

GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING REPORT

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1 Introduction

2233 & 2235 Hurontario Ltd. has retained Grounded Engineering Inc. to provide geotechnical engineering design advice for their proposed development at 2233 Hurontario Street, in Mississauga, Ontario.

The subject site is occupied by two (2) existing apartment buildings (13- and 12-storeys) and a 1-storey commercial building; the existing structures are resting on a single below-grade level consisting of basements (below the respective buildings) and underground parking across the site. The site is also surfaced with landscaped and asphalt parking areas. The proposed project includes demolishing the 1-storey building and constructing two (2) new infilled 35-storey residential towers extending from a low-rise podium structure. The new structures will rest on three levels of underground parking (P3), with a typical finished floor elevation (FFE) of $94.7 \pm$ m.

Grounded has been provided with the following documents to assist in our geotechnical scope of work:

- Architectural Drawings, "2233 Hurontario Street"; dated April 1, 2026, prepared by BDP Quadrangle.
- Site Survey, "Part of Lot 15, Concession 1 South of Dundas Street"; dated July 29, 2024, prepared by J.D. Barnes Ltd.

Grounded's subsurface investigation of the site to date includes five (5) boreholes (Boreholes 1 to 3 and 201 to 202) which were advanced on June 26th and 27th, 2024 (for Boreholes 1 to 3), February 25th, 2026 (for Borehole 201), and March 2nd to 4th, 2026 (for Borehole 202). Boreholes 1 to 3 were completed for engineering feasibility purposes (ref. "24-099 Feasibility Letter, 2233 & 2235 Hurontario St, Mississauga ON"; dated August 16, 2024), and Boreholes 201 and 202 were completed for ZBA/SPA submission and detailed design purposes.

Based on the borehole findings, geotechnical engineering advice for the proposed development is provided for foundations, seismic site designation, earth pressure design, slab on grade design, basement drainage, and pavement design. Construction considerations including excavation, groundwater control, and geostructural engineering design advice are also provided.

Grounded Engineering must conduct the on-site evaluation of founding subgrade as foundation and slab construction proceeds. This is a vital and essential part of the geotechnical engineering function and must not be grouped together with other "third-party inspection services". Grounded will not accept responsibility for foundation performance if Grounded is not retained to carry out all the foundation evaluations during construction.



2 Ground Conditions

The borehole results are detailed on the attached borehole logs. Our assessment of the relevant stratigraphic units is intended to highlight the strata as they relate to geotechnical engineering. The ground conditions reported here will vary between and beyond the borehole locations.

The stratigraphic boundary lines shown on the borehole logs are assessed from non-continuous samples supplemented by drilling observations. These stratigraphic boundary lines represent transitions between soil types and should be regarded as approximate and gradual. They are not exact points of stratigraphic change.

Elevations are measured relative to geodetic datum (City of Mississauga Benchmark No. 075033035). The horizontal coordinates are provided relative to the Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM) geographic coordinate system. Boreholes 1 to 3 and 201 were drilled at existing grade elevation, and Borehole 202 was drilled from within the existing P1 parking garage level.

2.1 Stratigraphy

The following stratigraphic summary is based on the results of the boreholes and the geotechnical laboratory testing.

A subsurface profile showing stratigraphy and engineering units is appended.

2.1.1 Surficial and Earth Fill

Surficial fill (pavements, aggregate, topsoil, etc.) thicknesses were observed in individual borehole locations through the top of the open borehole. Thicknesses may vary between and beyond each borehole location.

Boreholes 1, 2, and 201 encountered 100 to 610 mm of topsoil at ground surface. Borehole 3 observed a 140 mm of asphalt pavement overlying a 125 mm thick aggregate layer. Borehole 202, advanced from within the existing P1 level, observed a 165 mm thick concrete slab overlying a 140 mm aggregate layer.

Underlying the surficial materials, the boreholes (excluding Borehole 202) observed a layer of earth fill that extends to depths of 1.5 to 3.8 m below grade (Elev. 103.3 to 101.3 m). The earth fill varies in composition but generally consists of sand, to silty sand. It contains trace amounts of clay, gravel, and deleterious materials (incl. asphalt and rootlets). The earth fill ranges in colour from dark brown to brown with orange staining and is moist.

The Standard Penetration Test (SPT) results (N-Values) measured in the fill range from 2 to 24 blows per 300 mm of penetration ("bpf"). Due to inconsistent placement and the inherent heterogeneity of earth fill materials, the relative density of the earth fill is variable.



2.1.2 Sands

Underlying the fill materials and existing P1 level slab, the boreholes encountered an undisturbed native sand deposit at depths of 0.4 to 3.8 m below grade (Elev 103.3 to 101.2 m) extending to depths of 0.8 to 4.9 m below grade (Elev 100.7 to 100.1 m). The sand deposit contains a variable amount of silt (ranging from trace silt to sand and silt) and trace clay. The sand typically transitions from brown to grey with increasing depth, and is generally moist.

The SPT N-Values measured in the deposit range from 9 to 45 bpf, indicating a loose to dense relative density.

2.1.3 Glacial Till

Underlying the sand deposit, the boreholes encountered a glacial till at depths of 0.8 to 4.9 m below grade (Elev. 100.7 to 100.1 m), extending to depths of 7.6 to 11.1 m below grade (Elev. 94.4 to 93.9 m). The glacial till varies in composition from cohesive clayey silt (sandy) to cohesionless sandy silt (some clay) matrices, contains trace gravel, ranges in colour from greyish brown to grey, and is generally moist. The glacial till also contains trace to some rock and shale fragments with increasing depth; Boreholes 1 and 2 also observed layers of gravelly sand within the glacial till at depths of 10.9 and 9.1 m below grade (Elev. 96.0 to 94.6 m), respectively.

The SPT N-Values measured range from 17 to greater than 30 bpf in the clayey silt glacial till, suggesting a very stiff to hard consistency, and 26 to greater than 50 bpf in the sandy silt glacial till, indicating a compact to very dense consistency.

2.1.4 Bedrock

Bedrock was confirmed by rock cores recovered in all boreholes extending to depths of 11.9 to 15.7 m below grade (Elev. 89.9 to 89.3 m).

Detailed core logs are included with the corresponding borehole logs. Photographs of the recovered rock core and a guide of rock core terminology are appended. The rock core terminology sheet defines many of the descriptive terms used below.

The bedrock beneath the site is the Georgian Bay Formation, which comprises thin to medium bedded grey shale and limestone of Ordovician age. The fissile shale is interbedded with non-fissile calcareous shale, limestone, dolostone, and calcareous sandstone (conventionally grouped together as "limestone") which are typically laterally discontinuous. Per the appended terminology, the Georgian Bay shale is typically classified as "weak" whereas the limestone interbedding is classified as "medium strong to strong". The percentage of strong limestone beds in each run is reported on the rock core logs. The percentage of limestone found in each run of rock core ranged from 0 to 31%.



Joints occurring within the shale are closely to very closely spaced, and typically weathered with a veneer to coating of clay. Widely-spaced subvertical joints (closed, planar, clean) were also observed within the shale.

A summary of the engineering properties of the Georgian Bay Formation is presented in the Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Communications document RR229, *Evaluation of Shales for Construction Projects* (March 1983). The relevant parameters from that document are as follows:

Table 2.1 – Summary of MTO Georgian Bay Formation Parameters

	Uniaxial Compressive Strength (MPa)	Young's Modulus (GPa)	Dynamic Modulus (GPa)	Poisson's Ratio
Average	28	4	19	0.19
Range	8 to 41	0.5 to 12	6 to 38	0.1 to 0.25

Rock core samples were submitted for testing of unconfined compressive strength (ASTM D7012) and elastic moduli in uniaxial compression (ASTM D7012). The detailed rock laboratory testing results are appended. The test results are summarized as follows:

Borehole ID	Core ID	Depth (m)	Bulk Density (kg/m ³)	UCS (MPa)	Young's Modulus, E (GPa)	Lithology
BH1	CS1	13.7 to 13.8	2585	12.1	2.9	Shale
BH3	CS2	14.2 to 14.4	2615	17.0	3.0	Shale
BH2	CS3	13.1 to 13.3	2617	16.1	3.4	Shale

Directly below the overburden soils, the uppermost portion of bedrock is typically weathered. The MTO¹ provides a *typical weathering profile of a low durability shale* reproduced from Skempton, Davis, and Chandler, which characterizes weathered versus unweathered shale as follows:

Table 2.2 – Typical Weathering Profile of a Low Durability Shale

	Zone	Description	Notes
Fully Weathered	IVb	soil-like matrix only	indistinguishable from glacial drift deposits, slightly clayey, may be fissured
Partially Weathered	IVa	soil-like matrix with occasional pellets of shale less than 3 mm dia.	little or no trace of rock structure, although matrix may contain relic fissures

¹ Franklin, J.A., Gruspier, J.E., 1983. "Evaluation of Shales for Construction Projects – An Ontario Shale Rating System", Ontario Ministry of Transportation and Communication, Research Report RR229.



	Zone	Description	Notes
	III	soil-like matrix with frequent angular shale particles up to 25 mm dia.	moisture content of matrix greater than the shale particles
	II	angular blocks of unweathered shale with virtually no matrix separated by weaker chemically weathered but intact shale	spheroidal chemical weathering of shale pieces emanating from relic joints and fissures, and bedding planes
Unweathered (Sound)	I	shale	regular fissuring

In glacial till overburden soils directly overlying bedrock, a zone of soil with fragmented shale is often observed and interpreted as either the lowest portion of the native overburden, or as partially weathered Zone III rock. This interpretation is subjective and depends on the investigator. There is occasionally a concentration of boulders in the soil just above the bedrock that can be mistakenly identified as bedrock where rock coring is not performed. Weathering Zones III and IV are frequently not present due to glacial scouring action, which often removes these zones from the bedrock surface.

The bedrock surface as indicated on the Borehole Logs from this investigation is intended to be consistently interpreted as the surface of Zone II unless noted otherwise. Weathered and sound bedrock elevations are summarized as follows:

Borehole	Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Partially Weathered (Zone II) Bedrock		Sound (Zone I) Bedrock	
		Depth (m)	Elevation (m)	Depth (m)	Elevation (m)
1	105.5	11.1	94.4	11.7	93.8
2	105.1	11.1	94.0	11.4	93.7
3	104.8	10.8	94.0	11.0	93.8
201	104.7	10.8	93.9	11.7	93.0
202	101.5	7.6*	93.9	9.7*	91.8

*Borehole 202 was advanced from within the existing P1 level.

Borehole 202 noted extensive zones of core loss (inferred washout due to rock core tooling issues) during advancement, which was subsequently interpreted as a lower sound bedrock elevation at 91.8 m compared to the remaining boreholes advanced across the site.

Rock Quality Designation (RQD) is an index measurement that refers to the total length of pieces of sound core in a core run that are at least 100 mm in length, expressed as a percentage of the total length of that core run. Only natural discontinuities are used in assessing RQD. The RQD of the recovered rock cores was typically 0 to 70% in the weathered bedrock, and between 50% and 80% in the sound bedrock.



RQD underrepresents the competency of the Georgian Bay Formation and is not appropriate for horizontally bedded fissile shale. In this formation, the RQD is typically low due to the fissility of the shale as well as the closely spaced horizontal bedding planes. Our results are typical of this formation.

There are near-vertical joint sets within this shale that are typically very widely spaced at over 2 m apart. There are also several faults typically referred to as “shear zones” found within the formation, which are observed as zones of rock rubble within the cores. These faults defy discovery in conventional vertical boreholes.

The jointing and crush zones in the rock are related to the state of stress in the deposit. Research in the Greater Toronto Area has revealed that the bedrock contains locked-in horizontal stresses that could be remnants of the foreshortening that occurred in the earth’s crust during continental glaciation several thousand years ago. Documented experiments have indicated that the major principal stress is of the order of 2 MPa in the upper 1 to 2 metres of the deposit where the rock is weathered and contains more fractures. Intact rock can have an internal major principal stress as high as 4 to 5 MPa. The major and minor principal stresses are horizontal and may be oriented in any direction. The empirical approach to vertical stress below the top of bedrock is to use a uniform pressure distribution below the top of bedrock elevation that is equal to the maximum earth pressure calculated for the lowest level of soil in the profile.

The Georgian Bay Formation has been known to issue gases. There are instances where both methane and hydrogen sulphide gas emissions have been detected in excavations made in the Georgian Bay Formation. While there was no specific indication of gas emissions from the boreholes made in this investigation, the potential for gas emissions from this formation is recognized as a design and constructability issue to be addressed.

2.2 Groundwater

On completion of drilling, the boreholes were filled with drill fluid (from mud rotary drilling) and measuring the unstabilized groundwater level after drilling was not practical. Monitoring wells were installed in each of the boreholes, and stabilized groundwater levels were measured in each of the installed monitoring wells. The groundwater observations are shown on the Borehole Logs and are summarized as follows.

Well ID	Well Diameter (mm)	Ground Surface (masl)	Top of Screen (masl)	Bottom of Screen (masl)	Screened Geological Unit
BH1	50	105.5	92.9	89.8	Bedrock
BH2	50	105.1	97.5	94.4	Glacial Till
BH3	50	104.8	92.3	89.3	Bedrock
BH201	50	104.7	99.8	96.8	Glacial Till
BH202	50	101.5	98.8	95.7	Glacial Till



A detailed table of monitoring well observation data is appended.

Well ID	Groundwater Elevation (masl)				
	July 4, 2024	July 12, 2024	March 4, 2026	April 1, 2026	Maximum
BH1	99.4	99.5	95.0	95.1	99.5
BH2	100.7	99.5	95.1	95.0	100.7
BH3	99.2	99.3	95.4	95.4	99.3
BH201	NA	NA	97.5	97.0	97.5
BH202	NA	NA	NA	95.8	95.8

Groundwater levels fluctuate with time depending on the amount of precipitation and surface runoff, and may be influenced by known or unknown dewatering activities at nearby sites.

The design groundwater table for engineering purposes is at Elev. 97.5± m.

Within the zone of excavation, the earth fill and sand will permit the free-flow of water when wet, whereas the glacial till contains a sufficient amount of fines to be considered a low permeability soil and would yield only minor seepage in the long-term. It can be expected that the weathered bedrock and fractures in the sound bedrock, as well as cohesionless zones within the glacial till, will produce groundwater seepage. There is also infiltrated stormwater perched in the earth fill which is flowing down towards the groundwater table.

Grounded has prepared a hydrogeological report for this site (File No. 24-099).

2.3 Corrosivity and Sulphate Attack

Three (3) soil samples were submitted for corrosivity testing parameters (pH, Resistivity, Electrical Conductivity, Redox Potential, Sulphate, Sulphide and Chloride). The Certificate of Analyses and interpretation sheet is appended.

The soil samples were analysed for soluble sulphate concentration and compared to the Canadian Standard CAN3/CSA A23.1-M94 Table 3, *Additional Requirements for Concrete Subjected to Sulphate Attack*. Corrosivity parameters are also used for assessing soil corrosivity applicable to cast iron alloys, according to the 10-point soil evaluation procedure described in the American Water Work Association (AWWA) C-105-18 standard².

² ANSI/AWWA C105/A21.5-18, Appendix A



The analytical results only provide an indication of the potential for corrosion. The results of this analysis are in reference to only the soil samples collected from specific locations, and soil chemistry may vary between and beyond the locations of the analysed samples. In summary:

- All of the samples have negligible sulphate concentrations.
- **Two** of the three samples scored more than 10 points in the AWWA C-105 evaluation. Corrosion protective measures are **recommended** for cast iron alloys.

3 Geotechnical Engineering Recommendations

Based on the factual data summarized above, we are providing the following geotechnical engineering design recommendations. Contractors must review the factual data while bidding or scoping services for this project and must provide their own opinion as to means, methods, and schedule.

This report assumes that the design features relevant to the geotechnical analyses will be in accordance with applicable codes, standards, and guidelines of practice. If there are any changes to the site development features, or there is any additional information relevant to the interpretations made of the subsurface information with respect to the geotechnical analyses or other recommendations, then Grounded should be retained to review the implications of these changes with respect to the contents of this report.

3.1 Foundation Design Parameters

The proposed project includes demolishing the 1-storey building and constructing two (2) new infilled 35-storey residential towers extending from a low-rise podium structure. The new structures will rest on three levels of underground parking (P3), with a typical FFE of $94.7 \pm$ m. Spread footings bearing on bedrock of the Georgian Bay Formation have been considered in our analysis.

3.1.1 Spread Footings

Spread footings made below the proposed P3 level (FFE of $94.7 \pm$ m) may bear on bedrock of the Georgian Bay Formation. Footings bearing on the weathered bedrock at Elev. $94.0 \pm$ m may be designed using a maximum factored geotechnical resistance at ultimate limit state (ULS) of 5 MPa. The geotechnical reaction at serviceability limit state (SLS) is 3 MPa, for an estimated total settlement of 25 mm.

Alternatively, if higher capacities are required by the Structural Engineer, the footings can be deepened (or constructed as drilled piers) to bear on sound bedrock at Elev. 93.8 to $91.8 \pm$ m, and may be designed using a maximum factored geotechnical resistance at ULS of 10 MPa. The geotechnical reaction at SLS is 6 MPa, for an estimated total settlement of 15 to 20 mm.



If this higher capacity spread footing design is preferred, additional boreholes/rock coring is recommended to delineate the potentially lower sound bedrock elevation within the vicinity of Borehole 202.

