey residence building, to the north and east by asphaltic car parking and to the west by vacant treed property followed by Colonel By Drive.

4.2 Subsurface Profile

Overburden

Generally, the subsurface profile at the test hole locations consists of a pavement structure or topsoil overlying fill material varying in thickness between 1.9 and 5 m. The existing fill material is overlying a firm to hard silty clay deposit and/or compact to dense sand and gravel deposit (possibly a glacial till). TP 3 to TP 9, which were extended within the lower west portion of the subject site, consist of a layer of topsoil overlying a silty sand and silty clay layer followed by a compact to dense sand and gravel deposit.

Bedrock

Specific details of the soil profile at each test hole location are presented on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets provided in Appendix 1. Based on available geological mapping, bedrock in the area of the subject site consists of interbedded silty dolostone, limestone, shale and fine-grained quartz sandstone of the Gull River Formation. The overburden drift thickness is estimated to be between 10 to 15 m depth. Practical auger or DCPT refusal depths can be found in Table 1 below.

4.3 Groundwater

Groundwater levels were measured in the flexible standpipes on August 5, 2014 and November 12, 2014. The results are presented in Table 2 on the following page. The groundwater levels obtained in August at the subject site were considered elevated at that time due to the normal water levels in the Rideau Canal located near the subject site. It should be noted that surface water can become trapped within the backfilled borehole, which can lead to higher than normal groundwater readings.

The long term groundwater level can also be estimated based on the recovered soil sample's moisture level and consistency. Based on these observations, the long term groundwater table is anticipated to be at a geodetic elevation of 60.5 to 61.5 m. It should be further noted that the groundwater level could vary at the time of construction and with fluctuations within the Rideau Canal.

Note: The ground surface elevation at each test hole location was referenced to a temporary benchmark (TBM), consisting of the finished floor slab of the existing residence building located to the south of the subject site. A geodetic elevation of 65.60 m was provided for the TBM on the drawing provided by Vincent P. Colizza Architects Inc.

5.0 DISCUSSION

5.1 Geotechnical Assessment

The subject site is satisfactory for the proposed hi-rise structure. Since the building will have a basement level throughout, excavated fill materials will be used to raise the lowlying areas on the western portion. Concrete filled trenches will be used to transfer the footing loads to the dense sand-gravel deposit in areas where the dense sandgravel deposit is not encountered at founding depth. Foundations will consist of conventional spread footings founded directly on either the dense sand-gravel deposit or lean concrete filled trenches extending to the dense sand-gravel deposit.

The above and other considerations are discussed in the following paragraphs.

5.2 Site Grading and Preparation

Stripping Depth

Only topsoil and deleterious fill, such as those containing organic materials, should be stripped from under the proposed building and other settlement sensitive structures. For the most part, the existing fill will be left in place and will be used to support the floor slab.

Fill Placement

The excavated fill from the basement area will be evaluated and, where acceptable, will be reused to backfill the low-lying western portion of the site. Segregation of poor quality fill may be required. Based on the test pit observations, the fill material appears to be satisfactory. The material will be placed in 300 mm lifts and will be compacted to 98% of the material's standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD). Furthermore, trench excavations for footings will also produce excavated fill that can be re-used on site for in-filling the low lying areas and in landscaped areas.

Where additional fill is required to raise the site to below the proposed underside of the sub-floor granular materials, an OPSS Granular B Type II can be used for this purpose as engineered fill. The engineered fill should be placed in maximum 300 mm loose lifts and compacted to 98% of the material's SPMDD.

5.3 Foundation Design

Shallow Foundation

It should be noted that footings placed on an undisturbed, dense sand-gravel deposit (possibly glacial till) bearing surface or on a lean concrete filled trench extending to the dense sand-gravel deposit can be designed using a bearing resistance value at SLS of **250 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ULS of **400 kPa**.

The above noted bearing resistance values at SLS will be subjected to potential postconstruction total and differential settlements of 25 and 20 mm, respectively. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the above noted bearing resistance values at ULS.

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 an overburden bearing medium 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 or engineered fill of the same or higher capacity as the soil.

Lean Concrete Filled Trenches

For the slab-on-grade area of the building where the dense sand-gravel deposit is deeper than the proposed founding elevation, consideration will be given to excavating vertical trenches to expose the underlying dense sand-gravel deposit surface and backfilling with lean concrete (**17 MPa** 28-day compressive strength). Typically, the excavation side walls will be used as the form to support the concrete. The additional width of the concrete poured against an undisturbed trench sidewall will suffice in providing a direct transfer of the footing load to the underlying dense sand-gravel deposit.

