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## 1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Neoteric Developments Inc. to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed residential development to be located at 160 Fifth Avenue, in the City of Ottawa, Ontario (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan in Appendix 2).

The objectives of the current investigation were to:

- ❑ Obtain subsurface soil and groundwater information by means of boreholes completed within the subject site.
- ❑ Provide geotechnical recommendations for 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. This report contains our findings and includes geotechnical recommendations pertaining to the design and construction of the subject development as 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 multi-storey residential building on the east end of the site, and townhouses on the remainder of the site to the west. It is understood that these structures will each have 1 basement level. Landscaped areas are also anticipated immediately surrounding the proposed buildings. It is also expected that the development will be municipally serviced.

## **3.0 Method of Investigation**

### **3.1 Field Investigation**

#### **Field Program**

The field program for the current investigation was completed on August 6, 2020, and consisted of 3 boreholes drilled to a maximum depth of 6.7 m. The borehole locations were chosen to provide general coverage of the proposed development. The locations of the boreholes are shown on Drawing PG5465-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

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

#### **Sampling and In Situ Testing**

Soil samples from the boreholes were recovered from the auger flights or a 50 mm diameter split-spoon sampler. All soil samples were visually inspected and classified on site. The auger and split spoon samples were placed in sealed plastic bags and transported to our laboratory for further examination and classification. The depths at which the auger and split spoon samples were recovered from the test holes are shown as, AU and SS, 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.

The overburden soil thickness was evaluated during the course of the investigation by dynamic cone penetration testing (DCPT) at BH 1. The DCPT consists of driving a steel drill rod, equipped with a 50 mm diameter cone at its 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 depth increment.

The subsurface conditions observed in the boreholes were recorded in detail in the field. The soil profiles are logged on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets presented in Appendix 1.

## **Sample Storage**

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

## **3.2 Field Survey**

The location and ground surface elevation at each borehole location was surveyed by Paterson personnel. The ground surface elevations at the borehole locations were surveyed with respect to a temporary benchmark (TBM), consisting of the top spindle of the fire hydrant located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and Monk Street. A geodetic elevation of 71.04 m was provided for the TBM on the survey plan prepared for the subject site by Farley, Smith & Denis Surveying Ltd. The borehole locations and ground surface elevations at the borehole locations along with the TBM location are presented on Drawing PG5465-1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

## **3.3 Laboratory Testing**

All soil samples were recovered from the subject site and visually examined in our laboratory to review the soil investigation results.

## **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 analyzed to determine the concentrations of sulphate and chloride, the resistivity and the pH of the sample. The analytical test results are presented in Appendix 1 and discussed in Subsection 6.7.

## **4.0 Observations**

### **4.1 Surface Conditions**

Currently, the subject site is occupied by a church structure which is generally surrounded by landscaped areas with an asphalt-paved driveway on the south end of the site. The subject side is bordered by Fifth Avenue to the north, Monk Avenue to the east, and residential properties to the south and west. The existing ground surface across the site is relatively level at approximate geodetic elevation 71 m.

### **4.2 Subsurface Profile**

Generally, the subsurface soil profile encountered at the borehole locations consists of an asphalt or topsoil surface underlain by fill which extends to approximate depths of 0.6 to 0.9 m below the existing ground surface. The fill was generally observed to vary from a crushed stone to silty sand with trace gravel.

Underlying the fill, a silty fine sand to sandy silt was encountered. The upper 1 to 2 m was generally loose, becoming compact below these depths. This deposit extended to the bottom depths of the boreholes at 6.4 to 6.7 m, where running sand was encountered.

Practical refusal to the DCPT was encountered in BH 1 at an approximate depth of 11.45 m below the existing ground surface.

#### **Bedrock**

Based on available geological mapping, the subject site is located in an area where the bedrock consists of interbedded limestone and shale of the Verulam Formation with an approximate drift thickness of 10 to 15 m.

### **4.3 Groundwater**

Based on field observations within the boreholes and knowledge of the groundwater within the local area of the subject site, the long-term groundwater table can be expected between an approximate 5 to 6 m depth.