The capacities provided above are based on individual spread footing foundations that are 1 to 3 m wide, spaced one footing width apart, and embedded a minimum of 1 m below FFE. These minimum requirements apply in conjunction with the above recommended geotechnical resistance regardless of loading considerations. The geotechnical reaction at SLS refers to an estimated settlement which for practical purposes is linear and non-recoverable. Differential settlement is related to column spacing, column loads, and footing sizes.

Grounded should be retained by the Owner to review the structural engineering drawings prior to issue or construction, to ensure that the recommendations in this report have been appropriately implemented.

In the rock, there must be a minimum of 300 mm between the edge of any footing and the top of a sloped 2V:1H sound rock cut down to another footing. This requirement exists to avoid undermining adjacent footings.

The lowest levels of unheated underground parking structures two or more levels deep are, although unheated, still warmer than typical outdoor winter temperatures in the Greater Toronto Area. Interior foundations (or pile caps) with 900 mm of frost cover perform adequately, as do perimeter foundations with 600 mm of frost cover. Where foundations are next to ventilation shafts or are exposed to typical outdoor temperatures, 1.2 m of earth cover (or equivalent insulation) is required for frost protection.

The founding subgrade must be cleaned of all unacceptable materials and approved by Grounded prior to pouring concrete for the footings. Such unacceptable materials may include disturbed or caved soils, ponded water, or similar as indicated by Grounded during founding subgrade inspection. During the winter, adequate temporary frost protection for the footing bases and concrete must be provided if construction proceeds during freezing weather conditions.

The bedrock surface can weather and deteriorate on exposure to the atmosphere or surface water; hence, foundation bases which remain open for an extended period of time should be protected by a skim coat of lean concrete.

3.2 Seismic Site Designation

The Ontario Building Code (2024) stipulates the methodology for earthquake load and effects analysis and design, as set out in Subsection 4.1.8. The determination of the type of analysis is predicated on the importance of the structure, the spectral response acceleration, and the site classification.



The site designation, X, is determined using the average shear wave velocity, V_{s30} , calculated from in situ measurements of shear wave velocity, in accordance with ground profiles provided in Table 4.1.8.4.-A. For all other ground profiles, the site designation is X_v , where V is the value of V_{s30} . At sites where V_{s30} is not available, the site designation is X_s , where S is the Site Class as determined from rational analysis of average undrained shear strength (s_u) or energy-corrected average standard penetration resistance (SPT N-values) in accordance with Table 4.1.8.4.-B.

The structural commentaries to the NBC 2020, on which the OBC 2024 are based, have been recently released. Based on the structural commentaries, site designation must be evaluated in the top 30 m of site stratigraphy.

Multichannel Analysis of Surface Waves (MASW) was performed at this site to determine the average shear wave velocity in the 30 metres of site stratigraphy (V_{s30}). The reported results are appended. An average V_{s30} value of 542 m/s was assessed from grade. Based on the measured shear wave velocities, the site designation for seismic analysis is X_{542} .

3.3 Earth Pressure Design Parameters

At this site, the design parameters for structures subject to unbalanced earth pressures such as basement walls and retaining walls are shown in the table below.

Stratigraphic Unit	γ	ϕ	K_a	K_o	K_p
Compact Granular Fill Granular 'B' (OPSS.MUNI 1010)	21	32	0.31	0.47	3.25
Existing Earth Fill	19	29	0.35	0.52	2.88
Sands	21	32	0.31	0.47	3.25
Glacial Till	22	32	0.31	0.47	3.25
Sound Bedrock	26	28	n/a		

- γ = soil bulk unit weight (kN/m³)
- ϕ = internal friction angle (degrees)
- K_a = active earth pressure coefficient (Rankine, dimensionless)
- K_o = at-rest earth pressure coefficient (Rankine, dimensionless)
- K_p = passive earth pressure coefficient (Rankine, dimensionless)

These earth pressure parameters assume that grade is horizontal behind the retaining structure. If retained grade is inclined, these parameters do not apply and must be re-evaluated.

The following equation can be used to calculate the unbalanced earth pressure imposed on walls:

$$P = K[\gamma(h - h_w) + \gamma' h_w + q] + \gamma_w h_w$$

- P = horizontal pressure (kPa) at depth h
- h = the depth at which P is calculated (m)
- K = earth pressure coefficient
- h_w = height of groundwater (m) above depth h
- γ = soil bulk unit weight (kN/m³)
- γ' = submerged soil unit weight ($\gamma - 9.8$ kN/m³)
- q = total surcharge load (kPa)



If the wall backfill is drained such that hydrostatic pressures on the wall are effectively eliminated, this equation simplifies to:

$$P = K[\gamma h + q]$$

Where walls are made directly against shoring, prefabricated composite drainage panel covering the blind side of the wall is used to provide drainage. Water from the composite drainage panel is collected and discharged through the basement wall in solid ports directly to the sumps. This is discussed in Section 3.5.

The possible effects of frost on retaining earth structures must be considered. In frost-susceptible soils, pressures induced by freezing pore water are basically irresistible. Insulation typically addresses this issue. Alternatively, non-frost-susceptible backfill may be specified.

The earth pressure design approach for foundation walls below the top of bedrock is empirical and assumes a uniform pressure distribution below the top of bedrock elevation equal to the maximum earth pressure calculated for the lowest level of soil overtop. This approach is conventional and likely conservative, but it is practical insofar as it acknowledges the requirement of having a foundation wall of a consistent width at the lower levels.

Foundation resistance to sliding is proportional to the friction between the subgrade and the base of the footing. The factored geotechnical resistance to friction (R_f) at ULS provided in the following equation:

$$R_f = \Phi N \tan \varphi$$

R_f	=	frictional resistance (kN)
Φ	=	reduction factor per CFEM 5 th Ed. (0.8 for cohesionless soils or rock; 0.6 for cohesive soils)
N	=	normal load at base of footing (kN)
φ	=	internal friction angle (see table above)

3.4 Slab on Grade Design Parameters

At the proposed P3 level (FFE of 94.7± m), the undisturbed native soils will provide adequate subgrade for the support of a conventional slab on grade. The modulus of subgrade reaction appropriate for slab-on-grade design supported by the undisturbed soils is 60,000 kPa/m.

As this basement structure is to be made as a conventional drained structure, a permanent drainage system including subfloor drains is required (see section below). In this case, the slab on grade must be provided with a drainage layer and capillary moisture break, which is achieved by forming the slab on a minimum 300 mm thick layer of 19 mm clear stone (OPSS.MUNI 1004) vibrated to a dense state.

Given the nature of the soils at this site, recompaction or proof rolling of the undisturbed native subgrade will weaken these materials. These activities should be specifically prohibited when preparing native subgrade. The subgrade should be cut neat and inspected by Grounded prior to placement of the capillary moisture break and construction of the slab. Disturbed or otherwise



unacceptable material (as determined by Grounded) must be subexcavated and replaced with Granular B (OPSS.MUNI 1010) compacted to a minimum of 98% SPMDD. The slab on grade should not be placed on frozen subgrade, to prevent excessive settlement of the slab as the subgrade thaws. Areas of frozen subgrade should be removed during subgrade preparation.

The use of excavated bedrock spoil to restore subgrade elevations is to be specifically prohibited. This bedrock spoil cannot be adequately compacted to provide support for the slab on grade and is not to be reused below any settlement sensitive areas.

3.5 Long-Term Groundwater and Seepage Control

To limit seepage to the extent practicable, exterior grades adjacent to foundation walls should be sloped at a minimum 2 percent gradient away from the wall for 1.2 m minimum.

For a conventional drained basement approach, perimeter and subfloor drainage systems are required for the underground structure. Subfloor drainage systems collect and remove the seepage that infiltrates under the floor. Perimeter drainage systems collect and remove seepage or stormwater that infiltrates at the foundation walls. Perimeter drainage must be collected and conveyed directly to the building sumps, and not discharged into the subfloor drainage system, the granular layer, or beneath the floor slab.

Subfloor drainage pipes (min. 100 mm dia.) are to be spaced at a maximum 6 m (measured on centre).

The walls of the substructure are to be fully drained to eliminate hydrostatic pressure. Where drained basement walls are made directly against shoring, prefabricated composite drainage panel covering the blind side of the wall is used to provide drainage. Seepage from the composite drainage panel is collected and discharged through the basement wall in solid ports directly to the sumps.

Although the basement will be made as a drained structure, the relative humidity at the interface between the foundation wall and the soil/shoring system will still be 100%. A layer of waterproofing placed between the drainage layer and the foundation wall is recommended to protect interior finishes and reinforcing steel from moisture. The building science engineer should confirm this and can provide further advice, as well as specifications for waterproofing products.

Typical basement drainage details are appended.

The perimeter and subfloor drainage systems are critical structural elements since they eliminate hydrostatic pressure from acting on the basement walls and floor slab. The sumps that ensure the performance of these systems must have a duplexed pump arrangement providing 100% redundancy, and they must be on emergency power. The sumps should be sized by the mechanical engineer to adequately accommodate the estimated volume of water seepage.

The permanent dewatering requirements are provided in Grounded's Hydrogeological Report (File No. 24-099).



If any water is to be discharged to the storm or sanitary sewers, the City will require Discharge Agreements to be in place.

3.6 Site Servicing

All services must have at least 1.2 metres of earth cover or equivalent insulation for frost protection.

Where site services extend beyond the building footprint, the following recommendations apply.

3.6.1 Bedding

The soil subgrade encountered within the proposed site servicing trenches will consist of either earth fill or native soil. The trench base must be inspected for obvious loose, wet, or disturbed material. Any unsuitable material must be subexcavated and replaced with imported fill compacted to 98% SPMDD. If suitable earth fill is encountered, the subgrade must be compacted in place to a minimum 98% SPMDD.

Site servicing drawings are not available for review. It is assumed that trenches will be made at least 1.2 m above the groundwater table.

Bedding material may consist of 19 mm clear stone (OPSS.MUNI 1004) or similar, vibrated to a dense state. Where the bedding material consists of clear stone, the bedding must be separated from the subgrade with a non-woven geotextile. Alternatively, a well graded granular fill such as Granular A (OPSS.MUNI 1010) compacted to 98% SPMDD may be considered.

3.6.2 Backfill

Excavated earth fill and native soils on site will constitute adequate backfill material if the soil meets the following backfill specifications:

- Any deleterious material in the earth fill is removed prior to reuse as backfill.
- Backfill materials are not frozen.
- The moisture content is within 2% of optimum, or moisture conditioned to within 2% of optimum.
- The backfill must be compacted to a minimum 98% SPMDD.

Excavated shale material is **not** a suitable material for trench backfill. The shale cannot be broken down and effectively compacted. Reused shale will slake and degrade with time, causing settlement or heave.



4 Pavement Engineering Recommendations

4.1 Underground Parking Structure

It is expected that all new pavements will be placed on top of the reinforced concrete parking structure and not on soil subgrade. In this case, the pavements resting on parking structure should consist of the following:

Component	Compaction Requirement	Pavement on Concrete Parking Structure Minimum Component Thickness
Asphalt Top Lift HL-3 (OPSS.MUNI 1150), and PG 58-28 (OPSS.MUNI 1101)	OPSS.MUNI 310	40 mm
Asphalt Base Course HL-8 (OPSS.MUNI 1150), and PG 58-28 (OPSS.MUNI 1101)	OPSS.MUNI 310	50 mm
Granular Base Course Granular A (OPSS.MUNI 1010)	100% Standard Proctor Maximum Dry Density (ASTM- D698)	150 mm
Total Thickness		240 mm

A waterproof membrane will be required between the asphalt and concrete parking structure deck. For pavements placed on top of the underground parking structure, all drainage, waterproofing, and protection considerations for these areas must be designed separately and in conjunction with the civil engineering design of the underground parking structure. Wherever they have to connect to the adjacent roadways or driveways, those adjacent pavement profiles will be different and so taper transitions and run-outs must be designed for the connections.

Should pavement be placed on soil subgrade, additional recommendations may be provided upon request.

5 Considerations for Construction

5.1 Excavations

Excavations must be carried out in accordance with the *Occupational Health and Safety Act – Regulation 213/91 – Construction Projects (Part III - Excavations, Section 222 through 242)*. These regulations designate four (4) broad classifications of soils to stipulate appropriate measures for excavation safety.



For practical purposes (subject to on-site inspection and approval by Grounded during below-grade construction):

- The earth fill is a Type 3 soil
- The sands are Type 3 soils, or Type 4 soils if wet
- The glacial till is a Type 2 soil

In accordance with the regulation's requirements, the soil must be suitably sloped and/or braced where workers must enter a trench or excavation deeper than 1.2 m. Safe excavation slopes (of no more than 3 m in height) by soil type are stipulated as follows, per Section 234:

Soil Type	Base of Slope	Steepest Slope Inclination
1	within 1.2 metres of bottom of trench	1 horizontal to 1 vertical
2	within 1.2 metres of bottom of trench	1 horizontal to 1 vertical
3	from bottom of trench	1 horizontal to 1 vertical
4	from bottom of trench	3 horizontal to 1 vertical

Minimum support system requirements for steeper excavations are stipulated in Sections 235 through 239 and 241 of the Act and Regulations and include provisions for timbering, shoring and moveable trench boxes. Any excavation slopes greater than 3 m in height should be checked by Grounded for global stability issues.

Bedrock is not considered a soil under the Act, per clause 234(2)(d). Vertical excavations made in sound bedrock are generally self-supporting provided the rock bedding is horizontally oriented. If deemed necessary, rock bolts and welded wire mesh/shotcrete (or other means and methods) can be used to protect workers from rock spalling from the face of excavation. The rock face must be inspected by Grounded to determine that no other support system is required to prevent the spalling of loose rock, and to confirm that all loose spall material at risk of falling upon a worker is removed (clause 234(2)(h) of the above noted regulations).

The exposed vertical bedrock face deteriorates with time and exposure. Exposed excavation faces have been found to flake and recede as much as 300 mm within a 12-month exposure. This recession generally takes the form of coin-sized shale particles dropping from the face on a constant basis. If deemed necessary, debris netting draped over the rock face can be used to contain and collect these coin-sized shale particles.

Larger obstructions (e.g. buried concrete debris, other obstructions) not directly observed in the boreholes are likely present in the earth fill. Similarly, larger inclusions (e.g. cobbles and boulders) may be encountered in the native soils. The size and distribution of these obstructions cannot be predicted with boreholes, as the split spoon sampler is not large enough to capture particles of this size. Provision must be made in excavation contracts to allocate risks associated with the time spent and equipment utilized to remove or penetrate such obstructions when encountered.



Excess soil is governed by Ontario Regulation 406/19: On-Site and Excess Soil Management (ESM). The Project Leader (typically the owner) may be required to file a notice in the excess soil registry and a Qualified Person (within the meaning of O.Reg. 153/04) may be required to prepare the associated planning documents and/or develop and implement a tracking system in accordance with the Soil Rules, to track each load of excess soil during its transportation and deposit before removing excess soil from the project area.

Excavations for foundations and other deeper protrusions will penetrate weathered and sound bedrock. Georgian Bay Formation bedrock is a rippable rock that can be removed with conventional excavation equipment once it has been broken by ripper tooth or hoe ram. Creating detailed excavation shapes for foundations etc. is normally accomplished by hoe ram. The removal of rock from a vertical face without over-excavation, which can happen inadvertently by dislodging additional rock, is largely dependent on machine operator skill. The contractor shall exercise caution and implement the appropriate techniques to reduce the amount of disturbance to the rock mass (rock fracturing) with the excavator.

If excavation faces must be made neat (such as beside an existing footing), a line of excavation can be provided by line drilling the rock a series of closely-spaced vertical holes (100 mm diameter, spaced at 300 mm on centre) to provide a preferential vertical break path for the excavation face.

Georgian Bay Formation bedrock contains beds of harder calcareous beds (e.g. limestone). When excavating this bedrock, it should be expected that these harder layers will be encountered. Hard layers interbedded within the shale are normally broken with hoe mounted hydraulic rams before excavation.

Limestone beds may also be found to straddle the founding elevation, in which case the entire thickness of the hard limestone layer must be removed to expose founding subgrade as it is not possible to remove part of one of these layers. This will in turn result in excess rock removal not intrinsic to the project requirements. The risk and responsibility for the excess rock removal under these circumstances, and the supply and placement of the extra concrete to restore the foundation grade, must be addressed in the contract documents for foundations, excavation, and shoring contractors.

The Georgian Bay Formation has been known to issue gases. There are instances where both methane and hydrogen sulphide gas emissions have been detected in excavations made in the Georgian Bay Formation. The potential for gas emissions from this formation is recognized as a design and constructability issue to be addressed.

5.2 Short-Term Groundwater Control

Considerations pertaining to groundwater discharge quantities and quality are discussed in Grounded's hydrogeological report for the site, under separate cover.

The design groundwater table for engineering purposes is at Elev. 97.5± m.



Within the zone of excavation, the earth fill and sand will permit the free-flow of water when wet, whereas the glacial till contains a sufficient amount of fines to be considered a low permeability soil and would yield only minor seepage in the long-term. It can be expected that the weathered bedrock and fractures in the sound bedrock will produce groundwater seepage. There is also infiltrated stormwater perched in the earth fill which is flowing down towards the groundwater table.

On this basis, seepage into excavations may be allowed to drain into the excavation and then controlled by a conventional sump pump arrangement. Nevertheless, delays in excavation will occur as the seepage is controlled and these delays should be anticipated in the construction schedule.

The City of Mississauga will require a Discharge Agreement in the short term, if any water is to be discharged to the storm or sanitary sewers during construction.

