

# Geotechnical Investigation Proposed Commercial Development

6356 Fourth Line Road Ottawa, Ontario

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# 1.0 Introduction

Paterson Group (Paterson) was commissioned by 2778317 Ontario Inc. c/o GJA Inc. to conduct a geotechnical investigation for the proposed commercial development to be located at 6356 Fourth Line Road in the City of Ottawa (reference should be made 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 pertaining to design of the proposed development including construction considerations which may affect the design.

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

Investigating for 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 conceptual plan, it is understood that the proposed development will consist of a 1-storey, slab-on-grade building with gravel pathways and landscaped areas.

It is also expected that the subject site will be serviced with a private well and septic system.



# 3.0 Method of Investigation

# 3.1 Field Investigation

#### **Field Program**

The field program for the current geotechnical investigation was carried out on March 1, 2024, and consisted of advancing a total of 5 test pits to a maximum depth of 3.4 m below existing ground surface. The test pit locations were distributed in a manner to provide general coverage of the subject site, taking into consideration underground utilities and site features. The approximate locations of the test pits are shown on Drawing PG7022-1 – Test Hole Location Plan included in Appendix 2.

The test pits were excavated using a backhoe and backfilled with the excavated soil upon completion. All fieldwork was conducted under the full-time supervision of Paterson personnel under the direction of a senior engineer. The test pitting procedure consisted of excavating to the required depth at the selected location and sampling the overburden.

#### Sampling and In Situ Testing

Soil samples obtained from the test pits were recovered from the sidewalls of the open excavation. The samples were classified on site, placed in sealed plastic bags, and transported to our laboratory. The depths at which the grab samples were recovered from the test pits are shown as G on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1.

The subsurface conditions observed in the test pits 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

Where present, groundwater infiltration levels and soil color changes were recorded in all test pits prior to backfilling. The groundwater observations are further discussed in Section 4.3 and are presented in the Soil Profile and Test Data Sheets in Appendix 1.



# 3.2 Field Survey

The test pit locations were selected by Paterson to provide general coverage of the subject site, taking into consideration the existing site features and underground utilities. The test pit locations, and the ground surface elevation at each test pit location, were surveyed by Paterson using a handheld GPS with respect to a geodetic datum. The locations of the test pits and ground surface elevation at each test pit location are presented on Drawing PG7022-1 - 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. Additionally, one (1) grain size distribution analysis was completed on a selected soil sample. The results are discussed in Section 4.2 and are provided in Appendix 1 of this report. All samples will be stored in the laboratory for 1 month after this report is completed. They will then be discarded unless otherwise directed.

# 3.4 Analytical Testing

One (1) soil sample was submitted for analytical testing to assess the corrosion potential for exposed ferrous metals and the potential of sulphate attacks against subsurface concrete structures. The sample was submitted to determine the concentration of sulphate and chloride, the resistivity, and the pH of the samples. The results are presented in Appendix 1 and are discussed further in Section 6.7.



# 4.0 Observations

# 4.1 Surface Conditions

The southeast portion of the subject site is currently occupied by an existing residential building with associated landscape areas and driveways. The central portion of the site is occupied by an existing concrete block Barn. Mature trees are located across the site.

The site is bordered by residential buildings to the north and south, by agricultural lands to the west and by Fourth Line Road to the east. Generally, the ground surface across the subject site is relatively level at approximate geodetic elevation 92 to 93 m.

### 4.2 Subsurface Profile

Generally, the subsurface profile at the subject site consists of topsoil underlain by a silty clay deposit. At test pit TP 1-24, fill material was encountered underlying the topsoil and extending to an approximate depth of 0.8 m. The fill material was observed to consist of brown silty clay with sand, gravel and occasional cobbles.

A hard to firm brown silty clay deposit was encountered below the topsoil and/or fill material and extended to the maximum depth of the test pits. The silty clay was observed to transition from a hard to firm, brown silty clay to stiff to firm grey silty clay at an approximate depth of 3.2 m at test pit TP 2-24.

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, bedrock in the area of the subject site consists of dolomite of the Oxford Formation with an approximate overburden thickness ranging from 15 to 25 m below ground surface.