The trench excavation should be at least 150 mm wider than all sides of the footing at the base of the excavation. Once the trench excavation is approved by the geotechnical engineer, lean concrete can be poured up to the proposed founding elevation.

5.4 Design for Earthquakes

A seismic shear wave velocity test was completed for the subject site to accurately determine the applicable seismic site classification for the proposed building based on Table 4.1.8.4.A of the Ontario Building Code 2012. The shear wave velocity test was completed by Paterson personnel. Two seismic shear wave velocity profiles from the on site testing are presented in Appendix 2.

Field Program

The seismic shear wave test was completed along the north property boundary, as presented in Drawing PG3292-1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2. Paterson field personnel placed 24 horizontal geophones in a straight line in roughly an eastwest orientation. The 4.5 Hz. horizontal geophones were mounted to the surface by means of a 75 mm ground spike attached to the geophone land case. The geophones were spaced at 2 m intervals and were connected by a geophone spread cable to a Geode 24 Channel seismograph.

The seismograph was connected to a laptop and a hammer trigger switch attached to a 12 pound dead blow hammer. The hammer trigger switch sends a start signal to the seismograph. The hammer is strikes an I-Beam seated into the ground surface, which creates a polarized shear wave. The hammer shots are repeated between four to eight times at each shot location to improve signal to noise ratio. The shot locations are completed in forward and reverse directions (i.e.- striking both sides of the I-Beam seated parallel to the geophone array). The shot locations are located at the centre of the geophone array, as well as 3, 4.5 and 20 m away from the first and last geophone.

The test method completed by Paterson are guided by the standard test procedures outlined by the expert seismologists at Carleton University and Geological Survey of Canada (GSC).

Data Processing and Interpretation

Interpretation for the shear wave velocity results were completed by Paterson personnel. Shear wave velocity measurement was completed by reflection/refraction methods. The interpretation is performed by recovering arrival times from direct and refracted waves. The interpretation is repeated at each shot location to provide an average shear wave velocity, $Vs₃₀$, of the upper 30 m below the structures foundation. The layer intercept times, velocities from different layers and critical distances are interpreted from the shear wave records to compute the bedrock depth at each location. The bedrock velocity was interpreted by the main refractor wave velocity, which is considered a conservative estimate of the bedrock velocity due to the increasing quality of the bedrock with depth. As bedrock quality increases, the bedrock shear wave velocity also increases. Based on testing results, bedrock is generally present at 15 to 16 m depth below the existing pavement structure.

Based on the test results, the overburden and bedrock seismic shear wave velocities are 184 m/s and 1,820 m/s, respectively. The Vs_{30} was calculated using the standard equation for average shear wave velocity from the Ontario Building Code (OBC) 2012. It is our understanding that typical foundations will be bearing on shallow footings placed on the dense glacial till at an approximate geodetic elevation of 61.5 m.

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V_{s30} = \frac{Depth_{OfInterest}(m)}{\sum \left(\frac{(Depth_i(m)}{V_{S_i}(m/s)}\right)}
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V_{s30} = \frac{30m}{\left(\frac{11.5m}{184m/s} + \frac{18.5m}{1,820m/s}\right)}
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V_{s30} = 413m/s
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Based on the seismic test results, the average shear wave velocity, Vs_{30} , for foundations at the subject site is 413 m/s. Therefore, a **Site Class C** is applicable for design of the proposed building, as per Table 4.1.8.4.A of the OBC 2012. The soils underlying the subject site are not considered to be susceptible to liquefaction.

5.5 Basement Slab Construction

With the removal of all topsoil and deleterious materials, within the footprint of the proposed building, the existing fill, free of organics and deleterious materials, can be left in place provided the existing fill is proof rolled and the sub-slab fill thickness is increased to a minimum 300 mm in basement areas and 500 mm in non-basement areas.

The existing material below the existing pavement structure, free of organics and deleterious material, approved by the geotechnical consultant may be used to build up the lower west portion of the subject site below the finished concrete floor slab. The existing mulch and organics within the landscaping area should be removed prior to the placement of fill.

The upper 500 mm of sub-slab fill should consist of an OPSS Granular A material for slab-on-grade and 300 mm for basement slab construction. All backfill material within the footprint of the proposed building should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to at least 98% of the material's SPMDD.