5.3 Earth-Retention Shoring Systems

No excavation shall extend below the foundations of existing adjacent structures without adequate alternative support being provided. Excavation zone of influence guidelines are appended.

Continuous interlocking caisson wall shoring is to be used where the excavation must be constructed as a rigid shoring system. Caisson wall shoring preserves the support capabilities and integrity of the soil beneath existing foundations of adjacent buildings, in a state akin to the at-rest condition. Otherwise, excavations can be supported using conventional soldier pile and lagging walls with active dewatering prior to and during construction.

5.3.1 Lateral Earth Pressure Distribution

If the shoring is supported with a single level of earth anchor or bracing, a triangular earth pressure distribution like that used for the basement wall design is appropriate. Where multiple rows of lateral supports are used to support the shoring walls, research has shown that a distributed pressure diagram more realistically approximates the earth pressure on a shoring system of this type, when restrained by pre-tensioned anchors. A multi-level supported shoring system can be designed based on an earth pressure distribution with a maximum pressure defined by:

$$P = 0.8 K[\gamma H + q] + \gamma_w h_w \dots \text{in cohesive soils}$$

$$P = 0.65 K[\gamma H + q] + \gamma_w h_w \dots \text{in cohesionless soils}$$

- P = maximum horizontal pressure (kPa)
- K = earth pressure coefficient (see Section 3.3)
- H = total depth of the excavation (m)
- h_w = height of groundwater (m) above the base of excavation
- γ = soil bulk unit weight (kN/m³)
- q = total surcharge loading (kPa)



Where shoring walls are drained to effectively eliminate hydrostatic pressure on the shoring system (e.g. pile and lagging walls), h_w is equal to zero. For the design of impermeable shoring, a design groundwater table at Elev. 97.5± m must be accounted for. There is infiltrated stormwater perched in the earth fill and upper native soils which may accumulate behind a caisson wall. This hydrostatic pressure needs to be accounted for in shoring design.

In cohesive soils, the lateral earth pressure distribution is trapezoidal, uniformly increasing from zero to the maximum pressure defined in the equation above over the top and bottom quarter (H/4) of the shoring. In cohesionless soils, the lateral earth pressure distribution is rectangular.

Where the excavation penetrates the bedrock, the rock excavation is nominally self-supporting in a vertical face, provided the rock bedding is horizontally oriented. The requirement for extending lagging into partially weathered rock depends on the quality of the excavation cut and the degree of weathering.

5.3.2 Soldier Pile Toe Embedment

Soldier pile toes will be made below the proposed P3 level in the bedrock of the Georgian Bay Formation. Soldier pile toes resist horizontal movement due to the passive earth pressure acting on the toe below the base of excavation. The maximum factored vertical geotechnical resistance at ULS for the design of a pile embedded in the sound bedrock is 10 MPa. The maximum factored lateral geotechnical resistance at ULS of the undisturbed rock is 1 MPa.

There are zones of soil in the subgrade that are wet, cohesionless, and permeable. Augered holes for piles made into these soils will be prone to caving and blowback. Temporarily cased holes advanced to the bedrock surface are required to prevent borehole caving during installations in drilled holes. To prevent groundwater issues (groundwater inflow, caving and blowback into the drill holes, disturbance to placed concrete, etc.) during drilling and installation, construction methods such as utilizing temporary liners, pre-advancing liners deeper than the augered holes, mud/slurry/polymer drilling techniques, tremie pour concrete, or other methods as deemed necessary by the shoring contractor are required. Concrete for shoring piles and fillers must be placed by tremie method wherever there is more than 300 mm of water or fluid at the base of the drill hole.

Exposed bedrock of the Georgian Bay Formation deteriorates with time. Within 12 months of exposure, excavation faces made within this bedrock flake and recede as much as 300 mm, generally in the form of coin-size shale particles dropping from the face on a constant basis. The deteriorated rock loses internal integrity and bearing capability. Soldier piles for the shoring system are typically advanced at least 1 metre below the base of the excavation (to be confirmed by the geostructural engineer) to accommodate this weathering and still ensure that the required lateral and vertical bearing resistances can be utilized.



5.3.3 Lateral Bracing Elements

The shoring system at this site will require lateral bracing. If feasible, the shoring system should be supported by pre-stressed soil anchors (tiebacks) extending into the subgrade of the adjacent properties. To limit the movement of the shoring system as much as is practically possible, tiebacks are installed and stressed as excavation proceeds. The use of tiebacks through adjacent properties requires the consent (through encroachment agreements) of the adjacent property owners.

Anchors can be designed to react in either the overburden native soils, or the rock. They will not engage the soil and rock simultaneously, due to strain incompatibility.

In the compact to dense/very stiff to hard subgrade, post-grouted micropile ground anchors in tension can be designed using a maximum factored geotechnical resistance at ULS of 70 kN/m of adhered anchor length (at a nominal diameter of 150 mm). This capacity is provided assuming that a site-specific tension load test is performed, implying a resistance factor of 0.6.

In the Georgian Bay Formation, conventional micropile anchors (at a nominal borehole diameter of 115 mm) can be designed using an ultimate resistance of 1,800 kPa. Assuming that a site-specific tension load test is performed, a resistance factor of 0.65 is applicable. The maximum factored geotechnical resistance at ULS is taken as the ultimate resistance multiplied by a resistance factor. Following the load test, the micropile capacity can be re-evaluated and potentially improved.

Production tiebacks require a minimum 3 m socket length.

At least one prototype anchor per tieback level must be performance-tested to 200% of the design load to demonstrate the anchor capacity and validate design assumptions. For temporary applications, the performance test anchor may be used as a production anchor.

Every production anchor must be proof tested to 133% of design load and then locked in at 100% of design load.

Raker footings established on weathered bedrock at an inclination of 45 degrees can be designed using a maximum factored geotechnical resistance at ULS 2500 kPa.

5.4 Site Work

To better protect wet undisturbed subgrade, excavations exposing wet soils must be cut neat, inspected, and then immediately protected with a skim coat of concrete (i.e. a mud mat). Wet soils are susceptible to degradation and disturbance due to even mild site work, frost, weather, or a combination thereof.

The effects of work on site can greatly impact soil integrity. Care must be taken to prevent this damage. Site work carried out during periods of inclement weather may result in the subgrade becoming disturbed, unless a granular working mat is placed to preserve the subgrade soils in



their undisturbed condition. Subgrade preparation activities should not be conducted in wet weather and the project must be scheduled accordingly.

If site work causes disturbance to the subgrade, removal of the disturbed soils and the use of granular fill material for site restoration or underfloor fill will be required at additional cost to the project.

It is construction activity itself that often imparts the most severe loading conditions on the subgrade. Special provisions such as end dumping and forward spreading of earth and aggregate fills, restricted construction lanes, and half-loads during placement of the granular base and other work may be required, especially if construction is carried out during unfavourable weather.

Adequate temporary frost protection for the founding subgrade must be provided if construction proceeds in freezing weather conditions. The subgrade at this site is susceptible to frost damage. The slab on grade should not be placed on frozen subgrade, to prevent excess settlement of the slab as the subgrade thaws. Areas of frozen subgrade should be removed during subgrade preparation. Depending on the project context, consideration should be given to frost effects (heaving, softening, etc.) on exposed subgrade surfaces.

Deteriorating bedrock loses internal integrity and bearing capability. If bedrock subgrade is to be exposed for prolonged periods of time, it is recommended that a skim coat of concrete be used to protect the bedrock subgrade from slaking and other degradation resulting from weathering.

5.5 Engineering Review

By issuing this report, Grounded Engineering has assumed the role of Geotechnical Engineer of Record for this site. Grounded should be retained by the Owner to review the structural and geotechnical engineering drawings prior to issue or construction, to ensure that the recommendations in this report have been appropriately implemented.

All foundation installations must be reviewed in the field by Grounded, the Geotechnical Engineer of Record, as they are constructed. The on-site review of foundation installations and the condition of the founding subgrade as the foundations are constructed is as much a part of the geotechnical engineering design function as the design itself; it is also required by Section 4.2.2.3. of the 2024 Ontario Building Code. If Grounded is not retained to carry out foundation engineering field review during construction, then Grounded accepts no responsibility for the performance or non-performance of the foundations, even if they are constructed in general conformance with the engineering design advice contained in this report.

Strict procedures must be maintained during construction to maintain the integrity of the subgrade to the extent possible. The design advice in this report is based on an assessment of the subgrade support capabilities as indicated by the boreholes. These conditions may vary across the site depending on the final design grades and therefore, the preparation of the subgrade should be monitored by Grounded at the time of construction to confirm material quality, and thickness.



A visual pre-construction survey of adjacent lands and buildings is recommended to be completed prior to the start of any construction. This documents the baseline condition and can prevent unwarranted damage claims. Any shoring system, regardless of the execution and design, has the potential for movement. Small changes in stress or soil volume can cause cracking in adjacent buildings.

Fill placement is typically measured relative to Standard Proctor Maximum Dry Density (SPMDD). A third-party testing agency can be retained to provide in situ density measurements on site to confirm that the specified density is achieved during fill or asphalt placement. Grounded can provide oversight and review services for this testing as needed.

6 Limitations and Restrictions

The geotechnical engineering analysis and advice provided are based on the factual borehole information observed and recorded by Grounded. The investigation methodology and engineering analysis methods used to carry out this scope of work are consistent with Grounded's standard of practice as well as other reasonable and prudent geotechnical consultants, working under similar conditions and constraints (time, financial, and physical).

Borehole drilling services were provided to Grounded by a specialist professional contractor. The drilling was observed and recorded by Grounded's field supervisor on a full-time basis. Drilling was conducted using conventional drilling rigs equipped with hollow stem augers and mud rotary drilling equipment. Rock coring was carried out with HQ size diamond bit core drilling barrels. As drilling proceeded, groundwater observations were made in the boreholes. Based on examination of recovered borehole samples, our field supervisor made a record of borehole and drilling observations. The field samples were secured in air-tight clean jars and bags and taken to the Grounded soil laboratory where they were each logged and reviewed by the geotechnical engineering team and the senior reviewer.

The Split-Barrel Method technique (ASTM D1586) was used to obtain the soils samples. The sampling was conducted at conventional intervals and not continuously. As such, stratigraphic interpolation between samples is required and stratigraphic boundary lines do not represent exact depths of geological change. They should be taken as gradual transition zones between soil or rock types.

A carefully conducted, fully comprehensive investigation and sampling scope of work carried out under the most stringent level of oversight may still fail to detect certain ground conditions. As such, users of this report must be aware of the risks inherent in using engineered field investigations to observe and record subsurface conditions. As a necessary requirement of working with discrete test locations, Grounded has assumed that the conditions between test locations are the same as the test locations themselves, for the purposes of providing geotechnical engineering advice.



It is not possible to design a field investigation with enough test locations that would provide complete subsurface information, nor is it possible to provide geotechnical engineering advice that completely identifies or quantifies every element that could affect construction, scheduling, or tendering. Contractors undertaking work based on this report (in whole or in part) must make their own determination of how they may be affected by the subsurface conditions, based on their own analysis of the factual information provided and based on their own means and methods. Contractors using this report must be aware of the risks implicit in using factual information at discrete test locations to infer subsurface conditions across the site and are directed to conduct their own investigations as needed.

6.1 Site and Scope Changes

Natural occurrences, the passage of time, local construction, and other human activity all have the potential to directly or indirectly alter the subsurface conditions at or near the project site. Contractual obligations related to groundwater or stormwater control, disturbed soils, frost protection, etc. must be considered with attention and care as they relate to potential site alteration.

The geotechnical engineering advice provided in this report is based on the factual observations made from the site investigations as reported. It is intended for use by the owner and their retained design team. If there are changes to the features of the development or to the scope, the interpreted subsurface information, geotechnical engineering design parameters, advice, and discussion on construction considerations may not be relevant or complete for the project. Grounded should be retained to review the implications of such changes with respect to the contents of this report.

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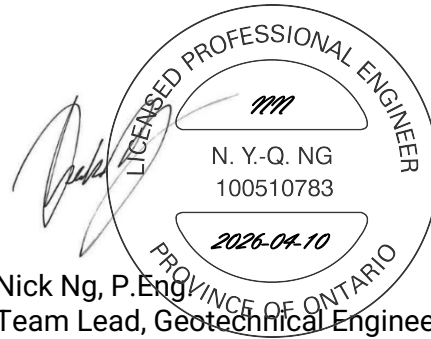
7 Closure

If the design team has any questions regarding the discussion and advice provided, please do not hesitate to have them contact our office. We trust that this report meets your requirements at present.

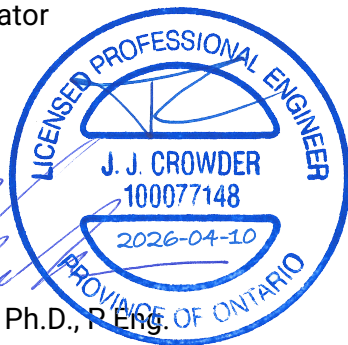
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— APPROXIMATE SITE BOUNDARY

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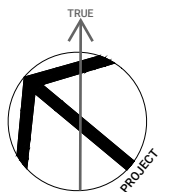
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SITE LOCATION PLAN

North



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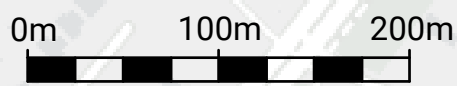
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
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FIGURE 1



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-  APPROXIMATE SITE BOUNDARY
-  APPROXIMATE EXTENT OF EXISTING BASEMENT AND UNDERGROUND PARKING LEVEL
-  APPROXIMATE MONITORING WELL/BOREHOLE LOCATION BY GROUND

Note

Borehole 202 was advanced within the existing underground parking level.

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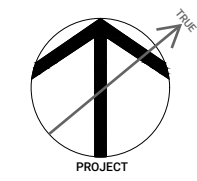
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BOREHOLE LOCATION
PLAN - EXISTING
CONDITION**

North



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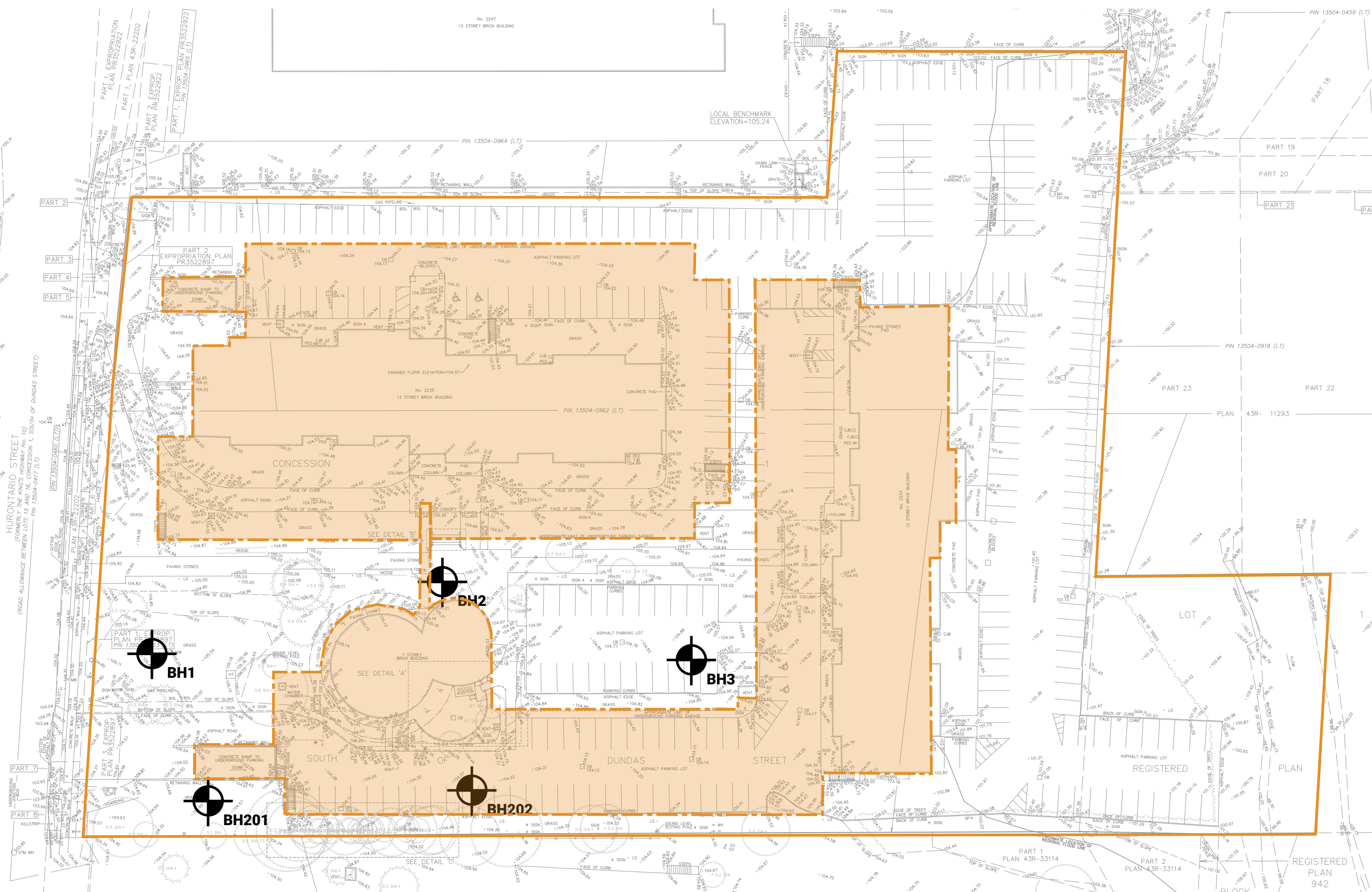
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
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FIGURE 2