### **Grain Size Distribution and Hydrometer Testing**

One (1) grain size distribution test was completed to further classify the soil samples. The results are summarized in Table 1 on the following page and are presented in Appendix 1.



Table 1 - Summary of Grain Size Distribution Analysis Results					
Test Hole	Sample	Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Silt (%)	Clay (%)
TP 5-24	G1	0.0	7.0	54.0	39.0

# 4.3 Groundwater

Groundwater infiltration levels were observed within the test pits during the excavation. The observed groundwater infiltration levels are presented in Table 2 below and on the Soil Profile and Test Data sheets in Appendix 1.

Test Hole Number	<b>Ground Surface</b>	Measured Grou		
	Elevation (m)	Depth (m)	Elevation (m)	Dated Recorded
TP 1-24	92.54	1.25	91.29	
TP 2-24	92.05	0.5	91.55	March 1, 2024
TP 3-24	92.05	0.5	91.55	
TP 4-24	92.22	1.0	91.22	
TP 5-24	92.23	0.5	91.73	

The groundwater table can also be estimated based on the observed colour, moisture content and consistency of the recovered samples. Based on the aforementioned observations, the long-term groundwater table is expected to be located at an approximate depth of 3 to 4 m below the existing ground surface.

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

From a geotechnical perspective, the subject site is considered suitable for the proposed development. It is recommended that the proposed structures be founded on conventional spread foundations placed on an undisturbed, hard to stiff brown silty clay bearing surface.

Due to the presence of a silty clay deposit at the site, the proposed development will be subjected to grade raise restrictions. Our permissible grade raise recommendations are discussed in Section 5.3.

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

# 5.2 Site Grading and Preparation

# **Stripping Depth**

Topsoil and any fill containing significant amounts of deleterious or organic materials, or construction debris/remnants should be stripped from under any buildings, paved areas, pipe bedding and other settlement sensitive structures. Care should be taken not to disturb subgrade soils during site preparation activities.

It is anticipated that the existing fill within the proposed building footprints, free of deleterious material and significant amounts of organics, can be left in place below the proposed building footprints outside of lateral support zones for the footings. However, it is recommended that the existing fill layer be proof-rolled several times under dry conditions and above freezing temperatures and 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.

#### **Fill Placement**

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



Non-specified existing fill along with site-excavated soil can be used as general landscaping fill and beneath exterior parking areas where settlement of the ground surface is of minor concern. In landscaped areas, these materials should be spread in thin lifts and at least compacted by the tracks of the spreading equipment to minimize voids. If these materials are to be used to build up the subgrade level for areas to be paved, they should be compacted in thin lifts to a minimum density of 95% of their respective SPMDD.

# 5.3 Foundation Design

#### **Bearing Resistance Values**

Strip footings, up to 3 m wide, and pad footings, up to 5 m wide, founded on an undisturbed, hard to stiff brown silty clay bearing surface can be designed 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 above noted bearing resistance value at ULS.

An undisturbed soil bearing surface consists of one from which all topsoil and deleterious materials, such as loose, frozen or disturbed soil, have been removed prior to the placement of concrete for footings.

Footings placed on an undisturbed soil bearing surface and designed using the bearing resistance values at SLS provided above will be subjected to potential post-construction total and differential settlements of 25 and 20 mm, respectively.

#### **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. Above the groundwater level, adequate lateral support is provided to the insitu bearing medium soils when a plane extending down and out from the bottom edge of the footing at a minimum of 1.5H:1V passes only through in situ soil.

#### Permissible Grade Raise Recommendations

Due to the presence of the silty clay deposit at the site, a permissible grade raise restriction of **2 m** is recommended for grading at the subject site.

If higher than permissible grade raises are required, preloading with or without a surcharge, lightweight fill, and/or other measures should be investigated to reduce the risks of unacceptable long-term post construction total and differential settlements.



# 5.4 Design for Earthquakes

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

### 5.5 Slab-on-Grade Construction

With the removal of all topsoil and fill, containing significant amounts of deleterious or organic materials, the native soil or approved fill is considered to be an acceptable subgrade surface on which to commence backfilling for slab on grade construction.

