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## 1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by My Catering Group to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed residential building to be located at 1 Old Sunset Boulevard in the City of Ottawa (refer to Figure 1 - Key Plan in Appendix 2 of this report).

The objectives of the geotechnical investigation were to:

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

Investigating the presence or potential presence of contamination on the subject property was not part of the scope of work of the present investigation. Therefore, the present report does not address environmental issues.

## 2.0 Proposed Development

Based on the available drawings, it is understood that the proposed development will consist of a 3-storey residential building with a partial-basement level which daylights to the north and east. Asphalt-paved parking areas, walkways and landscaped areas are also proposed surrounding the building.

It is anticipated that the existing residential dwelling will be demolished to allow for construction of the proposed residential building.

## **3.0 Method of Investigation**

### **3.1 Field Investigation**

#### **Field Program**

The field program for the current geotechnical investigation was carried out on March 2, 2022. At that time, 1 borehole was advanced to a maximum depth of 2.5 m below the existing ground surface. The borehole location was determined in the field by Paterson personnel taking into consideration underground utilities and site features. The borehole location is shown on Drawing PG6162-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The borehole was completed using a track-mounted auger 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 borehole procedure consisted of augering to the required depth at the selected borehole location and sampling the overburden.

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

Soil samples were recovered from the borehole 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 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 borehole 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.

The subsurface conditions observed in the borehole 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.

## **Groundwater**

A flexible standpipe was installed in borehole BH 1-22 to permit monitoring of the groundwater levels subsequent to the completion of the sampling program.

### **3.2 Field Survey**

The borehole location was selected by Paterson taking into consideration the existing site features and underground utilities. The borehole location and ground surface elevation were surveyed by Paterson using a handheld GPS and referenced to a geodetic datum. The location of the borehole and ground surface elevation at the borehole location are presented on Drawing PG6162-1 - 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 soil sample was submitted for analytical testing to assess the corrosion potential for exposed ferrous metals and the potential of sulphate attacks against subsurface concrete structures. The sample was submitted to determine the concentration of sulphate and chloride, the resistivity and the pH of the sample. The results are presented in Appendix 1 and are discussed further in Section 6.7.

## **4.0 Observations**

### **4.1 Surface Conditions**

The majority of the subject site is occupied by an existing residential dwelling with a walkout-style basement/garage which daylights towards Bronson Avenue at the eastern limits of the site. A retaining wall is located along the north and northeast property limits.

The subject site is bordered to the north by Madawaska Drive, to the east by Bronson Avenue, to the south by Old Sunset Boulevard and to the west by an existing residential dwelling. The ground surface across the southern half of the site slopes gently downwards from southwest to northeast from approximate geodetic elevations of 70 to 68 m, while the ground surface at the northern half of the site is relatively flat and supported by the aforementioned retaining wall at geodetic elevation 69 m.

### **4.2 Subsurface Profile**

Generally, the subsurface profile at the test hole location consisted of asphaltic concrete underlain by fill. The fill material was generally observed to consist of granular crushed stone which transitions to brown silty sand with gravel and trace amounts of clay at an approximate depth of 0.2 m. The fill material was further observed to transition to a brown silty clay with sand, gravel, cobbles and topsoil at an approximate depth of 2.2 m.

Practical refusal to augering was encountered at an approximate depth of 2.5 m at BH 1-22. A supplemental borehole (BH 1A-22) was advanced to refusal (2.5 m) in proximity to borehole BH 1-22 to confirm auger refusal.

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 interbedded limestone and shale of the Verulam formation.

### **4.3 Groundwater**

The groundwater level was measured at the piezometer installed at borehole BH 1-22 on March 9, 2022. The groundwater was observed at an approximate depth of 1.8 m below the existing ground surface.