However, 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 residential development. It is recommended that the proposed buildings be founded on conventional spread footings bearing on the undisturbed, compact silty sand/sandy silt.

Should the removal of the existing structure, which contains a basement level, extend below the proposed underside of footing elevation, engineered fill should be placed and compacted from the undisturbed, compact silty sand/sandy silt to the underside of footing elevation.

If the footings of the proposed buildings are to extend within the lateral support zone of adjacent building foundations, underpinning of the structures would be required. This is discussed further in Section 6.3.

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

### **5.2 Site Grading and Preparation**

#### **Stripping Depth**

Topsoil and deleterious fill, such as those containing organic materials, should be stripped from under the proposed buildings, paved areas, pipe bedding and other settlement sensitive structures.

Existing foundation walls and other construction debris should be entirely removed from within the perimeter of the proposed buildings. Under paved areas, existing construction remnants such as foundation walls should be excavated to a minimum of 1 m below final grade.

#### **Fill Placement**

Fill used for grading beneath the building areas should consist, unless otherwise specified, 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 its 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. These materials should be spread in thin lifts and at least compacted by the tracks of the spreading equipment to minimize voids. If these materials are to be used to build up the subgrade level for areas to be paved, they should be compacted in thin lifts to a minimum density of 95% of their respective SPMDD.

## **5.3 Foundation Design**

### **Conventional Spread Footings**

Footings placed over a bearing surface consisting of undisturbed, compact silty sand/sandy silt, or engineered fill placed directly over the undisturbed, compact silty sand/sandy silt, can be designed using a bearing resistance value at serviceability limit states (SLS) of **200 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **300 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the above noted bearing resistance value at ULS.

An undisturbed soil bearing surface consists of a surface from which all topsoil and deleterious materials, such as loose, frozen or disturbed soil, whether in situ or not, have been removed, in the dry, prior to the placement of concrete for footings.

Footings designed using the bearing resistance value at SLS provided herein will be subjected to potential post-construction total and differential settlements of 25 and 20 mm, respectively.

### **Lateral Support**

The bearing medium under footing- or raft-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 compact silty sand, sandy silt, or engineered fill bearing medium when a plane extending down and out from the bottom edge of the footing at a minimum of 1.5H:1V (or flatter) passes only through in situ soil or engineered fill.

## 5.4 Design for Earthquakes

The site class for seismic site response can be taken as **Class C** for the foundations considered at this site. The soils underlying the subject site are not susceptible to liquefaction. Refer to the latest revision of the 2012 Ontario Building Code for a full discussion of the earthquake design requirements.

## 5.5 Basement Slab

With the removal of all topsoil and deleterious fill from within the footprint of the proposed buildings, the native soil surface will be considered an acceptable subgrade on which to commence backfilling for floor slab construction.

Any soft areas should be removed and backfilled with appropriate backfill material prior to placing any fill. OPSS Granular B Type II, with a maximum particle size of 50 mm, are recommended for backfilling below the floor slab.

It is recommended that the upper 200 mm of sub-floor fill consists of 19 mm clear crushed stone. All back fill material within the footprints of the proposed buildings should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose layers and compacted to at least 98% of the SPMDD.

An underslab drainage system, consisting of lines of perforated drainage pipe subdrains connected to a positive outlet, should be provided under the lowest level floor slabs. The spacing of the underslab drainage pipes can be determined at the time of construction to confirm groundwater infiltration levels, if any. 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  $20 \text{ kN/m}^3$ .

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  $13 \text{ kN/m}^3$ , 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:

$K_o$  = at-rest earth pressure coefficient of the applicable retained soil, 0.5  
 $\gamma$  = unit weight of the applicable retained soil ( $\text{kN/m}^3$ )  
 $H$  = 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:

$a_c = (1.45 \cdot a_{\max}/g) a_{\max}$   
 $\gamma$  = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil ( $\text{kN/m}^3$ )  
 $H$  = 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

For design purposes, the pavement structures presented in the following tables are recommended to be used for the design of car only parking areas and access lanes.