Where the subgrade consists of existing fill, a vibratory drum roller should complete several passes over the subgrade surface as a proof-rolling program, which should be observed and approved by Paterson. Any poor performing areas should be removed and reinstated with an engineered fill such as OPSS Granular A, Granular B Type II with a maximum particle size of 50 mm. All backfill material within the footprints of the proposed buildings should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose layers and compacted to a minimum of 98% of the SPMDD.

It is recommended that the upper 200 mm sub-floor fill consists of OPSS Granular A crushed stone. All backfill materials within the footprint of the proposed building should be placed in a maximum of 300 mm thick loose layers and compacted to at least 98% of the SPMDD.

# 5.6 Pavement Design

For design purposes, the pavement structure presented in the following tables could be used for the design of car only parking areas and access lanes.

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

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soil or fill.



Table 4 - Recommended Pavement Structure - Access Lanes			
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		
<b>SUBGRADE</b> - Either fill, in situ soil or OPSS Granular B Type I or II material placed over in situ soil or fill.			

Minimum Performance Graded (PG) 58-34 asphalt cement should be used for this project.

If soft spots develop in the subgrade during compaction or due to construction traffic, the affected areas should be excavated and replaced with OPSS Granular B Type II material.

The pavement granular base and subbase should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick lifts and compacted to a minimum of 99% of the material's SPMDD using suitable vibratory equipment.

#### **Pavement Structure Drainage**

If applicable, satisfactory performance of the pavement structure is largely dependent on keeping the contact zone between the subgrade material and the base stone in a dry condition. Failure to provide adequate drainage under conditions of heavy wheel loading can result in the fine subgrade soil being pumped into the voids in the stone subbase, thereby reducing its load carrying capacity.

Due to the impervious nature of the silty clay deposit, where silty clay is anticipated at subgrade level, consideration should be given to installing subdrains during the pavement construction. The subdrain inverts should be approximately 300 mm below subgrade level and run longitudinal along the curb lines. The subgrade surface should be crowned to promote water flow to the drainage lines.



# 6.0 Design and Construction Precautions

### 6.1 Foundation Backfill

Backfill against the exterior sides of the foundation walls should consist of free draining, non-frost susceptible granular materials. The greater part of the site excavated material will be frost susceptible and, as such, are not recommended for re-use as backfill against the foundation walls. Imported granular materials, such as clean sand or OPSS Granular B Type I granular material, can 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

#### **Temporary Side Slopes**

The temporary excavation side slopes anticipated should either be excavated to acceptable slopes or retained by shoring systems from the beginning of the excavation until the structure is backfilled. It is anticipated that sufficient space will be available to slope the excavations at this site.

The excavation side slopes above the groundwater level 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 soil 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.

A trench box is recommended 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.

# 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.

It should generally be possible to re-use the upper portion of the dry to moist (not wet) silty clay above the cover material if the excavation and filling operations are carried out in dry weather conditions.

Where hard surface areas are considered above the trench backfill, the trench backfill material within the frost zone (about 1.8 m below finished grade) should match the soils exposed at the trench walls to minimize differential frost heaving. The backfill should be placed in maximum 300 mm thick loose lifts and compacted to a minimum of 95% 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 low to moderate and controllable using open sumps. The contractor should be prepared to direct water away from all bearing surfaces and subgrades, regardless of the source, to prevent disturbance to the founding medium.



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

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

For typical ground or surface water volumes being pumped during the construction phase, typically <u>between 50,000 to 400,000 L/day</u>, 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.

#### 6.5 Winter Construction

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

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

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

# 6.6 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 (GU – General Use cement) would be appropriate for this site. The chloride content and pH of the sample indicate that they are not a significant factor in creating a corrosive environment for exposed ferrous metals at this site, whereas the resistivity is indicative of a moderate to slightly aggressive corrosive environment.



# 6.7 Landscaping Considerations

# **Tree Planting Restrictions**

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

Large trees (mature height over 14 m) can be planted within these areas provided a tree to foundation setback equal to the full mature height of the tree can be provided (e.g. in a park or other green space). 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:

The underside of footing (USF) is 2.1 m or greater below the lowest finished grade must be satisfied for footings within 10 m from the tree, as measured from the center 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 soil 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.