It should be noted that groundwater levels could be influenced by surface water infiltrating the backfilled borehole. The long-term groundwater levels can also be estimated based on the observed colour, moisture content and consistency of the recovered soil samples. Based on these observations, it is anticipated that the long-term groundwater table was not encountered during the field program and is located within the bedrock.

However, 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**

The subject site is considered suitable for the proposed development, from a geotechnical perspective. As bedrock is anticipated at a depth below the design footing level, it is recommended that the proposed building be founded on conventional spread footings bearing on engineered fill which is placed directly over the clean, surface sounded bedrock.

Alternatively, should the bearing pressures from the proposed building foundations exceed the bearing resistance values provided herein for the engineered fill, the conventional spread footings are recommended to be supported on lean concrete trenches which extend to the bedrock. This is discussed further herein.

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

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

#### **Stripping Depth**

Topsoil and fill, such as those containing organic or deleterious material, should be stripped from under any buildings and other settlement sensitive structures. It is anticipated that the existing fill within the proposed building footprint, free of deleterious material and significant amounts of organics, can be left in place below the proposed building footprint outside of lateral support zones for the footings.

It is recommended that the existing fill layer be proof-rolled with several passes of a vibratory drum roller, under dry conditions and above freezing temperatures, and which is approved by Paterson personnel at the time of construction. Any poor performing areas noted during the proof-rolling operation should be removed and replaced with an approved fill.

Existing foundation walls and other demolished debris should be completely removed from the proposed building perimeter and within the lateral support zones of the foundation. Under paved area, 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 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 buildings 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.

## **Lean Concrete Filled Trenches**

As discussed above, should the bearing pressures from the proposed building foundations exceed the bearing resistance values provided herein for the engineered fill, the conventional spread footings are recommended to be supported on lean concrete trenches which extend to the bedrock surface.

In this case, as the bedrock is anticipated to be encountered below the underside of footing elevation, zero-entry vertical trenches would be excavated to the clean, surface-sounded bedrock, and backfilled with lean concrete to the founding elevation (minimum 17 MPa 28-day compressive strength). Typically, the excavation side walls will be used as the form to support the concrete. The trench excavation should be at least 150 mm wider than all side of the footing (strip and pad footings) at the base of the excavation. The additional width of the concrete poured against an undisturbed trench sidewall will suffice in providing a direct transfer of the footing load to the underlying bedrock. Once the trench excavation is approved by the geotechnical engineer, lean concrete can be poured up to the proposed founding elevation.

## 5.3 Foundation Design

### Bearing Resistance Values

Footings bearing on engineered fill which is placed directly over clean, surface sounded bedrock can be designed using a bearing resistance value at serviceability limit states (SLS) of **150 kPa** and a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **225 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the bearing resistance value at ULS and rounded up for more conservative approach. The bearing resistance value at SLS will be subjected to potential post-construction total and differential settlement of 25 and 20 mm, respectively.

Footings supported directly on clean, surface sounded bedrock, or on lean concrete trenches which are placed directly on clean, surface-sounded bedrock, can be designed using a factored bearing resistance value at SLS 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 supported directly on clean, surface sounded bedrock, or on the lean concrete trenches which are placed directly on clean surface sounded bedrock, and designed for the bearing resistance values provided above will be subject to negligible post-construction total and differential settlements.

As a general procedure, it is recommended that the footings for the proposed building that are located adjacent to the existing neighbouring structures be founded at the same level as the existing footings. This accomplishes three objectives. First the behavior of the two structures at their connection will be similar due to the similar bearing medium. Second, there will be minimal stress added to the existing structure from the new structure. Third, the bearing of the new structure will not be influenced by any backfill from the existing structure.

## 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 an engineered fill bearing surface when a plane extending down and out from the bottom edges of the footing, at a minimum of 1.5H:1V, passes only through in situ soil of the same or higher capacity as that of the bearing medium.

