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## **Geotechnical Investigation**

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### 1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Orange Design Build to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed residential building to be located at 243 & 245 Hinchey Avenue in the City of Ottawa, Ontario (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan in Appendix 2 of this report).

The objectives of the investigation were to:

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boreholes.										

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 Development

Based on the available drawings, the proposed development at the subject site is understood to consist of a low-rise, residential structure with 1 partial basement level. The proposed development will also include a covered bicycle parking area, landscaped areas and walkways surrounding the proposed building.



## 3.0 Method of Investigation

## 3.1 Field Investigation

#### Field Program

The field program for the investigation was carried out on February 28, 2020. At that time, 3 boreholes were advanced to a maximum depth of 6.1 m. The borehole locations were distributed in a manner to provide general coverage of the subject site. The approximate locations of the boreholes are shown on Drawing PG5272-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The boreholes were advanced using a track mounted drill rig operated by a two-person crew. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of our personnel under the direction of a senior engineer. The drilling procedure consisted of augering to the required depths at the selected locations, sampling and testing the overburden.

#### Sampling and In Situ Testing

Soil samples were collected from the boreholes using two different techniques, namely, sampled directly from the auger flights (AU) or collected using a 50 mm diameter split-spoon (SS) sampler. All samples were visually inspected and initially classified on site and subsequently placed in sealed plastic bags. All samples were transported to our laboratory for further examination and classification. The depths at which the auger and split spoon samples were recovered from the boreholes are shown as AU and SS, respectively, on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets presented in Appendix 1.

A 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.

Rock samples were recovered from each borehole using a core barrel and diamond drilling techniques. The depths at which rock core samples were recovered from the boreholes are shown as RC on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1.



A recovery value and a Rock Quality Designation (RQD) value were calculated for each drilled section (core run) of bedrock and are shown on the borehole logs. The recovery value is the ratio, in percentage, of the length of the bedrock sample recovered over the length of the drilled section (core run). The RQD value is the ratio, in percentage, of the total length of intact rock pieces longer than 100 mm in one core run over the length of the core run. These values are indicative of the quality of the bedrock.

The subsurface conditions observed in the test holes were recorded in detail in the field. The soil profiles are presented on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 of this report.

#### Groundwater

Groundwater monitoring wells were installed in the boreholes to permit monitoring of the groundwater levels subsequent to the completion of the sampling program.

## 3.2 Field Survey

The test hole locations were selected by Paterson to provide general coverage of the proposed development taking into consideration the existing site features and underground utilities. The test hole locations and ground surface elevation at each test hole location were surveyed by Paterson. The ground surface elevations at the borehole locations were referenced to a temporary benchmark (TBM), consisting of the mag nail located in a telephone pole at 251 Hinchey Avenue with a geodetic elevation of 63.51 m. The location of the test holes and ground surface elevation at each test hole location are presented on Drawing PG5272-1 - 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. Soil samples will be stored for a period of one month after this report is completed, unless otherwise directed.



### 4.0 Observations

#### 4.1 Surface Conditions

The subject site consists of 2 contiguous properties, 243 and 245 Hinchey Avenue. The property at 245 Hinchey Avenue is currently occupied by a single-family residential dwelling with associated landscaped areas and driveways.

The property at 243 Hinchey Avenue is generally vacant and consists of a gravel-surfaced parking area. However, based on available aerial photos, a residential dwelling was located at the east end of the site as recently as 1965, and was no longer present in 1976. Reference should be made to the aerial photographs in Figure 2 - Aerial Photograph - 1965 and Figure 3 - Aerial Photograph - 2017 which illustrate the former and present site conditions, respectively.

The subject site is bordered by a commercial property to the north, residential properties to the east and south, and Hinchey Avenue to the west. The existing ground surface across the site is relatively level at approximate geodetic elevation 62 to 63 m.

#### 4.2 Subsurface Profile

#### Overburden

Generally, the subsurface profile at the test hole locations consists of an approximate 0.4 to 1 m thickness of fill either at the existing ground surface or underlying the existing asphalt layer. The fill was generally observed to consist of a compact to dense, brown silty sand with gravel, crushed stone and occasional brick and organics.

