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## 1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by Jennings Real Estate to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed multi-storey residential building to be located on 3750 North Bowesville Road in the City of Ottawa (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan in Appendix 2 of this report).

The objective of the geotechnical investigation was to:

- Determine the subsoil and groundwater conditions at this site by means of test holes.
- Provide geotechnical recommendations pertaining to 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

It is understood that a multi-storey residential building with two underground parking levels is being considered at the subject site. Associated access lanes, hardscaped areas, and walkways are also anticipated as part of the proposed development. It is further anticipated that the site will be municipally serviced.

## **3.0 Method of Investigation**

### **3.1 Field Investigation**

#### **Field Program**

The field program for the current geotechnical investigation was carried out on May 12, 2021 and consisted of advancing a total of four (4) boreholes to a maximum depth of 10 m below existing ground surface. The test hole locations were distributed in a manner to provide general coverage of the subject site and taking into consideration underground utilities and site features. The test hole locations are shown on Drawing PG5808-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The test holes were completed using a low clearance drill rig operated by a two-person crew. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of Paterson personnel under the direction of a senior engineer. The drilling procedure consisted of drilling to the required depths at the selected locations, and sampling and testing the overburden.

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

The soil samples were recovered from the auger flights and using a 50 mm diameter split-spoon sampler. The samples were initially classified on site, placed in sealed plastic bags, and transported to our laboratory. The depths at which the auger and split-spoon were recovered from the boreholes are shown as AU and SS, respectively, on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets 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 thickness was evaluated by a dynamic cone penetration test (DCPT) completed at boreholes BH 1-21 and BH 3-21 of the current investigation. The DCPT consists of driving a steel drill rod, equipped with a 50 mm diameter cone at the tip, using a 63.5 kg hammer falling from a height of 760 mm. The number of blows required to drive the cone into the soil is recorded for each 300 mm increment.

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

### **Sample Storage**

All samples will be stored in the laboratory for a period of one (1) month after issuance of this report. They will then be discarded unless we are otherwise directed.

### **Groundwater**

Flexible polyethylene standpipes were installed in all 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 using a handheld GPS and referenced to a geodetic datum. The location of the test holes and ground surface elevation at each test hole location are presented on Drawing PG5808-1 - 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.

## **3.4 Analytical Testing**

One (1) 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, one of which was collected from test hole BH1-21 SS5. The sample was submitted to determine the concentration of sulphate and chloride, the resistivity, and the pH of the samples. The results are presented in Appendix 1 and are discussed further in Subsection 6.7.

## **4.0 Observations**

### **4.1 Surface Conditions**

The ground surface across the subject site is relatively flat and at grade with the surrounding roadways and properties. The ground surface has a gentle downward slope towards the north. Currently, a 2 storey commercial building occupies the center of the site, while the rest of the site has an asphaltic concrete cover and serves as a private at-grade parking for the existing building.

The subject site is bordered by a multi-storey parking structure and associated at-grade parking to the north, North Bowesville Road to the east, a heavily treed area followed by a golf course to the south, and by a multistory office building to the west.

### **4.2 Subsurface Profile**

#### **Overburden**

Generally, the soil profile at the test hole locations consists of a 25mm thick asphaltic concrete layer followed by fill material. The fill material consists of brown silty sand with crushed stone overlying loose to compact, native reddish brown to light brown silty sand deposit. The thickness of the fill was found to range between 0.5 to 1.4m. Refusal to DCPT was encountered in BH 1-21 and BH 3-21 at a depth of 13.4 m and 14.3 m below existing grade level, respectively. Reference should be made to the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 for the details of the soil profile encountered at each test hole location.

#### **Bedrock**

Based on available geological mapping, the bedrock in the subject area consists of dolomite bedrock of the Oxford formation, with an overburden drift thickness of 10 to 25 m depth.

### **4.3 Groundwater**

Groundwater levels were measured during the current investigation on May 18, 2021 within the installed standpipes. The measured groundwater levels are presented in Table 1 below. The long-term groundwater table is expected to range between 7 to 8 m below existing grade.

<b>Table 1 – Summary of Groundwater Levels</b>				
<b>Test Hole Number</b>	<b>Ground Surface Elevation (m)</b>	<b>Measured Groundwater Level / Groundwater Infiltration for Test Pits</b>		<b>Dated Recorded</b>
		<b>Depth (m)</b>	<b>Elevation (m)</b>	
BH 1-21	99.72	collapsed	-	May 18, 2021
BH 2-21	99.68	7.05	92.63	
BH 3-21	99.76	7.25	92.51	
BH 4-21	99.73	6.88	92.85	
<b>Note:</b> The ground surface elevation at each borehole location was surveyed using a handheld GPS referenced to a geodetic datum.				