#### Aboveground Swimming Pools, Hot Tubs, Decks and Additions

The in-situ soils are considered to be acceptable for in-ground swimming pools. Above ground swimming pools must be placed at least 5 m away from the residence foundation and neighboring foundations. Otherwise, pool construction is considered routine, and can be constructed in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements.



Additional grading around the hot tub should not exceed permissible grade raises. Otherwise, hot tub construction is considered routine, and can be constructed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

Additional grading around proposed deck or addition should not exceed permissible grade raises. Otherwise, standard construction practices are considered acceptable.



# 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.

Review of the Grading Plan, from a geotechnical perspective.
Observation of all bearing surfaces prior to the placement of concrete.
Sampling and testing of the concrete and fill materials used.
Periodic observation of the condition of unsupported excavation side slopes in excess of 3 m in height, if applicable.
Observation of all subgrades prior to backfilling.
Field density tests to determine the level of compaction achieved.
Sampling and testing of the bituminous concrete including mix design reviews.

A report confirming that these works have been conducted in general accordance with our recommendations could be issued upon the completion of a satisfactory inspection program by the geotechnical consultant.

All excess soil 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 2778317 Ontario Inc. c/o GJA Inc., or their agents, is not authorized without review by Paterson for the applicability of our recommendations to the alternative use of the report.

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# **APPENDIX 1**

SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA SHEETS
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GRAIN SIZE DISTURBUTION TESTING RESULTS
ANALYTICAL TESTING RESULTS