<b>Table 1 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Car Only Parking Areas</b>	
<b>Thickness (mm)</b>	<b>Material Description</b>
50	<b>Wear Course</b> - HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
150	<b>BASE</b> - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
300	<b>SUBBASE</b> - OPSS Granular B Type II
	<b>SUBGRADE</b> - In situ soil, or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil

<b>Table 2 - Recommended Pavement Structure Access Lanes and Heavy Truck Parking Areas</b>	
<b>Thickness (mm)</b>	<b>Material Description</b>
40	<b>Wear Course</b> - HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
50	<b>Binder Course</b> - HL-8 or Superpave 19.0 Asphaltic Concrete
150	<b>BASE</b> - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
450	<b>SUBBASE</b> - OPSS Granular B Type II
	<b>SUBGRADE</b> - In situ soil, or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil

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 99% of the material's SPMD using suitable vibratory equipment.

## **6.0 Design and Construction Precautions**

### **6.1 Foundation Drainage and Backfill**

#### **Foundation Drainage**

A perimeter foundation drainage system is recommended for each proposed structure. The system should consist of a 100 to 150 mm diameter, geotextile-wrapped, perforated and corrugated plastic pipe which is surrounded on all sides by 150 mm of 10 mm clear crushed stone and 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.

#### **Underslab Drainage**

For design purposes, it is recommended that 150 mm diameter perforated pipes be placed at approximate 6 m centres below the lowest level floor slabs. The spacing of the underslab 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.

### **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 minimum of 0.6 m of soil cover in conjunction with foundation insulation, should be provided.

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.

Should the proposed buildings contain walk-out basement patios, foundation insulation would be required for these areas. Specific foundation insulation details for these areas can be provided upon request.

## **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.

### **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.

### **Temporary Shoring**

Temporary shoring may be required to support the overburden soils. The design and approval of the shoring system will be the responsibility of the shoring contractor and the shoring designer who is a licensed professional engineer and is hired by the shoring contractor. It is the responsibility of the shoring contractor to ensure that the temporary shoring is in compliance with safety requirements, designed to avoid any damage to adjacent structures and include dewatering control measures. In the event that subsurface conditions differ from the approved design during the actual installation, it is the responsibility of the shoring contractor to commission the required experts to re-assess the design and implement the required changes. Furthermore, the design of the temporary shoring system should take into consideration a full hydrostatic condition which can occur during significant precipitation events.

The temporary shoring system may consist of a soldier pile and lagging system or steel sheet piles which could be cantilevered, anchored or braced. The shoring system is recommended to be adequately supported to resist toe failure.

Any additional loading due to street traffic, construction equipment, adjacent structures and facilities, etc., should be added to the earth pressures described below. The earth pressures acting on the shoring system may be calculated using the following parameters.

<b>Table 3 - Soil Parameters</b>	
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Values</b>
Active Earth Pressure Coefficient ( $K_a$ )	0.33
Passive Earth Pressure Coefficient ( $K_p$ )	3
At-Rest Earth Pressure Coefficient ( $K_o$ )	0.5
Unit Weight ( $\gamma$ ), kN/m <sup>3</sup>	21
Submerged Unit Weight ( $\gamma$ ), kN/m <sup>3</sup>	13

The active earth pressure should be calculated where wall movements are permissible while the at-rest pressure should be calculated if no movement is permissible. The dry unit weight should be calculated above the groundwater level while the effective unit weight should be calculated below the groundwater level.

The hydrostatic groundwater pressure should be included to the earth pressure distribution wherever the effective unit weight are calculated for earth pressures. If the groundwater level is lowered, the dry unit weight for the soil should be calculated full weight, with no hydrostatic groundwater pressure component.

For design purposes, the minimum factor of safety of 1.5 should be calculated.