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



## **5.0 Discussion**

### **5.1 Geotechnical Assessment**

From a geotechnical perspective, the subject site is considered suitable for the proposed residential building. Foundation options are dependent on the design building loading requirements and depth of the foundation. Several foundation options are listed below and discussed in the following sub-sections:

- Conventional shallow footings placed on an undisturbed, compact silty sand bearing surface.
- Raft foundation.
- Conventional piled foundation.

For conventional shallow footings or raft foundation options, and where the silty sand is noted to be in a loose state of compaction, the bearing surface shall be proof-rolled using a suitably sized vibratory roller making several passes under dry and above freezing conditions.

Based on the anticipated excavation depth and the nature of the overburden, a temporary excavation support system will be required during the excavation of the subject site.

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

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

#### **Stripping Depth**

Due to the anticipated founding level for the proposed building, a significant portion of the existing overburden material will be excavated from within the proposed building footprint.

Topsoil and deleterious fill, such as those containing organic materials, or construction debris/remnants should be stripped from under any buildings, 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.

## Fill Placement

Fill placed 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. The imported fill material should be tested and approved prior to delivery. The fill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose lifts and compacted by suitable compaction equipment. Fill placed beneath the building should be compacted to a minimum of 98% of the standard Proctor maximum dry density (SPMDD).

Non-specified existing fill along with site-excavated soil could be placed as general landscaping fill where settlement of the ground surface is of minor concern. These materials should be spread in lifts with a maximum thickness of 300 mm and compacted by the tracks of the spreading equipment to minimize voids. Non-specified existing fill and site-excavated soils are not suitable for placement as backfill against foundation walls, unless used in conjunction with a geocomposite drainage membrane, such as Miradrain G100N or Delta Drain 6000.

## 5.3 Foundation Design

Several foundation options have been considered for the proposed residential building which are dependent on the design loading requirements and foundation depth. The options are further discussed below.

### Bearing Resistance Values - Conventional Shallow Footings

Footings placed on an undisturbed, compact silty sand bearing surface can be designed using a bearing resistance value at serviceability limit states (SLS) of **120 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **200 kPa**, incorporating a geotechnical factor of 0.5.

The bearing surface should be proof-rolled by a static roller making several passes where noted to be in a loose state of compaction. Paterson personnel should complete periodic inspections during the proof-rolling operations to approve the subgrade.

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.

## Raft Foundation

Alternatively, consideration can be given to a raft foundation if the building loads exceed the bearing resistance values provided for a conventional spread footing foundation. The following parameters may be used for raft design. The amount of settlement of the raft slab will be dependent on the sustained raft contact pressure. The bearing resistance value at SLS (contact pressure) of **200 kPa** can be used for design purposes. The loading conditions for the contact pressure are based on sustained loads, that are generally taken to be 100% Dead Load and 50% Live Load. The contact pressure provided considers the stress relief associated with the soil removal associated with two underground parking levels. The factored bearing resistance (contact pressure) at ULS can be taken as **350 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the bearing resistance value at ULS.

The modulus of subgrade reaction was calculated to be **10 MPa/m** for a contact pressure of **200 kPa**. The design of the raft foundation is required to consider the relative stiffness of the reinforced concrete slab and the supporting bearing medium. A common method of modeling the soil structure interaction is to consider the bearing medium to be elastic and to assign a subgrade modulus.

## Settlement

The total and differential settlements will be dependent on characteristics of the proposed buildings. For design purposes, the total and differential settlements are estimated to be 25 and 20 mm, respectively. A post-development groundwater lowering of 0.5 m was assumed.

## 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 the compact silty sand above the groundwater table when a plane extending down and out from the bottom edge of the footing at a minimum of 1.5H:1V passes only through in situ soil of the same or higher capacity as the bearing medium soil.

## Deep Foundation – Conventional Piles

A deep foundation method, such as driven piles, can also be considered for the proposed structure if the design building loads exceed the bearing resistance values provided for a conventional shallow footing or raft foundation. Concrete filled steel pipe piles driven to refusal are a typical deep foundation option in Ottawa.

Applicable pile resistance at SLS values and factored pile resistance at ULS values are provided in Table 2. Additional resistance values can be provided if available pile sizes vary from those detailed in Table 2. A resistance factor of 0.4 has been incorporated into the factored ULS values. Note that these are all geotechnical axial resistance values.

The geotechnical pile resistance values were estimated calculating the Hiley dynamic formula. The piles should be confirmed during pile installation with a program of dynamic monitoring. For this project, the dynamic monitoring of four piles is recommended. This is considered to be the minimum monitoring program, as the piles under shear walls may be required to be driven using the maximum recommended driving energy to achieve the greatest factored resistance at ULS values. Re-striking of all piles will also be required after at least 48 hours have elapsed since initial driving.

