

## memorandum

re: Grading & Site Servicing Plan Review

Proposed Multi-Storey Building

1815 Montreal Road – Ottawa, Ontario

to: Creative Development Ventures – Catherine Humphrey –

catherine@creativedevventures.com

cc: CSV Architects – Lee-Christine Bushey – bushey@csv.ca

**date:** October 20, 2023 **file:** PG6594-MEMO.02

Further to your request and authorization, Paterson Group (Paterson) prepared the following memorandum to document our review of the grading and servicing plans for the proposed development to be located at 1815 Montreal Road in the City of Ottawa. This memorandum should be read in conjunction with the Geotechnical Investigation Report (Paterson Group Report PG6594-1 dated May 16, 2023).

## **Grading Plan Review**

Paterson reviewed the following drawing prepared by McIntosh Perry for the aforementioned development:

□ Lot Grading, Drainage, Erosion & Sediment Control Plan – 9-Storey Apartment Building, 1815 Montreal Road – Project No. CCO-23-3469 – Drawing No. C101 – Revision 2 dated October 5, 2023.

Due to the presence of the silty clay deposit at the site, a permissible grade raise restriction of 2 m was recommended for grading at the subject site. Based on our review of the grading plan, significant grade raise exceedances of approximately 2 to 2.5 m above the permissible grade raise restriction are proposed. As such, lightweight fill, such as expanded polystyrene (EPS) geofoam blocks, are recommended adjacent to the proposed building, retaining wall and other settlement structures, where grade raise exceedances are proposed, for the portion of the grade raise exceeding 2 m. Please refer to Figure 1 – Grading Plan Review, attached to the current memorandum, for the approximate limits of where lightweight fill (LWF) is required.

## **Landscaping Considerations**

Based on our review of the available drawings, it is anticipated that the footings at the rear of the property will consist of shallow spread footings, founded over a hard to very stiff brown silty clay. As such, the following tree planting restrictions will apply:

Tree planting setback limits are 7.5 m for small (mature height up to 7.5 m) and medium size trees (mature tree height 7.5 to 14 m), provided that the following conditions are met:

Toronto Ottawa North Bay

The underside of footing (USF) is 2.1 m or greater below the lowest finished grade for footings within 10 m from the tree, as measured from the centre of the tree trunk and verified by means of the Grading Plan.	
A small tree must be provided with a minimum of 25 m³ of available soils volume while a medium tree must be provided with a minimum of 30 m³ of available soil volume, as determined by the Landscape Architect. The developer is to ensure that the soil is generally un-compacted when backfilling in street tree planting locations.	
The tree species must be small (mature tree height up to 7.5 m) to medium size (mature tree height 7.5 m to 14 m) as confirmed by the Landscape Architect.	
The foundation walls are to be reinforced at least nominally (minimum of two upper and two lower 15M bars in the foundation wall).	
Grading surrounding the tree must promote drainage to the tree root zone (in such a manner as not to be detrimental to the tree), as noted on the subdivision Grading Plan.	

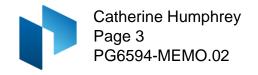
It is well documented in the literature, and is our experience, that fast-growing trees located near buildings founded on cohesive soils that shrink on drying can result in long-term differential settlements of the structures. Tree varieties that have the most pronounced effect on foundations are seen to consist of poplars, willows and some maples (i.e. Manitoba Maples) and, as such, they should not be considered in the landscaping design.

It should be noted that plants such as shrubs and bushes in which root growth is typically limited to the upper 1 m of overburden soils, may be planted within the 7.5 m setback limit.

## Site Servicing Plan Review

Paterson reviewed the following drawing prepared by McIntosh Perry for the aforementioned development:

☐ Site Servicing Plan – 9-Storey Apartment Building, 1815 Montreal Road – Project No. CCO-23-3469 – Drawing No. C102 - Revision 2 dated October 5, 2023.



Based on our review of the site servicing plan, sufficient soil cover has been provided to the proposed watermain and sanitary services. However, insufficient soil cover was noted along segments of the proposed stormwater service. Where insufficient soil cover (i.e. less than 2.1 m of soil cover is present above the obvert of the pipe) is available, the following frost protection criteria outlined in Table 1 should be followed. Please refer to Figure 2 – Site Servicing Plan Review attached which indicates the frost protection provided to each service.

Table 1 - Rigid Insulation Recommendations for Storm Sewer and Water Pipes with Reduced Soil Cover				
Thermal	Soil Cover	Insulation Dimensions		
Condition	Provided (mm)	Thickness	Extension	
Condition		(mm)	(mm)	
	600 to 900	125	Extend 1200 mm horizontally	
			beyond edge face of the pipe	
	900 to 1200	100	Extend 1200 mm horizontally	
			beyond edge face of the pipe	
Unheated	1200 to 1500	75	Extend 900 mm horizontally	
Officated			beyond edge face of the pipe	
	1500 to 1800	50	Extend 600 mm horizontally	
			beyond edge face of the pipe	
	1800 to <2100	25	Extend 300 mm horizontally	
	1000 10 <2100		beyond edge face of the pipe	
Notes: All designs are based on a freezing index of 1000°C-days				

All rigid insulation should consist of either Dow Chemical High-Load 40 (HI-40), Styro Rail SR.P400, or equivalent approved by Paterson. The placement of all insulation within the service trenches must be reviewed and approved by Paterson personnel at the time of construction.

We trust that this information satisfies your immediate requirements.

Best Regards,

Paterson Group Inc.

Kevin A. Pickard, P.Eng.



Scott S. Dennis, P.Eng.