### **Underpinning of Adjacent Structures**

If the footings of the proposed buildings are to extend within the lateral support zone of adjacent building foundations, underpinning of the structures would be required. The depth of the underpinning will be dependent on the depth of the neighbouring foundations relative to the founding depth of the proposed building at the subject site. It is recommended that requirements for underpinning be evaluated prior to the start of construction or at the start of construction.

## 6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill

The pipe bedding for sewer and water pipes should consist of at least 150 mm of OPSS Granular A material. The material should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the SPMDD. The bedding material should extend at least to the spring line of the pipe.

The cover material, which should consist of OPSS Granular A, should extend from the spring line of the pipe to at least 300 mm above the obvert of the pipe. The material should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the SPMDD.

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 SPMDD.

## 6.5 Groundwater Control

It is anticipated that groundwater infiltration into the excavations should be low to moderate and 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.

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



## **6.6 Winter Construction**

Precautions should be considered if construction occurs during the winter. The subsurface soil conditions 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. The base of the excavations should be insulated from sub-zero temperatures immediately upon exposure and until 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 difficult activities to complete during winter without introducing frost in the excavation subgrade base or walls. Precautions should be considered if such activities are to be completed during sub-zero temperatures.

## **6.7 Corrosion Potential and Sulphate**

The results of analytical testing show that the sulphate content is less than 0.1%. This result is indicative that Type 10 Portland cement (normal cement) would be appropriate for this site. The chloride content and the pH of the sample indicate that they are not significant factors in creating a corrosive environment for exposed ferrous metals at this site, whereas the resistivity is indicative of a non aggressive to slightly aggressive corrosive environment.

## 7.0 Recommendations

The following material testing and observation program should be performed by a geotechnical consultant and is required for the foundation design data provided herein to be applicable:

- ☐ 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 the completion of a satisfactory inspection program by the geotechnical consultant.

## 8.0 Statement of Limitations

The recommendations provided are in accordance with the present understanding of the project. Paterson requests permission to review the recommendations when the drawings and specifications are completed.

A soils investigation is a limited sampling of a site. Should any conditions at the site be encountered which differ from those at the test locations, Paterson requests 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 the 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 Neoteric Developments Inc. or their agents is not authorized without review by Paterson for the applicability of our recommendations to the alternative use of the report.

