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# **Phase I Environmental Site Assessment**

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# **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

#### Assessment

Paterson Group was retained by Richcraft Group of Companies to conduct a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (ESA) of the property located at 590 Rideau Street (formerly 582, 588, 590, 592 and 594 Rideau Street and 165, 167 and 169 Charlotte Street), in the City of Ottawa, Ontario. The purpose of this Phase I ESA was to research the past and current use of the site and study area and to identify any environmental concerns with the potential to have impacted the subject property.

According to the historical research, the subject site was first developed with residential properties circa 1896 and commercial properties circa 1933. Dry cleaners were listed at the subject site from 1933 to 1944 and 1952 to 1956. A building addressed 592 Rideau Street was demolished between 1974 and 1984 while the remaining structures were demolished circa 2013. The subject property has since been vacant and used as a temporary park. The historic dry cleaning operations located on the subject property constitute a Potentially Contaminating Activity (PCA) and it is therefore considered to represent an Area of Potential Environmental Concern (APEC).

Adjacent properties to the east, addressed 598, 600 and 602 Rideau Street, were identified as a former automotive service garage, retail fuel outlet and dry cleaner, respectively. These former activities constitute PCAs with the potential to have impacted the subject site. As such, these PCAs are considered to represent an Area of Potential Environmental Concern on the eastern portion of the subject site.

Following the historical research, a site inspection was conducted of the subject site and Phase I ESA study area. The subject land is currently vacant and covered with grass and gravel. Additional PCAs identified within the Phase I study area are not considered to represent APECs with respect to the subject site.

#### Recommendations

The results of the historical research, personal interviews, and the site inspection identified areas of potential environmental concern with respect to the subject site. In our opinion, a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment is required for the property.



# 1.0 INTRODUCTION

At the request of Richcraft Group of Companies, Paterson Group (Paterson) conducted a Phase I Environmental Site Assessment (Phase I – ESA) for the vacant property addressed 590 Rideau Street, in the City of Ottawa, Ontario. The purpose of this Phase I – ESA was to research the past and current use of the site and study area and to identify any environmental concerns with the potential to have impacted the subject property.

Paterson was engaged to conduct this Phase I – ESA by Mr. Kevin Yemm of Richcraft. Richcraft offices are located at 2280 St. Laurent Boulevard, Suite 201, Ottawa, Ontario. Mr. Yemm can be reached by telephone at (613) 739-7111.

This report has been prepared specifically and solely for the above noted project which is described herein. It contains all of our findings and results of the environmental conditions at this site.

This Phase I-ESA report has been prepared in general accordance with Ontario Regulation 153/04 as amended by O.Reg. 269/11 (Environmental Protection Act), and also complies with the requirements of CSA Z768-01. The conclusions presented herein are based on information gathered from a limited historical review and field inspection program. The findings of the Phase I - ESA are based on a review of readily available geological, historical and regulatory information and a review made at the time of the field assessment. The historical research relies on information supplied by others, such as, local, provincial and federal agencies and was limited within the scope-of-work, time and budget of the project herein.



# 2.0 PHASE I PROPERTY INFORMATION

Address: 590 Rideau Street (formerly 582, 588, 590, 592 and

594 Rideau Street and 165, 167 and 169 Charlotte

Street), City of Ottawa, Ontario

Legal Description: Lots 49, 50 and the west half of lot 51, Plan 6, City of

Ottawa.

Property Identification

Number: 04207-0667

Location: The subject site is located on the southeast corner of

the Rideau Street and Charlotte Street intersection, in the City of Ottawa, Ontario. The subject site is shown on Figure 1 - Key Plan following the body of this

report.

Latitude and Longitude: 45° 25′ 58″ N, 75° 40′ 57″ W.

Site Description:

Configuration: Rectangular.

Zoning: TM – Traditional Mainstreet

Current Use: Park.

Services: The subject site is located in a municipally serviced

area.



# 3.0 SCOPE OF INVESTIGATION

The scope of work for this Phase I – Environmental Site Assessment was as follows:

- Determine the historical activities on the subject site and study area by conducting a review of readily available records, reports, photographs, plans, mapping, databases and regulatory agencies;
- Investigate the existing conditions present at the subject site and study area by conducting site reconnaissance;
- Conduct interviews with persons knowledgeable of current and historic operations on the subject property, and if warranted, neighbouring properties;
- Present the results of our findings in a comprehensive report in general accordance with the requirements of Ontario Regulation 269/11 amending O.Reg. 153/04 made under the Environmental Protection Act and in compliance with the requirements of CSA Z768-01;
- Provide a preliminary environmental site evaluation based on our findings;
- Provide preliminary remediation recommendations and further investigative work if contamination is suspected or encountered.

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# 4.0 RECORDS REVIEW

# 4.1 General

# **Phase I-ESA Study Area Determination**

A radius of approximately 250 m was determined to be appropriate as a Phase I ESA study area for this assignment. Properties outside the 250 m radius are not considered to have impacted the subject land, based on their significant distance from the site.

# First Developed Use Determination

According to the aerial photographs and documents reviewed, the subject site was first developed in 1896 with residential buildings along Rideau Street and commercial buildings along Charlotte Street circa 1933.

#### Fire Insurance Plans

Fire Insurance Plans (FIPs) from 1956 were reviewed for the area of the subject property. The FIPs show four (4) buildings and five (5) detached private garages. The buildings addressed 590, 592 and 594 are shown to be used for commercial purposes. The fourth building (165, 167 and 169 Charlotte Street and 582, 584 and 588 Rideau Street) is shown to be occupied by residential and commercial units.

A bus waiting room (598 Rideau Street) and a retail fuel outlet with two (2) underground storage tanks (600 Rideau Street) were located 10 and 30 m east of the subject site, respectively. An automotive service garage with two (2) underground storage tanks (560 Rideau Street) is located 40 m to the west. A bus garage with an underground storage tank (110 Cobourg Street) is located 230 m to the west. A used car dealer with repair shop (565 Rideau Street) is located 40 m to the west.

No significant environmental concerns were identified on the remaining neighbouring properties in the 1956 FIPs.



# **City of Ottawa Street Directories**

City directories at the National Archives were reviewed in approximate 10 year intervals from 1890 to 2001 as part of the Phase I ESA. According to the directories, the subject site was first listed with residential addresses along Rideau Street in 1896/1897. Residential and commercial addresses along Charlotte Street were first listed for the subject site in 1933. The commercial properties originally listed were Joe's Beauty Parlour and Central Cleaner & Tailors. The cleaner was listed at 169 Charlotte Street until circa 1944.

Dry cleaners were later listed on the subject site at 594 Rideau Street between 1953 and 1956 (Peter Pan dry cleaner) and 167 Charlotte Street between 1952 and 1954 (Superior Cleaner).

Neighbouring properties within the Phase I-ESA study area were used for residential, commercial and institutional purposes. The Ottawa Transportation Company Terminal, addressed 598 Rideau Street, was located 10 m east of the subject site between 1954 and 1958. The site was subsequently occupied by a used car dealership and garage in the 1960s and 1970s and then by a photo finishing business in the 1980s and 1990s. A retail fuel outlet, addressed 600 Rideau Street, was located 30 m east of the subject site between the 1930s and 1960s. Car dealerships, addressed 554 and 560 Rideau Street, were located more than 40 m to the west of the subject site in the 1970s and 1980s.

#### Chain of Title

Paterson requested a title search for the subject property from Read Abstracts Limited for the PIN constituting the subject property. At the time of issuance of this report, the chain of title had not been received. A copy will be forwarded to the client, should it contain any pertinent information.

# **Previous Engineering Reports**

The following reports were reviewed as part of this assessment:

"Phase I - Environmental Site Assessment, Vacant Residential and Commercial Buildings, 582, 588, 590 and 594 Rideau Street and 165, 167, 169 Charlotte Street, Ottawa, Ontario", prepared by Paterson, dated July 18, 2012.