Table 2 - Pile Foundation Design Data					
Pile Outside Diameter (mm)	Pile Wall Thickness (mm)	Geotechnical Axial Resistance		Final Set (blows/ 12 mm)	Transferred Hammer Energy (kJ)
		SLS (kN)	Factored at ULS (kN)		
245	9	925	1110	6	27
245	11	1050	1260	6	31
245	13	1200	1440	6	35

## 5.4 Design for Earthquakes

The site class for seismic site response can be taken as **Class E** for foundations constructed at the subject site. A higher site class, such as Class C or D may be provided for the subject site. However, the higher site class will need to be confirmed by a site-specific seismic shear wave velocity test, according to the 2012 Ontario Building Code.

## 5.5 Basement Slab

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

An engineered fill such as an OPSS Granular A or Granular B Type II compacted to 98% of its SPMDD could be placed around the proposed footings. The upper 200 mm below the basement floor slab should consist of a 19 mm clear crushed stone.

In consideration of the groundwater conditions encountered during the investigation, a subfloor drainage system, consisting of lines of perforated drainage pipe subdrains connected to a positive outlet, should be provided in the clear stone backfill under the lower basement floor. Pipe spacing requirements should be determined at the time of excavation when the groundwater infiltration can be better assessed.

## 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>. The applicable effective (undrained) unit weight of the retained soil can be taken as 13 kN/m<sup>3</sup>, 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 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 m/s<sup>2</sup>

The peak ground acceleration, ( $a_{max}$ ), for the Ottawa area is 0.281g according to OBC 2012 (Revision 2019). 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 Design

For design purposes, it is recommended that the rigid pavement structure for the lower level of the underground parking structure should consist of Category C2, 32 MPa concrete at 28 days with air entrainment of 5 to 8%. The recommended rigid pavement structure is further presented in Table 3 below. The flexible pavement structure presented in Table 4 should be used for at grade access lanes and heavy loading parking areas.

<b>Table 3 - Recommended Rigid Pavement Structure - Lower Parking Level</b>	
<b>Thickness (mm)</b>	<b>Material Description</b>
150	<b>32 MPa Concrete</b>
300	<b>BASE - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone</b>
<b>SUBGRADE</b> Fill or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over bedrock.	

To control cracking due to shrinking of the concrete floor slab, it is recommended that strategically located saw cuts be used to create control joints within the concrete floor slab of the lower underground parking level. The control joints are generally recommended to be located at the centre of the column lines and spaced at approximately 24 to 36 times the slab thickness (for example; a 0.15 m thick slab should have control joints spaced between 3.6 and 5.4 m). The joints should be cut between 25 and 30% of the thickness of the concrete floor slab and completed as early as 4 hour after the concrete has been poured during warm temperatures and up to 12 hours during cooler temperatures.

<b>Table 4 - Recommended Asphalt Pavement Structure - Access Lanes and Heavy Loading Parking Areas</b>	
<b>Thickness (mm)</b>	<b>Material Description</b>
40	<b>Wear Course</b> - Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
50	<b>Binder Course</b> - Superpave 19.0 Asphaltic Concrete
150	<b>BASE</b> - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
300	<b>SUBBASE</b> - OPSS Granular B Type II
<b>SUBGRADE</b> - OPSS Granular B Type II overlying the Concrete Podium Deck.	

If soft spots develop in the subgrade during compaction or due to construction traffic, the affected areas should be excavated and replaced with OPSS Granular B Type II material. The pavement granular base and subbase should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 98% of the material's SPMDD using suitable vibratory equipment.

## **6.0 Design and Construction Precautions**

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

#### **Foundation Drainage and Backfilling**

A perimeter foundation drainage system is required for the proposed building. The system should consist of a 150 mm diameter perforated corrugated plastic pipe, surrounded on all sides by 150mm of 10mm clear crushed stone, placed at the footing level around the exterior perimeter of the structure. The clear stone should be wrapped in a non-woven geotextile. The pipe should have a positive outlet, such as a gravity connection to the storm sewer or sump pump pit.

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 Miradrain G100N or 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.

#### **Underfloor Drainage**

Underfloor drainage may be required to control water infiltration below the lowest underground parking level slab. For design purposes, it is recommended that a 150 mm diameter perforated pipe be placed at 6 m centers. The final spacing of the underfloor drainage system should be confirmed at the time of completing the excavation when water infiltration can be better assessed.

### **6.2 Protection of Footings Against Frost Action**

Perimeter footings of heated structures are required to be insulated against the deleterious effects of frost action. A minimum of 1.5 m of soil cover alone, or a 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.



## 6.3 Excavation Side Slopes

### Open Excavation

Excavation will be mostly in loose to compact silty sand. The side slopes of the anticipated excavation should either be cut back at acceptable slopes or be retained by shoring systems from the beginning of the excavation until the structure is backfilled. However, for most of the site, insufficient room will be available to permit the building excavation to be constructed by open-cut methods (i.e. unsupported excavations).