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# **APPENDIX 1**

**SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA SHEETS**

**SYMBOLS AND TERMS**

**ANALYTICAL TESTING RESULTS**

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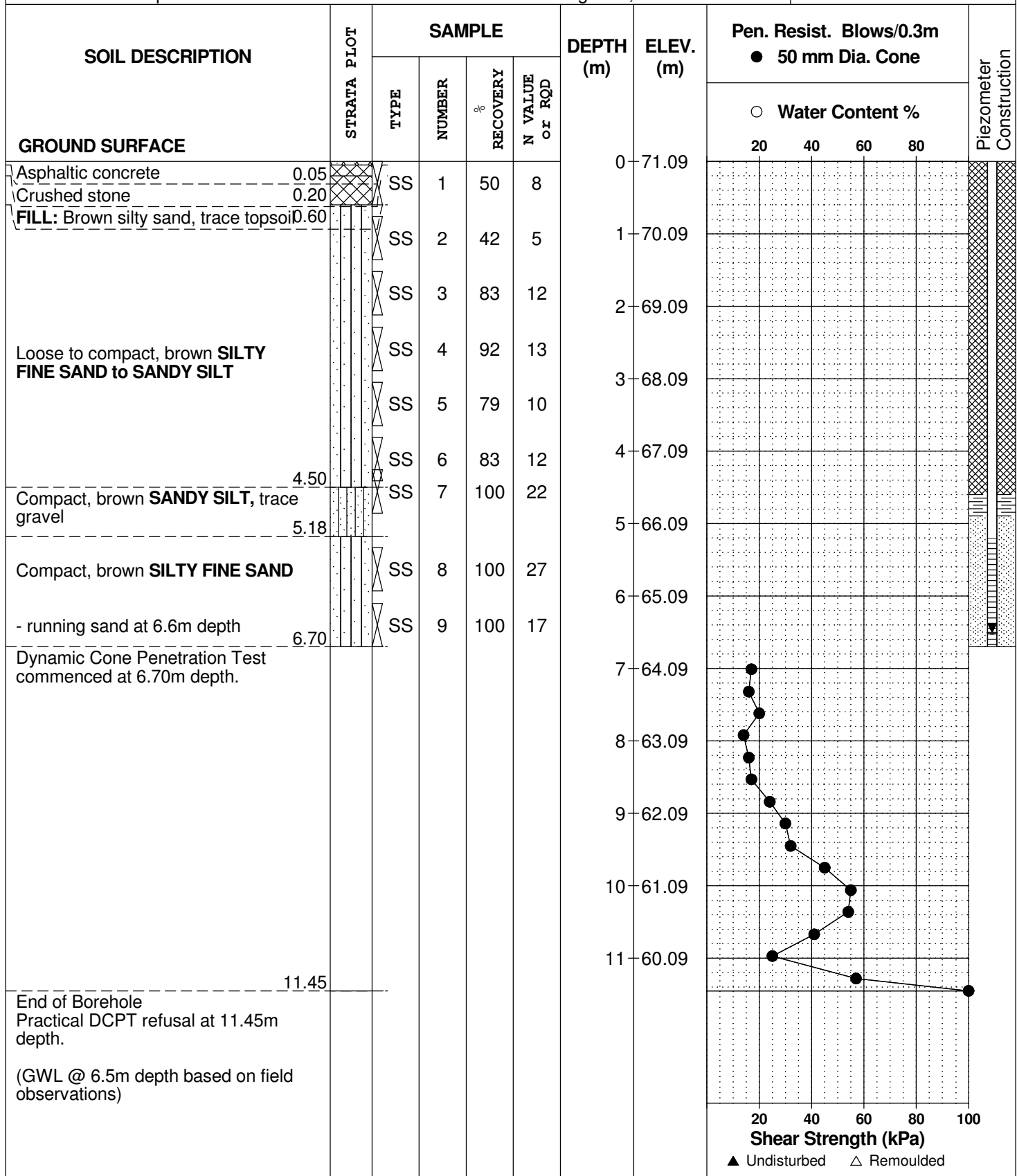
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**BH 2**

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Piezometer Construction
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %				
								20	40	60	80	
GROUND SURFACE												
Asphaltic concrete 0.05		SS	1	50	6	0	70.81					
FILL: Brown silty sand, trace gravel0.56												
Loose to compact, brown SILTY FINE SAND to SANDY SILT		SS	2	67	7	1	69.81					
		SS	3	75	9	2	68.81					
		SS	4	62	13							
		SS	5	62	10	3	67.81					
Compact, brown SANDY SILT												
		SS	6	58	20	4	66.81					
Compact, light brown SILTY FINE SAND		SS	7	100	20	5	65.81					
		SS	8	100	15							
		SS	9	67	22	6	64.81					
- running sand at 6.1m depth												
End of Borehole												
(GWL @ 6.1m depth based on field observations)												

## SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

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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.

<b>RQD %</b>	<b>ROCK QUALITY</b>
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, %
LL	-	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 = $(D_{30})^2 / (D_{10} \times D_{60})$
Cu	-	Uniformity coefficient = $D_{60} / D_{10}$

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

$p'_o$	-	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		Overconsolidation 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

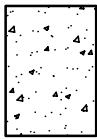
k	-	Coefficient of permeability or hydraulic conductivity is a measure of the ability of water to flow through the sample. The value of k is measured at a specified unit weight for (remoulded) cohesionless soil samples, because its value will vary with the unit weight or density of the sample during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