The Phase I ESA recommended the completion of a Phase II ESA to assess any potential soil and groundwater impacts from the former on-site use of heating oil, potential historic dry cleaning operations, and fill material from the former structure addressed 592 Rideau Street. The adjacent properties to the east were also considered to pose an environmental concern to the property due to the historic presence of an automotive service garage and dry cleaning establishment (598 and 602 Rideau Street) and retail fuel outlet (600 Rideau Street). No concerns were identified with the use of the subject site or neighbouring properties at the time of the Phase I ESA.

 "Geotechnical Investigation, Proposed Multi-Storey Development, 590 to 594 Rideau Street, Ottawa, Ontario", prepared by Paterson, dated September 2012.

A geotechnical investigation, which included drilling four (4) boreholes and installing one (1) groundwater monitoring well, was conducted in July, 2012. Generally, the soil profile encountered at the borehole locations consisted of an asphalt surface followed by fill (silty sand matrix with gravel, cobbles, boulders and construction debris in former building footprint) overlying a native silty sand and silty clay layer. Practical refusal to DCPT was encountered at 21 and 22 meters below ground surface in BH1 and BH3, respectively.

Paterson has conducted a number of environmental site assessments and geotechnical investigations in the vicinity of the subject site. These reports were also reviewed as part of this assessment.

# **Current Plan of Survey**

A plan of survey, prepared by Annis O'Sullivan Vollebekk Limited (2004), was reviewed as part of this assessment. The plan shows the subject site with three (3) buildings that have since been demolished.

# 4.2 Environmental Source Information

#### **Environment Canada**

A search of the National Pollutant Release Inventory (NPRI) was conducted electronically on February 24, 2016. The subject site and adjacent properties were not listed in the NPRI database. No records of pollutant release were listed in the database for properties located within the Phase I Study Area.



# **PCB Inventory**

A search of national PCB waste storage sites was conducted. No PCB waste storage sites are located within the Phase I study area.

# **Ontario Ministry of Environment (MOECC) Instruments**

A request was submitted to the MOECC Freedom of Information office for information with respect to certificates of approval, permits to take water, certificates of property use or any other similar MOECC issued instruments for the site. At the time of issuance of this report, a response had not been received. A copy of the response will be forwarded to the client, should it contain any pertinent information.

# **MOECC Coal Gasification Plant Inventory**

The Ontario Ministry of Environment document titled "Municipal Coal Gasification Plant Site Inventory, 1991" was reviewed to reference the locations of former plants with respect to the site. No coal gasification plants were identified within the Phase I study area.

# **MOECC Incident Reports**

A request was submitted to the MOECC Freedom of Information office for information with respect to records concerning environmental incidents, orders, offences, spills, discharges of contaminants or inspections maintained by the MOE for the site or adjacent properties. At the time of issuance of this report, a response had not been received. A copy of the response will be forwarded to the client, should it contain any pertinent information.

# **MOECC Waste Management Records**

A request was submitted to the MOECC Freedom of Information office for information with respect to waste management records. At the time of issuance of this report, a response had not been received. A copy of the response will be forwarded to the client, should it contain any pertinent information.



#### **MOECC Submissions**

A request was submitted to the MOECC Freedom of Information office for information with respect to reports related to environmental conditions that have been submitted to the MOECC. At the time of issuance of this report, a response had not been received. A copy of the response will be forwarded to the client, should it contain any pertinent information.

# **MOECC Brownfields Environmental Site Registry**

A search of the MOECC Brownfields Environmental Site Registry was conducted as part of this assessment for the site, neighbouring properties and the general area of the site. There were no records for the subject site or neighbouring properties within the Phase I study area.

# **MOECC Waste Disposal Site Inventory**

The Ontario Ministry of Environment document titled "Waste Disposal Site Inventory in Ontario, 1991" was reviewed as part of the historical research. This document includes all recorded active and closed waste disposal sites, industrial manufactured gas plants and coal tar distillation plants in the Province of Ontario. No records of closed or active waste disposal sites were identified within the Phase I ESA study area.

# Areas of Natural Significance

A search for areas of natural significance and features within the Phase I study area was conducted on the web site of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) on February 24, 2016. No natural features or areas of natural significance were identified within the Phase I study area.

#### Technical Standards and Safety Authority (TSSA)

The TSSA, Fuels Safety Branch in Toronto was contacted electronically on February 24, 2016 to inquire about current and former underground storage tanks, spills and incidents for the site and neighbouring properties. The response from the TSSA indicated that there are no records for the subject site. The property adjacent to the east, addressed 596 Rideau Street, has a record of an active cylinder exchange. This activity is not considered to pose a concern to the subject site. A copy of the TSSA correspondence is included in Appendix 2.



# **City of Ottawa Landfill Document**

The document entitled "Old Landfill Management Strategy, Phase I – Identification of Sites, City of Ottawa", was reviewed. No landfill sites were identified within the Phase I study area.

# **City of Ottawa Historical Land Use Inventory (HLUI)**

A requisition form was sent to the City of Ottawa on March 4, 2016 to request information from the City's Historical Land Use Inventory (HLUI) database for the subject property. At the time of issuance of this report, a response had not been received. A copy of the response will be forwarded to the client, should it contain any pertinent information.

# 4.3 Physical Setting Sources

# **Aerial Photographs**

Historical air photos from the National Air Photo Library were reviewed in approximate ten (10) year intervals. The review period dates back to the first available air photos for the site. Based on the review, the following observations have been made:

1928	The subject property is occupied by four (4) structures. Adjacent buildings to the south are occupied by residential buildings. The property to the north, across Rideau Street, is occupied by a residential or possibly institutional building. The adjacent property to the east is occupied by a residential dwelling. The property to the west, across Charlotte Street, is occupied by a residential or commercial building.
1938	No significant changes have been made to the subject site or neighbouring properties.
1950	No significant changes have been made to the subject site or neighbouring properties. Charlotte Street, north of Rideau Street, has been realigned.
1956	No significant changes have been made to the subject site or neighbouring properties.



1968	No significant changes have been made to the subject site. Structures on a neighbouring property to the northwest, across the Rideau Street and Charlotte Street intersection, have been demolished and the land is vacant.
1993	A structure on the subject site (592 Rideau Street) has been demolished. The adjacent property to the east has been redeveloped with a commercial plaza. The vacant property to the northwest, across the intersection, has been redeveloped with a multi-storey residential building. No other significant changes have been made to the subject site or neighbouring properties.
2001	No significant change has been made to the subject property. A property northeast of the subject site has been developed with a multi-storey residential building. A building further to the west, along Rideau Street, has been demolished. No other apparent changes have been made to the neighbouring properties.
2014	(City of Ottawa website) The three (3) remaining buildings have been demolished. The subject site appears to be used as a park. The subject site is depicted as it appears today.

Laser copies of selected aerial photographs reviewed are included in Appendix 1.

# **Topographic Maps**

Topographic maps were obtained from Natural Resources Canada – The Atlas of Canada website and from the City of Ottawa website. The topographic maps indicate that the regional topography in the general area of the site slopes downward towards the Rideau River to the east. According to the map, the nearest water body is the Rideau River located 250 m to the east. An illustration of the referenced topographic map is presented on Figure 2 – Topographic Map, appended to this report.

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# Physiographic Maps

A Physiographic Map was reviewed from the Natural Resources Canada – The Atlas of Canada website. According to this physiographic map, the site is located in the St. Lawrence Lowlands. According to the mapping description provided: "The lowlands are plain-like areas that were all affected by the Pleistocene glaciations and are therefore covered by surficial deposits and other features associated with the ice sheets." The subject site is located in the Central St. Lawrence Lowland, which is generally less than 150 m above sea level.

# **Geological Maps**

The Geological Survey of Canada website on the Urban Geology of the National Capital Area was consulted as part of this assessment. Based on this information, bedrock in the area of the site consists of interbedded limestone and shale of the Verulam formation. Overburden soils are shown as erosional terraces with a drift thickness of 15 to 25 meters.