Any soft areas should be removed and backfilled with appropriate backfill material prior to placing any fill. OPSS Granular B Type I or II, with a maximum particle size of 50 mm, are recommended for backfilling below the floor slab. All backfill material within the footprint of the proposed buildings should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose layers and compacted to at least 98% of its SPMDD.

5.6 Basement Wall

There are several combinations of backfill materials and retained soils that could be applicable for the basement walls of the subject structure. However, the conditions can be well-represented by assuming the retained soil consists of a material with an angle of internal friction of 30 degrees and a bulk (drained) unit weight of 20 kN/ m^3 .

It is expected that the foundation wall will be provided with a perimeter drainage system; therefore, the retained soils should be considered drained. For the undrained conditions, the applicable effective (undrained) unit weight of the retained soil can be taken as 13 kN/m³. A hydrostatic pressure should be added to the total static earth pressure when using the effective unit weight. The total earth pressure (P_{AF}) includes both the static earth pressure component (P_o) and the seismic component (ΔP_{AE}).

Two distinct conditions, static and seismic, should be reviewed for design calculations. The parameters for design calculations for the two conditions are presented on the following pages.

Static Conditions

The static horizontal earth pressure (p_0) could be calculated with a triangular earth pressure distribution equal to K_o·γ·H where:

- $\mathsf{K} _{\rm o}$ = $\;$ at-rest earth pressure coefficient of the applicable retained soil, 0.5 $\;$
- γ = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil (kN/m³)
- $H =$ height of the wall (m)

An additional pressure with a magnitude equal to K_{\circ} q and acting on the entire height of the wall should be added to the above diagram for any surcharge loading, q (kPa), that may be placed at ground surface adjacent to the wall. The surcharge pressure will only be applicable for static analyses and should not be used in conjunction with the seismic loading case. Actual earth pressures could be higher than the "at-rest" case if care is not exercised during the compaction of the backfill materials to maintain a minimum separation of 0.3 m from the walls with the compaction equipment.

Seismic Conditions

The total seismic force (P_{AE}) includes both the earth force component (P_o) and the seismic component (ΔP_{AF}).

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

- $a_{\rm c} = (1.45\text{-}a_{\rm max}/g)a_{\rm max}$
- γ = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil (kN/m³)
- $H =$ height of the wall (m)
- $g =$ gravity, 9.81 m/s²

The peak ground acceleration, (a_{max}) , for the Ottawa area is 0.32g according to OBC 2012. The vertical seismic coefficient is assumed to be zero. The earth force component (P_o) under seismic conditions could be calculated using P_o = 0.5 K_o γ H², where K_{o} = 0.5 for the soil conditions presented above.

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

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

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

5.7 Pavement Structure

Car only parking, heavy truck parking areas, and access lanes are anticipated at this site. The proposed pavement structures are presented in Tables 3 and 4.

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

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

The pavement granular base and subbase should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 98% of the material's SPMDD using suitable vibratory equipment.

6.0 DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION PRECAUTIONS

6.1 Foundation Drainage and Backfill

Perimeter Drainage and Backfill

A perimeter drainage system is recommended for the proposed building. The system should consist of a 150 mm diameter perforated corrugated plastic pipe, surrounded on all sides by 150 mm of 10 mm clear crushed stone, placed at the footing level around the exterior perimeter of the structure. The pipe should have a positive outlet, such as a gravity connection to the storm sewer.

Backfill against the exterior sides of the foundation walls should consist of free-draining non frost susceptible granular materials. The greater part of the site excavated materials will be frost susceptible and, as such, are not recommended for re-use as backfill against the foundation walls, unless used in conjunction with a composite drainage system, such as Miradrain G100N or Delta Drain 6000. Imported granular materials, such as clean sand or OPSS Granular B Type I granular material, should be used for backfill material.

Underfloor Drainage

It is anticipated that underfloor drainage will be required to control water infiltration in the basement portion and for the tunnel connection. For preliminary design purposes, we recommend that 150 mm diameter perforated PVC pipes be placed at 6 to 8 m centres and connected to the exterior perimeter drainage system with 150 mm diameter sleeves through the footings.

The spacing of the underfloor drainage system should be confirmed at the time of completing the excavation when water infiltration can be better assessed.