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-  APPROXIMATE SITE BOUNDARY
-  APPROXIMATE MONITORING WELL/BOREHOLE LOCATION BY GROUNDED

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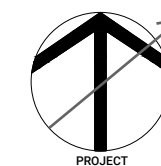
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PLAN - PROPOSED
CONDITION - SITE PLAN**

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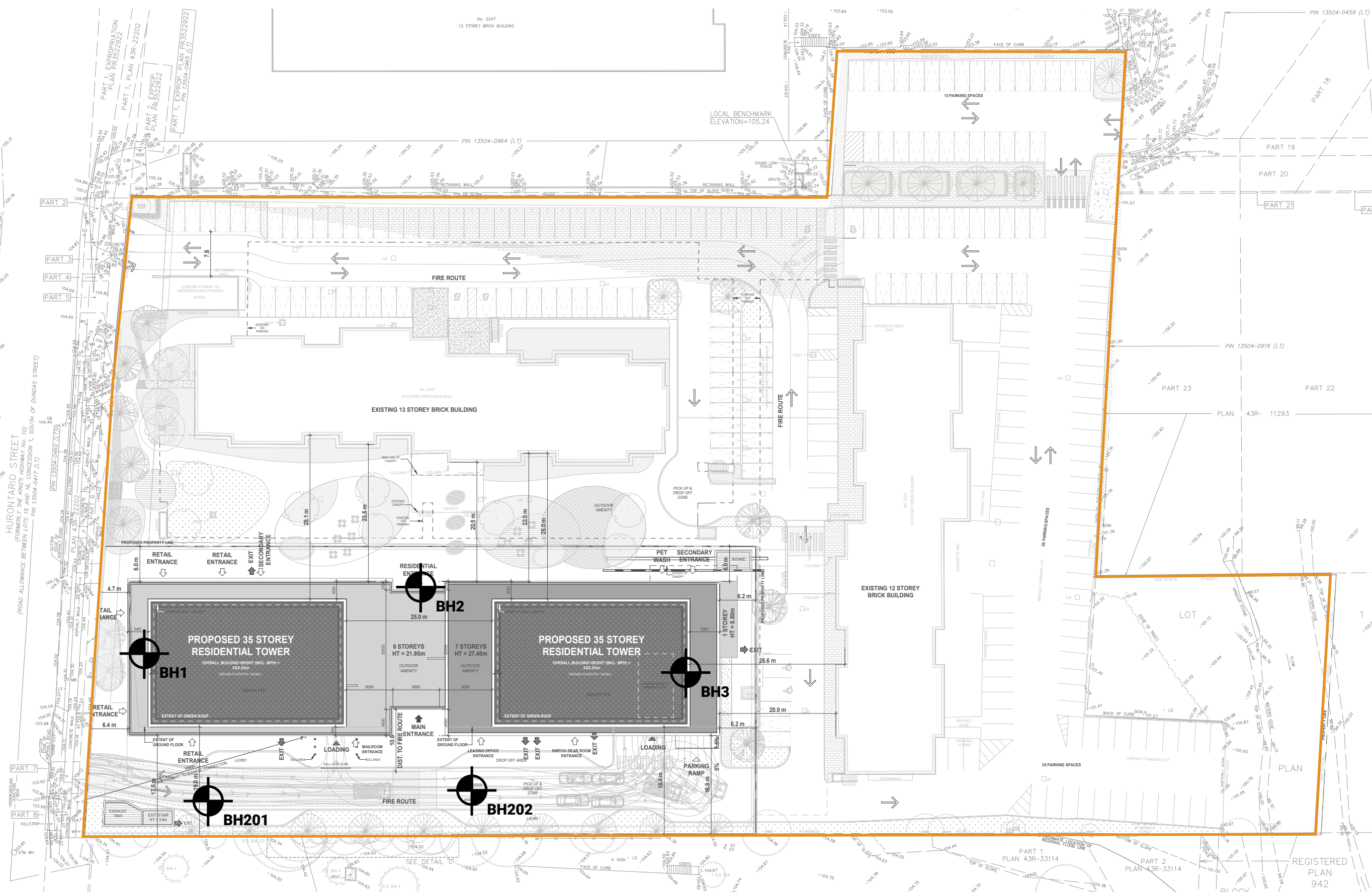
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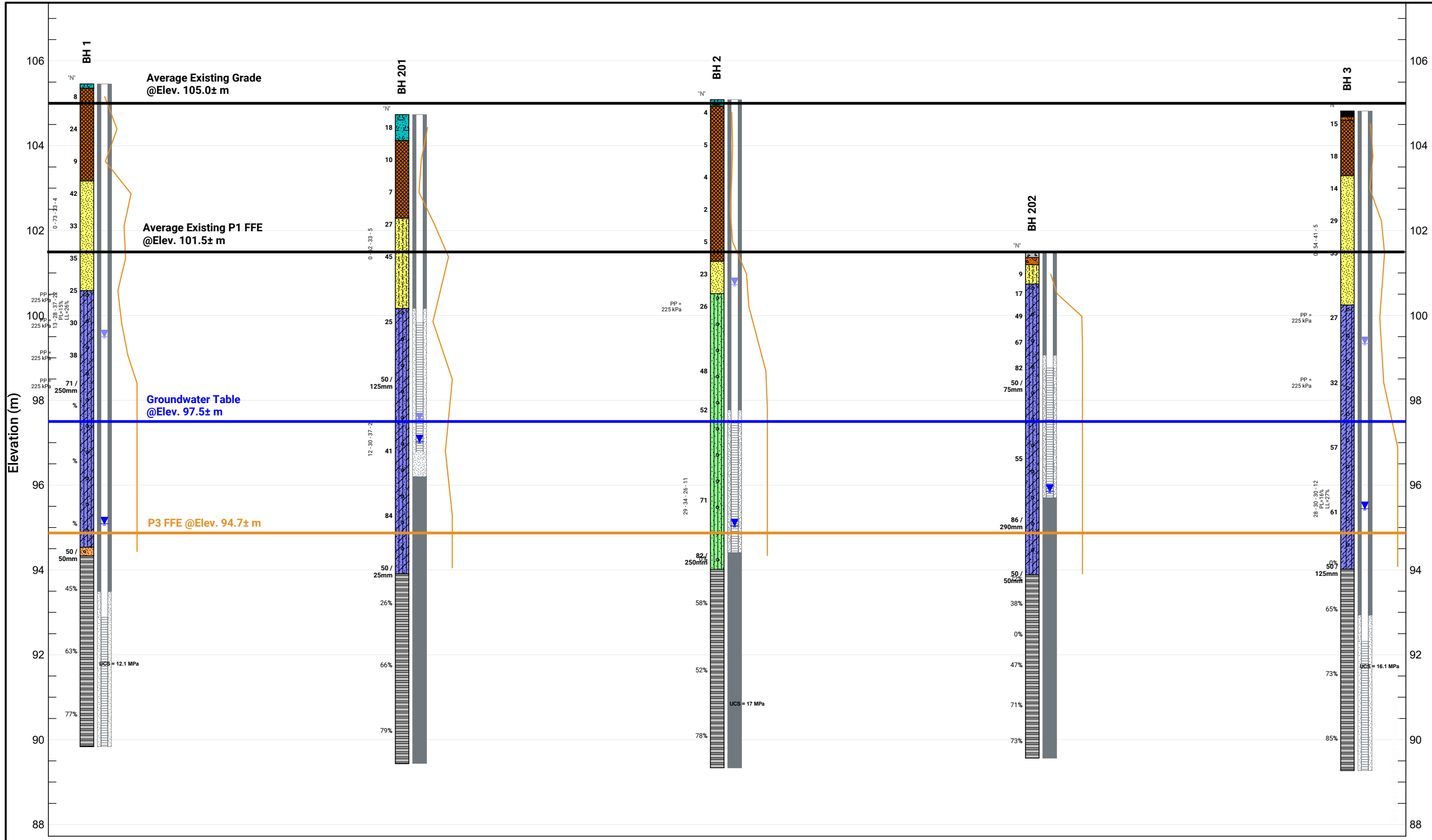
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FIGURE 3





LEGEND

- FILL
- GRAVELS (gravel to gravelly sand)
- SILT TO SAND (not till)
- COHESIONLESS TILLS
- COHESIVE SOILS (clayey silt to clay, incl. tills)
- DISTURBED/REWORKED/ORGANIC

BH 101 BOREHOLES BY GROUNDED
T-BH7 BOREHOLES BY OTHERS

- water level, unstabilized
- water level, stabilized (latest)
- water level, stabilized (highest)

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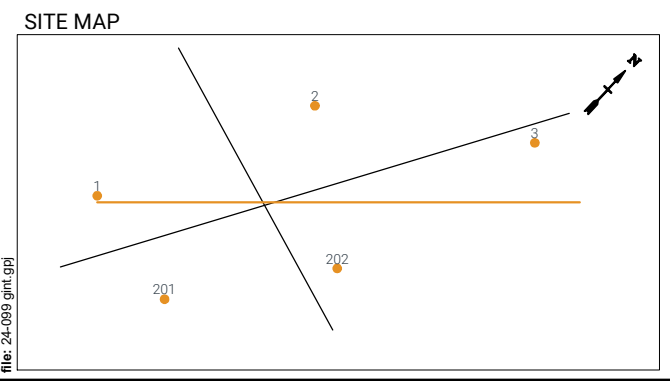
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FIGURE 4



Boreholes Equally Spaced

BOREHOLE STRATIGRAPHY LEGEND

Topsoil	Gravelly Sand	Aggregate
Fill	Bedrock (cored)	Clayey Silt Till
Sand	Sandy Silt Till	Silty Sand
Clayey Silt Till (sandy)	Asphalt	Concrete

APPENDIX A



SAMPLING/TESTING METHODS

SS: split spoon sample
 AS: auger sample
 GS: grab sample
 FV: shear vane
 DP: direct push
 PMT: pressuremeter test
 ST: shelby tube
 CORE: soil coring
 RUN: rock coring

SYMBOLS & ABBREVIATIONS

MC: moisture content
 LL: liquid limit
 PL: plastic limit
 NP: non-plastic
 γ : soil unit weight (bulk)
 G_s : specific gravity
 S_u : undrained shear strength
 unstabalized water level
 water level measurement
 highest water level measurement

ENVIRONMENTAL SAMPLES

M&I: metals and inorganic parameters
 PAH: polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon
 PCB: polychlorinated biphenyl
 VOC: volatile organic compound
 PHC: petroleum hydrocarbon
 BTEX: benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene and xylene
 PPM: parts per million

FIELD MOISTURE (based on tactile inspection)

DRY: no observable pore water
MOIST: inferred pore water, not observable (i.e. grey, cool, etc.)
WET: visible pore water

COHESIONLESS

Relative Density	N-Value
Very Loose	<4
Loose	4 - 10
Compact	10 - 30
Dense	30 - 50
Very Dense	>50

COHESIVE

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

COMPOSITION

Term	% by weight
trace silt	<10
some silt	10 - 20
silty	20 - 35
sand and silt	>35

ASTM STANDARDS

ASTM D1586 Standard Penetration Test (SPT)

Driving a 51 mm O.D. split-barrel sampler ("split spoon") into soil with a 63.5 kg weight free falling 760 mm. The blows required to drive the split spoon 300 mm ("bpf") after an initial penetration of 150 mm is referred to as the N-Value.

ASTM D3441 Cone Penetration Test (CPT)

Pushing an internal still rod with a outer hollow rod ("sleeve") tipped with a cone with an apex angle of 60° and a cross-sectional area of 1000 mm² into soil. The resistance is measured in the sleeve and at the tip to determine the skin friction and the tip resistance.

ASTM D2573 Field Vane Test (FVT)

Pushing a four blade vane into soil and rotating it from the surface to determine the torque required to shear a cylindrical surface with the vane. The torque is converted to the shear strength of the soil using a limit equilibrium analysis.

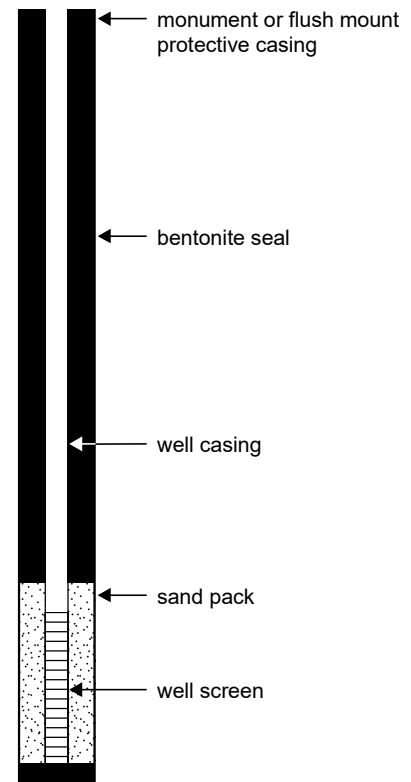
ASTM D1587 Shelby Tubes (ST)

Pushing a thin-walled metal tube into the in-situ soil at the bottom of a borehole, removing the tube and sealing the ends to prevent soil movement or changes in moisture content for the purposes of extracting a relatively undisturbed sample.

ASTM D4719 Pressuremeter Test (PMT)

Place an inflatable cylindrical probe into a pre-drilled hole and expanding it while measuring the change in volume and pressure in the probe. It is inflated under either equal pressure increments or equal volume increments. This provides the stress-strain response of the soil.

WELL LEGEND



- TCR Total Core Recovery** the total length of recovery (soil or rock) per run, as a percentage of the drilled length
- SCR Solid Core Recovery** the total length of sound full-diameter rock core pieces per run, as a percentage of the drilled length
- RQD Rock Quality Designation** the sum of all pieces of sound rock core in a run which are 10 cm or greater in length, as a percentage of the drilled length

Natural Fracture Frequency (typically per 0.3 m) The number of natural discontinuities (joints, faults, etc.) which are present per 0.3m. Ignores mechanical or drill-induced breaks, and closed discontinuities (e.g. bedding planes).

LOGGING DISCONTINUITIES

<p>Discontinuity Type</p> <p>BP bedding parting CL cleavage CS crushed seam FZ fracture zone MB mechanical break IS infilled seam JT Joint SS shear surface SZ shear zone VN vein VO void</p> <p>Coating</p> <p>CN Clean SN Stained OX Oxidized VN Veneer CT Coating (>1 mm)</p> <p>Dip Inclination</p> <p>H horizontal/flat 0 - 20° D dipping 20 - 50° SV sub-vertical 50 - 90° V vertical 90±°</p>	<p>Roughness (Barton et al.)</p> <p>VR Very rough JRC = 16 - 18</p> <p>R Rough JRC = 12 - 14</p> <p>S Smooth JRC = 14 - 16</p> <p>SL Slickensided <i>(visually assessed)</i> JRC = 6 - 8</p> <p>POL Polished JRC = 0 - 2</p> <p> JRC = 2 - 4</p>	<p>Spacing in Discontinuity Sets (ISRM 1981)</p> <p>VC very close < 60 mm C close 60 – 200 mm M mod. close 0.2 to 0.6 m W wide 0.6 to 2 m VW very wide > 2 m</p> <p>Aperture Size</p> <p>T closed / tight < 0.5 mm GA gapped 0.5 to 10 mm OP open > 10 mm</p> <p>Planarity</p> <p>PR Planar UN Undulating ST Stepped IR Irregular DIS Discontinuous CU Curved</p>
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GENERAL

Degree of Weathering (after MTO, RR229 Evaluation of Shales for Construction Projects)

Zone	Degree	Description
Z1	unweathered	shale, regular jointing
Z2	partially weathered	angular blocks of unweathered shale, no matrix, with chemically weathered but intact shale
Z3		soil-like matrix with frequent angular shale fragments < 25mm diameter
Z4a		soil-like matrix with occasional shale fragments < 3mm diameter
Z4b	fully weathered	soil-like matrix only

Strength classification (after Marinos and Hoek, 2001; ISRM 1981b)

Grade		UCS (MPa)	Field Estimate (Description)
R6	extremely strong	> 250	can only be chipped by geological hammer
R5	very strong	100 - 250	requires many blows from geological hammer
R4	strong	50 - 100	requires more than one blow from geological hammer
R3	medium strong	25 - 50	can't be scraped, breaks under one blow from geological hammer
R2	weak	5 - 25	can be peeled / scraped with knife with difficulty
R1	very weak	1 - 5	easily scraped / peeled, crumbles under firm blow of geo. hammer
R0	extremely weak	< 1	indented by thumbnail