#### Water Well Records

A search of the MOECC online water well records database was completed on February 24, 2016, for all drilled wells within 250 m of the subject site. There was one (1) record in 2013 located near the intersection of Besserer and Charlotte Street, 35 m south of the subject site. No other information regarding this well was available.

# **Water Bodies and Areas of Natural Significance**

The Rideau River, located 250 m to the east, is the closest water body. No other areas of natural significance are known to exist within the Phase I study area.

#### 5.0 INTERVIEWS

#### **Property Owner Representative**

Mr. Kevin Yemm of Richcraft was interviewed by telephone and email as a part of this assessment. Mr. Yemm was selected for interview based on his knowledge of the site in his capacity as property owner representative. Mr. Yemm was aware of Paterson's previous work at the subject site and did not identify any additional Potentially Contaminating Activities or Areas of Potential Environmental Concern at the subject site.



The information obtained in this interview is consistent with site information obtained from other sources and is considered to be valid.

# 6.0 SITE RECONNAISSANCE

# 6.1 General Requirements

The site assessment was conducted by Paterson personnel on March 3, 2016. Access was provided to the entire subject site. In addition to the site, the uses of neighbouring properties within the Phase I study area were also assessed at the time of the site assessment.

# 6.2 Specific Observations at Phase I Property

# **Buildings and Structures**

There are currently no buildings on the subject property.

# **Underground Utilities**

Underground service locates were completed for the subject site in February 2016. A bell conduit was noted to be present along the southern property line.

# Storage Tanks

No aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) or evidence of underground storage tanks (USTs), or evidence of other fuel or chemical storage was observed on the subject site.

# **Water Source**

Surrounding properties are serviced by the City of Ottawa water system. The proposed development will be serviced by the municipal water system.

# **Unidentified Substances**

There were no unidentified substances on the exterior of the subject property at the time of this assessment.



# **Groundwater Monitoring Wells**

No groundwater monitoring wells were observed at the time of the assessment. The groundwater monitoring well installed as part of the geotechnical investigation is suspected to have been destroyed circa 2013 when the former buildings were demolished.

# **Sewage Works**

Surrounding properties are serviced by the City of Ottawa sewer system.

# Waste Storage and Disposal

The subject site is vacant and does not currently generate any waste. The waste management practices of the neighbouring properties are not considered to pose a risk to the subject land.

# Railway Lines

There are no existing railway lines within the Phase I study area.

# Ozone Depleting Substances (ODSs)

No potential sources of ODSs were observed on site during the assessment.

#### Site Features

The subject land is vacant and occupied by a temporary park. Drainage consists of infiltration.

# **Potentially Contaminating Activities (PCA)**

The site visit did not identify any Potentially Contaminating Activities at the subject site.

### **Neighbouring Properties**

An inspection of the neighbouring properties was conducted from publicly accessible roadways at the time of the site inspection. Land use adjacent to the subject site was as follows:

- North Rideau Street, followed by residential;
- South Residential, followed by Besserer Street;
- East Commercial plaza, followed by Wurtemburg Street;



West - Charlotte Street, followed by commercial/residential;

The current use of the neighbouring properties is not considered to pose an environmental concern to the subject site. Current land use in the Phase I study area is illustrated on Drawing: PE2706-3 – Surrounding Land Use Plan in the Figures section of this report, following the text.

# 7.0 REVIEW AND EVALUATION OF INFORMATION

# 7.1 Land Use History

The following table indicates the current and past uses of the site as well as any associated potentially contaminating activities dating back to the first developed use of the site (if present).

Table 1 - Land Use History								
Time Period	Land Use	Potentially Contaminating Activities	Potential Environmental Concerns					
Prior to 1896	Vacant	None	No					
1896 to 1933	Residential	None	No					
1933 to 1954	Residential/Commercial (potential dry cleaning establishments)	Potential use of dry cleaning chemicals	Yes					
1955 to 2013	Residential/Commercial	None	No					
2013 to Present	Vacant (temporary park)	None	No					

# **Potentially Contaminating Activities (PCAs)**

The former presence of dry cleaning establishments (that may have used chemicals) on the subject site represents historical Potentially Contaminating Activities. The historical presence of the dry cleaning establishments on the subject site is considered to represent Areas of Potential Environmental Concern (APECs) for the subject site.



The building formerly located at 592 Rideau Street was demolished between 1974 and 1984. It was considered possible that fill of questionable quality was used to backfill this building foundation. As a result, this former building foundation was also considered to represent an APEC on the subject site.

Vent and fill pipes were identified in a previous assessment prior to the demolition of the remaining structures circa 2013. The former on-site use of furnace oil represents an APEC on the subject site.

Off-site PCAs were identified in the Phase I study area, however, only one (1) of these PCAs were considered to represent an APEC on the eastern portion of the subject site. Land use within the Phase I study area is shown on Drawing PE2706-3 - Surrounding Land Use Plan.



# **Areas of Potential Environmental Concern (APECs)**

The Areas of Potential Environmental Concern identified in this Phase I ESA are described in Table 2.

Table 2						
Area of Potential Area of Potential Environmental Concern		Location of Area of Potential Environmental Concern with respect to Phase I Property	Potentially Contaminating Activity	Location of PCA (on- site or off- site)	Contaminants of Potential Concern	Media Potentially Impacted (Groundwater, Soil, and/or Sediment)
169	Rideau (167 and Charlotte and 594 Street)	Subject Property	Former dry cleaners (1933 to 1954); Item 37, Table 2, O.Reg. 153/04 (Operation of Dry Cleaning Equipment where chemicals are used)	On-site	VOCs	Soil, Groundwater
590 Street	Rideau	Subject Property	Former on-site use of furnace oil; Item 28, Table 2, O.Reg. 153/04 (Gasoline and Associated Products Storage in Fixed Tanks)	On-Site	PHCs (F1-F4) and BTEX	Soil, Groundwater
592 Street	Rideau	Subject Property	Backfilled building foundation (1974 and 1984); Item 30, Table 2, O.Reg. 153/04 (Importation of Fill Material of Unknown Quality)	On-Site	Metals	Soil
598 Street	Rideau	Eastern Portion of Phase I Property	Former Automobile Garage (1960s-1970s); Item 52, Table 2, O.Reg. 153/04 (Storage, maintenance, fuelling and repair of vehicles)	Off-site	PHCs (F1-F4) and VOCs	Soil, Groundwater
600 Street	Rideau	Eastern Portion of Phase I Property	Former Retail Fuel Outlet (1930s-1960s); Item 28, Table 2, O.Reg. 153/04 (Gasoline and Associated Products Storage in Fixed Tanks)	Off-site	PHCs (F1-F4) and BTEX	Soil, Groundwater
602 Street	Rideau	Eastern Portion of Phase I Property	Former dry cleaners (1960 to 1980); Item 37, Table 2, O.Reg. 153/04 (Operation of Dry Cleaning Equipment where chemicals are used)	Off-Site	VOCs	Groundwater

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### **Contaminants of Potential Concern**

Based on the uses of the subject site, the following Contaminants of Potential Concern (CPCs) have been identified:

- Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) this suite of parameters includes chlorinated solvents and gasoline related BTEX parameters. These parameters were selected as CPCs for the Phase I study area due to the potential former use of chemicals for dry cleaning and solvents at an automotive service garage. VOCs may be present in the soil matrix as well as in the dissolved phase in the groundwater system.
- Petroleum Hydrocarbons Fractions 1 through 4 (PHCs F1-F4) this suite of parameters encompasses gasoline (Fraction 1), diesel and fuel oil (Fraction 2), and heavy oils (Fractions 3 and 4). PHCs F1-F4 was selected as a CPC for the Phase I property based on the presence of the former automotive service garage and former retail fuel outlet located adjacent to the east. The former site buildings were also historically heated with furnace oil. PHCs may be present in the soil matrix, sorbed to soil particles, as well as in free or dissolved phase in the groundwater system. PHCs are generally considered to be LNAPLs light non-aqueous phase liquids, indicating that when present in sufficient concentrations above the solubility limit, they will partition into a separate phase above the water table, due to their lower density.
- Metals this suite of parameters encompasses various metals for which MOECC standards exist. Metals may be present in the soil matrix or dissolved in site groundwater. Metals were selected as CPCs for the Phase II property based on the potential placement of fill of questionable quality to backfill the foundation of a former building (592 Rideau Street).