6.2 Protection of Footings Against Frost Action

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

Exterior unheated footings, such as those for isolated exterior piers, are more prone to deleterious movement associated with frost action than the exterior walls of the structure proper and require additional protection, such as soil cover of 2.1 m or a combination of soil cover and foundation insulation.

6.3 Excavation Side Slopes

The side slopes of excavations in the soil and fill overburden materials should either be cut back at acceptable slopes or should be retained by shoring systems from the start of the excavation until the structure is backfilled. It is assumed that sufficient room will be available for the greater part of the excavation to be undertaken by opencut methods (i.e. unsupported excavations).

The excavation side slopes above the groundwater level extending to a maximum depth of 3 m should be cut back at 1H:1V or flatter. The flatter slope is required for excavation below groundwater level. The subsoil at this site is considered to be mainly 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.

It is recommended that a trench box be used at all times to protect personnel working in trenches with steep or vertical sides. It is expected that services will be installed by "cut and cover" methods and excavations will not be left open for extended periods of time.

6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill

At least 150 mm of OPSS Granular A should be used for pipe bedding for sewer and water pipes. The bedding should extend to the spring line of the pipe. Cover material, from the spring line to at least 300 mm above the obvert of the pipe should consist of OPSS Granular A. The bedding and cover materials should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick lifts compacted to a minimum of 95% of the material's SPMDD.

Generally, it should be possible to re-use the native soils or existing fill, free of organics and deleterious materials, above the cover material if the excavation and filling operations are carried out in dry weather conditions.

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

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.

It is expected that the flow of groundwater into the excavation will be low to moderate through the sides of the excavation. However, it is expected that the groundwater inflow will be controllable using open sumps and pumps.

A temporary MOE permit to take water (PTTW) will be required for this project if more than 50,000 L/day are to be pumped during the construction phase. At least 3 to 4 months should be allowed for completion of the application and issuance of the permit by the MOE.

6.6 Winter Construction

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

The subsoil conditions at this site consist of frost susceptible materials. In the presence of water and freezing conditions, ice could form within the soil mass. Heaving and settlement upon thawing could occur.

In the event of construction during below zero temperatures, the founding stratum should be protected from freezing temperatures by the use of straw, propane heaters and tarpaulins or other suitable means. In this regard, the base of the excavations should be insulated from sub-zero temperatures immediately upon exposure and until such time as heat is adequately supplied to the building and the footings are protected with sufficient soil cover to prevent freezing at founding level.

Trench excavations and pavement construction are also difficult activities to complete during freezing conditions without introducing frost in the subgrade or in the excavation walls and bottoms. Precautions should be taken if such activities are to be carried out during freezing conditions. Additional information could be provided, if required.

7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

A materials testing and observation services program is a requirement for the provided foundation design data to be applicable. The following aspects of the program should be performed by the geotechnical consultant:

- \Box Observation of all bearing surfaces prior to the placement of concrete.
- \Box Sampling and testing of the concrete and fill materials used.
- \Box Periodic observation of the condition of unsupported excavation side slopes in excess of 3 m in height, if applicable.
- \Box Observation of all subgrades prior to backfilling.
- \Box Field density tests to determine the level of compaction achieved.
- \Box 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 grading plan, drawings and specifications are completed.

A geotechnical investigation of this nature is a limited sampling of a site. The recommendations are based on information gathered at the specific test locations and can only be extrapolated to an undefined limited area around the test locations. Should any conditions at the site be encountered which differ from those at the test locations, we request notification immediately in order to permit reassessment of our recommendations.

The 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 Carleton University, ZW Group or their agent(s) is not authorized without review by Paterson Group for the applicability of our recommendations to the altered use of the report.

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APPENDIX 1

SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA SHEETS

SYMBOLS AND TERMS

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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:

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.

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.

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 closelyspaced 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

SAMPLE TYPES

- 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

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

PERMEABILITY TEST

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

SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued) **STRATA PLOT** Topsoil Peat Asphalt Sand Silty Sand Fill Sandy Silt Clay Silty Clay Clayey Silty Sand **Glacial Till** Shale Bedrock

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APPENDIX 2

FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN

FIGURES 2 AND 3 - SEISMIC SHEAR WAVE VELOCITY PROFILES

DRAWING PG3292-2 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN

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Figure 2 - Shear Wave Velocity Profile at Shot Location - 30 m

Figure 3 - Shear Wave Velocity Profile at Shot Location 66 m