**SOIL PROFILE AND TEST DATA** 

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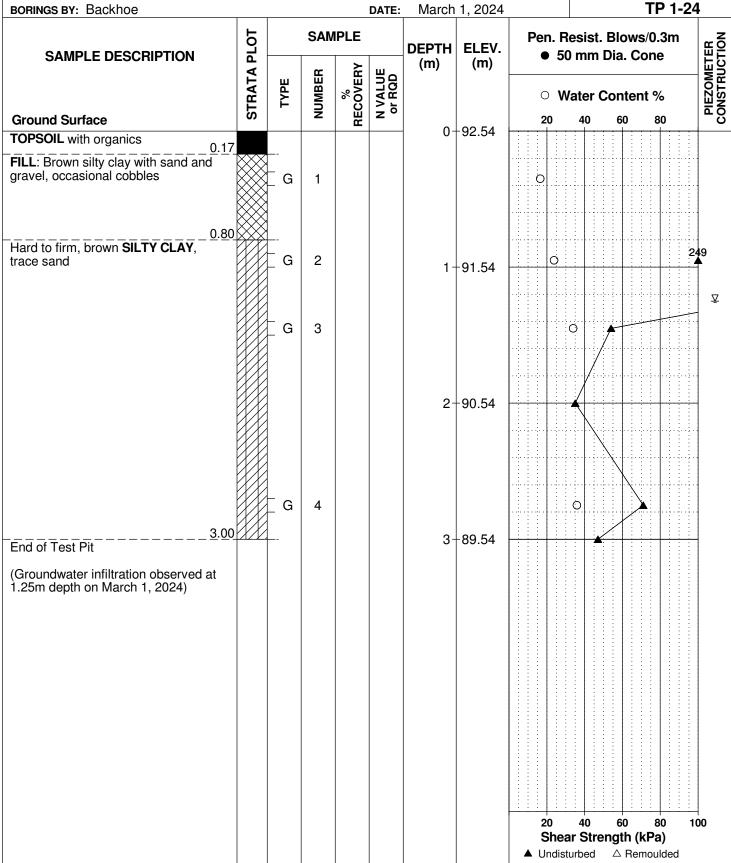
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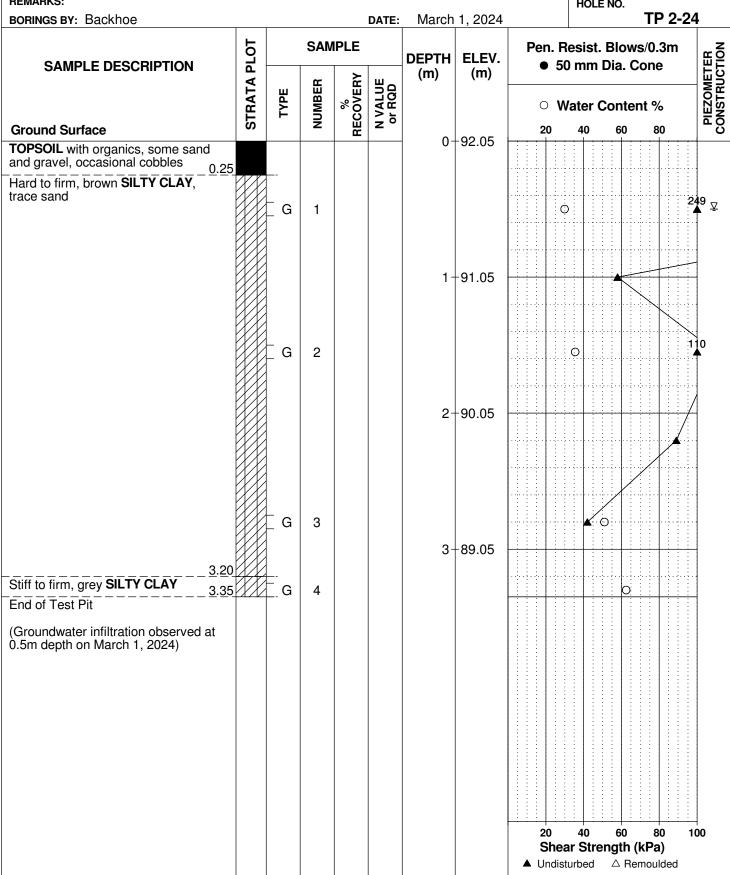
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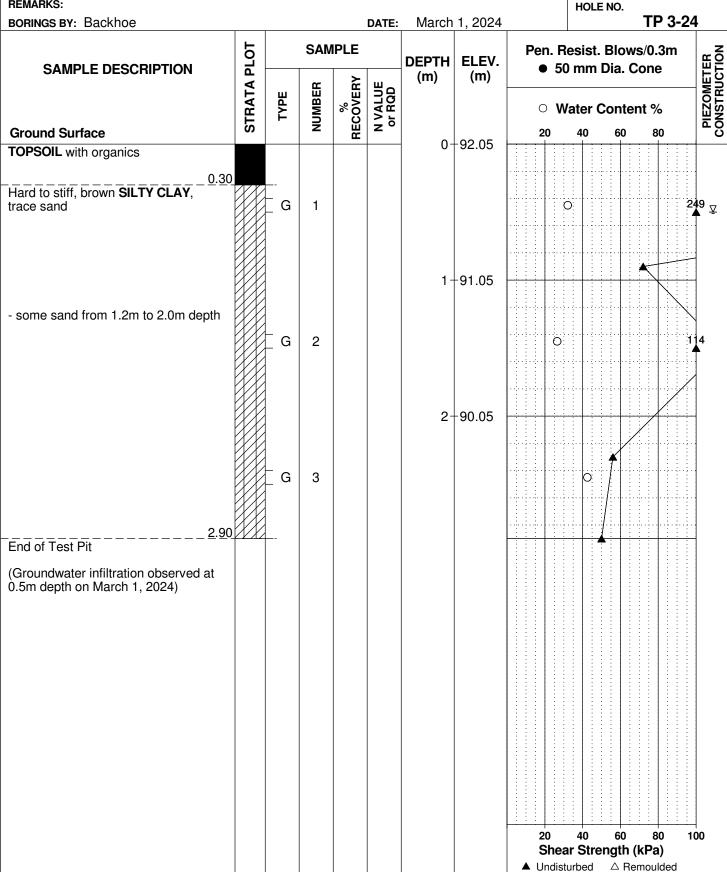
