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1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by TCU Development Corporation to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed multi-storey building to be located at 1111 Cummings Avenue and 1137 Ogilvie Road, in the City of Ottawa, Ontario (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 test holes.
- ❑ provide geotechnical recommendations for the design of the proposed development including construction considerations which may affect its design.

The following report has been prepared specifically and solely for the aforementioned project which is described herein. It contains our findings and includes geotechnical recommendations pertaining to the design and construction of the subject development as they are understood at the time of writing this report.

2.0 Proposed Development

Based on the available drawings, It is understood that the proposed development will consist of a 24 storey building with 2 levels of underground parking. Further, it is understood the footprint of the underground parking levels will occupy the majority of the subject site. The proposed building will be surrounded by landscaped margins and will be municipally serviced.

Construction of the proposed development will involve demolition of the existing commercial structure on-site.

3.0 Method of Investigation

3.1 Field Investigation

The field program for the geotechnical investigation was carried out on April 19, 2021 and consisted of advancing 5 boreholes to a maximum depth of 6.8 m below the existing ground surface. The borehole locations were determined in the field by Paterson personnel, taking into consideration existing site features and underground services. The locations of the boreholes are shown on Drawing PG5770-1 - Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The boreholes were completed with a low clearance, track-mounted drill rig operated by a two-person crew. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of our personnel under the direction of a senior engineer. The test hole procedure consisted of augering and rock coring to the required depths at the selected locations, and sampling and testing the overburden and bedrock.

Sampling and In Situ Testing

Soil samples were collected from the boreholes using two different techniques, namely, sampled directly from the auger flights (AU) or collected using a 50 mm diameter split-spoon (SS) sampler. Rock cores (RC) were obtained using 47.6 mm inside diameter coring equipment. All samples were visually inspected and initially classified on site. The auger and split-spoon samples were placed in sealed plastic bags, and rock cores were placed in cardboard boxes. All samples were transported to our laboratory for further examination and classification. The depths at which the auger, split spoon and rock core samples were recovered from the boreholes are shown as AU, SS and RC, 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.

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

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

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

Groundwater

Monitoring wells were installed within boreholes BH 1-21 through BH 3-21 to measure the stabilized groundwater levels subsequent to completion of the sampling program. Groundwater conditions were also observed and recorded in the field during the field investigation program.

All monitoring wells should be decommissioned in accordance with Ontario Regulations O.Reg 903 by a qualified licensed well technician and prior to construction.

Sample Storage

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

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 GPS unit with respect to a geodetic datum. The location of the test holes and ground surface elevation at each test hole location are presented on Drawing PG5770-1 - Test Hole Location Plan in Appendix 2.

3.3 Laboratory Testing

Soil and bedrock samples recovered from the subject site were visually examined in our laboratory to review the the field logs.

4.0 Observations

4.1 Surface Conditions

The subject site consists of 2 contiguous properties, 1111 Cummings Avenue and 1137 Ogilvie road. The property at 1137 Ogilvie Road is currently occupied by a commercial building with associated asphalt-paved parking areas and landscaped margins.

The property at 1111 Cummings Avenue is currently occupied by an asphalt paved parking and landscapes areas. However, based on available aerial photos, a residential dwelling was located within the western portion of the site as recently as 1991, and was no longer present in 1999. Reference should be made to the aerial photographs in Figure 2 - Aerial Photograph - 1991 and Figure 3 - Aerial Photograph - 2019 which illustrate the former and present site conditions, respectively.

The subject site is bordered by residential dwellings to the north, a commercial building to the east, Ogilvie Road to the south and Cummings Avenue to the west. The existing ground surface across the site is relatively level and at grade with the surrounding roadways and neighbouring properties.

4.2 Subsurface Profile

Overburden

Generally, the subsurface profile at the test hole locations consists of an approximate 50 to 130 mm thick layer of asphaltic concrete underlain by fill which extends to approximate depths of 1.7 to 3.1 m below the existing ground surface. The fill was generally observed to consist of a brown silty sand to silty clay with gravel and crushed stone. Trace topsoil and organics were also observed within the fill at boreholes BH 1-21 and BH 2-21.