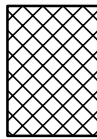
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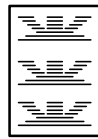
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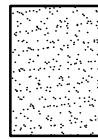
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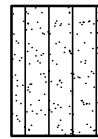
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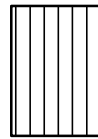
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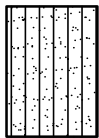
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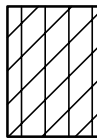
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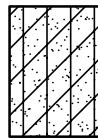
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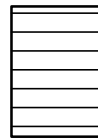
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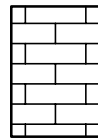
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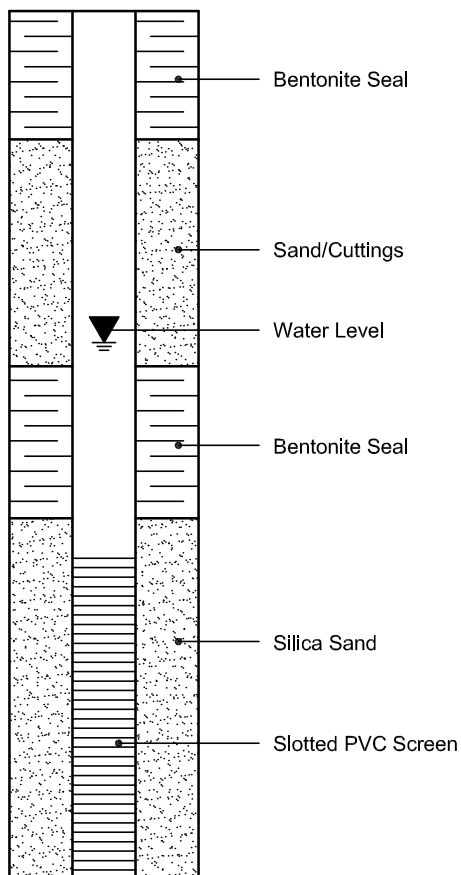
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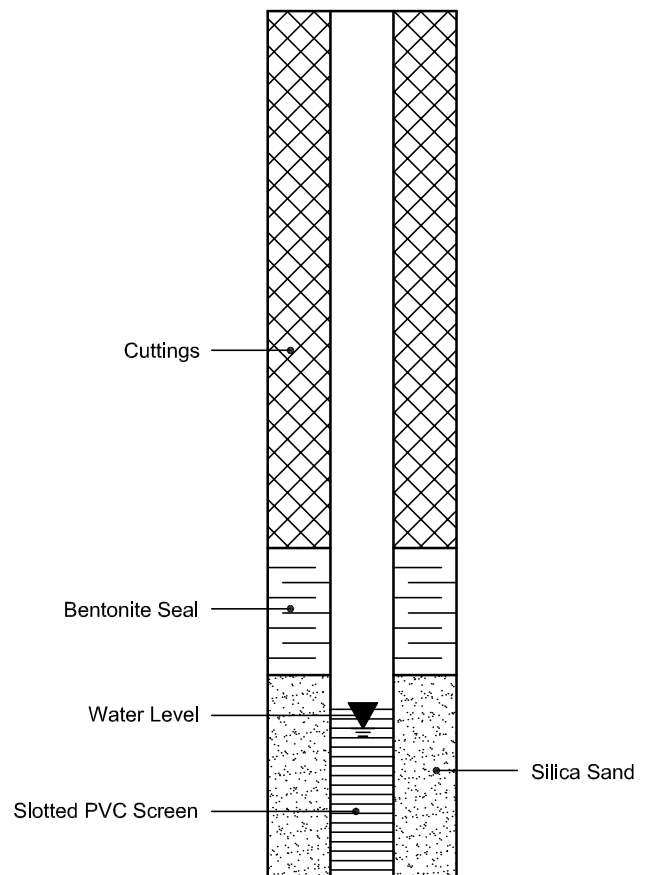
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### MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION

#### MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION



#### PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION



Certificate of Analysis

Report Date: 12-Aug-2020

Client: Paterson Group Consulting Engineers

Order Date: 7-Aug-2020

Client PO: 29739

Project Description: PG5465

Client ID:	BH1-SS3	-	-	-
Sample Date:	06-Aug-20 09:00	-	-	-
Sample ID:	2032477-01	-	-	-
MDL/Units	Soil	-	-	-