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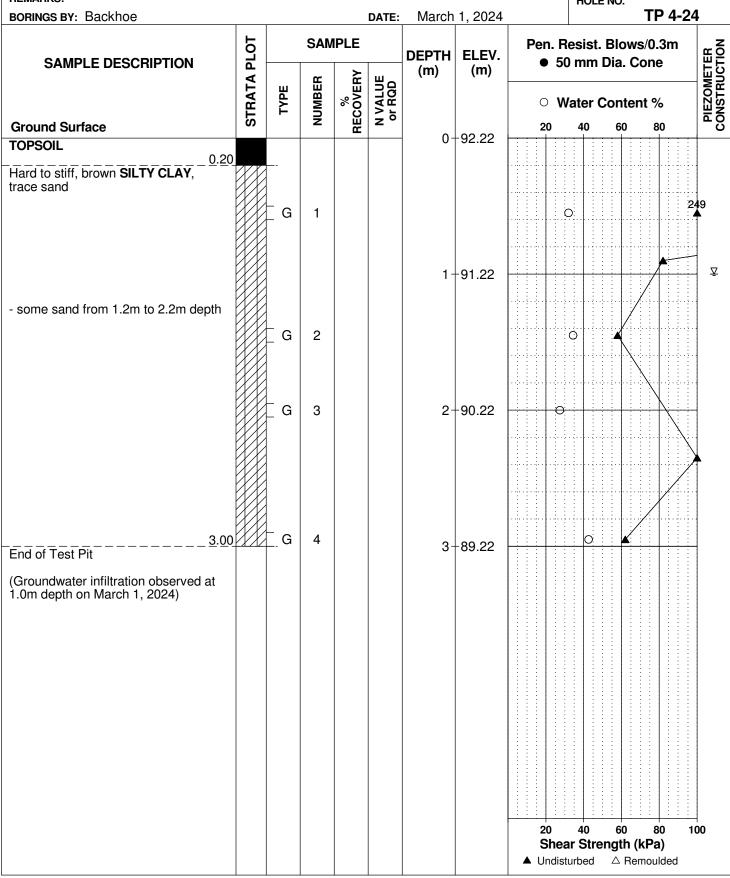
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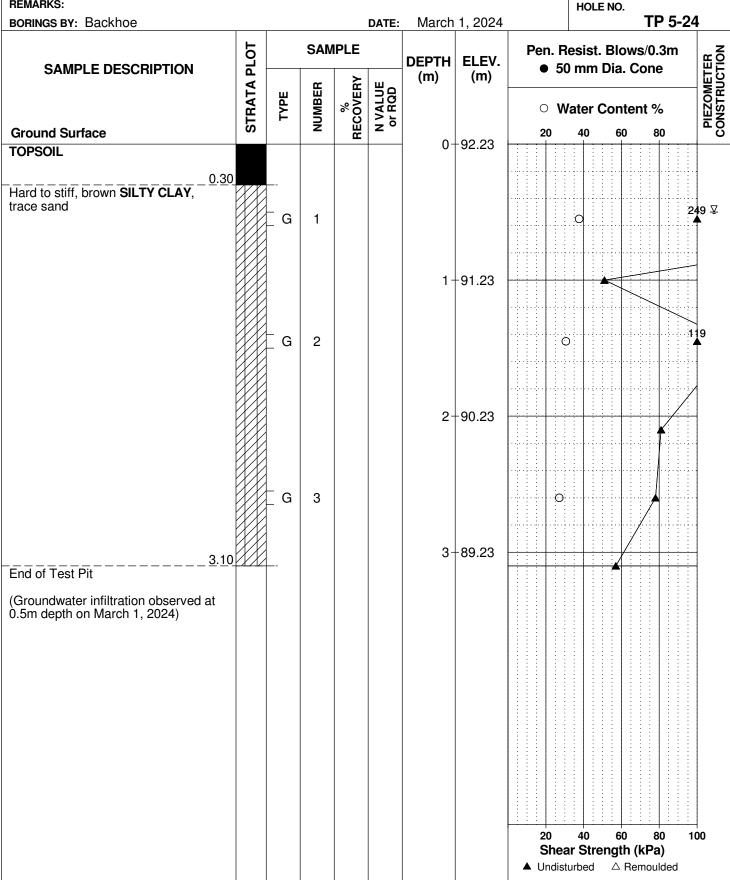
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# **SYMBOLS AND TERMS**