#### **Bedrock**

Bedrock was encountered in the boreholes at depths ranging from 0.4 m in BH 3 to 1 m in BH 1, and was cored to a maximum depth of 6.1 m below the existing ground surface. The bedrock consisted of limestone which was poor to excellent in quality, based on the RQDs of the recovered rock core.

Based on available geological mapping, the bedrock at the subject site consists of limestone of the Bobcaygeon formation with a drift thickness of 1 to 3 m.



#### 4.3 Groundwater

Groundwater levels were measured in the groundwater monitoring wells on March 9, 2020. The observed groundwater levels are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1 - Summary of Groundwater Level Readings						
Test Hole Number	Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Groundwater Depth (m)	Groundwater Elevation (m)	Recording Date		
BH 1	62.80	0.97	61.83	March 9, 2020		
BH 2	62.92	0.69	62.23	March 9, 2020		
BH 3	63.01	0.83	62.18	March 9, 2020		

It should be noted that the groundwater levels could be influenced by surface water infiltrating the backfilled boreholes as well as perched water on the shllow bedrock surface. Long-term groundwater levels can also be estimated based on the observed colour and consistency of the recovered soil samples. Based on these observations, and our knowledge of the area, long-term groundwater table can be expected at approximately 3 to 4 m below ground surface. The recorded groundwater levels are noted on the applicable Soil Profile and Test Data sheet presented in Appendix 1.

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



#### 5.0 Discussion

#### 5.1 Geotechnical Assessment

From a geotechnical perspective, the subject site is suitable for the proposed building. It is recommended that the proposed building be founded on conventional shallow footings placed on clean, surface sounded bedrock.

Bedrock removal may be required for the building excavation and installation of site services. This is discussed further in Section 5.2.

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

## 5.2 Site Grading and Preparation

#### **Stripping Depth**

Topsoil, asphalt and fill, containing deleterious or organic materials, should be stripped from under any building, paved areas, pipe bedding and other settlement sensitive structures. Under paved areas, existing construction remnants, such as foundation walls, pipe ducts, etc., should be excavated to a minimum depth of 1 m below final grade.

#### **Bedrock Removal**

Hoe ramming is an option where the bedrock is weathered and/or where only small quantities of bedrock need to be removed. Where large quantities of bedrock need to be removed, line drilling and controlled blasting may be required. The blasting operations should be planned and completed under the guidance of a professional engineer with experience in blasting operations.

Prior to considering blasting operations, the blasting effects on the existing services, buildings and other structures should be addressed. A pre-blast or pre-construction survey of the existing structures located in proximity of the blasting operations should be conducted prior to commencing construction. The extent of the survey should be determined by the blasting consultant and sufficient to respond to any inquiries/claims related to the blasting operations.

As a general guideline, peak particle velocity (measured at the structures) should not exceed 25 mm/s during the blasting program to reduce the risks of damage to the existing structures.



The blasting operations should be planned and conducted under the supervision of a licensed professional engineer who is also an experienced blasting consultant.

#### **Vibration Considerations**

Construction operations could be the cause of vibrations, and possibly, sources of nuisance to the community. Therefore, means to reduce the vibration levels as much as possible should be incorporated in the construction operations to maintain a cooperative environment with the residents.

The following construction equipment could be the source of vibrations: hoe ram, compactor, dozer, crane, truck traffic, etc. Vibrations, whether caused by blasting operations or by construction operations, could be the cause or the source of detrimental vibrations on the nearby buildings and structures. Therefore, it is recommended that all vibrations be limited.

Two parameters determine the permissible vibrations, the maximum peak particle velocity and the frequency. For low frequency vibrations, the maximum allowable peak particle velocity is less than that for high frequency vibrations. As a guideline, the peak particle velocity should be less than 15 mm/s between frequencies of 4 to 12 Hz, and 50 mm/s above a frequency of 40 Hz (interpolate between 12 and 40 Hz). These guidelines are for current construction standards. Further, these guidelines are above perceptible human level and, in some cases, could be very disturbing to some people, therefore a pre-construction survey is recommended to minimize the risks of claims during or following the construction of the proposed building.