The excavation side slopes above the groundwater level extending to a maximum depth of 3 m should be cut back at 1H:1V or flatter. The flatter slope is required for excavation below groundwater level. The subsurface soil at this site is considered to be mainly a Type 2 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 for the overburden soil to complete the required excavations where insufficient room is available for open cut methods. The shoring requirements will depend on the depth of the excavation, the proximity of the adjacent buildings and underground structures and the elevation of the adjacent building foundations and underground services.

The temporary system may consist of soldier pile and lagging system or interlocking steel sheet piling. Any additional loading due to street traffic, construction equipment, adjacent structures and facilities, etc., should be added to the earth pressures described below. These systems can be cantilevered, anchored or braced. Generally, it is expected that the shoring systems will be provided with tie-back rock anchors to ensure their stability. It is further recommended that the toe of the shoring be adequately supported to resist toe failure, if required, by means of rock bolts or extending the piles into the bedrock through pre-augered holes if a soldier pile and lagging system is used.

The earth pressures acting on the shoring system may be calculated using the following parameters.

<b>Table 5 – Soils Parameter for Shoring System Design</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>	20
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 used above the groundwater level while the effective unit weight should be used below the groundwater level. The hydrostatic groundwater pressure should be added to the earth pressure distribution wherever the effective unit weights are used for earth pressure calculations. If the groundwater level is lowered, the dry unit weight for the soil should be used full weight, with no hydrostatic groundwater pressure component.

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

### **Underpinning**

Founding conditions of adjacent structures bordering the footprint of the proposed building should be assessed and underpinning requirements should be evaluated.

## **6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill**

Bedding and backfill materials should be in accordance with the most recent Material Specifications and Standard Detail Drawings from the Department of Public Works and Services, Infrastructure Services Branch of the City of Ottawa. At least 150 mm of OPSS Granular A should be used for pipe bedding for sewer and water pipes. The bedding should extend to the spring line of the pipe. Cover material, from the spring line to at least 300 mm above the obvert of the pipe, should consist of OPSS Granular A or Granular B Type II with a maximum size of 25 mm. The bedding and cover materials should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick lifts compacted to 95% of the material's standard Proctor maximum dry density.

It should generally be possible to re-use the upper portion of the dry to moist (not wet) silty sand above the cover material if the excavation and filling operations are carried out in dry weather conditions. Any stones greater than 200 mm in their longest dimension should be removed from these materials prior to placement. Well fractured bedrock should be acceptable as backfill for the lower portion of the trenches when the excavation is within bedrock provided the rock fill is placed only from at least 300 mm above the top of the service pipe and that all stones are 300 mm or smaller in their longest dimension.

The backfill material within the frost zone (about 1.8 m below finished grade) should match the soils exposed at the trench walls to reduce potential differential frost heaving. The backfill should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the material's SPMDD.

## **6.5 Groundwater Control**

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

Based on our observations, it is anticipated that groundwater infiltration into the excavations should be moderate and controllable using open sumps. Pumping from open sumps should be sufficient to control the groundwater influx through the sides of shallow excavations. 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.

#### **Permit to Take Water**

It is anticipated that groundwater infiltration into the excavation should be low to moderate and controllable using open sumps. Pumping from open sumps should be sufficient to control the groundwater influx through the sides of the shallow excavation. 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.

## Long-term Groundwater Control

Any groundwater encountered along the buildings' perimeter or sub-slab drainage system will be directed to the proposed buildings' cistern/sump pit. The expected long-term groundwater flow should be low (i.e. less than 25,000 L/day) with peak periods noted after rain events. A more accurate estimate can be provided at the time of construction, once groundwater infiltration levels are observed. The long-term groundwater flow is anticipated to be controllable using conventional open sumps.

No impacts to neighbouring structures will occur due to dewatering associated with the proposed multi-storey building based on the observed groundwater level, proposed design details and subsoil profile (silty sand deposit).

## 6.6 Winter Construction

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

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

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

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

## 6.7 Corrosion Potential and Sulphate

The results of analytical testing show that the sulphate content is slightly higher than 0.1%. This result is indicative that MS Moderate Sulphate Resistant 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 moderate to very aggressive corrosive environment.