Bedrock

Practical refusal to augering on the bedrock surface was encountered at approximate depths ranging from 1.7 to 3.1 m. The bedrock was observed to consist of black shale, and based on the RQDs of the recovered bedrock core, was generally weathered and of very poor quality to approximate depths ranging from 3.1 to 4.6 m, becoming fair to excellent in quality with depth. At boreholes BH 1-21 to BH 3-21, the bedrock was cored to depths ranging from 5.9 to 6.8 m below the existing ground surface.

Based on available geological mapping, bedrock in the area of the subject site consists of black shale of the Billings Formation with an overburden thickness ranging from approximately 2 to 3 m.

Reference should be made to the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1 for specific details of the soil and bedrock profiles encountered at each test hole location.

4.3 Groundwater

Groundwater levels were measured in the monitoring wells on April 26, 2021. The results are presented in Table 1 below.

Table 1 - Summary of Groundwater Levels			
Borehole Number	Measured Groundwater Level		Recording Date
	Depth (m)	Elevation (m)	
BH 1-21	2.80	69.53	April 26, 2021
BH 2-21	3.06	68.91	April 26, 2021
BH 3-21	3.15	68.63	April 26, 2021

It should be noted that groundwater levels could be influence by surface water infiltrating the backfilled boreholes. 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, the long-term groundwater level is expected between an approximate 2.5 to 3.5 m depth. However, it should be noted that groundwater levels are subject to seasonal fluctuations, and 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 suitable for the proposed multi-storey building. The proposed multi-storey building is recommended to be founded on conventional spread footings placed on clean, surface sounded bedrock.

Bedrock removal will be required to complete the underground parking levels. Hoe ramming is an option where the bedrock is weathered and/or where only small quantities of bedrock need to be removed. Line drilling and controlled blasting is recommended where large quantities of bedrock need to be removed. The blasting operations should be planned and completed under the guidance of a professional engineer with experience in blasting operations.

Expansive shale bedrock could be present on site. Precautions should be provided during construction to reduce the risks associated with the potentially heaving shale bedrock. This is discussed further in Section 6.7.

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

5.2 Site Grading and Preparation

Stripping Depth

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

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

Due to the relatively shallow depth of the bedrock surface and the anticipated founding level for the proposed building, all existing overburden material should be excavated from within the proposed building footprint.

Bedrock Removal

Bedrock removal can be accomplished by hoe ramming where the bedrock is weathered and/or where only small quantities of the bedrock need to be removed. Sound bedrock may be removed by line drilling in conjunction with controlled blasting and/or hoe ramming.

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

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

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

Vibration Considerations

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

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

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

Fill Placement

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

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

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

5.3 Foundation Design

Bearing Resistance Values

Footings placed on clean, surface sounded shale bedrock can be designed using a factored bearing resistance value at ultimate limit states (ULS) of **2,000 kPa**. A geotechnical resistance factor of 0.5 was applied to the bearing resistance at ULS.

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

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

Lateral Support

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

5.4 Design for Earthquakes

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

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

5.5 Basement Slab

For the proposed development, all overburden soil will be removed from the building footprint, leaving the bedrock as the founding medium for the basement floor slab. It is anticipated that the basement area for the proposed building will be mostly parking and the recommended pavement structures noted in Subsection 5.8 will be applicable. However, if storage or other uses of the lower level will involve the construction of a concrete floor slab, the upper 200 mm of sub-slab fill is recommended to consist of 19 mm clear crushed stone.

Any soft areas in the basement slab subgrade should be removed and backfilled with appropriate backfill material prior to placing fill. OPSS Granular A or Granular B Type II, with a maximum particle size of 50 mm, are recommended for backfilling below the floor slab. All backfill material within the footprint of the proposed building should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose layers and compacted to a minimum of 98% of the SPMDD.

In consideration of the groundwater conditions at the site, a sub-slab drainage system, consisting of lines of perforated drainage pipe subdrains connected to a positive outlet, should be provided in the subfloor fill under the lower basement floor. This is discussed further in Subsection 6.1.

5.6 Basement Wall

There are several combinations of backfill materials and retained soils that could be applicable for the basement walls of the proposed building. However, in our opinion, 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 dry unit weight of 20 kN/m³.

The applicable effective unit weight of the retained soil can be estimated as 13 kN/m³, where applicable. A hydrostatic pressure should be added to the total static earth pressure when calculating the effective unit weight.

The total earth pressure (P_{AE}) includes both the static earth pressure component (P_o) and the seismic component (ΔP_{AE}).