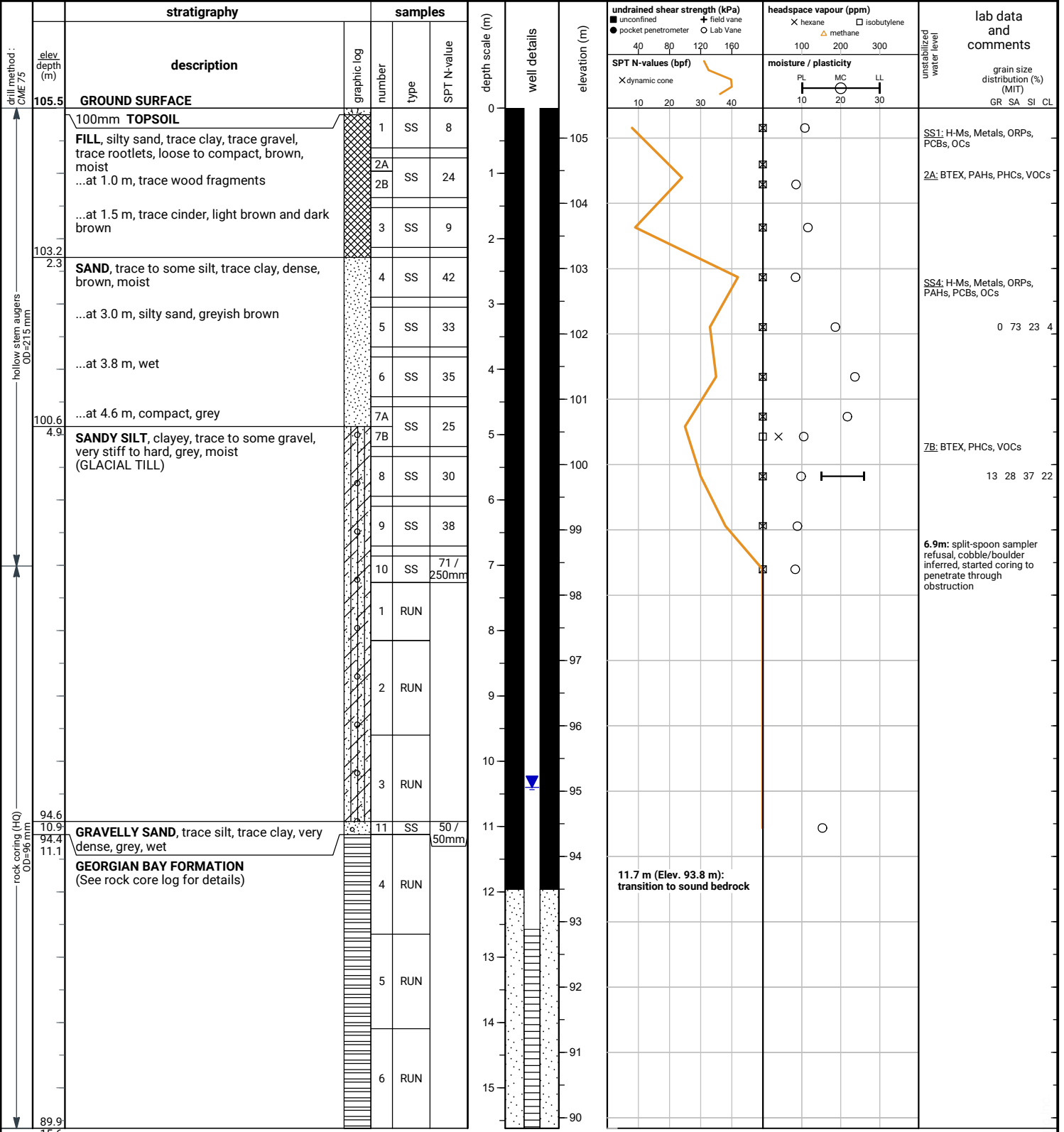
Bedding Thickness (Q. J. Eng. Geology, Vol 3, 1970)

Very thickly bedded	> 2 m
Thickly bedded	0.6 – 2m
Medium bedded	200 – 600mm
Thinly bedded	60 – 200mm
Very thinly bedded	20 – 60mm
Laminated	6 – 20mm
Thinly Laminated	< 6mm

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END OF BOREHOLE

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							5	25				
		Rock coring started at 7.0m below grade	98.5									
7.0		SANDY SILT , clayey, trace to some gravel, very stiff to hard, grey, moist (GLACIAL TILL)	R1	TCR = 93%	98							
8.2			R2	TCR = 98%	97							
9.6			R3	TCR = 0%	95						9.6 / 95.9 - 10.9 / 94.5m: core loss (no recovery)	
94.4		GRAVELLY SAND , trace silt, trace clay, very dense, grey, wet	R4	TCR = 100%	94						11.1 / 94.3 - 11.3 / 94.2m: rubblized zone	
11.1		GEORGIAN BAY FORMATION Shale, dark grey, laminated to thinly bedded, weak; joints are horizontal, gapped, clean to unaltered;	R4	SCR = 83% RQD = 45%	94				2+RZ 3+WZ		11.4 / 94.1m: 75mm weathered zone 11.5 / 94.0m: 25mm FC SV PR S GA CN 11.6 / 93.8m: 13mm IS clay	
12.6		interbedded with limestone, light grey, laminated to thinly bedded, strong	R5	TCR = 100%	93				4		12.9 / 92.6m: 38mm IS clay	
12.6		Overall shale: 92%, limestone: 8% ... at 11.7 m (Elev. 93.8 m), transition to sound rock	R5	SCR = 95% RQD = 63%	92				4+WZ		12.9 / 92.6 - 13.0 / 92.5m: weathered zone 13.1 / 92.4m: 25mm IS clay	
14.1		Run 4 : 8% limestone 92% shale	R6	TCR = 100%	91				4		13.9 / 91.6m: 25mm weathered zone	
14.1		Run 5 : 6% limestone 94% shale	R6	SCR = 100% RQD = 77%	91				1		14.0 / 91.5m: 38mm rubblized zone	
15.6		Run 6 : 8% limestone 92% shale	R6		90				2			
15.6		END OF COREHOLE			90				2			
15.6					90				1		15.5 / 90.0m: 25mm FC SV PR S T CN	

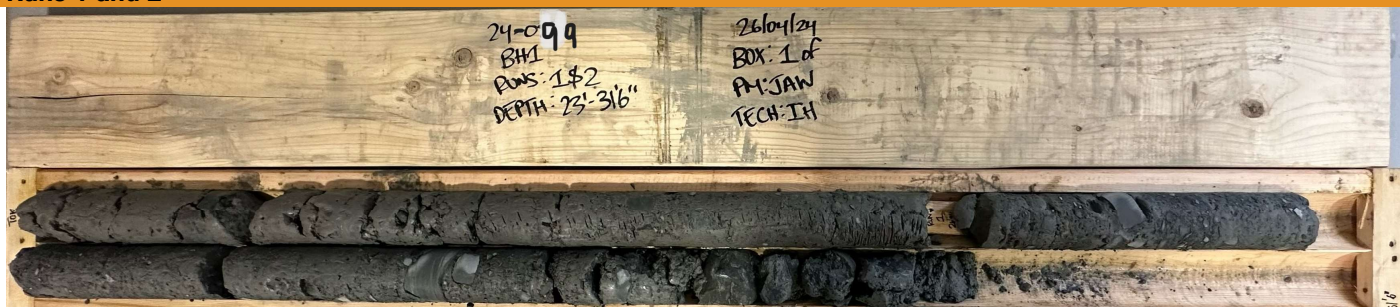
El. 91.8m:
UCS = 12.1 MPa
E = 2.90 GPa
γ = 25.4 kN/m³



Borehole 1

Run #	Depth (m)	Elevation (m)
1	7.0 – 8.2	98.5 – 97.3
2	8.2 – 9.6	97.3 – 95.9
3	9.6 – 11.1	95.9 – 94.4
4	11.1 – 12.6	94.4 – 92.9
5	12.6 – 14.1	92.9 – 91.4
6	14.1 – 15.6	91.4 – 89.9

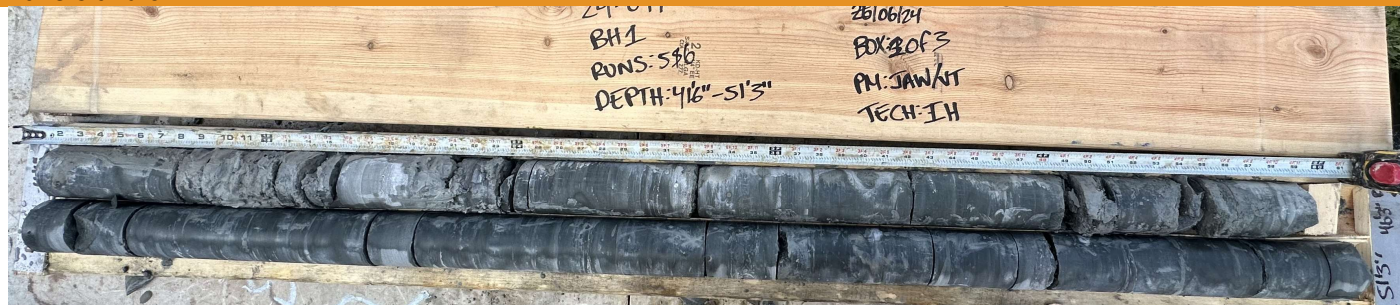
Runs 1 and 2



Runs 3 and 4



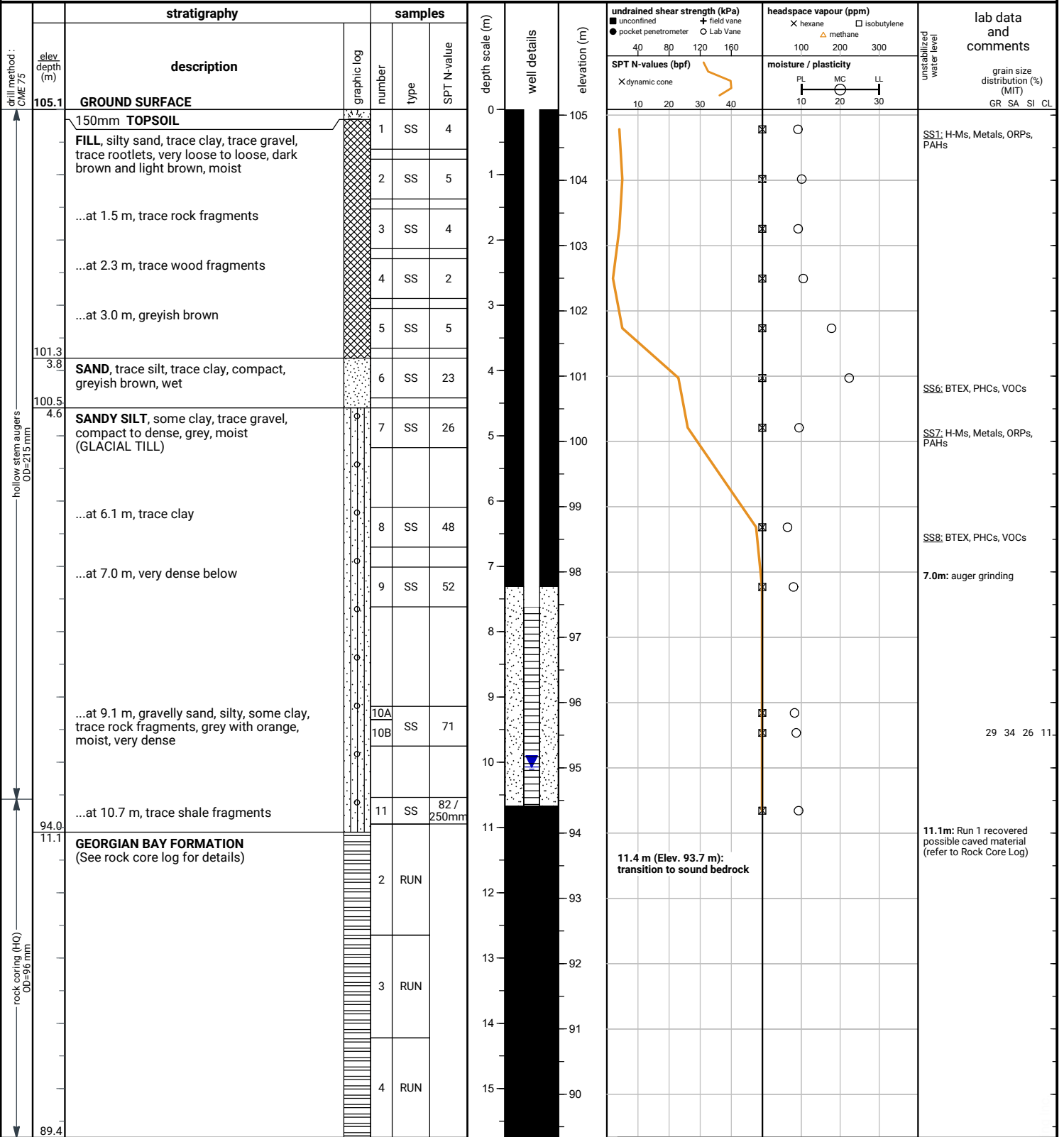
Runs 5 and 6



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							estimated strength				
		Rock coring started at 10.6m below grade	94.5								
11		SANDY SILT , some clay, trace gravel, compact to dense, grey, moist (GLACIAL TILL)	10.6 R1	TCR = 45% SCR = 0% RQD = 0%	94	Z1				10.6 / 94.5 - 10.9 / 94.1m: possible caved material	94
12		GEORGIAN BAY FORMATION Shale , dark grey, laminated to thinly bedded, weak; joints are horizontal, closed to gapped, clean to unaltered;	11.1 R2	TCR = 100% SCR = 89% RQD = 58%	93	Z2				10.9 / 94.1 - 11.1 / 94.0m: core loss (no recovery)	94
		interbedded with limestone , light grey, laminated to thinly bedded, strong	92.5 R2		93	Z3				11.3 / 93.8 - 11.4 / 93.7m: rubbilized zone	93
13		<i>Overall shale: 90%, limestone: 10% ... at 11.4 m (Elev. 93.7 m), transition to sound rock</i>	12.6 R3	TCR = 100% SCR = 95% RQD = 52%	92	Z4				12.0 / 93.1 - 12.0 / 93.0m: 25mm rubbilized zone	93
14		Run 2 : 8% limestone 92% shale	90.9 R3	TCR = 100% SCR = 95% RQD = 52%	92	R1				12.6 / 92.4 - 12.7 / 92.4m: 75mm rubbilized zone	92
15		Run 3 : 13% limestone 87% shale	14.2 R4	TCR = 100% SCR = 100% RQD = 78%	91	R2					91
		Run 4 : 11% limestone 89% shale	89.4 R4	TCR = 100% SCR = 100% RQD = 78%	90	R3					90
		END OF COREHOLE	15.7m			R4					

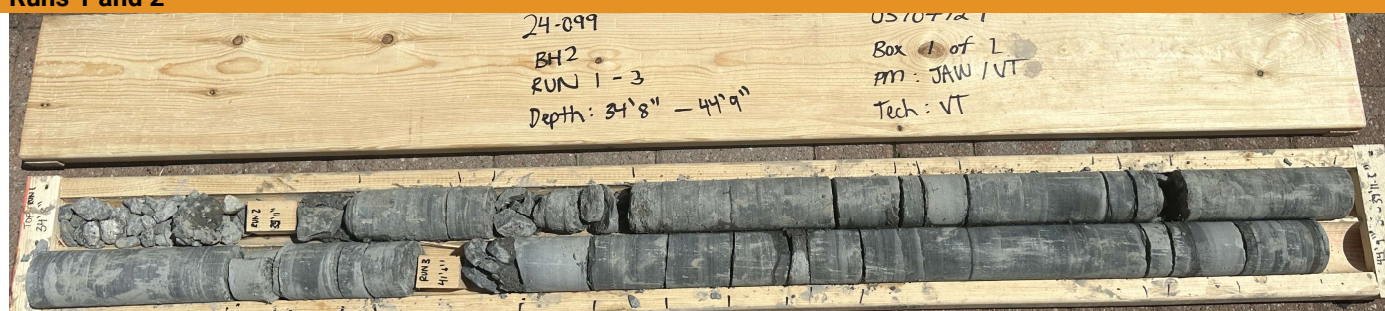
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E = 3.00 GPa
γ = 25.7 kN/m³



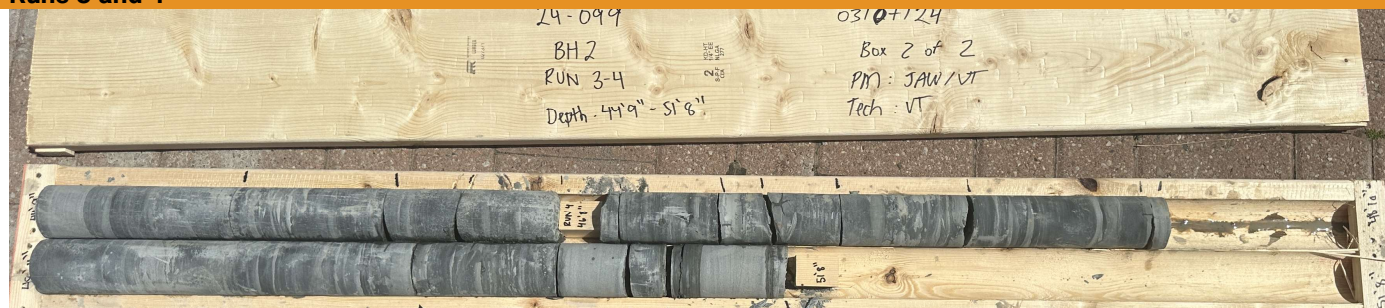
Borehole 2

Run #	Depth (m)	Elevation (m)
1	10.6 – 11.1	94.5 – 94.0
2	11.1 – 12.6	94.0 – 92.5
3	12.6 – 14.2	92.5 – 90.9
4	14.2 – 15.7	90.9 – 89.4