# 7.2 Conceptual Site Model

# **Geological and Hydrogeological Setting**

Based on information from the Geological Survey of Canada, drift thickness in the area of the subject site is estimated to be on the order of 15 to 25 m. Overburden soils are shown as erosional terraces overlying bedrock consisting of interbedded limestone and shale of the Verulam formation.

#### Contaminants of Potential Concern

The CPCs identified in this Phase I ESA are listed in Section 7.1 of this report.



The mechanisms of contaminant transport within the site soils include physical transportation and leaching. Physical transport is anticipated to be a minor issue at the subject site. Leaching is anticipated to have been limited by the low permeability of the asphalt pavement and roofs which covered the majority of the site until 2013. As such, any contaminants identified in shallow soils are considered to have a low potential to have migrated to the groundwater below the site.

The mechanisms of contaminant transport within the groundwater system include advection, dispersion, and diffusion. Advection and dispersion will be the dominant mechanisms of contaminant transport in soils with higher hydraulic conductivities, such as sands, gravels, silts, and some glacial till soils, whereas diffusion will dominate in soils with lower hydraulic conductivity, such as clays.

# **Existing Buildings and Structures**

There are no buildings currently located on the subject site.

#### **Water Bodies**

There are no water bodies on the subject site or within the Phase I study area. The closest water body is the Rideau River, located approximately 250 m to the east of the site

# Areas of Natural Significance

No areas of natural significance were identified on the subject site or in the Phase I study area.

# **Drinking Water Wells**

No drinking water wells are currently located at the subject site. The water well records within the Phase I study area are for monitoring wells.

# **Neighbouring Land Use**

Neighbouring land use in the Phase I study area is currently residential and commercial



# Potentially Contaminating Activities and Areas of Potential Environmental Concern

As per Section 7.1 of this report, the historical presence of dry cleaners that may have used chemicals, the former on-site use of furnace oil and potential fill of questionable quality used to backfill a building foundation represent Areas of Potential Environment Concern (APECs) on the subject site. Additionally, the former retail fuel outlet, automotive service garage and dry cleaner adjacent to the east also represent Areas of Potential Environmental Concern (APECs). Other off-site Potentially Contaminating Activities (PCAs) identified within the Phase I study area are not considered to represent APECs with respect to the subject site.

# **Assessment of Uncertainty and/or Absence of Information**

The information available for review as part of the preparation of this Phase I ESA is considered to be sufficient to conclude that there are APECs on the subject site. This was confirmed by a variety of independent sources, and as such, the conclusions of this report are not affected by uncertainty which may be present with respect to the individual sources.

# 8.0 CONCLUSIONS

The results of the historical research, personal interviews, and the site inspection did identify areas of potential environmental concerns with respect to the subject site. In our opinion, a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment is required for the property.



#### STATEMENT OF LIMITATIONS 9.0

This Phase I - Environmental Site Assessment report has been prepared in general accordance with O.Reg. 153/04 as amended by O.Reg. 269/11, and meets the requirements of CSA Z768-01. The conclusions presented herein are based on information gathered from a limited historical review and field inspection program. The findings of the Phase I - ESA are based on a review of readily available geological, historical and regulatory information and a cursory review made at the time of the field assessment. The historical research relies on information supplied by others, such as, local, provincial and federal agencies and was limited within the scope-of-work, time and budget of the project herein.

Should any conditions be encountered at the subject site and/or historical information that differ from our findings, we request that we be notified immediately in order to allow for a reassessment.

This report was prepared for the sole use of Richcraft Group of Companies. Permission and notification from Richcraft and Paterson will be required to release this report to any other party.

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Google Maps/Street View.

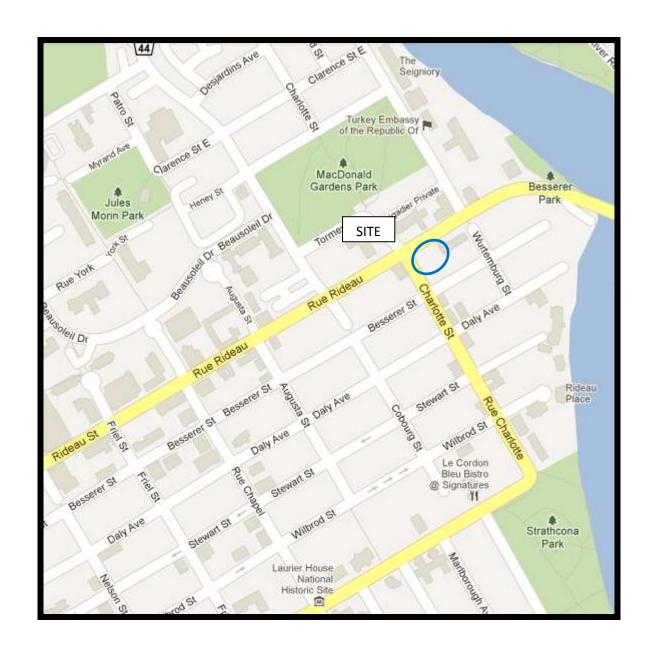
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FIGURE 1 – KEY PLAN

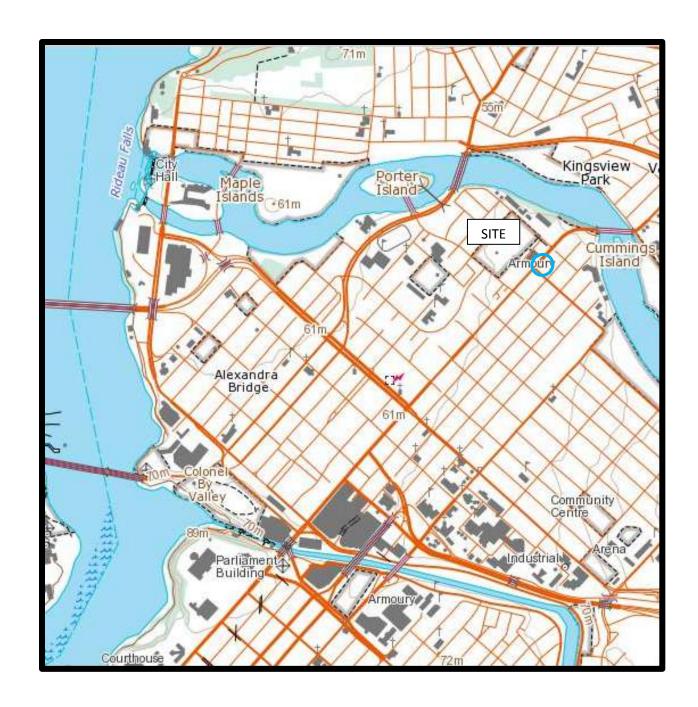
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**DRAWING PE2706-2 - SITE PLAN** 