Static Earth Pressures

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

K_o = At-rest earth pressure coefficient of the applicable retained soil, 0.5

γ = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil (kN/m³)

H = height of the basement wall (m)

An additional pressure having a magnitude equal to $K_o q$ 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 away 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 (ΔP_{AE}).

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

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

γ = unit weight of fill of the applicable retained soil (kN/m³)

H = height of the wall (m)

g = gravity, 9.81 m/s²

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

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

The total earth force (P_{AE}) is considered to act at a height, h (m), from the base of the wall, where:

$$h = \{P_o \cdot (H/3) + \Delta P_{AE} \cdot (0.6 \cdot H)\} / P_{AE}$$

The earth forces calculated are unfactored. For the ULS case, the earth loads should be factored as live loads, as per OBC 2012.

5.7 Pavement Design

For design purposes, it is recommended that the rigid pavement structure for the lower level underground parking levels 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 2 on the following page. The flexible pavement structure presented in Table 3 should be used for at grade access lanes and heavy loading parking areas.

Table 2 - Recommended Rigid Pavement Structure - Lower Parking Level	
Thickness (mm)	Material Description
150	Exposure Class C2 - 32 MPa Concrete (5 to 8% Air Entrainment)
300	BASE - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
SUBGRADE - Existing imported 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 underground parking level. The control joints are generally recommended to be located at the center 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.

Table 3 - Recommended Asphalt Pavement Structure - Access Lanes and Heavy Loading Parking Areas	
Thickness (mm)	Material Description
40	Wear Course - HL-3 or Superpave 12.5 Asphaltic Concrete
50	Binder Course - HL-8 or Superpave 19.0 Asphaltic Concrete
150	BASE - OPSS Granular A Crushed Stone
450	SUBBASE - OPSS Granular B Type II
SUBGRADE - OPSS Granular B Type II overlying the Concrete Podium Deck.	

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 98% of the material's SPMDD using suitable vibratory equipment.

6.0 Design and Construction Precautions

6.1 Foundation Drainage and Backfill

Water Suppression System and Foundation Drainage

For the proposed underground parking levels, it is anticipated that the majority of the building foundation walls will be placed in close proximity to the site boundaries. Therefore, it is recommended that the foundation wall be blind poured against a drainage system and waterproofing system fastened to the temporary shoring system.

Waterproofing of the foundation wall is recommended, and the membrane is to be installed starting at the top of the foundation wall, extending down to founding elevation. The waterproofing membrane should also be extended horizontally below the proposed footings a minimum of 600 mm away from the face of the excavation. The membrane will serve as a water infiltration suppression system.

It is also recommended that the composite drainage system, such as Delta Drain 6000 or equivalent, be installed between the waterproofing membrane and the foundation wall, and extend from the exterior finished grade to the founding elevation (underside of footing or raft slab). The purpose of the composite drainage system is to direct any water infiltration resulting from a breach of the waterproofing membrane to the building sump pit.

It is recommended that 150 mm diameter sleeves at 3 m centres be cast in the foundation wall at the footing interface to allow the infiltration of water to flow to an interior perimeter underslab drainage pipe. The perimeter drainage pipe should direct water to sump pit(s) within the lower basement area.

Sub-slab Drainage

Sub-slab drainage will be required to control water infiltration below the lowest underground parking level slab. For preliminary design purposes, we recommend that 150 mm diameter perforated pipes be placed at approximate 6 m centres underlying the lowest level floor slab. The spacing of the sub-slab drainage system should be confirmed at the time of completing the excavation when water infiltration can be better assessed.

Foundation Backfill

Where space is available, 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 composite drainage system, such as Delta Drain 6000 or an approved equivalent. Imported granular materials, such as clean sand or OPSS Granular B Type I granular material, should otherwise be used for this purpose.

6.2 Protection of Footings Against Frost Action

Perimeter footings of heated structures are required to be insulated against the deleterious effects of frost action. A minimum of 1.5 m of soil cover alone, or a minimum of 0.6 m of soil cover in conjunction with adequate 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 heated structure and require additional protection, such as soil cover of 2.1 m or an equivalent combination of soil cover and foundation insulation.

However, foundations which are founded directly on clean, surface-sounded bedrock, and which is approved by Paterson at the time of construction, is not considered frost susceptible and does not require soil cover.

6.3 Excavation Side Slopes

The side slopes of excavations in the overburden soil and weathered shale bedrock materials should either be cut back at acceptable slopes or should be retained by shoring systems from the start of the excavation until the structure is backfilled.