## 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), and the proposed footings or lean concrete trenches are to be located within 3 m of the bedrock surface, 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 deleterious fill within the footprint of the proposed building, the existing fill subgrade and/or clean bedrock surface will be considered an acceptable subgrade on which to commence backfilling for floor slab construction. Where the slab subgrade consists of existing fill, a vibratory drum roller should complete several passes over the subgrade surface as a proof-rolling program. Any poor performing areas should be removed and reinstated with an engineered fill, such as OPSS Granular B Type II. It is recommended that the upper 200 mm of sub-floor fill consists of 19 mm clear crushed stone.

## 5.6 Pavement Design

The pavement structures for car only parking areas and access lanes are presented in Tables 1 and 2 on the following page, should they be required at the subject site.

<b>Table 1 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Car Only Parking Areas</b>	
<b>Thickness (mm)</b>	<b>Material Description</b>
50	<b>Wear Course</b> - 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> - Existing imported fill, or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil.	

<b>Table 2 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Access Lanes</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
450	<b>SUBBASE</b> - OPSS Granular B Type II
<b>SUBGRADE</b> - Existing imported fill, 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 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 structure. The system should consist of a 150 mm diameter, perforated and corrugated plastic or PVC pipe which is surrounded by 150 mm of 19 mm clear crushed stone, placed at the footing level around the exterior perimeter of the structure. The pipe should have a positive outlet, such as a gravity connection to the storm sewer.

#### **Foundation Backfill**

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. Backfill against the exterior sides of the foundation walls should consist of free-draining, non-frost susceptible granular materials. 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 recommended to be insulated against the deleterious effects of frost action. A minimum 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 isolated piers, are more prone to deleterious movement associated with frost action than the exterior walls of the structure, and require additional protection, such as soil cover of 2.1 m, or an equivalent combination of soil cover and foundation insulation.

### **6.3 Excavation Side Slopes and Temporary Shoring**

The side slopes of shallow excavations anticipated at this site should either be cut back at acceptable slopes or should be retained by temporary 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 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.

It is recommended that a trench box is used 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**

Due to the anticipated proximity of the proposed building to the property boundaries, temporary shoring may be required to support the overburden soils of the adjacent properties. 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.

The designer should also take into account the impact of a significant precipitation event and designate design measures to ensure that a precipitation event will not negatively impact the shoring system or soils supported by the system. Any changes to the approved shoring design system should be reported immediately to the owner’s structural designer prior to implementation.

The temporary shoring system may consist of a soldier pipe and lagging system 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 pressure 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 ( $K_0$ )	0.5
Unit Weight , $kN/m^3$	21
Submerged Unit Weight , $kN/m^3$	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 table.

The hydrostatic groundwater pressure should be included to the earth pressure distribution wherever the effective unit weight is 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 excavation for the proposed building is to extend within the lateral support zone of adjacent building foundations, underpinning of these structures would be required. The depth of the underpinning, if required, would be dependent on the depth of the neighbouring foundations relative to the founding depth of the proposed building at the subject site. Underpinning requirements should be determined by test pits prior to, or at the start of construction.

## **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.



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. 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.

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) 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 98% of the material's SPMDD. All cobbles larger than 200 mm in their longest direction should be segregated from re-use as trench backfill.

## **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**

It is anticipated that the long-term groundwater table is located within the bedrock. As such the proposed building construction will not extend below the groundwater level. Therefore, groundwater lowering is not anticipated during or after construction and accordingly, the proposed development will not negatively impact the neighbouring structures.

## **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 using 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 into 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 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

It is a requirement for the foundation design data provided herein to be applicable that the following material testing and observation program 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.
- 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.

All excess soils must be handled as per *Ontario Regulation 406/19: On-Site and Excess Soil Management*.