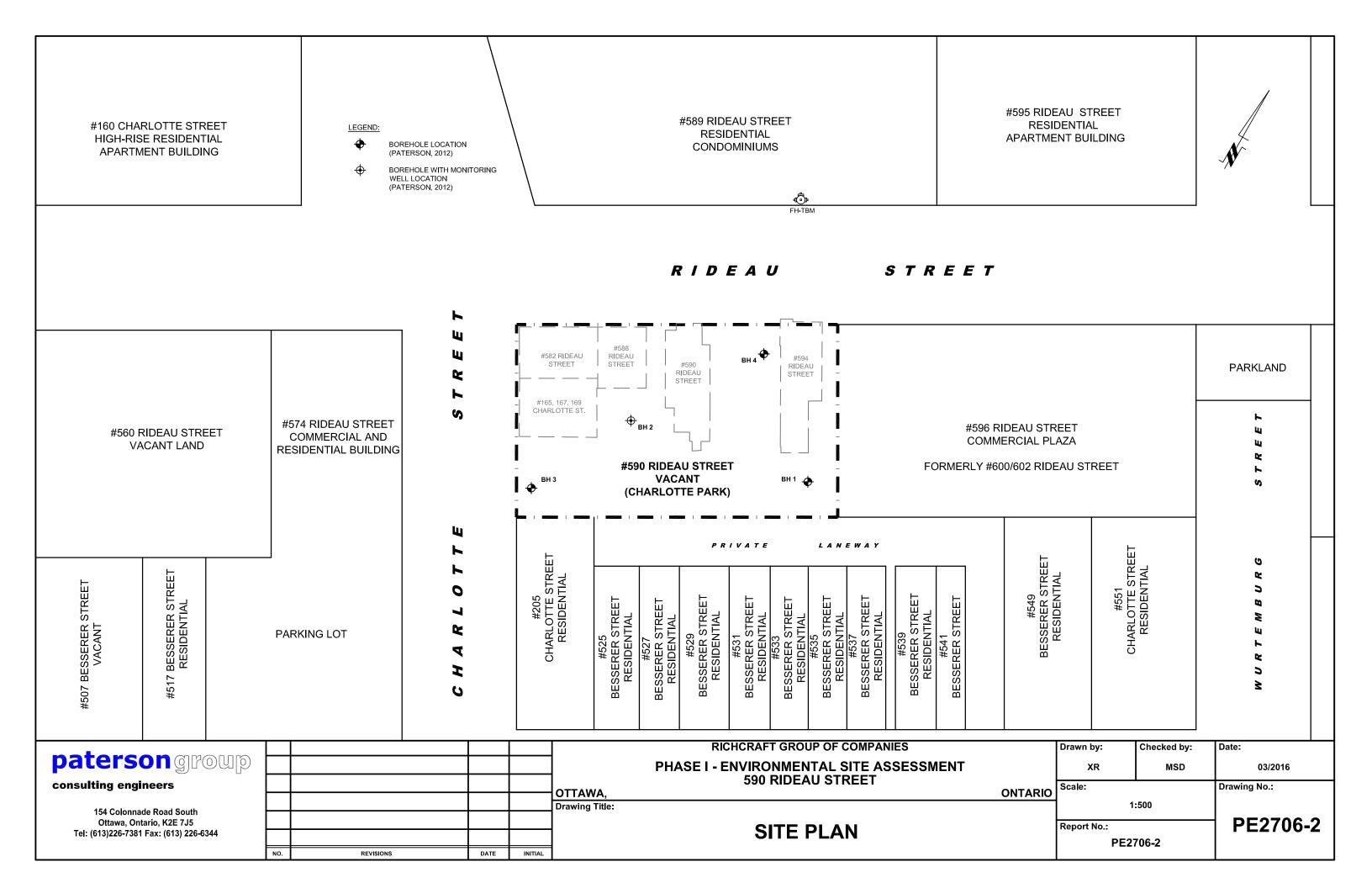
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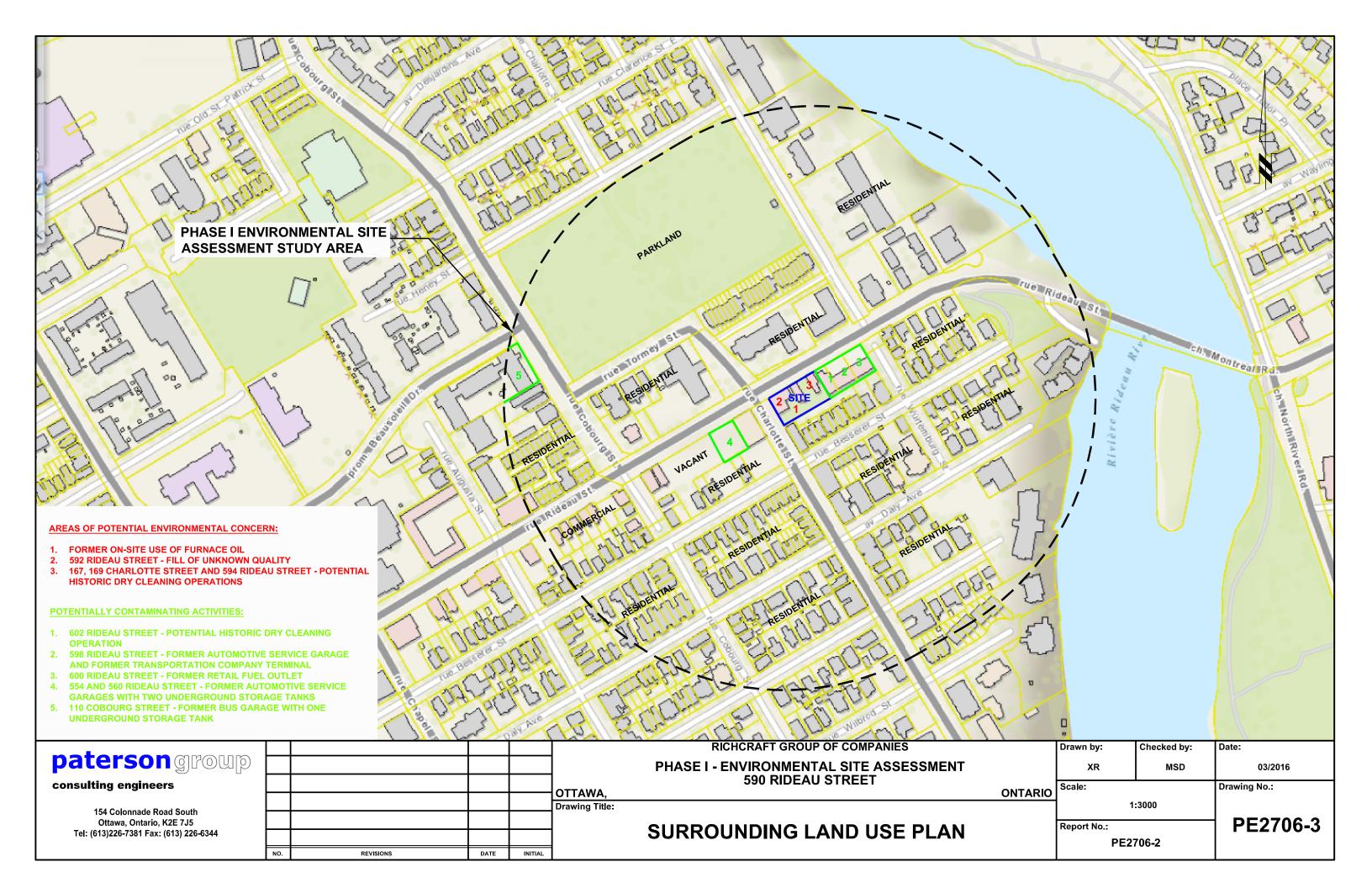