Runs 1 and 2



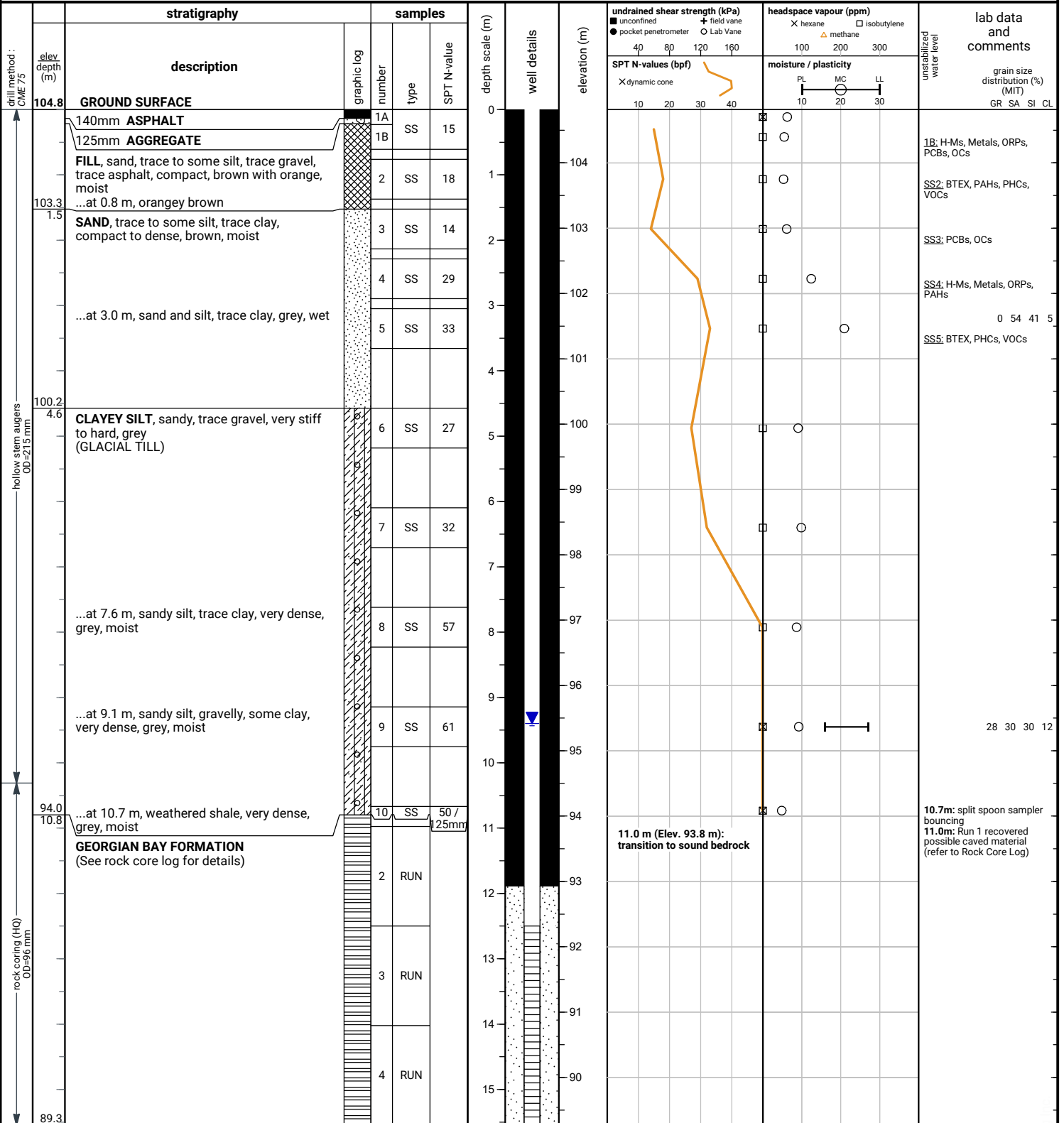
Runs 3 and 4



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END OF BOREHOLE

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50 mm dia. monitoring well installed.
No. 10 screen

GROUNDWATER LEVELS

date	depth (m)	elevation (m)
Jul 4, 2024	5.6	99.2
Jul 12, 2024	5.5	99.3
Mar 4, 2026	9.4	95.4
Apr 1, 2026	9.4	95.4

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depth (m)	graphic log	stratigraphy	run elev depth (m)	recovery	elevation (m)	shale weathering zones	UCS (MPa)		natural fracture frequency	laboratory testing	notes and comments	elevation (m)
							5	25				
		Rock coring started at 10.3m below grade	94.5				●					
11		CLAYEY SILT , sandy, trace gravel, very stiff to hard, grey (GLACIAL TILL)	10.3 R1 93.8	TCR = 92% SCR = 19% RQD = 0%	94	Z1 Z2 Z3 Z4	●		NA		10.3 / 94.5 - 10.8 / 94.0m: possible caved material	94
		GEORGIAN BAY FORMATION Shale , dark grey, laminated to thinly bedded, weak; joints are horizontal, closed to gapped, clean to unaltered;	11.0	TCR = 100% SCR = 93% RQD = 65%			●		5		10.8 / 94.0 - 10.9 / 93.9m: rubbilized zone	
12		interbedded with limestone , light grey, laminated to thinly bedded, strong	R2		93		●		2		11.6 / 93.2 - 11.6 / 93.2m: 50mm rubbilized zone	93
		<i>Overall shale: 91%, limestone: 9% ... at 11.0 m (Elev. 93.8 m), transition to sound rock</i>	92.3 12.5				●		4		12.2 / 92.6 - 12.2 / 92.6m: 25mm FC SV PR S T CN	
13		Run 1 : 4% limestone 96% shale	R3	TCR = 98% SCR = 95% RQD = 73%	92		●		3+RZ		12.3 / 92.5 - 12.3 / 92.5m: 25mm rubbilized zone	
		Run 2 : 13% limestone 87% shale	90.8 14.0		91		●		2+RZ		12.5 / 92.3 - 12.6 / 92.3m: 63mm rubbilized zone	91
14		Run 3 : 3% limestone 97% shale	R4	TCR = 100% SCR = 100% RQD = 85%	90		●		6			
		Run 4 : 9% limestone 91% shale	89.3		90		●		3			
15					90		●		1			
					90		●		0			
					90		●		2			
					90		●		1			
					90		●		2			
					90		●		2			
					90		●		1			

El. 91.7m:
UCS = 16.1 MPa
E = 3.40 GPa
γ = 25.7 kN/m³

END OF COREHOLE

15.5m



Borehole 3

Run #	Depth (m)	Elevation (m)
1	10.3 - 11.0	94.5 - 93.8
2	11.0 - 12.5	93.8 - 92.3
3	12.5 - 14.0	92.3 - 90.8
4	14.0 - 15.5	90.8 - 89.3

Runs 1 and 2



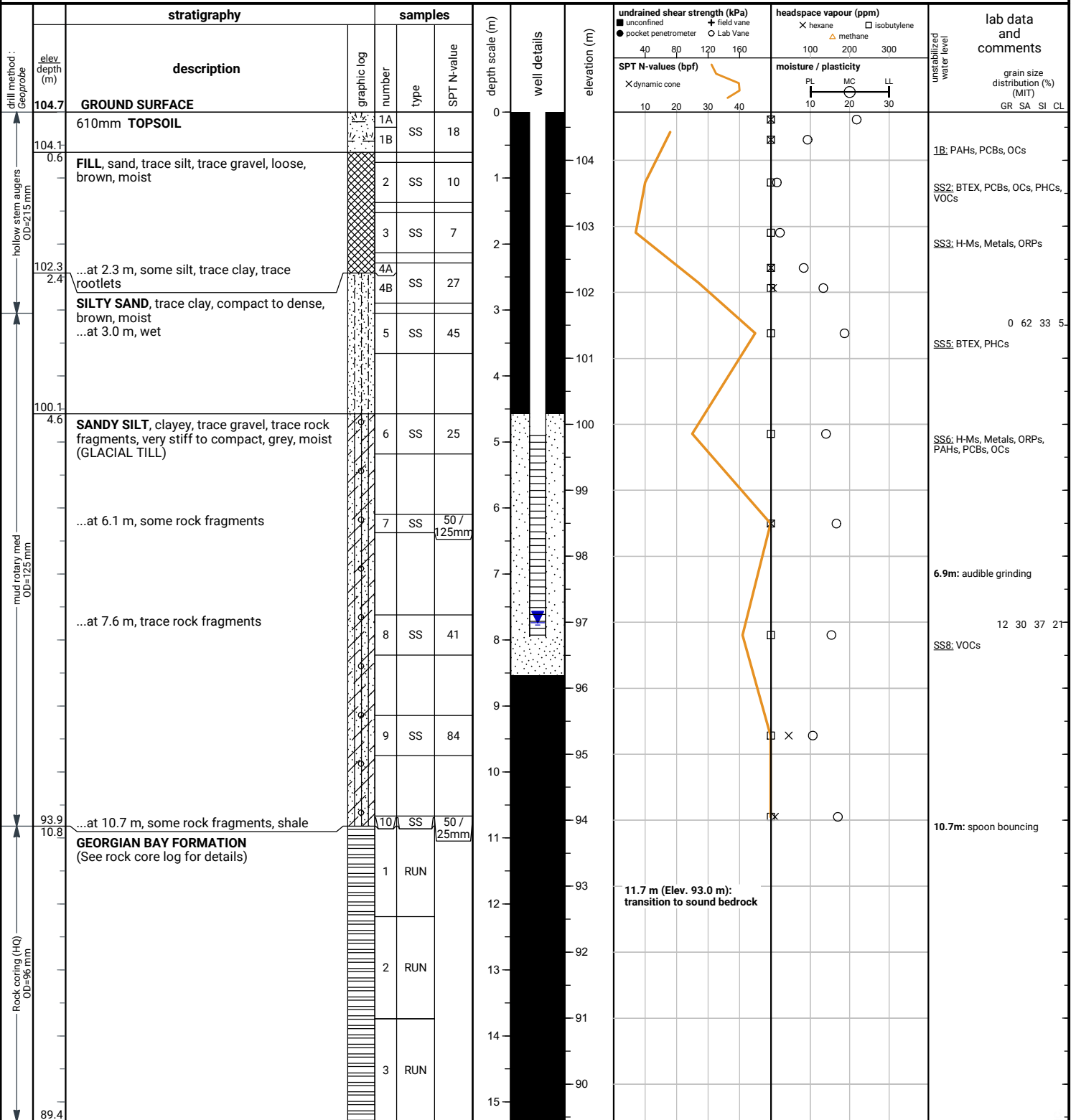
Runs 3 and 4



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END OF BOREHOLE

Borehole was filled with drill water upon completion of drilling.

50 mm dia. monitoring well installed.
 No. 10 screen

GROUNDWATER LEVELS

date	depth (m)	elevation (m)
Mar 4, 2026	7.2	97.5
Apr 1, 2026	7.7	97.0

11.7 m (Elev. 93.0 m):
 transition to sound bedrock

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depth (m)	graphic log	stratigraphy	run elev depth (m)	recovery	elevation (m)	shale weathering zones	UCS (MPa)		natural fracture frequency	laboratory testing	notes and comments	elevation (m)
							5	25				
		Rock coring started at 10.8m below grade	93.9				● estimated strength					
11		GEORGIAN BAY FORMATION Shale, dark grey, laminated to thinly bedded, weak; joints are horizontal, closed to gapped, clean to unaltered;	10.8	R1 TCR = 70% SCR = 39% RQD = 26%	93	Z1 Z2 Z3 Z4	R1 R2 R3 R4 R5 R6		WZ RZ WZ		10.8 / 93.9 - 11.0 / 93.7m: rubbilized zone 11.0 / 93.7 - 11.1 / 93.6m: weathered zone 11.1 / 93.6 - 11.6 / 93.1m: lost core	93
12		interbedded with limestone, light grey, laminated to thinly bedded, strong	92.5						4		11.9 / 92.8m: JT clay	
		Overall shale: 93%, limestone: 7% ... at 11.7 m (Elev. 93.0 m), transition to sound rock	12.2	R2 TCR = 100% SCR = 97% RQD = 66%	92				3		12.1 / 92.6 - 12.1 / 92.6m: IS clay 12.2 / 92.5 - 12.2 / 92.5m: UN GA Cl; VF	92
13		Run 1 : 4% limestone 96% shale	91.0						1			
		Run 2 : 4% limestone 96% shale	13.7	R3 TCR = 100% SCR = 98% RQD = 79%	91				5 2		13.7 / 91.0 - 13.8 / 91.0m: weathered zone	91
14		Run 3 : 13% limestone 87% shale	89.4		90				2 3			90
15									2		15.1 / 89.6 - 15.2 / 89.6m: rubbilized zone	

END OF COREHOLE

15.3m



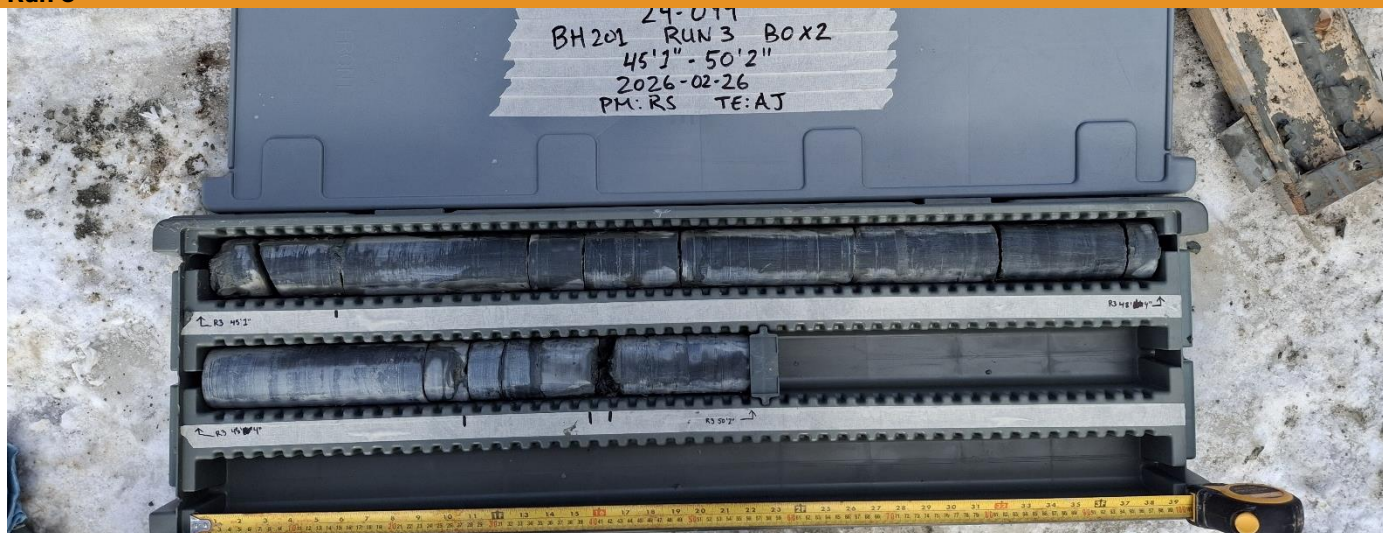
Borehole 201

Run #	Depth (m)	Elevation (m)
1	10.8 - 12.2	93.9 - 92.5
2	12.2 - 13.7	92.5 - 91.0
3	13.7 - 15.3	91.5 - 89.4

Runs 1 and 2



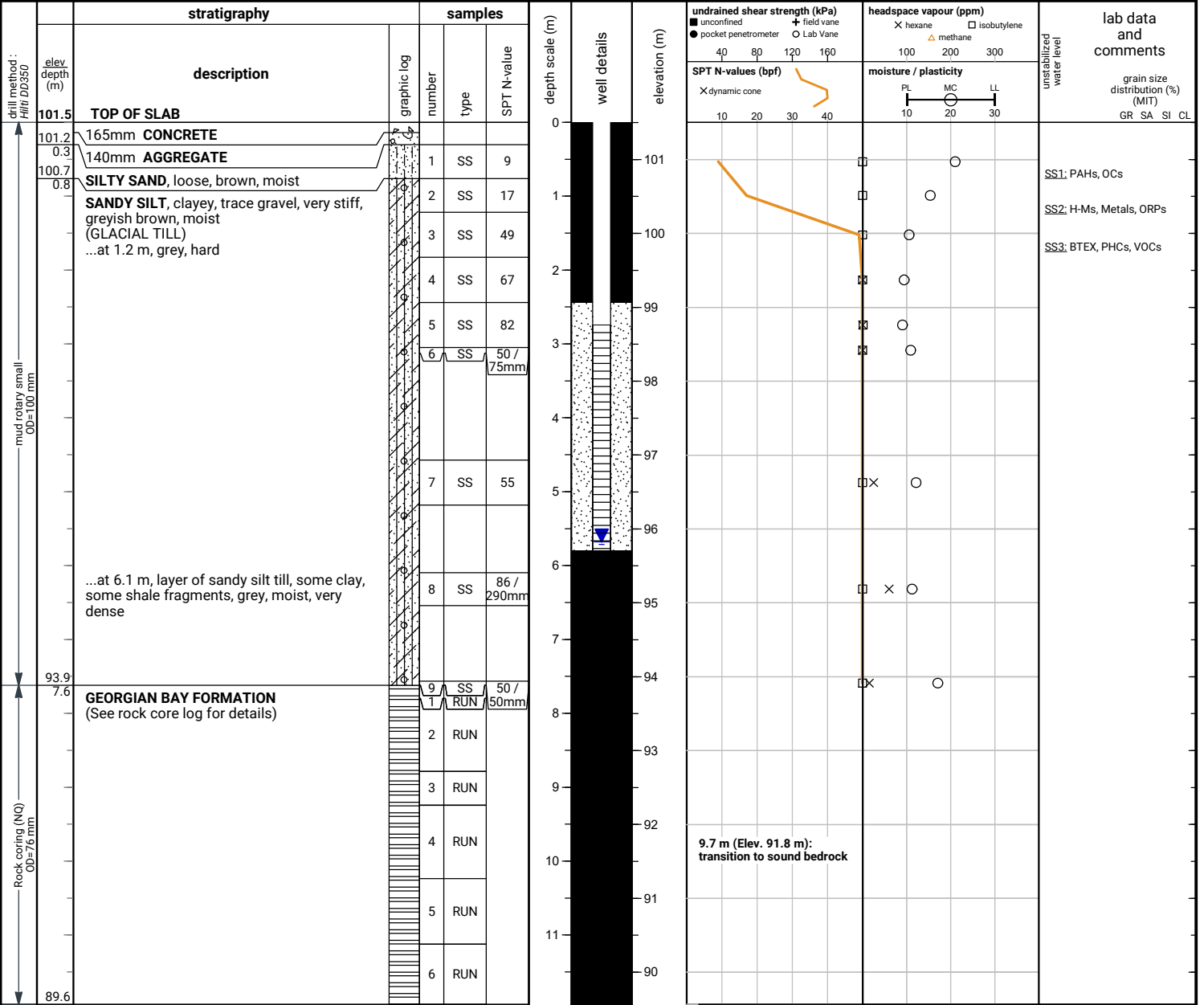
Run 3



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END OF BOREHOLE

Dry and open upon completion of drilling.