#### Fill Placement

Fill used for grading beneath the proposed building should consist of clean imported granular fill, such as Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (OPSS) Granular A or Granular B Type II. This material should be tested and approved prior to delivery to the site. The fill should be placed in lifts no greater than 300 mm thick and compacted using suitable compaction equipment for the lift thickness. Fill placed beneath the building and paved areas should be compacted to at least 98% of the material's standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).



Non-specified existing fill, along with site-excavated soil, can be used as general landscaping fill where settlement of the ground surface is of minor concern. This material should be spread in thin lifts and at least compacted by the tracks of the spreading equipment to minimize voids. If this material is to be used to build up the subgrade level for areas to be paved, it should be compacted in thin lifts to at least 95% of the material's SPMDD.

Non-specified existing fill and site-excavated soils are not suitable for use as backfill against foundation walls unless used in conjunction with a composite drainage membrane.

## 5.3 Foundation Design

#### **Bearing Resistance Values**

Footings placed on clean, surface sounded bedrock can be designed using a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **1,500 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the bearing resistance value at ULS.

A clean, surface-sounded bedrock bearing surface should be free of loose materials, and have no near surface seams, voids, fissures or open joints which can be detected from surface sounding with a rock hammer.

Footings bearing on an acceptable bedrock bearing surface and designed for the bearing resistance values provided herein will be subjected to negligible potential post-construction total and differential settlements.

#### **Lateral Support**

The bearing medium under footing-supported structures is required to be provided with adequate lateral support with respect to excavations and different foundation levels. Adequate lateral support is provided to a sound bedrock bearing medium when a plane extending horizontally and vertically from the footing perimeter at a minimum of 1H:6V (or shallower) passes through sound bedrock or a material of the same or higher capacity as the bedrock, such as concrete.



## 5.4 Design for Earthquakes

The site class for seismic site response can be taken as **Class C**. If a higher seismic site class is required (Class A or B), a site specific shear wave velocity test may be completed to accurately determine the applicable seismic site classification for foundation design of the proposed building, as presented in Table 4.1.8.4.A of the Ontario Building Code (OBC) 2012.

Soils underlying the subject site are not susceptible to liquefaction. Reference should be made to the latest revision of the OBC 2012 for a full discussion of the earthquake design requirements.

#### 5.5 Basement Floor Slab

With the removal of all topsoil and fill, containing significant amounts of deleterious or organic materials, the bedrock medium approved by Paterson personnel at the time of excavation will be considered an acceptable subgrade surface on which to commence backfilling for basement slab construction.

It is recommended that the upper 200 mm of sub-floor fill consist of 19 mm clear crushed stone. Further, a sub-slab drainage system, consisting of lines of perforated drainage pipe subdrains connected to a positive outlet, should be provided underlying the basement slab. This is discussed further in Subsection 6.1.

#### 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<sup>3</sup>.

Where undrained conditions are anticipated (i.e. below the groundwater level), the applicable effective (undrained) unit weight of the retained soil can be taken as 13 kN/m³, where applicable. A hydrostatic pressure should be added to the total static earth pressure when using the effective unit weight.

#### **Lateral Earth Pressures**

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



 $K_0$  = at-rest earth pressure coefficient of the applicable retained soil (0.5)

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

H = height of the wall (m)

An additional pressure having a magnitude equal to  $K_o \cdot q$  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 Earth Pressures**

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

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

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

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

H = height of the wall (m)

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

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

The earth force component ( $P_o$ ) under seismic conditions can be calculated using  $P_o = 0.5 \; K_o \; \gamma \; H^2$ , where  $K_o = 0.5$  for the soil conditions noted 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

It is not anticipated that a pavement structure is required for the proposed development, however, the recommended pavement structures for car only parking areas, heavy truck parking areas and access lanes are presented in Tables 2 and 3, should they be required at the subject site.

Table 2 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Car Only Parking Areas					
Thickness (mm)	Material Description				
50	Wear Course - HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete				
150	BASE - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone				
300	SUBBASE - OPSS Granular B Type II				
SUBGRADE - Either fill, in s soil or fill	itu soil, or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ				

Table 3 - Recommended Pavement Structure Access Lanes and Heavy Truck Parking Areas				
Thickness (mm)	Material Description			
40	Wear Course - HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete			
50	Binder Course - HL-8 or Superpave 19.0 Asphaltic Concrete			
150	BASE - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone			
450	SUBBASE - OPSS Granular B Type II			
SUBGRADE - Either fill, in situ soil, or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil or fill				

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.