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# FIGURE 2 TOPOGRAPHIC MAP





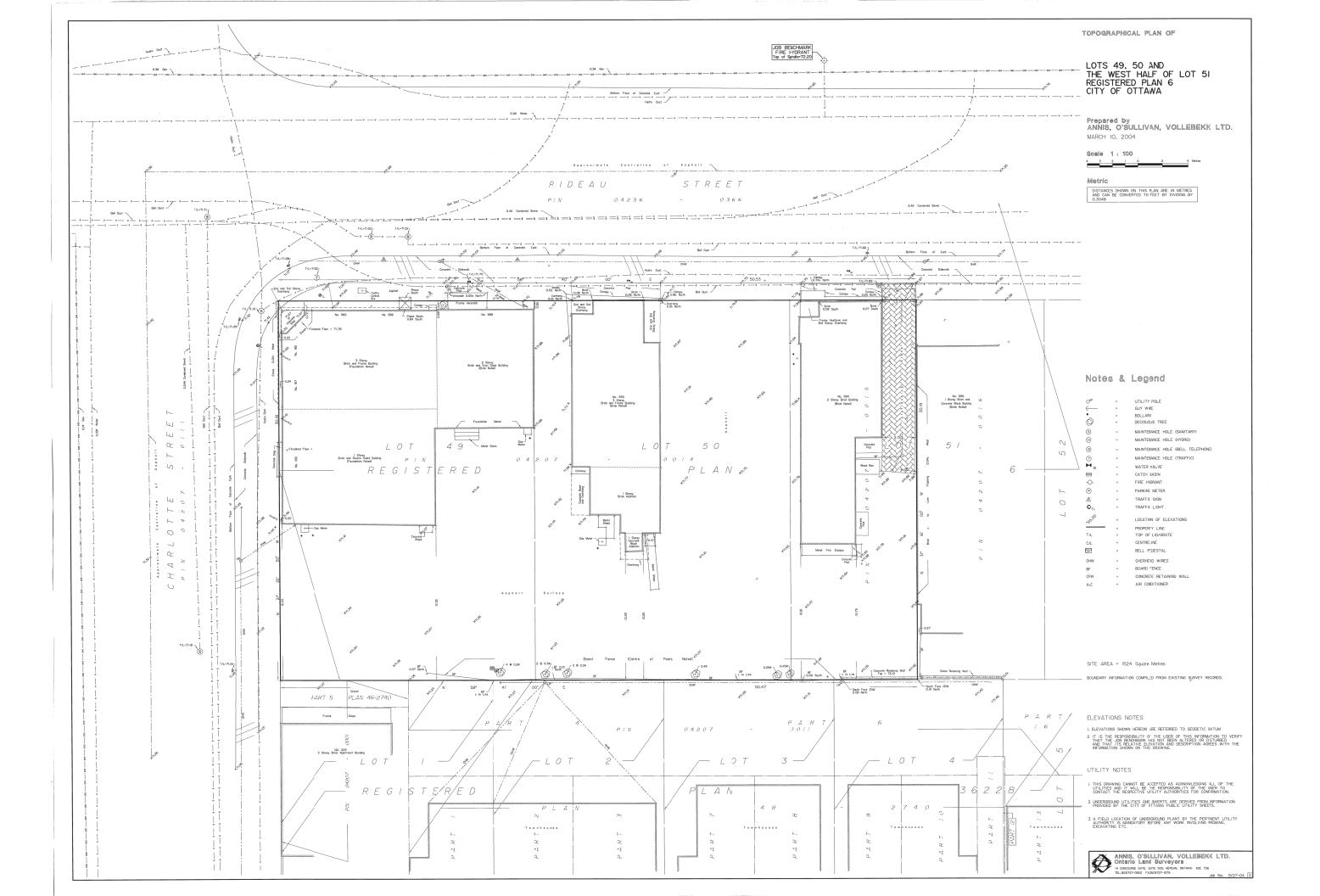
# **APPENDIX 1**

**CHAIN OF TITLE** 

**PLAN OF SURVEY** 

**AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHS** 

**SITE PHOTOGRAPHS** 

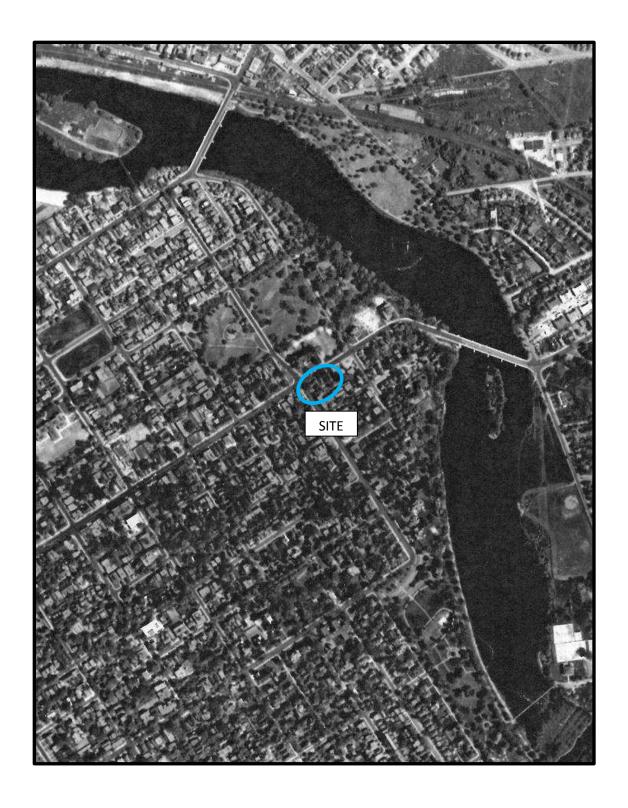




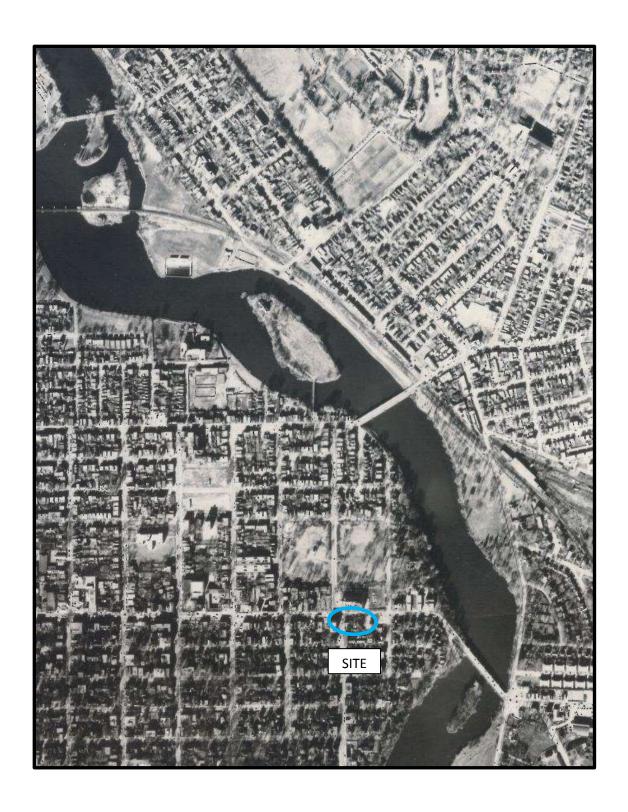
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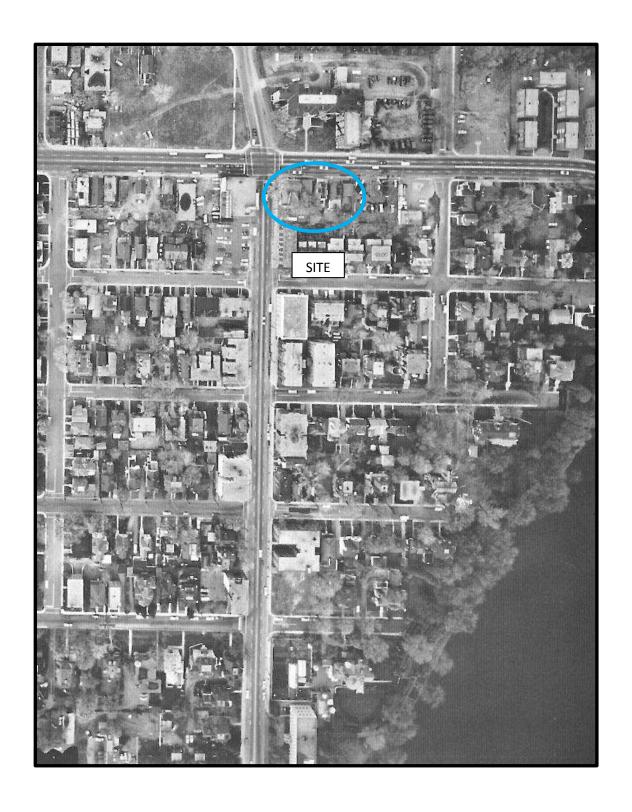
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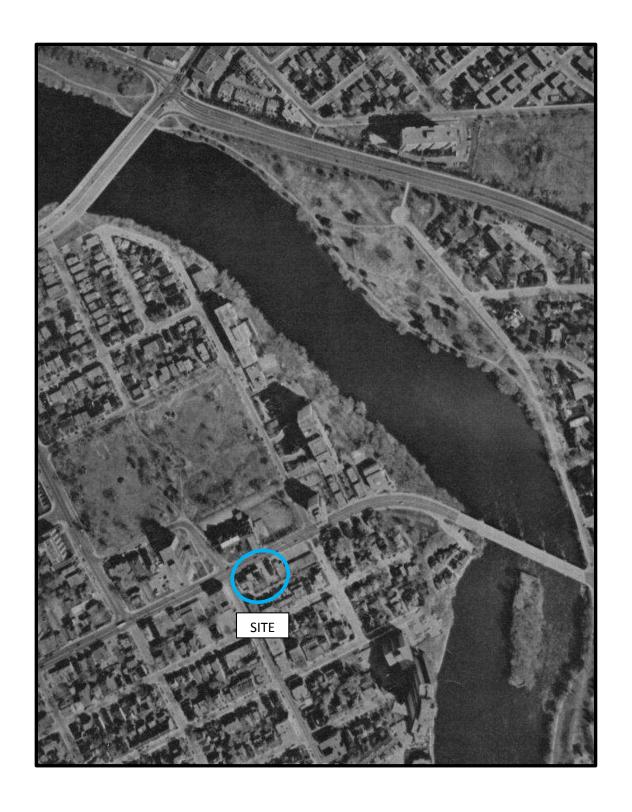
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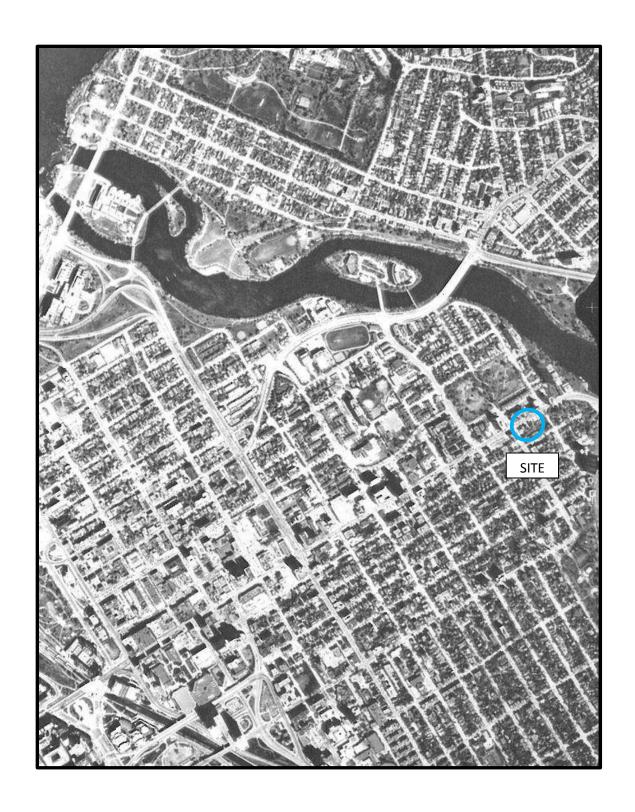


AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH 1968



AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH 1993

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AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH 2001

590 Rideau Street, Ottawa, Ontario

March 3, 2016



Photograph 1: Subject site, facing east along Rideau Street.



Photograph 2: Subject site, facing southwest towards Charlotte Street.

# **APPENDIX 2**

MOECC FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

TSSA CORRESPONDENCE

CITY OF OTTAWA HLUI SEARCH REQUEST

MOECC WELL RECORDS

# Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change

Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Office

12<sup>th</sup> Floor 40 St. Clair Avenue West Toronto ON M4V 1M2 Tel: (416) 314-4075 Fax: (416) 314-4285 Ministère de l'Environnement et de l'Action en matière de changement climatique

Bureau de l'accès à l'information et de la protection de la vie privée

12° étage 40, avenue St. Clair ouest Toronto ON M4V 1M2 Tél.: (416) 314-4075 Téléc.: (416) 314-4285



February 26, 2016

Xavier Redhead Paterson Group Inc. 154 Colonnade Road Ottawa, ON K2E 7J5

Dear Xavier Redhead:

RE: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act Request
Our File # A-2016-01226, Your Reference PE2706

The Ministry is in receipt of your request made pursuant to the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and has received your payment in the amount of \$5.00 (non-refundable application fee), along with your \$30.00 deposit.

The search is being conducted on the following: 590 to 594 Rideau St, Ottawa (even numbers only). If there is any discrepancy please contact us immediately.