GROUNDWATER LEVELS
 date depth (m) elevation (m)
 Apr 1, 2026 5.7 95.8

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						Z1	Z2	Z3	Z4				
		Rock coring started at 7.6m below grade	93.9										
8		GEORGIAN BAY FORMATION Shale, dark grey, laminated to thinly bedded, weak; joints are horizontal, closed to gapped, clean to unaltered;	R1 7.6	TCR = 93% SCR = 79% RQD = 72%						5+RZ		7.6 / 93.9 - 7.6 / 93.9m: rubblized zone	
		interbedded with limestone, light grey, laminated to thinly bedded, strong	R2 7.8	TCR = 92% SCR = 74% RQD = 38%						4		8.7 / 92.8 - 8.7 / 92.8m: lost core/ washout	
		Overall shale: 85%, limestone: 15%	R3 8.8	TCR = 11% SCR = 11% RQD = 0%						3		8.7 / 92.8 - 8.8 / 92.7m: FZ	93
		... at 9.7 m (Elev. 91.8 m), transition to sound rock	R4 9.2	TCR = 69% SCR = 67% RQD = 47%						1+LC		8.8 / 92.7 - 9.2 / 92.3m: lost core/ washout	
			R5 10.2	TCR = 97% SCR = 97% RQD = 71%						LC		9.2 / 92.3 - 9.5 / 92.0m: lost core/ washout	92
			R6 11.1	TCR = 100% SCR = 100% RQD = 73%						5+LC		9.7 / 91.9 - 9.7 / 91.8m: FZ	
										9			
										2			
										3			91
										1			
										2			
										3			90
										1			

END OF COREHOLE

- Run 1 : 0% limestone
100% shale
- Run 2 : 19% limestone
81% shale
- Run 3 : 8% limestone
92% shale
- Run 4 : 12% limestone
88% shale
- Run 5 : 8% limestone
92% shale
- Run 6 : 31% limestone
69% shale



Borehole 202

Run #	Depth (m)	Elevation (m)
1	7.6 – 7.8	93.9 – 93.7
2	7.8 – 8.8	93.7 – 92.7
3	8.8 – 9.2	92.7 – 92.3
4	9.2 – 10.2	92.3 – 91.3
5	10.2 – 11.1	91.3 – 90.4
6	11.1 – 11.9	90.4 – 89.6

Runs 1 to 5

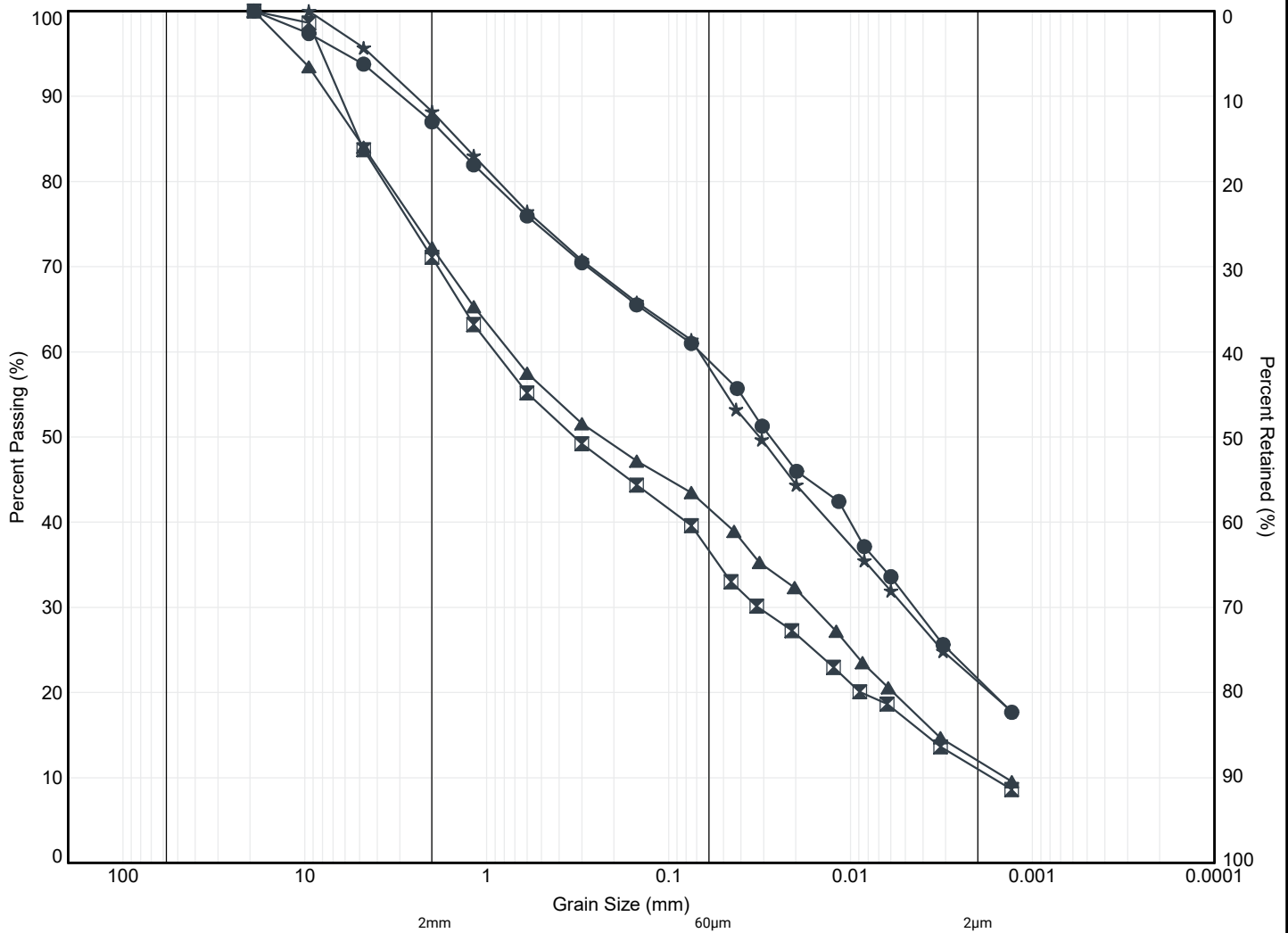


Run 6



APPENDIX B





MIT SYSTEM	COBBLES	GRAVEL			SAND			SILT	CLAY
		COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE		

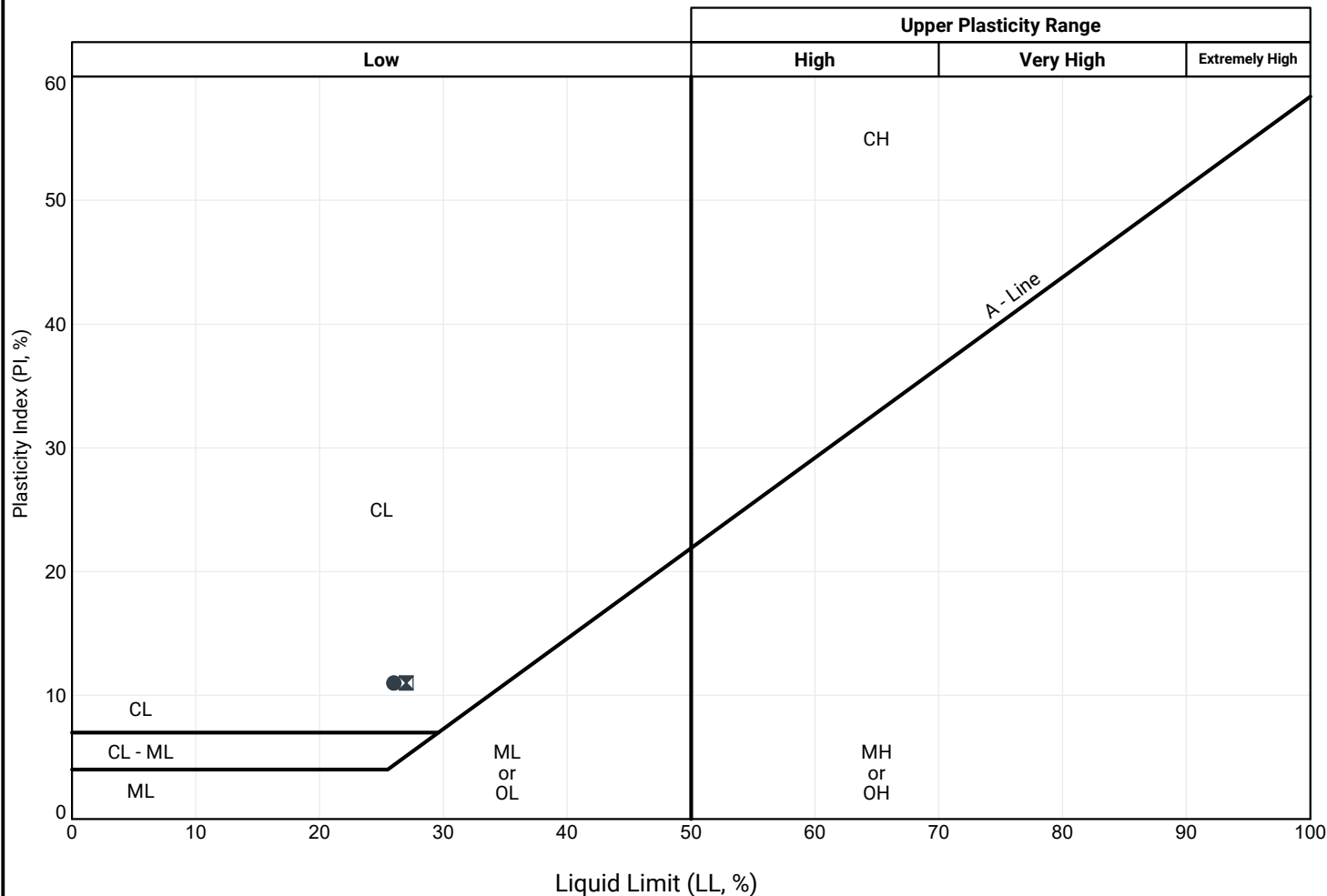
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	Borehole	Sample	Depth (m)	Elev. (m)	Gravel (%)	Sand (%)	Silt (%)	Clay (%)
●	1	SS8	5.6	99.8	13	28	37	22
☒	2	10B	9.6	95.5	29	34	26	11
▲	3	SS9	9.4	95.4	28	30	30	12
★	201	SS8	7.9	96.8	12	30	37	21

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Borehole	Sample	Depth (m)	Elev. (m)	LL (%)	PL (%)	PI (%)
● 1	SS8	5.6	99.8	26	15	11
⊠ 3	SS9	9.4	95.4	27	16	11

APPENDIX C



July 10, 2024

James Wagner
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Re: UCS Testing (Grounded Engineering Inc. Project No. 24-099)

Dear James Wagner:

On July 04, 2024 a series of three (3) core samples (HQ-sized) were received by Geomechanica Inc. via drop-off by Grounded personnel. These samples were identified as being from Grounded Engineering Inc. Project No. 24-099. From these samples, 3 Uniaxial Compressive Strength (UCS) tests were completed.

Details regarding the steps of specimen preparation and testing along with the test results are presented in the accompanying laboratory report and summary spreadsheet.

Sincerely,



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Rock Laboratory Testing Results

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July 10, 2024
Project number: 24-099

Abstract

This document summarizes the results of rock laboratory testing of 3 Uniaxial Compressive Strength (UCS) tests. The UCS values and Young's modulus values along with photographs of specimens before and after testing are presented herein.

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1 Uniaxial Compressive Strength Tests

1.1 Overview

This section summarizes the results of uniaxial compressive strength (UCS) testing. The testing was performed in Geomechanica Inc.'s rock testing laboratory using a 150 ton (1.3 MN) Forney loading frame equipped with pressure-compensated control valve to maintain an axial displacement rate of approximately 0.150 mm/min (Figure 1). The preparation and testing procedure for each specimen included the following:

1. Unwrapping the core sample, inspecting it for damage, and re-wrapping it in electrical tape to minimize exposure to moisture during subsequent specimen preparation.
2. Diamond cutting the core sample to obtain a cylindrical specimen with an appropriate length (length:diameter = 2:1) and nearly parallel end faces.
3. Diamond grinding the specimen to obtain flat (within ± 0.025 mm) and parallel end faces (within 0.25°).
4. Placing the specimen into the loading frame, applying a 1 kN axial load, and removing the electrical tape.
5. Axially loading the specimen to rupture while continuously recording axial force to determine the peak strength (UCS) and the axial deformation to determine the tangent Young's modulus.



Figure 1: Forney loading frame setup for UCS testing.

Using a precision V-block mounted on the magnetic chuck of the surface grinder, test specimens met the end flatness, end parallelism, and perpendicularity criteria set out in ASTM D4543-19. The side straightness criteria, as checked with a feeler gauge, and the minimum length:diameter criteria were met for all specimens unless noted otherwise in Table 1. Testing of the specimens included the measurement of the UCS and elastic

modulus, but not the Poisson's ratio. This represents a hybrid between Methods C and D of ASTM D7012-14.

1.2 Results

The results of UCS testing are summarized in Table 1. The corresponding stress-strain curves are presented in Figure 2. The Young's modulus is the tangent modulus calculated as the slope of the best-fit line through a selection of data points defining the stress-strain curve. Typically the modulus is defined at 50% of the UCS strength. However, due to non-linear pre-peak stress-strain behaviour of some specimens, a custom stress range (where the specimen deformed linearly) was selected for modulus determination. These stress ranges along with additional specimen details and measurements are provided in the summary spreadsheet that accompanies this report.

Table 1: Summary of UCS test results.

Sample	Depth (ft' in'')	Bulk density ρ (g/cm ³)	UCS (MPa)	Young's modulus E (GPa)	Lithology	Failure description
BH1, CS1	44'10" - 45'4.5"	2.585	12.1	2.9	Shale	1, 2, 3
BH3, CS2	46'8.5" - 47'3"	2.615	17.0	3.0	Shale	4, 3
BH2, CS3	42'11" - 43'7"	2.617	16.1	3.4	Shale	1, 3

¹ Inclined shear failure

² Partial hourglass failure

³ Specimen emitted pore water upon loading

⁴ Inclined shear fracture and axial splitting failure

1.3 Specimen photographs

Photographs of the specimens before and after testing are presented in the Appendix of this report.