#### 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	: <b>-</b> :	composed of regular alternating layers of silt and clay.
Stratified	-	composed of alternating layers of different soil types, e.g. silt and sand or silt and clay.
Well-Graded	×	Having wide range in grain sizes and substantial amounts of all intermediate particle sizes (see Grain Size Distribution).
Uniformly-Graded	_	Predominantly of one grain size (see Grain Size Distribution).

The standard terminology to describe the strength of cohesionless soils is the relative density, usually inferred from the results of the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) 'N' value. The SPT N value is the number of blows of a 63.5 kg hammer, falling 760 mm, required to drive a 51 mm O.D. split spoon sampler 300 mm into the soil after an initial penetration of 150 mm.

Relative Density	'N' Value	Relative Density %
Very Loose	<4	<15
Loose	4-10	15-35
Compact	10-30	35-65
Dense	30-50	65-85
Very Dense	>50	>85

The standard terminology to describe the strength of cohesive soils is the consistency, which is based on the undisturbed undrained shear strength as measured by the in situ or laboratory vane tests, penetrometer tests, unconfined compression tests, or occasionally by Standard Penetration Tests.

Consistency	Undrained Shear Strength (kPa)	'N' Value
Very Soft Soft Firm Stiff	<12 12-25 25-50 50-100	<2 2-4 4-8 8-15
Very Stiff	100-200	15-30
Hard	>200	>30

# **SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)**

## **SOIL DESCRIPTION (continued)**

Cohesive soils can also be classified according to their "sensitivity". The sensitivity is the ratio between the undisturbed undrained shear strength and the remoulded undrained shear strength of the soil.

Terminology used for describing soil strata based upon texture, or the proportion of individual particle sizes present is provided on the Textural Soil Classification Chart at the end of this information package.

#### **ROCK DESCRIPTION**

The structural description of the bedrock mass is based on the Rock Quality Designation (RQD).

The RQD classification is based on a modified core recovery percentage in which all pieces of sound core over 100 mm long are counted as recovery. The smaller pieces are considered to be a result of closely-spaced discontinuities (resulting from shearing, jointing, faulting, or weathering) in the rock mass and are not counted. RQD is ideally determined from NXL size core. However, it can be used on smaller core sizes, such as BX, if the bulk of the fractures caused by drilling stresses (called "mechanical breaks") are easily distinguishable from the normal in situ fractures.

RQD %	ROCK QUALITY
90-100 75-90	Excellent, intact, very sound Good, massive, moderately jointed or sound
50-75	Fair, blocky and seamy, fractured
25-50	Poor, shattered and very seamy or blocky, severely fractured
0-25	Very poor, crushed, very severely fractured

#### SAMPLE TYPES

SS	-	Split spoon sample (obtained in conjunction with the performing of the Standard Penetration Test (SPT))									
TW	-	Thin wall tube or Shelby tube									
PS	-	Piston sample									
AU	-	Auger sample or bulk sample									
WS	-	Wash sample									
RC	-	Rock core sample (Core bit size AXT, BXL, etc.). Rock core samples are obtained with the use of standard diamond drilling bits.									

### **SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)**

#### **GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION**

MC% - Natural moisture content or water content of sample, %

Liquid Limit, % (water content above which soil behaves as a liquid)
 PL
 Plastic limit, % (water content above which soil behaves plastically)

PI - Plasticity index, % (difference between LL and PL)

Dxx - Grain size which xx% of the soil, by weight, is of finer grain sizes

These grain size descriptions are not used below 0.075 mm grain size

D10 - Grain size at which 10% of the soil is finer (effective grain size)

D60 - Grain size at which 60% of the soil is finer

Cc - Concavity coefficient =  $(D30)^2 / (D10 \times D60)$ 

Cu - Uniformity coefficient = D60 / D10

Cc and Cu are used to assess the grading of sands and gravels:

Well-graded gravels have: 1 < Cc < 3 and Cu > 4 Well-graded sands have: 1 < Cc < 3 and Cu > 6

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

Cc and Cu are not applicable for the description of soils with more than 10% silt and clay

(more than 10% finer than 0.075 mm or the #200 sieve)

#### **CONSOLIDATION TEST**

p'<sub>o</sub> - Present effective overburden pressure at sample depth

p'c - Preconsolidation pressure of (maximum past pressure on) sample

Ccr - Recompression index (in effect at pressures below p'c)
Cc - Compression index (in effect at pressures above p'c)