## 7.0 Recommendations

It is recommended that the following be completed once the master plan and site development are determined:

- Review of the geotechnical aspects of the excavating program, prior to construction.
- Observation of all bearing surfaces prior to the placement of concrete.
- Sampling and testing of the concrete and fill materials.
- Periodic observation of the condition of unsupported excavation side slopes in excess of 3 m in height, if applicable.
- Complete a full inspection program of the installation of the perimeter and underground floor drainage system during construction.
- 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 Jennings Real Estate 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

DATUM Geodetic

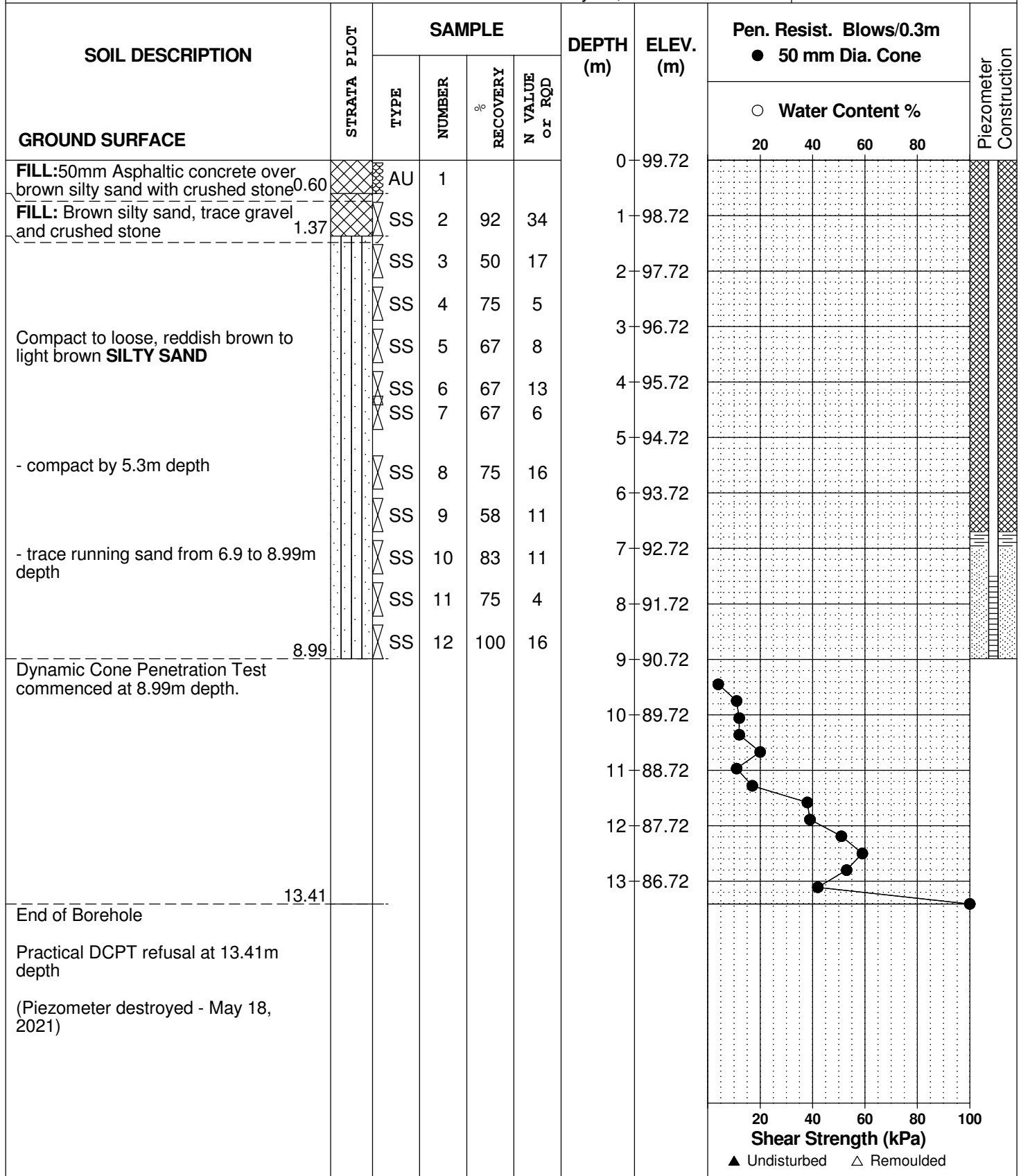
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DATUM Geodetic














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HOLE NO. **BH 2-21**

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			20	40	60	80		
<b>GROUND SURFACE</b>						0	99.68						
<b>FILL:</b> 50mm Asphaltic concrete over brown silty sand with crushed stone		AU	1										
<b>FILL:</b> Brown silty sand, trace gravel and crushed stone		SS	2	54	15	1	98.68						
		SS	3	33	8	2	97.68						
		SS	4		9								
		SS	5	42	8	3	96.68						
		SS	6	33	7	4	95.68						
Loose to compact, reddish brown to light brown <b>SILTY SAND</b>		SS	7	42	13	5	94.68						
		SS	8	42	6	6	93.68						
		SS	9	42	10	6	93.68						
		SS	10	50	13	7	92.68						
- trace running sand from 7.6 to 9.75m depth		SS	11	62	13	8	91.68						
		SS	12	50	6	9	90.68						
		SS	13	42	5	9	90.68						
End of Borehole (GWL @ 7.05m - May 18, 2021)													