Minimum Performance Graded (PG) 58-34 asphalt cement should be used for this project. The pavement granular base and subbase should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 99% of the material's SPMDD using suitable vibratory equipment.



## 6.0 Design and Construction Precautions

### 6.1 Foundation Drainage and Backfill

#### **Foundation Drainage**

It is recommended that a perimeter foundation drainage system be provided for the proposed 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 which is 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.

#### **Sub-slab Drainage**

Sub-slab drainage is recommended to control water infiltration. For preliminary design purposes, we recommend that 100 or 150 mm perforated pipes be placed at approximate 6 m centres underlying the basement slab. The spacing of the sub-slab drainage system should be confirmed at the time of completing the excavation when water infiltration can be better assessed.

#### **Foundation Backfill**

Backfill against the exterior sides of the foundation walls should consist of free-draining non frost susceptible granular materials. The greater part of the site excavated materials will be frost susceptible and, as such, are not recommended for re-use as backfill against the foundation walls, unless used in conjunction with a drainage geocomposite, such as Delta Drain 6000, connected to the perimeter foundation drainage system. Imported granular materials, such as clean sand or OPSS Granular B Type I granular material, should otherwise be used for this purpose. A waterproofing system should be provided for any elevator pits (pit bottom and walls).

## 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. Generally, a minimum of 1.5 m thick soil cover (or an equivalent combination of soil cover and foundation insulation) should be provided in this regard.



Exterior unheated footings, such as those anticipated for the covered bicycle parking area, 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.

However, foundations which are founded directly on clean, surface-sounded bedrock without cracks or fissures, and which is approved by Paterson at the time of construction, is not considered frost susceptible and does not require soil cover.

Where the bedrock is considered frost susceptible, foundation insulation will need to be provided or the frost susceptible bedrock will need to be removed and replaced with lean concrete (minimum 17 MPa 28-day strength).

## 6.3 Excavation Side Slopes

The side slopes of excavations in the 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. Based on the subsurface conditions encountered and the proposed building setback from the property lines, it is anticipated that sufficient space will be available to slope the excavation.

The excavation side slopes above the groundwater level extending to a maximum depth of 3 m should be excavated at 1H:1V or shallower. The shallower slope is required for excavation below groundwater level. The subsurface soils are considered to be a Type 2 and 3 soil according to the Occupational Health and Safety Act and Regulations for Construction Projects.

Excavated soil should not be stockpiled directly at the top of excavations and heavy equipment should be kept away from the excavation sides.

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

A trench box is recommended to protect personnel working in trenches with steep or vertical sides. Services are expected to be installed by "cut and cover" methods and excavations should not remain open for extended periods of time.

In sound bedrock, almost vertical side sloped can be constructed, provided all weathered and loose rock is removed or stabilized with rock anchors as per Paterson's recommendations. A minimum 1 m horizontal ledge should remain between the unsupported excavation and sound bedrock surface. The ledge will provide an area to allow for potential sloughing or a stable base for the shoring system.



Where vertical sides are constructed in sound bedrock, bedrock stabilization may be required. Specifically, horizontal anchors may be required at specific locations to prevent pop-outs of the bedrock, especially in areas where bedrock fractures are conducive to the failure of the bedrock surface.

The requirement for horizontal rock anchors should be evaluated by Paterson during the excavation operations and should be discussed with the structural engineer during the design stage.

#### **Underpinning of Adjacent Structures**

Due to the shallow depth to bedrock, it is expected that the existing buildings to the north and south of the subject site are founded on bedrock. Therefore, underpinning is not expected to be required at this site. However, an assessment should be completed by the geotechnical engineer at the time of excavation to confirm founding conditions of the existing buildings adjacent to the proposed building, in order to evaluate rock bolt locations and specific rock bolt details, should they be required.