**Physical Characteristics**

% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	89.8	-	-	-
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**General Inorganics**

pH	0.05 pH Units	7.91	-	-	-
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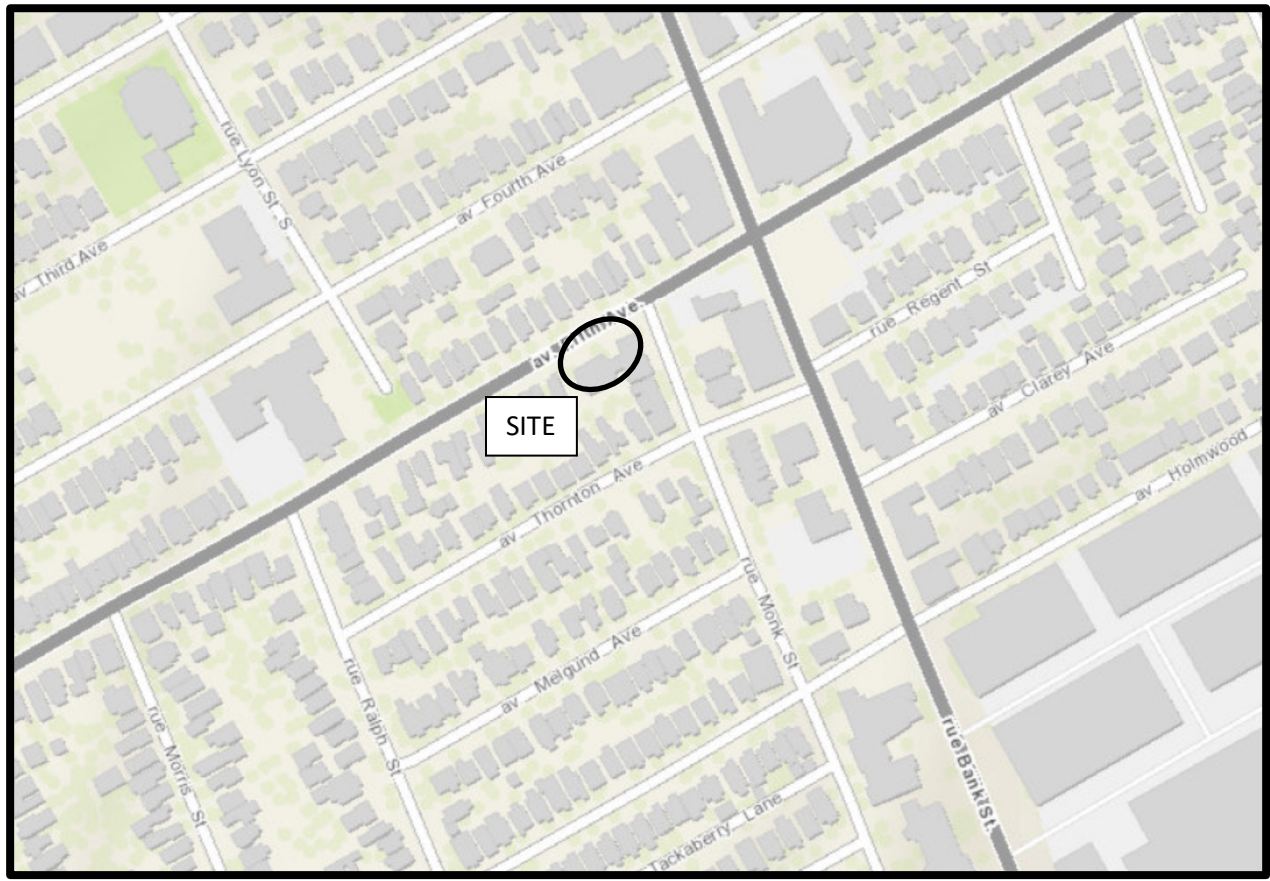
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Chloride	5 ug/g dry	29	-	-	-
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# **APPENDIX 2**