You may expect a reply or additional communication as your request is processed. For your information, the Ministry charges for search, copying and preparation time.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Craig Jackson at (416) 212-0561.

Yours truly,

Jacqueline Gallacher FOI Manager (A)

#### **Xavier Redhead**

From: Ruchi Chohan [rchohan@tssa.org] on behalf of Public Information Services

[publicinformationservices@tssa.org]

**Sent:** February-24-16 12:42 PM

To: Xavier Redhead Subject: Xavier Redhead RE: 590 Rideau Street

Hello Xavier,

Thank you for your inquiry.

I have searched the below noted address (addresses) and I have located the following record:

596 Rideau St, Ottawa has record of an 1 active FS cylinder exchange.

For a more detailed report including underground fuel storage tank details and copies of all inspection reports, please submit your request in writing to Public Information Services via e-mail (<a href="mailto:publicinformationservices@tssa.org">public Information Services via e-mail (<a href="publicinformationservices@tssa.org">public Information Services@tssa.org</a>) or through with a cheque made payable to TSSA.

Thank you,

Ruchi

#### **Public Information Services**

Facilities & Business Services 3300 Bloor Street West Center Tower, 16th Floor Toronto, Ontario, M8X-2X4

Tel: 1-877-682-8772 Fax: (416) 734-3568 E-mail: publicinformationservices@tssa.org

www.tssa.org

From: Xavier Redhead [mailto:XRedhead@patersongroup.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, February 24, 2016 10:49 AM

To: Public Information Services Subject: 590 Rideau Street

Good morning,

Could you please complete a search of your records for underground/aboveground storage tanks, historical spills or other infractions for the following addresses for properties located in Ottawa, Ontario.

538, 574, 590, 589, 594, 595, 596 Rideau Street

160, 205 Charlotte Street

543 Besserer Street

Thank you,

# Ottawa

# **DISCLAIMER**

#### For use with HLUI Database

CITY OF OTTAWA ("the City") is the owner of the HISTORICAL LAND USE INVENTORY ("HLUI"), a database of information on the type and location of land uses within the geographic area of Ottawa, which had or have the potential to cause contamination in soil, groundwater or surface water.