### 6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill

A minimum of 150 mm of OPSS Granular A should be placed for bedding for sewer or water pipes when placed on a soil subgrade. If the bedding is placed on bedrock, the thickness of the bedding should be increased to 300 mm for sewer pipes. The bedding should extend to the spring line of the pipe. Cover material, from the spring line to a minimum of 300 mm above the obvert of the pipe, should consist of OPSS Granular A (concrete or PSM PVC pipes) or sand (concrete pipe). The bedding and cover materials should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick lifts and compacted to 98% of the SPMDD.

It should generally be possible to re-use the site materials above the cover material if the 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 1.5 m below finished grade) and above the cover material should match the soils exposed at the trench walls to minimize differential frost heaving. The trench backfill should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the material standard Proctor maximum dry density.



#### 6.5 Groundwater Control

It is anticipated that groundwater infiltration into the excavations should be controllable using open sumps. 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.

#### **Groundwater Control for Building Construction**

A temporary Ministry of Environment, Conservation and Parks (MECP) permit to take water (PTTW) may be required if more than 400,000 L/day of ground and/or surface water are to be pumped during the construction phase. At least 4 to 5 months should be allowed for completion of the application and issuance of the permit by the MECP.

For typical ground or surface water volumes being pumped during the construction phase, typically between 50,000 to 400,000 L/day, it is required to register on the Environmental Activity and Sector Registry (EASR). A minimum of two to four weeks should be allotted for completion of the EASR registration and the Water Taking and Discharge Plan to be prepared by a Qualified Person as stipulated under O.Reg. 63/16. If a project qualifies for a PTTW based upon anticipated conditions, an EASR will not be allowed as a temporary dewatering measure while awaiting the MECP review of the PTTW application.

#### Impacts on Neighbouring Properties

Based on the existing groundwater level and the depth of the proposed building, groundwater lowering is not expected to be required as part of construction. Further, due to the presence of shallow bedrock at, and in the vicinity of, the subject site, the neighbouring structures are expected to be founded on bedrock. Therefore, no issues are expected with respect to groundwater lowering that would cause long term adverse effects to adjacent structures surrounding the proposed building.

#### 6.6 Winter Construction

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

The subsoil conditions at this site mostly 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, tarpaulins or other suitable means. In this regard, the base of the excavations should be insulated from sub-zero temperatures immediately upon exposure and until such time as heat is adequately supplied to the building and the footings are protected with sufficient soil cover to prevent freezing at founding level.

The trench excavations should be carried out in a manner to avoid the introduction of frozen materials, snow or ice into the trenches.



## 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:

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

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



#### 8.0 Statement of Limitations

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

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

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

The present report applies only to the project described in this document. Use of this report for purposes other than those described herein or by person(s) other than Orange Design Build or their agents is not authorized without review by Paterson 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
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**SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA** 

Geotechnical Investigation Prop. Aparment Building - 24245 Hinchey Ave. Ottawa, Ontario

DATUM

TBM - Top spindle of fire hydrant located on the west side of Hinchey Avenue,

FILE NO.

across from subject subject site. Geodetic elevation = 63.342m.

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REMARKS

BORINGS BY CME-55 Low Clearance Drill

DATE 2020 February 28

BH 1

BORINGS BY CME-55 Low Clearance Drill			ill DATE 2020 February 28						BH 1	
SOIL DESCRIPTION	PLOT		SAN	/IPLE		DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)		st. Blows/0.3m nm Dia. Cone	Well Well
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		RC	2	100	91	2-	-60.80			
<b>BEDROCK:</b> Good to excellent quality, grey limestone		_				3-	-59.80			- 000
		RC	3	100	100	4-	-58.80			
		RC	4	100	97	5-	-57.80			
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(GWL @ 0.97m - March 9, 2020)										
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**DATUM** 

TBM - Top spindle of fire hydrant located on the west side of Hinchey Avenue, across from subject subject site. Geodetic elevation = 63.342m.

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**REMARKS** 

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HOLE NO.