20 40 60 80 100  
**Shear Strength (kPa)**  
 ▲ Undisturbed    △ Remoulded



## SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

Geotechnical Investigation  
 Prop. Multi-Storey Building - 3750 North Bowesville Rd.  
 Ottawa, Ontario

DATUM Geodetic

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HOLE NO. **BH 4-21**

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			20	40	60	80	
<b>GROUND SURFACE</b>												
<b>FILL:</b> 25mm Asphaltic concrete over brown silty sand with crushed stone	0.46	AU	1			0	99.73					
Loose to compact, reddish brown to light brown <b>SILTY SAND</b>  - trace running sand from 7.9 to 9.75m depth.  - grey by 8.5m depth		SS	2	33	8	1	98.73					
		SS	3	50	5	2	97.73					
		SS	4	33	5	3	96.73					
		SS	5	50	8	4	95.73					
		SS	6	67	8	5	94.73					
		SS	7	67	14	6	93.73					
		SS	8	83	13	7	92.73					
		SS	9	67	17	8	91.73					
		SS	10	67	16	9	90.73					
		SS	11	33	13	10						
		SS	12	83	15	11						
		SS	13	0	6	12						
	End of Borehole (GWL @ 6.88m - May 18, 2021)	9.75										

20 40 60 80 100  
**Shear Strength (kPa)**  
 ▲ Undisturbed    △ Remoulded

# 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)
D <sub>xx</sub>	-	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
D <sub>10</sub>	-	Grain size at which 10% of the soil is finer (effective grain size)
D <sub>60</sub>	-	Grain size at which 60% of the soil is finer
C <sub>c</sub>	-	Concavity coefficient = $(D_{30})^2 / (D_{10} \times D_{60})$
C <sub>u</sub>	-	Uniformity coefficient = $D_{60} / D_{10}$

C<sub>c</sub> and C<sub>u</sub> are used to assess the grading of sands and gravels:

Well-graded gravels have:  $1 < C_c < 3$  and  $C_u > 4$

Well-graded sands have:  $1 < C_c < 3$  and  $C_u > 6$

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

C<sub>c</sub> and C<sub>u</sub> 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' <sub>c</sub>	-	Preconsolidation pressure of (maximum past pressure on) sample
C <sub>cr</sub>	-	Recompression index (in effect at pressures below p' <sub>c</sub> )
C <sub>c</sub>	-	Compression index (in effect at pressures above p' <sub>c</sub> )
OC Ratio		Overconsolidation ratio = $p'_c / p'_o$
Void Ratio		Initial sample void ratio = volume of voids / volume of solids
W <sub>o</sub>	-	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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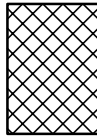
### STRATA PLOT