Unsupported Excavations

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

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

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

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 and weathered bedrock to complete the required excavations where insufficient room is available for open cut methods. The design and approval of the temporary 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 will not negatively impact the shoring system or soils supported by the system.

The temporary shoring system may consist of a soldier pile and lagging system. 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, the shoring systems should be provided with tie-back rock anchors to ensure the stability.

The toe of the shoring is recommended to be adequately supported to resist toe failure 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.

Table 4 - Soil Parameters	
Parameters	Values
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 (γ), kN/m ³	21
Submerged Unit Weight (γ), 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 used above the groundwater level while the effective unit weight should be used below the groundwater level.

The hydrostatic groundwater pressure should be included to the earth pressure distribution wherever the effective unit weight are calculated for earth pressures. If the groundwater level is lowered, the dry unit weight for the soil/bedrock 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.

Bedrock Stabilization

Where required, excavation side slopes in sound bedrock can be carried out using almost vertical side walls. A minimum 1 m horizontal ledge should be left between the bottom of the overburden excavation and the top of the bedrock surface to provide an area to allow for potential sloughing or to provide a stable base for the overburden shoring system.

Horizontal rock anchors may be required at specific locations to prevent pop-outs of the bedrock, especially in areas where bedrock fractures are conducive to the failure of the bedrock surface.

The requirement for temporary rock anchors, shotcrete, and/or chainlink fencing should be evaluated during the excavation operations and should be discussed with the structural engineer during the design stage of the project.

6.4 Pipe Bedding and Backfill

Bedding and backfill materials should be in accordance with the most recent Material Specifications & 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 soil subgrade. If the bedding is placed on bedrock, the thickness of the bedding should be increased to 300 mm for sewer pipes. The bedding should extend to the spring line of the pipe. Cover material, from the spring line to a minimum of 300 mm above the obvert of the pipe should consist of OPSS Granular A (concrete or PSM PVC pipes) or sand (concrete pipe). The bedding and cover materials should be placed in maximum 225 mm thick lifts and compacted to 95% of the SPMDD.

Where hard surface areas are considered above the trench backfill, the trench backfill material within the frost zone (about 1.8 m below finished grade) should match the soils exposed at the trench walls to reduce the potential differential frost heaving. The trench backfill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% of the SPMDD.

6.5 Groundwater Control

Groundwater Control for Building Construction

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.

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 to Neighbouring Properties

Based on the subsurface conditions encountered at the subject site, it is anticipated that the adjacent structures are founded on bedrock. Therefore, no adverse effects from short term and long term dewatering are expected for surrounding structures.

6.6 Winter Construction

Precautions must be taken if winter construction is considered for this project. The subsoil conditions at this site mostly consist of frost susceptible materials. In the presence of water and freezing conditions, ice could form within the soil mass. Heaving and settlement upon thawing could occur.

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

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 Protection of Potentially Expansive Bedrock

Upon being exposed to air and moisture, shale may decompose into thin flakes along the bedding planes. Previous studies have concluded shales containing pyrite are subject to volume changes upon exposure to air. As a result, the formation of jarosite crystals by aerobic bacteria occurs under certain ambient conditions.

It has been determined that the expansion process does not occur or can be retarded when air (i.e. oxygen) is prevented from contact with the shale and/or the ambient temperature is maintained below 20°C, and/or the shale is confined by pressures in excess of 70 kPa. The latter restriction on the heaving process is probably the major reason why damage to structures has, for the greater part, been confined to slabs-on-grade rather than footings.

Based on the borehole logs, expansive shale may be encountered at the subject site. To reduce the long term deterioration of the shale, exposure of the bedrock surface to oxygen should be kept as low as possible. The bedrock surface within the proposed building footprint should be protected from excessive dewatering and exposure to ambient air. A 50 mm thick concrete mud slab, consisting of minimum 15 MPa lean concrete, should be placed on the exposed bedrock surface within a 48 hour period of being exposed.

Another option for protecting the shale from deterioration is placing granular fill over the exposed surface within a 48 hour period after exposure. Preventing the dewatering of the shale bedrock will also prevent the rapid deterioration and expansion of the shale bedrock. This can be accomplished by spraying bituminous emulsion as noted above.