**BH 2** BORINGS BY CME-55 Low Clearance Drill DATE 2020 February 28 Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m **SAMPLE** PLOT Monitoring Well Construction **DEPTH** ELEV. **SOIL DESCRIPTION** 50 mm Dia. Cone (m) (m) RECOVERY STRATA N VALUE or RQD NUMBER Water Content % **GROUND SURFACE** 80 20 0+62.92FILL: Brown silty sand with crushed 1 stone, some gravel 0.69 1+61.92RC 36 1 100 2+60.92 **BEDROCK:** Poor to excellent quality, grey limestone RC 2 100 84 - vertical seam from 0.7 to 1.0m depth 3+59.923 RC 100 90 4+58.92 End of Borehole (GWL @ 0.69m - March 9, 2020) 40 60 80 100 Shear Strength (kPa) ▲ Undisturbed △ Remoulded

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**SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA** 

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						3-	-60.01				
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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:

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

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

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

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

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

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

#### **SOIL DESCRIPTION (continued)**

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

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

#### **ROCK DESCRIPTION**

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

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

RQD %	ROCK QUALITY
90-100	Excellent, intact, very sound
75-90	Good, massive, moderately jointed or sound
50-75	Fair, blocky and seamy, fractured
25-50	Poor, shattered and very seamy or blocky, severely fractured
0-25	Very poor, crushed, very severely fractured

#### SAMPLE TYPES

SS	-	Split spoon sample (obtained in conjunction with the performing of the Standard Penetration Test (SPT))
TW	-	Thin wall tube or Shelby tube
PS	-	Piston sample
AU	-	Auger sample or bulk sample
WS	-	Wash sample
RC	-	Rock core sample (Core bit size AXT, BXL, etc.). Rock core samples are obtained with the use of standard diamond drilling bits.

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

#### **GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cu - Uniformity coefficient = D60 / D10

Cc and Cu are used to assess the grading of sands and gravels:

Well-graded gravels have: 1 < Cc < 3 and Cu > 4 Well-graded sands have: 1 < Cc < 3 and Cu > 6

Sands and gravels not meeting the above requirements are poorly-graded or uniformly-graded.

Cc and Cu are not applicable for the description of soils with more than 10% silt and clay

(more than 10% finer than 0.075 mm or the #200 sieve)

#### **CONSOLIDATION TEST**

p'<sub>o</sub> - Present effective overburden pressure at sample depth

p'c - Preconsolidation pressure of (maximum past pressure on) sample

Ccr - Recompression index (in effect at pressures below p'c)
Cc - Compression index (in effect at pressures above p'c)

OC Ratio Overconsolidaton ratio =  $p'_c/p'_o$ 

Void Ratio Initial sample void ratio = volume of voids / volume of solids

Wo - Initial water content (at start of consolidation test)

#### PERMEABILITY TEST

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

## SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

#### STRATA PLOT



#### MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION



## **APPENDIX 2**

**FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN** 

FIGURE 2 - AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH - 1965

FIGURE 3 - AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH - 2017

**DRAWING PG5272-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN** 



## FIGURE 1

**KEY PLAN** 

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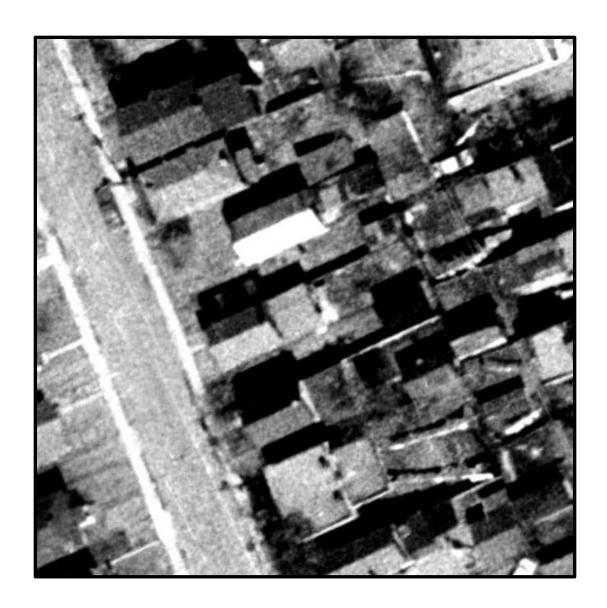


FIGURE 2

Aerial Photograph - 1965



FIGURE 3

Aerial Photograph - 2017