## 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 My Catering Group 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

FILE NO. **PG6162**

REMARKS

HOLE NO. **BH 1-22**

BORINGS BY CME-55 Low Clearance Drill

DATE 2022 March 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 %					
GROUND SURFACE								20	40	60	80		
Asphalt	0.05					0	68.12						
FILL: Granular crushed stone	0.20												
FILL: Brown silty sand with gravel, trace clay		AU	1										
	0.69												
FILL: Loose to compact brown silty sand trace gravel		SS	2	33	7	1	67.12						
		SS	3	79	13								
	2.21												
FILL: Brown silty clay with sand, gravel, topsoil, trace cobbles	2.49	SS	4	17	50	2	66.12						
End of Borehole													
Practical refusal to augering at 2.49m depth (GWL at 1.84 m depth - Mar 9, 2022)													

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

## SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA

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GROUND SURFACE								20	40	60	80	
Asphalt OVERBURDEN	0.05				0	68.12						
					1	67.12						
					2	66.12						
End of Borehole	2.54											
Practical refusal to augering at 2.54m depth												

20 40 60 80 100  
**Shear Strength (kPa)**  
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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 relative strength of cohesionless soils is the compactness condition, 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. An SPT N value of "P" denotes that the split-spoon sampler was pushed 300 mm into the soil without the use of a falling hammer.

Compactness Condition	'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 shear vane tests, unconfined compression tests, or occasionally by the Standard Penetration Test (SPT). Note that the typical correlations of undrained shear strength to SPT N value (tabulated below) tend to underestimate the consistency for sensitive silty clays, so Paterson reviews the applicable split spoon samples in the laboratory to provide a more representative consistency value based on tactile examination.

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,  $S_t$ , is the ratio between the undisturbed undrained shear strength and the remoulded undrained shear strength of the soil. The classes of sensitivity may be defined as follows:

Low Sensitivity:	$S_t < 2$
Medium Sensitivity:	$2 < S_t < 4$
Sensitive:	$4 < S_t < 8$
Extra Sensitive:	$8 < S_t < 16$
Quick Clay:	$S_t > 16$

### 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 NQ or larger size core. However, it can be used on smaller core sizes, such as BQ, 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, generally recovered using a piston sampler
G	-	"Grab" sample from test pit or surface materials
AU	-	Auger sample or bulk sample
WS	-	Wash sample
RC	-	Rock core sample (Core bit size BQ, NQ, HQ, etc.). Rock core samples are obtained with the use of standard diamond drilling bits.

## SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

### PLASTICITY LIMITS AND GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

WC%	-	Natural water 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 at 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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## SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

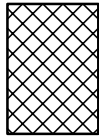
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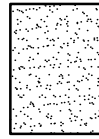
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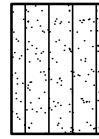
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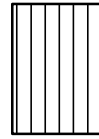
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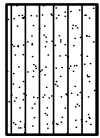
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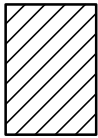
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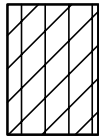
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Sandy Silt