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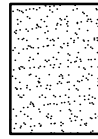
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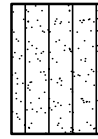
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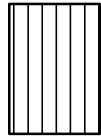
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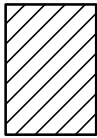
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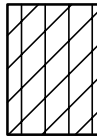
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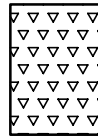
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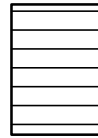
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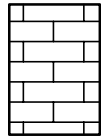
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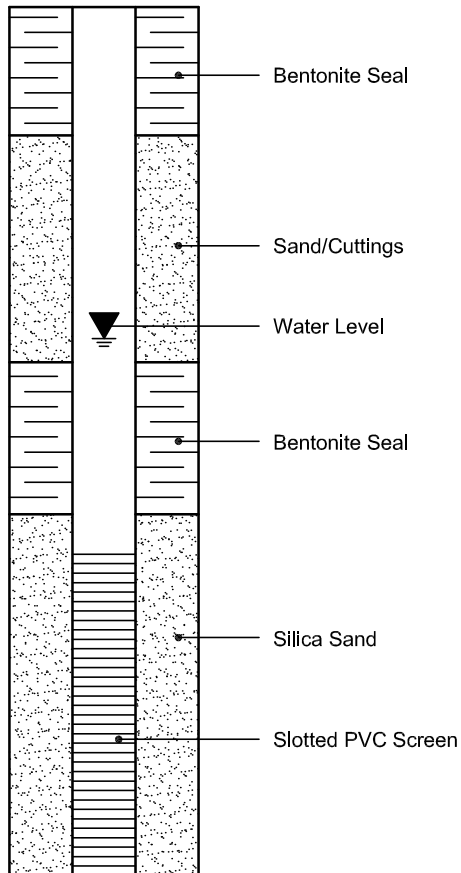
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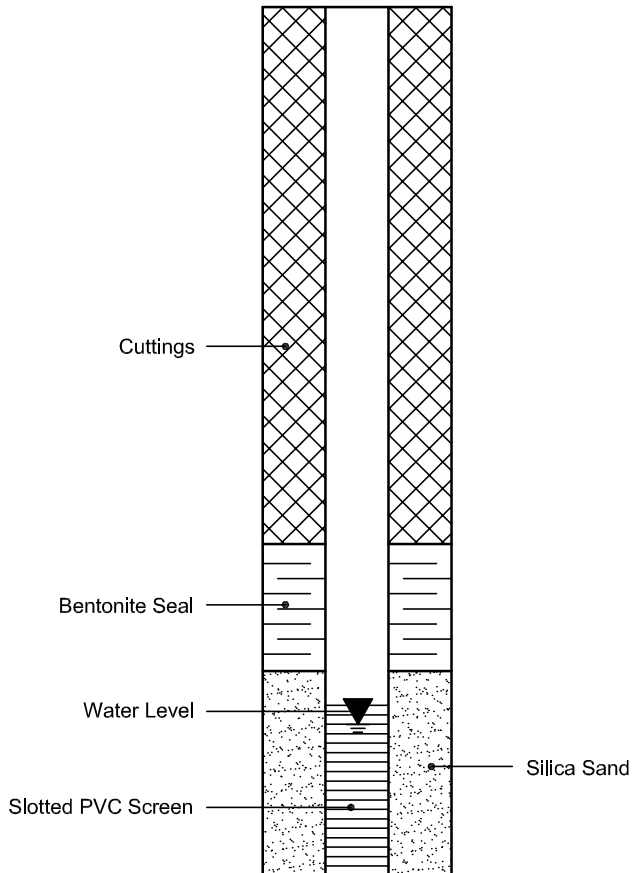
Bedrock

### MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION

#### MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION



#### PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION



Certificate of Analysis

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<b>Sample ID:</b>	2120648-01	-	-	-
<b>MDL/Units</b>	Soil	-	-	-

**Physical Characteristics**

% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	96.8	-	-	-
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**General Inorganics**

pH	0.05 pH Units	7.92	-	-	-
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**Anions**