The City, in providing information from the HLUI, to \_\_\_\_Paterson Group Inc.\_\_\_ ("the Requester") does so only under the following conditions and understanding:

- 1. This is a free service offered by the City.
- 2. The information which is contained in the HLUI has been compiled from publicly available records and other sources of information. The HLUI may contain erroneous information given that such records and sources of information may be flawed. Changes in municipal addresses over time may have introduced error in such records and sources of information. The City is not responsible for any errors or omissions in the HLUI and reserves the right to change and update the HLUI without further notice. The City does not, however, make any commitment to update the HLUI. Accordingly, all information from the HLUI is provided on an "as is" basis with no representation or warranty by the City with respect to the information's accuracy or exhaustiveness in responding to the request.
- 3. City staff will perform a search of the HLUI based on the information given by the Requester. City staff will make every effort to be accurate, however, the City does not provide an assurance, guarantee, warranty, representation (express or implied), as to the availability, accuracy, completeness or currency of information which will be provided to the Requester. The HLUI in no way confirms the presence or absence of contamination or pollution of any kind. The information provided by the City to the Requester is provided on the assumption that it will not be relied upon by any person whatsoever. The City denies all liability to any such persons attempting to rely on any information provided from the HLUI database.
- 4. The City, its employees, servants, agents, boards, officials or contractors take no responsibility for any actions, claims, losses, liability, judgments, demands, expenses, costs, damages or harm suffered by any person whatsoever including negligence in compiling or disseminating information in the HLUI.
- 5. Copyright is reserved to the City.
- 6. Any use of the information provided from the HLUI which a third party makes, or any reliance on or decisions to be based on it, are the responsibilities of such third parties. The City, its employees, servants, agents, boards, officials or contractors accept no responsibility for any damages, if any, suffered by a third party as a result of decisions made as a result of an information search of the HLUI.
- 7. Any use of this service by the Requestor indicates an acknowledgement, acceptance and limits of this disclaimer.
- 8. All information collected under this request and all records provided in response to this request are subject to the provisions of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.56, as amended.

Dated: March 4, 2016

Signed: 1 Wu Kalley

Per: Xavier Redhead, B.Eng.

(Please print name)

Title: Environmental Assessor Company: Paterson Group Inc. **Ottawa** 

# INFORMAL REQUEST FOR INFORMATION PROCESS CONFIDENTIAL

	File No.:	PE2706	
Request for Informati	on		

	(Informal Request)*				
1 1	DECLIECTED INFODMATION				
1.1	REQUESTER INFORMATION				
a)	Name of Requester: Xavier Redhead				
b)	Address of Requester: 154 Colonnade Road South, Ottawa, Ontario, K2E 7J5				
c)	Telephone Number: 613-226-7381				
ď)	Site Address: Lot- 590 Concession:				
,	Street: Rideau Street City/Town: Ottawa				
	Postal Code:				
e)	Legal Plan Attached: Yes ( ) No ( X )				
f)	Site Owners: Richcraft Homes Limited				
g)	Adjacent Property Owners:				
h)	Date of Ownership:				
,	Previous Owner(s):				
i)	Previous Owner(s): Type of Site: (x) vacant, () residential, () commercial,				
	( ) other (specify)				
j)	Requestors relationship to Site: Environmental Site Assessor				
k)	Date of Previous Request:				
1)	Date of Previous ESA: n/a				
m)	Information Requested: <u>Environmental Records (violations, sewer use</u>				
ir	nfractions, spills or leaks, waste disposal sites) and HLUI database for historical land				
	se in the area of the site.				
2. 0	CONFIDENTIALITY				
a)	Consent Required: (x) Owner () Tenant () Purchaser () Legal**				
b)	Consent Obtained: (x) Owner () Tenant () Purchaser () Legal**				
	*Will not be processed as a request for information pursuant to MFIPPA.				
	**(Consent letters must contain the information required, give authorization to requestor, and be dated and signed)				

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### **Consulting Engineers**

154 Colonnade Road South Ottawa, Ontario Canada, K2E 7J5 Tel: (613) 226-7381

Fax: (613) 226-6344

Geotechnical Engineering Environmental Engineering Hydrogeology Geological Engineering Materials Testing Building Science Archaeological Services

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February 24, 2016 File: PE2706-HLUI

City of Ottawa 110 Laurier Avenue W Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1J1

Subject:

**Authorization Letter, HLUI Search** 

**Phase I-Environmental Site Assessment** 

590 Rideau Street Ottawa, Ontario

Dear Sir or Madame.

Please consider this letter as confirmation that Paterson Group has been retained by the property owner to conduct a Phase I-Environmental Site Assessment at the aforementioned property.

With this letter, the property owner authorizes the City of Ottawa and other regulatory bodies to release, to Paterson Group, information requested for the purpose of completing an environmental assessment of the property.

Name of Company/Property Owner:	RICHCRAFT	HOMES	LTD.
Name of Representative	KEVIN	YEMM	
Authorization of Representative	Sku		
Date	01-MAR-2016		

# Well ID

Well ID Number: 7207989 Well Audit Number: *C19502* Well Tag Number: *A122883* 

This table contains information from the original well record and any subsequent updates.

# **Well Location**

**Address of Well Location** 

Township NEPEAN TOWNSHIP

Lot

Concession

County/District/Municipality OTTAWA-CARLETON

City/Town/Village

**Province** ON

Postal Code n/a

NAD83 — Zone 18

UTM Coordinates Easting: 447141.00

Northing: 5031169.00

**Municipal Plan and Sublot Number** 

Other

# **Overburden and Bedrock Materials Interval**

GeneralMost CommonOtherGeneralDepthDepthColourMaterialMaterialsDescriptionFromTo

# **Annular Space/Abandonment Sealing Record**

Depth Depth Type of Sealant Used Volume From To (Material and Type) Placed

# **Method of Construction & Well Use**

Method of Construction Well Use

# Status of Well

# **Construction Record - Casing**

Inside Diameter Open Hole or material Depth From To

# **Construction Record - Screen**

Outside Depth Depth Diameter To

# **Well Contractor and Well Technician Information**

Well Contractor's Licence Number: 7328

# **Results of Well Yield Testing**

After test of well yield, water was

If pumping discontinued, give reason

Pump intake set at

**Pumping Rate** 

**Duration of Pumping** 

Final water level

If flowing give rate

Recommended pump depth

Recommended pump rate

**Well Production** 

Disinfected?

# Draw Down & Recovery

Draw Down Time(min)	Draw Down Water level	Recovery Time(min)	Recovery Water level
SWL			
1		1	
2		2	
3		3	
4		4	
5		5	
10		10	
15		15	
20		20	
25		25	
30		30	
40		40	
45		45	
50		50	

60		60	
Water Details			
Water Found at Depth			Kind
Hole Diameter			
Depth From	Depth To	Diameter	
Audit Number: C19502			
Date Well Completed: March 19, 2013			
Date Well Record Received	d by MOE: September	17, 2013	

# **APPENDIX 3**

**QUALIFICATIONS OF ASSESSORS** 

# Mark S. D'Arcy, P. Eng.



#### **POSITION**

Associate and Supervisor of the Environmental Division Senior Environmental/Geotechnical Engineer

#### **EDUCATION**

Queen's University, B.A.Sc.Eng, 1991 Geotechnical / Geological Engineering

### Environmental Engineering

#### **MEMBERSHIPS**

Ottawa Geotechnical Group Professional Engineers of Ontario Consulting Engineers of Ontario

### Geotechnical Engineering

#### **EXPERIENCE**

1991 to Present

Paterson Group Inc.
Associate and Senior Environmental/Geotechnical Engineer

Environmental and Geotechnical Division Supervisor of the Environmental Division

## Materials Testing Quality Control

#### **SELECT LIST OF PROJECTS**

Mary River Exploration Mine Site - Northern Baffin Island

Rideau Centre Expansion project - Ottawa Agricultural Supply Facilities - Eastern Ontario Laboratory Facility – Edmonton (Alberta)

Building Science Ottawa International Airport - Contaminant Migration Study - Ottawa Investigation and Remediation – Cotton Mill Redevelopment, Cornwall

Billings Hurdman Interconnect - Ottawa

Bank Street Reconstruction - Ottawa

Environmental Review - Various Laboratories across Canada - CFIA

Dwyer Hill Training Centre - Ottawa

Hydrogeology Nortel Networks Environmental Monitoring - Carling Campus – Ottawa

Remediation Program - Block D Lands - Kingston Investigation of former landfill sites - City of Ottawa Record of Site Condition for Railway Lands - North Bay Assessment and Remediation - North Bay Airport Commercial Properties - Guelph and Brampton Brownfields Remediation - Alcan Site - Kingston

Archaeological Services

PWGSC Building – 90 Elgin Street - Ottawa Remediation Program - Ottawa Train Yards

MHLH Facility - CFB Petawawa

Ottawa Congress Centre

Lansdowne Park Redevelopment - Ottawa