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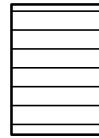
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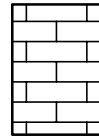
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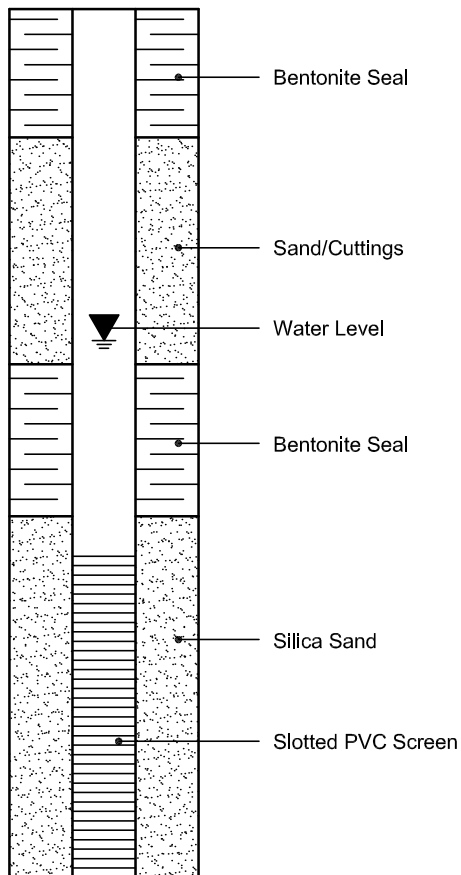
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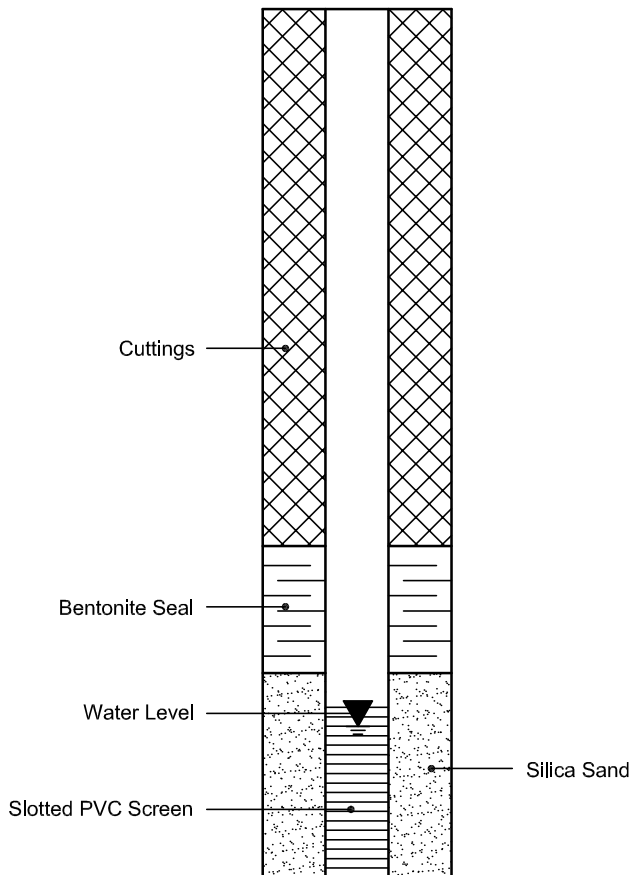
Bedrock

### MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION

#### MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION



#### PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION



Certificate of Analysis

Report Date: 04-Mar-2022

Client: Paterson Group Consulting Engineers

Order Date: 2-Mar-2022

Client PO: 33966

Project Description: PG6162

<b>Client ID:</b>	BH1-22 SS3	-	-	-
<b>Sample Date:</b>	02-Mar-22 09:00	-	-	-
<b>Sample ID:</b>	2210362-01	-	-	-
<b>MDL/Units</b>	Soil	-	-	-

**Physical Characteristics**

% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	92.7	-	-	-
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**General Inorganics**