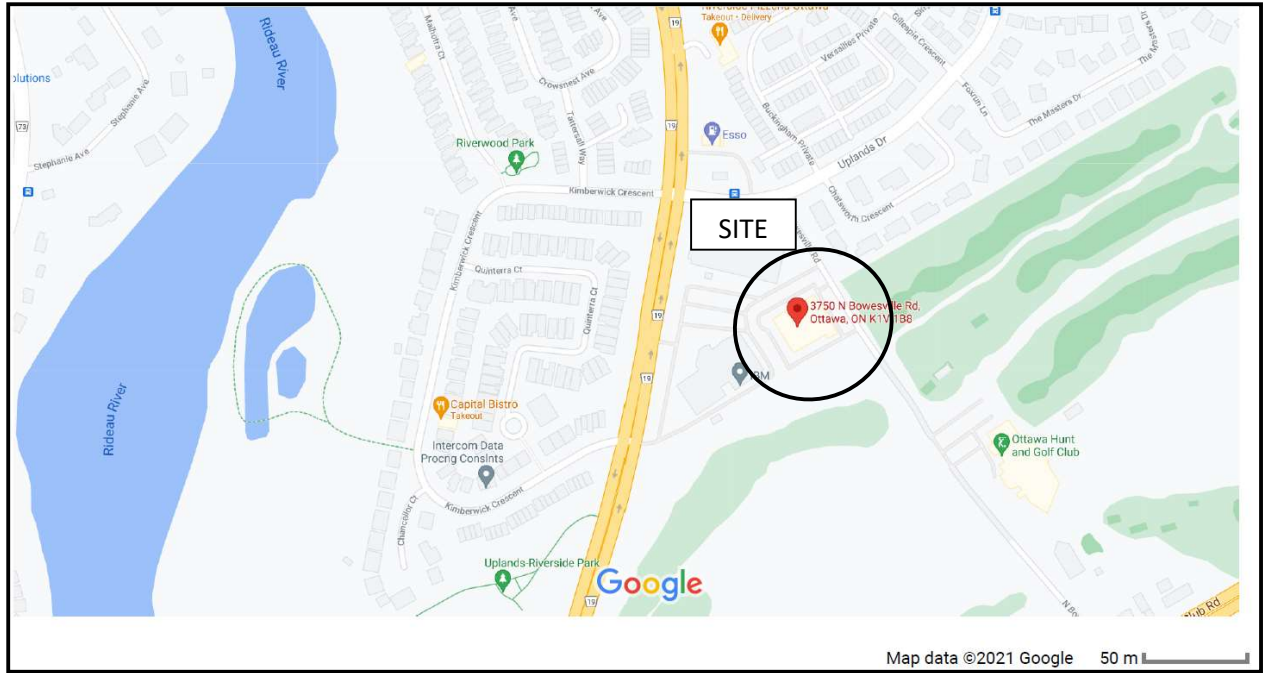
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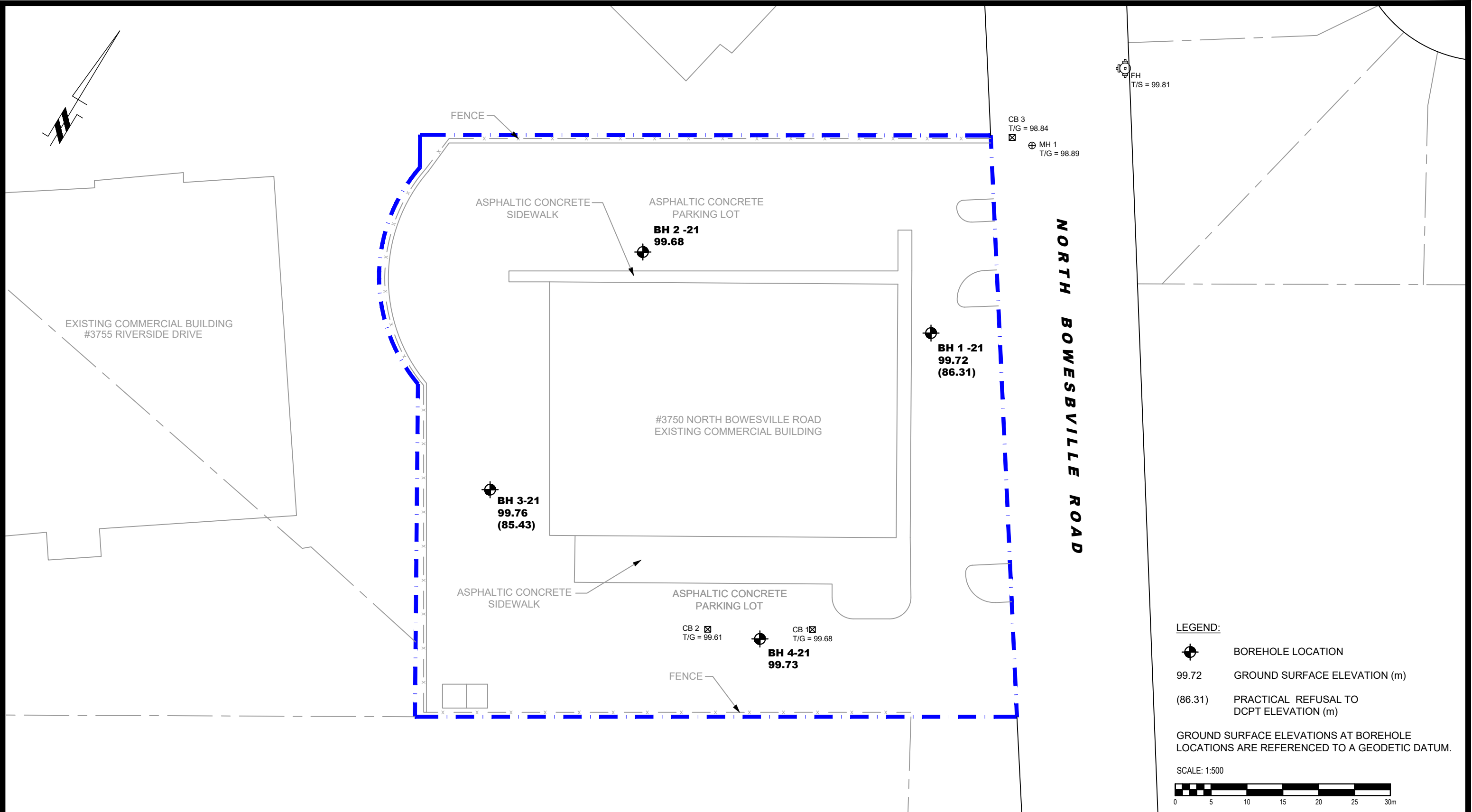
# APPENDIX 2

FIGURE 1 – KEY PLAN

DRAWING PG5808-1 – TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN



**FIGURE 1**  
**KEY PLAN**



**LEGEND:**

BOREHOLE LOCATION

99.72 GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION (m)

(86.31) PRACTICAL REFUSAL TO DCPT ELEVATION (m)

GROUND SURFACE ELEVATIONS AT BOREHOLE LOCATIONS ARE REFERENCED TO A GEODETIC DATUM.

SCALE: 1:500

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