7.0 Recommendations

A materials testing and observation services program is a requirement for the provided foundation design data to be applicable. The following aspects of the program should be performed by the geotechnical consultant:

- Review of the geotechnical aspects of the excavating contractor's shoring design, prior to construction.
- Review the bedrock stabilization and excavation requirements.
- Observation of all bearing surfaces prior to the placement of concrete.
- Sampling and testing of the concrete and fill materials used.
- Periodic observation of the condition of unsupported excavation side slopes in excess of 3 m in height, if applicable.
- Observation of all subgrades prior to backfilling.
- Field density tests to determine the level of compaction achieved.
- Sampling and testing of the bituminous concrete including mix design reviews.

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

8.0 Statement of Limitations

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

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

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

The present report applies only to the project described in this document. Use of this report for purposes other than those described herein or by person(s) other than TCU Development Corporation or their agent(s) is not authorized without review by Paterson Group for the applicability of our recommendations to the altered use of the report.

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APPENDIX 1

SOIL PROFILE & TEST DATA SHEETS

SYMBOLS AND TERMS

DATUM Geodetic

REMARKS

BORINGS BY CME-55 Low Clearance Drill

DATE April 19, 2021

FILE NO. PG5770

HOLE NO. BH 2-21

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Monitoring Well Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %					
GROUND SURFACE								20	40	60	80		
Asphaltic concrete	0.13					0	71.97						
FILL: Brown silty sand with crushed stone	0.60	AU	1										
FILL: Brown silty clay with sand and gravel, trace topsoil	1.45	SS	2	75	8	1	70.97						
FILL: Brown silty sand with gravel	2.36	SS	3	17	19	2	69.97						
		SS	4	20	50+								
BEDROCK: Very poor quality, black shale		RC	1	100	0	3	68.97						
- good quality by 3.1 m depth		RC	2	100	85	4	67.97						
		RC	3	100	88	5	66.97						
	6.17					6	65.97						
End Borehole (GWL @ 3.06m - April 26, 2021)													

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

DATUM Geodetic

REMARKS

BORINGS BY CME-55 Low Clearance Drill

DATE April 19, 2021

FILE NO. **PG5770**

HOLE NO. **BH 3-21**

SOIL DESCRIPTION	STRATA PLOT	SAMPLE				DEPTH (m)	ELEV. (m)	Pen. Resist. Blows/0.3m ● 50 mm Dia. Cone				Monitoring Well Construction	
		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			○ Water Content %					
GROUND SURFACE								20	40	60	80		
Asphaltic concrete	0.10					0	71.78						
FILL: Brown silty sand with crushed stone	0.60	AU	1										
FILL: Dark grey to brown silty sand with clay, trace wood		SS	2	42	19	1	70.78						
	1.68	SS	3	60	50+								
Compact, brown SILTY SAND , trace gravel	1.78					2	69.78						
		RC	1	87	0								
BEDROCK: Very poor to poor quality, black shale						3	68.78						
		RC	2	72	25	4	67.78						
- excellent quality by 4.6m depth						5	66.78						
	5.87	RC	3	100	94								
End of Borehole (GWL @ 3.15m - April 26, 2021)													

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REMARKS

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HOLE NO. **BH 4-21**

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		TYPE	NUMBER	RECOVERY %	N VALUE or RQD			20	40	60	80	
GROUND SURFACE												
Asphaltic concrete	0.05					0	72.50					
FILL: Brown silty sand with crushed stone	0.60	AU	1									
FILL: Brown silty clay with sand and gravel, trace shale fragments		SS	2	50	6	1	71.50					
	1.73	SS	3	100	50+							
End of Borehole Practical refusal to augering at 1.73m depth.												

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 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 _{xx}	-	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 ₁₀	-	Grain size at which 10% of the soil is finer (effective grain size)
D ₆₀	-	Grain size at which 60% of the soil is finer
C _c	-	Concavity coefficient = $(D_{30})^2 / (D_{10} \times D_{60})$
C _u	-	Uniformity coefficient = D_{60} / D_{10}

C_c and C_u 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_c and C_u are not applicable for the description of soils with more than 10% silt and clay (more than 10% finer than 0.075 mm or the #200 sieve)