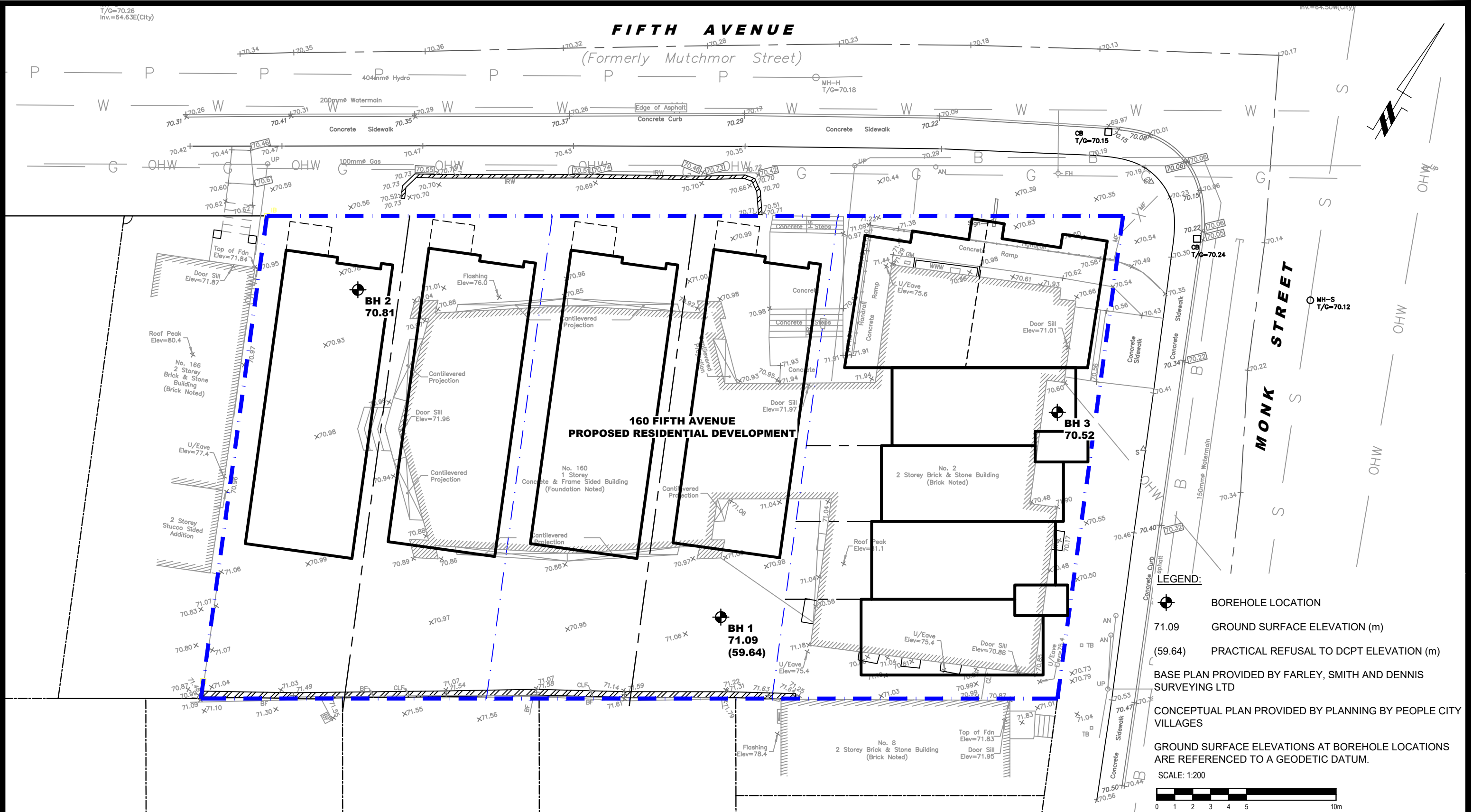
**FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN**

**DRAWING PG5465-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN**



## FIGURE 1

### KEY PLAN



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