OC Ratio Overconsolidaton ratio =  $p'_c/p'_o$ 

Void Ratio Initial sample void ratio = volume of voids / volume of solids

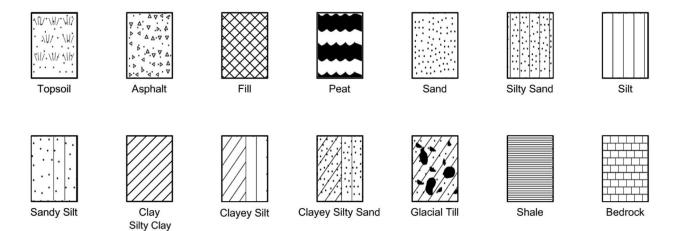
Wo - Initial water content (at start of consolidation test)

#### PERMEABILITY TEST

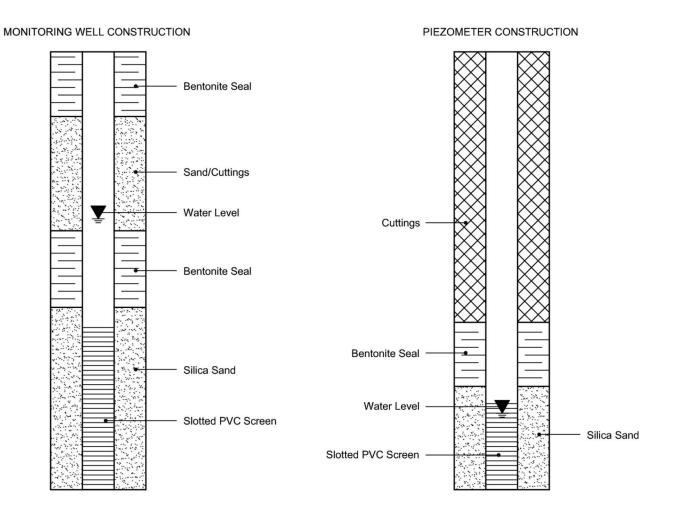
Coefficient of permeability or hydraulic conductivity is a measure of the ability of water to flow through the sample. The value of k is measured at a specified unit weight for (remoulded) cohesionless soil samples, because its value will vary with the unit weight or density of the sample during the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

# SYMBOLS AND TERMS (continued)

### STRATA PLOT



### MONITORING WELL AND PIEZOMETER CONSTRUCTION



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CLIENT:	2778317 Ontario Inc DEPTH:		DEPTH:		0.5m - 0.6m				FILE NO:			PG7022	
CONTRACT NO.:			BH OR TP No.:		TP5-24 G1				LAB NO:			51322	
PROJECT:	6356 Fourth Line Rd								DATE RECEIVE	D:		21-Mar-24	
FROJECT.								DATE TESTED:				22-Mar-24	
DATE SAMPLED:	1-Mar-24							DATE REPORTED:			27-Mar-24		
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	Comment	s:											
	Curtis Beadow							Joe Forsyth, P. Eng.					
REVIEWED BY:		Low Row						Joe Forsyth, P. Eng.					

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Certificate of Analysis

Client: Paterson Group Consulting Engineers (Ottawa)

Client PO: 59544 Project Description: PG7022

	Client ID:	TP3-24-G2	-	-	-				
	Sample Date:	01-Mar-24 09:00	-	-	-	-	-		
	Sample ID:	2410082-01	-	-	-				
	Matrix:	Soil	-	-	-				
	MDL/Units								
Physical Characteristics									
% Solids	0.1 % by Wt.	79.9	-	-	-	-	-		
General Inorganics									
pH	0.05 pH Units	7.03	-	•	•	-	-		
Resistivity	0.1 Ohm.m	52.7	-	-	-	-	-		
Anions	•	•							
Chloride	10 ug/g	29	-	-	-	-	-		
Sulphate	10 ug/g	<10	-	-	-	-	-		

Report Date: 08-Mar-2024

Order Date: 4-Mar-2024



# **APPENDIX 2**

FIGURE 1 - KEY PLAN

DRAWING PG7022-1 - TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN



FIGURE 1

**KEY PLAN** 