CONSOLIDATION TEST

p' _o	-	Present effective overburden pressure at sample depth
p' _c	-	Preconsolidation pressure of (maximum past pressure on) sample
C _{cr}	-	Recompression index (in effect at pressures below p' _c)
C _c	-	Compression index (in effect at pressures above p' _c)
OC Ratio		Overconsolidation ratio = p'_c / p'_o
Void Ratio		Initial sample void ratio = volume of voids / volume of solids
W _o	-	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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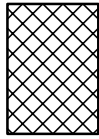
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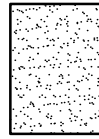
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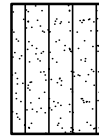
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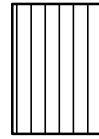
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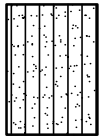
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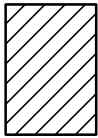
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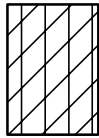
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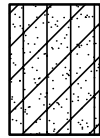
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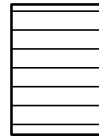
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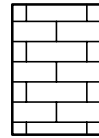
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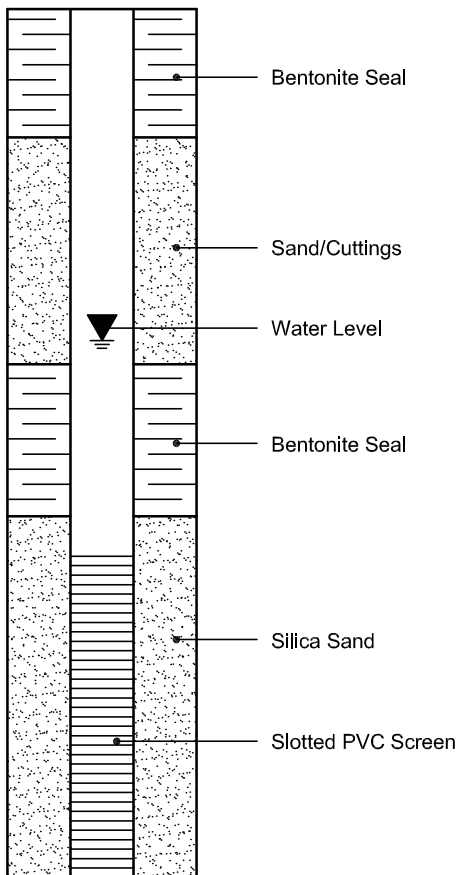
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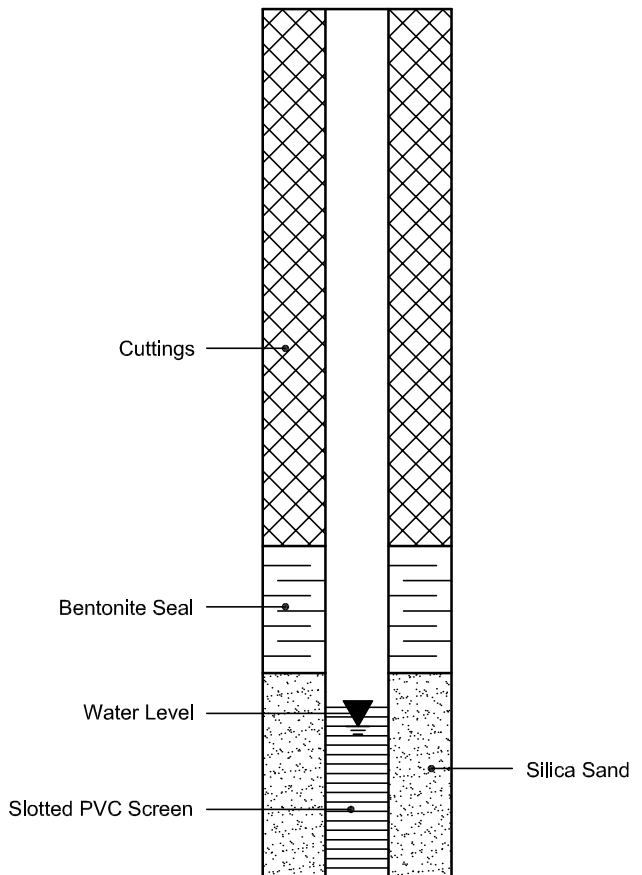
Bedrock

MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION

MONITORING WELL CONSTRUCTION



PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION



APPENDIX 2

FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN

FIGURE 2 - AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH - 1991

FIGURE 3 - AERIAL PHOTOGRAPH - 2019

DRAWING PG5770-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN



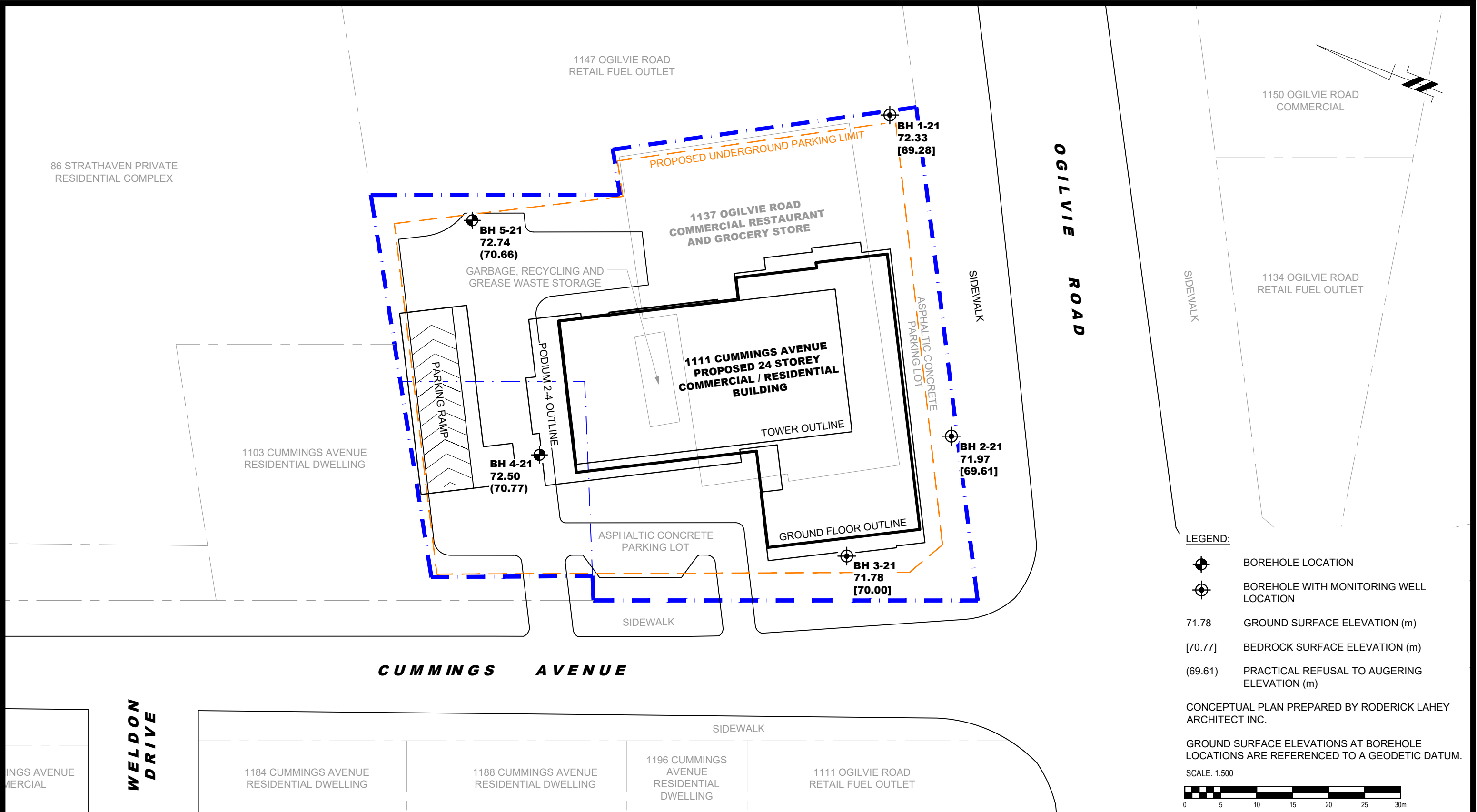
FIGURE 2

Aerial Photograph - 1991



FIGURE 2

Aerial Photograph - 2019



LEGEND:

- BOREHOLE LOCATION
- BOREHOLE WITH MONITORING WELL LOCATION
- 71.78 GROUND SURFACE ELEVATION (m)
- [70.77] BEDROCK SURFACE ELEVATION (m)
- (69.61) PRACTICAL REFUSAL TO AUGERING ELEVATION (m)

CONCEPTUAL PLAN PREPARED BY RODERICK LAHEY ARCHITECT INC.

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

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