pH	0.05 pH Units	7.59	-	-	-
Resistivity	0.10 Ohm.m	66.9	-	-	-

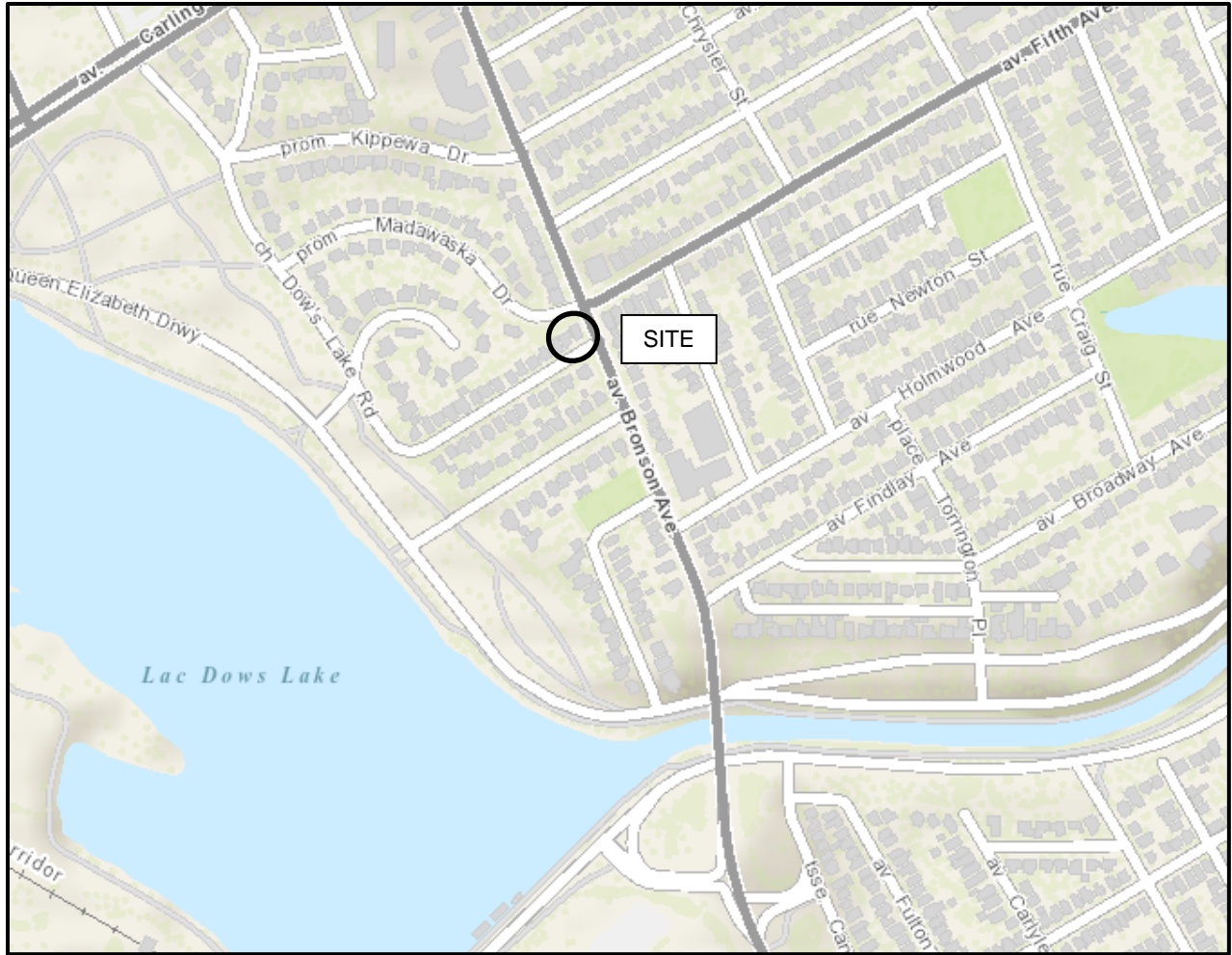
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Chloride	5 ug/g dry	20	-	-	-
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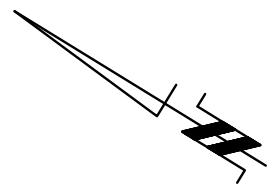
FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN

DRAWING PG6162-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN



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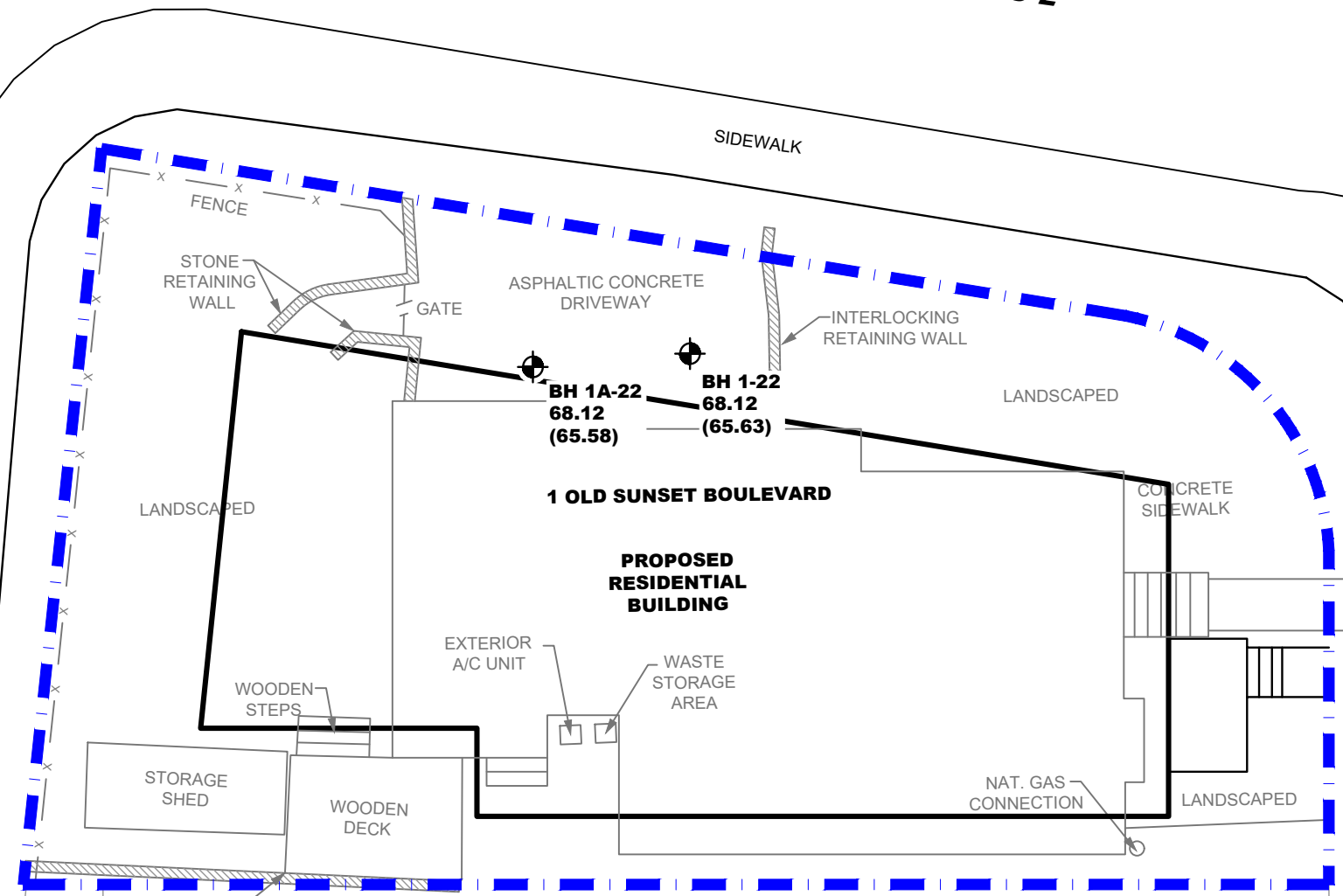
## KEY PLAN



MH 1 ⊗  
T/G=67.62

MADAWASKA DRIVE

BRONSON AVENUE



OLD SUNSET BLVD.

**LEGEND:**

- BOREHOLE LOCATION
- 68.12 GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION (m)
- (65.63) PRACTICAL REFUSAL TO AUGERING ELEVATION (m)

LEGAL SURVEY PLAN PROVIDED BY ANNIS, O'SULLIVAN, VOLLEBEKK LTD.

CONCEPTUAL PLAN PROVIDED BY HD & P.

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

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