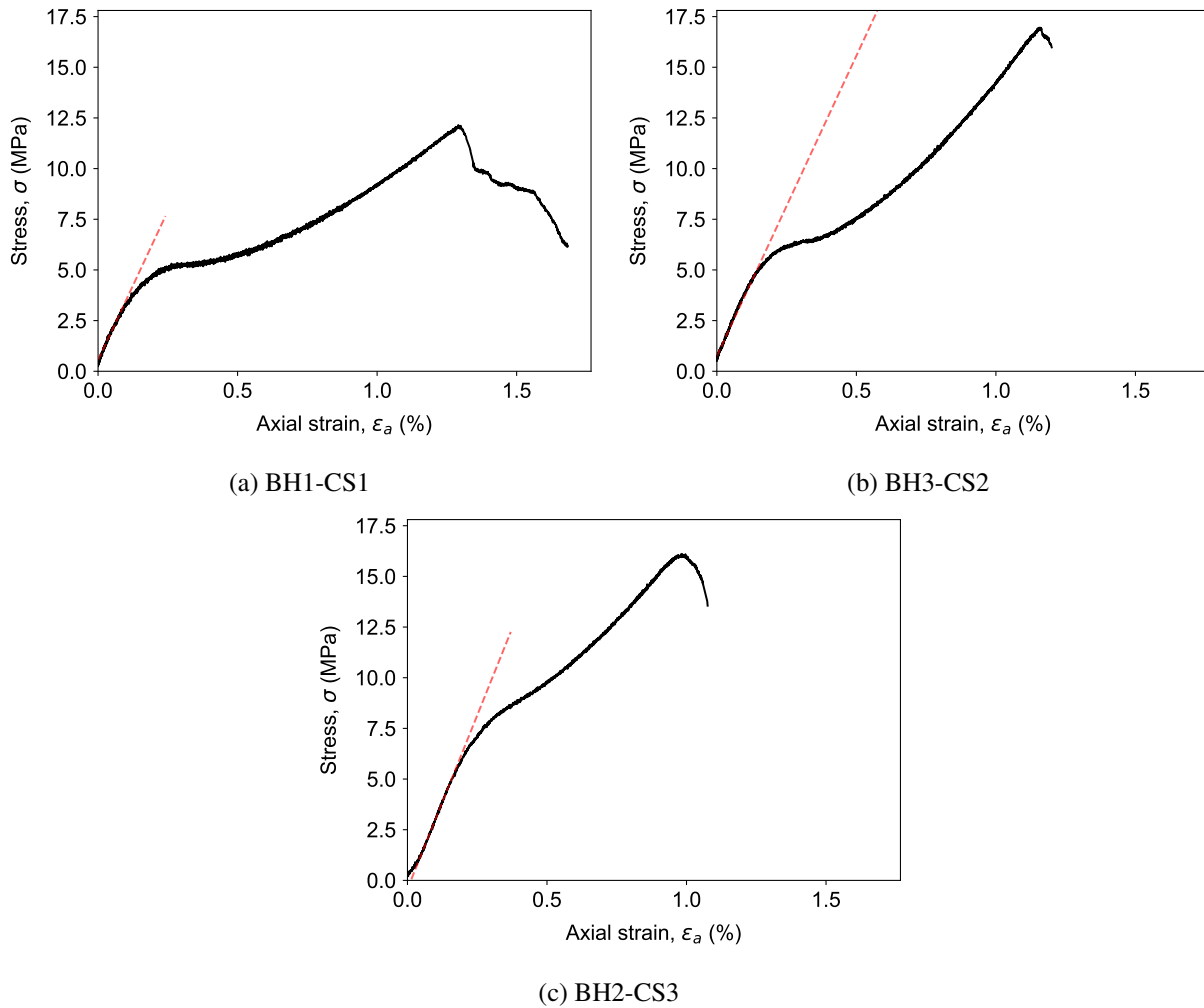




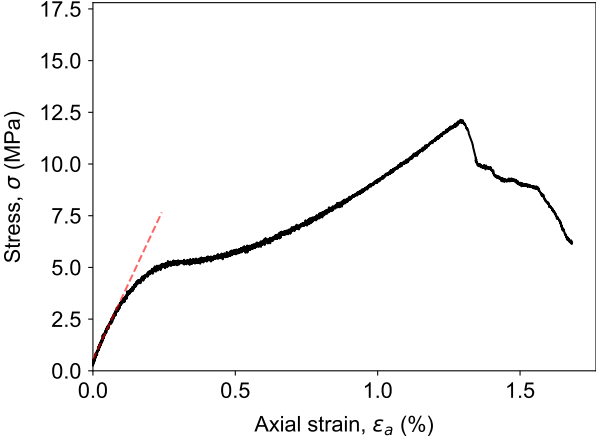
Figure 2: Measured stress-strain curves.

Appendices

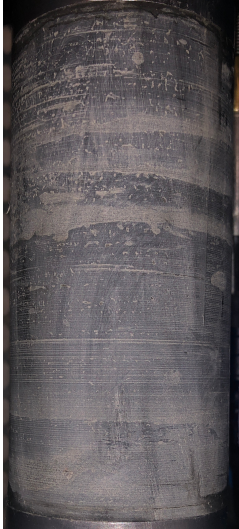

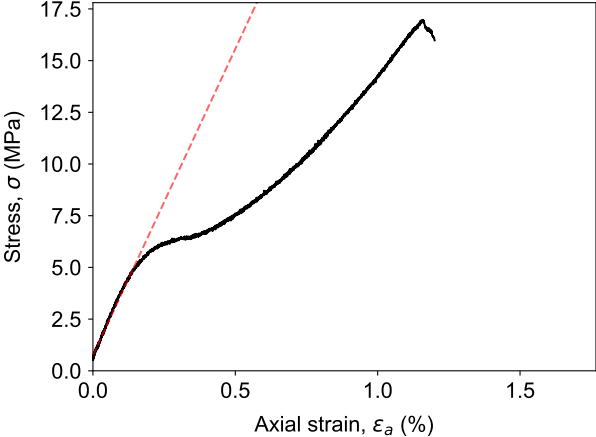
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- BH1, CS1
- BH3, CS2
- BH2, CS3



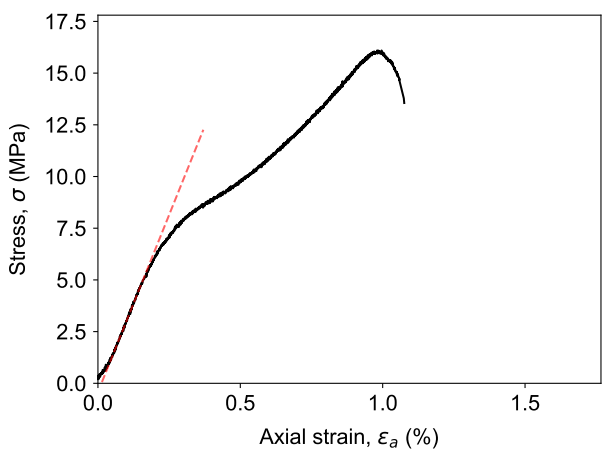
Uniaxial Compression Test

Client	Grounded Engineering Inc.	Project	24-099
Sample	BH1, CS1	Depth	44'10" - 45'4.5"
Specimen parameters		Prior to testing	After testing
Diameter (mm) ^a	63.18		
Length (mm) ^a	125.69		
Bulk density ρ (g/cm ³)	2.585		
UCS (MPa)	12.1		
Young's modulus E (GPa) ^b	2.9		
Lithology	Shale		
Failure description ^c	1, 2, 3		
<p>^a Additional specimen measurement/details provided in accompanying summary spreadsheet.</p> <p>^b Tangent modulus, calculated as the slope of the best fit line through ± 43 data points on either side of the point representing 15.0% of the peak strength.</p> <p>^c Failure description: ¹ Inclined shear failure; ² Partial hourglass failure; ³ Specimen emitted pore water upon loading;</p>			
			
Remarks: Loading Rate: 0.15 mm/min.			
Performed by	AB	Date	2024-07-08

Uniaxial Compression Test

Client	Grounded Engineering Inc.	Project	24-099
Sample	BH3, CS2	Depth	46'8.5" - 47'3"
<u>Specimen parameters</u>		<u>Prior to testing</u>	<u>After testing</u>
Diameter (mm) ^a	63.11		
Length (mm) ^a	125.81		
Bulk density ρ (g/cm ³)	2.615		
UCS (MPa)	17.0		
Young's modulus E (GPa) ^b	3.0		
Lithology	Shale		
Failure description ^c	4, 3		
<p>^a Additional specimen measurement/details provided in accompanying summary spreadsheet.</p> <p>^b Tangent modulus, calculated as the slope of the best fit line through ± 300 data points on either side of the point representing 15.0% of the peak strength.</p> <p>^c Failure description: ⁴ Inclined shear fracture and axial splitting failure; ³ Specimen emitted pore water upon loading;</p>			
			
Remarks: Loading Rate: 0.15 mm/min.			
Performed by	AB	Date	2024-07-08

Uniaxial Compression Test

Client	Grounded Engineering Inc.	Project	24-099
Sample	BH2, CS3	Depth	42' 11" - 43' 7"
Specimen parameters		Prior to testing	After testing
Diameter (mm) ^a	62.92		
Length (mm) ^a	123.61		
Bulk density ρ (g/cm ³)	2.617		
UCS (MPa)	16.1		
Young's modulus E (GPa) ^b	3.4		
Lithology	Shale		
Failure description ^c	1, 3		
<p>^a Additional specimen measurement/details provided in accompanying summary spreadsheet.</p> <p>^b Tangent modulus, calculated as the slope of the best fit line through ± 68 data points on either side of the point representing 15.0% of the peak strength.</p> <p>^c Failure description: ¹ Inclined shear failure; ³ Specimen emitted pore water upon loading;</p>			
			
Remarks: Loading Rate: 0.15 mm/min.			
Performed by	AB	Date	2024-07-08

APPENDIX D





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24-099, 2233 Hurontario

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Grounded Engineering Inc.

First Page

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 Samples SOIL (3)

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 Date Reported 03/11/2026

COMMENTS

Temperature of Sample upon Receipt: 3 degrees C
 Cooling Agent Present: yes
 Custody Seal Present: yes

Chain of Custody Number: 045489

Corrosivity Index is based on the American Water Works Corrosivity Scale according to AWWA C-105. An index greater than 10 indicates the soil matrix may be corrosive to cast iron alloys.

SIGNATORIES

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Client: Grounded Engineering Inc.

Project: 24-099, 2233 Hurontario

Project Manager: Ruth Schoenhardt

Samplers: Ruth Schoenhardt

MATRIX: SOIL

Sample Number	5	6	7
Sample Name	BH201 SS4B	BH201 SS10	BH202 SS1
Sample Matrix	Soil	Soil	Soil
Sample Date	2026-03-03 00:00	2026-03-03 00:00	2026-03-05 00:00

Parameter	Units	RL	Result	Result	Result
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Corrosivity Index

Corrosivity Index	none	1	14	11	14
pH	pH Units	0.05	9.35	9.23	8.60
Soil Redox Potential	mV	no	247	51	159
Sulphide (Na ₂ CO ₃)	%	0.01	< 0.01	0.05	0.01
Resistivity (calculated)	ohms.cm	-9999	1060	3830	620

General Chemistry

Conductivity	uS/cm	2	942	261	1610
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Metals and Inorganics

Sulphate	µg/g	0.4	30	50	92
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Other (ORP)

Chloride	µg/g	0.4	470	31	880
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QC SUMMARY

Anions by IC

Method: EPA300/MA300-Ions1.3 | Internal ref.: ME-CA-IENVIIC-LAK-AN-001

Parameter	QC batch Reference	Units	RL	Method Blank	Duplicate		LCS/Spike Blank			Matrix Spike / Ref.		
					RPD	AC (%)	Spike Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)		Spike Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)	
								Low	High		Low	High
Chloride	DIO0199-MAR26	µg/g	0.4	<0.4	1	35	98	80	120	100	75	125
Sulphate	DIO0199-MAR26	µg/g	0.4	<0.4	10	35	97	80	120	97	75	125

Carbon/Sulphur

Method: ASTM E1915-07A | Internal ref.: ME-CA-IENVIARD-LAK-AN-020

Parameter	QC batch Reference	Units	RL	Method Blank	Duplicate		LCS/Spike Blank			Matrix Spike / Ref.		
					RPD	AC (%)	Spike Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)		Spike Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)	
								Low	High		Low	High
Sulphide (Na ₂ CO ₃)	ECS0024-MAR26	%	0.01	< 0.01								

Conductivity

Method: SM 2510 | Internal ref.: ME-CA-IENVIEWL-LAK-AN-006

Parameter	QC batch Reference	Units	RL	Method Blank	Duplicate		LCS/Spike Blank			Matrix Spike / Ref.		
					RPD	AC (%)	Spike Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)		Spike Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)	
								Low	High		Low	High
Conductivity	EWL0186-MAR26	uS/cm	2	< 2	1	20	100	90	110	NA		

QC SUMMARY

pH

Method: SM 4500 | Internal ref.: ME-CA-ENVIEWL-LAK-AN-001

Parameter	QC batch Reference	Units	RL	Method Blank	Duplicate		LCS/Spike Blank			Matrix Spike / Ref.		
					RPD	AC (%)	Spike Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)		Spike Recovery (%)	Recovery Limits (%)	
								Low	High		Low	High
pH	EWL0186-MAR26	pH Units	0.05	NA	0		100			NA		

Method Blank: a blank matrix that is carried through the entire analytical procedure. Used to assess laboratory contamination.

Duplicate: Paired analysis of a separate portion of the same sample that is carried through the entire analytical procedure. Used to evaluate measurement precision.

LCS/Spike Blank: Laboratory control sample or spike blank refer to a blank matrix to which a known amount of analyte has been added. Used to evaluate analyte recovery and laboratory accuracy without sample matrix effects.

Matrix Spike: A sample to which a known amount of the analyte of interest has been added. Used to evaluate laboratory accuracy with sample matrix effects.

Reference Material: a material or substance matrix matched to the samples that contains a known amount of the analyte of interest. A reference material may be used in place of a matrix spike.

RL: Reporting limit

RPD: Relative percent difference

AC: Acceptance criteria

Multielement Scan Qualifier: as the number of analytes in a scan increases, so does the chance of a limit exceedance by random chance as opposed to a real method problem. Thus, in multielement scans, for the LCS and matrix spike, up to 10% of the analytes may exceed the quoted limits by up to 10% absolute and the spike is considered acceptable.

Duplicate Qualifier: for duplicates as the measured result approaches the RL, the uncertainty associated with the value increases dramatically, thus duplicate acceptance limits apply only where the average of the two duplicates is greater than five times the RL.

Matrix Spike Qualifier: for matrix spikes, as the concentration of the native analyte increases, the uncertainty of the matrix spike recovery increases. Thus, the matrix spike acceptance limits apply only when the concentration of the matrix spike is greater than or equal to the concentration of the native analyte.

LEGEND

FOOTNOTES

NSS Insufficient sample for analysis.
RL Reporting Limit.
 ↑ Reporting limit raised.
 ↓ Reporting limit lowered.
NA The sample was not analysed for this analyte
ND Non Detect

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Request for Laboratory Services and CHAIN OF CUSTODY

Laboratory Information Section - Lab use only

Received By: ESD
 Received Date: 3/5/20 (mm/dd/yy)
 Received Time: 10:30 (hr : min)
 Custody Seal Present: Yes No
 Custody Seal Intact: Yes No

Received By (signature): _____
 Cooling Agent Present: Yes No
 Temperature Upon Receipt (°C): 3.0 x 3 Type: ICE
 Quotation #: _____
 Project #: 24-099
 P.O.#: _____
 Site Location/ID: 2233 Hurontario
 LAB LIMS #: 0A 40055-10826

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INVOICE INFORMATION

Company: _____
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 Quotation #: _____
 Project #: 24-099
 Client Regular TAT
 Regular TAT (5-7 days)
 RUSH TAT (Additional Charges May Apply):
 1 Day 2 Days 3 Days 4 Days
 PLEASE CONFIRM RUSH FEASIBILITY WITH SGS REPRESENTATIVE PRIOR TO SUBMISSION
 Specify Due Date: _____
 *NOTE: DRINKING (POTABLE) WATER SAMPLES FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH SGS DRINKING WATER CHAIN OF CUSTODY

REGULATIONS

O.Reg 153/04 O.Reg 406/19
 Table 1 Res/Park Soil Texture:
 Table 2 Ind/Com Coarse
 Table 3 Agr/Other Medium/Fine
 Table _____ Appx. _____
 Soil Volume <350m3 >350m3
 Other Regulations:
 Reg 347/558 (3 Day min TAT)
 PW/QO MMER
 CCME Other:
 MISA
 ODWS Not Reportable *See note

ANALYSIS REQUESTED

M & I	SVOC	PCB	PHC	VOC	Pest	Other	SPLP	TCLP
Field Filtered (Y/N)								
Metals & Inorganics incl CrVI, CN, Hg, pH, B(HWS), EC, SAR-soil) (Cl, Na-water)								
Full Metals Suite ICP metals plus B(HWS-soil only) Hg, CrVI								
ICP Metals only Sb, As, Ba, Be, B, Cd, Cr, Co, Cu, Pb, Mo, Ni, Se, Ag, Ti, U, V, Zn								
PAHs only								
SVOCs all incl PAHs, ABNs, CPs								
PCBs Total <input type="checkbox"/> Aroclor <input type="checkbox"/>								
F1-F4 + BTEX								
F1-F4 only no BTEX								
VOCs all incl BTEX								
BTEX only								
Pesticides Organochlorine or specify other						<u>Corrosivity</u>		
Sewer Use: Specify pkg:								
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COMMENTS:

SAMPLE IDENTIFICATION	DATE SAMPLED	TIME SAMPLED	# OF BOTTLES	MATRIX
1 BH201SS4B	March 3 2026	1400	1	Soil
2 BH201SS10	March 3 2026	1400	1	Soil
3 BH202SS1	March 3 2026	8:30	1	Soil
4				
5				
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8				
9				
10				
11				
12				

RECORD OF SITE CONDITION (RSSC)

YES NO

Recorded By (NAME): Ruth Schenkerhardt
 Relinquished by (NAME): Ruth Schenkerhardt
 Signature: _____
 Date: 2026/05/03
 (mm/dd/yy)

Signature: _____
 Date: 2026/05/03
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CORROSIVITY (SGS)



Report No. CA40055-MAR26
Customer Grounded Engineering Inc.
Attention Ruth Schoenhardt
Reference 24-099, Ruth Schoenhardt
Works#
Title Final Report

Sample ID	Analysis Start Date	Analysis Start Time	Analysis Completed Date	Analysis Completed Time	BH201 SS4B	BH201 SS10	BH202 SS1
					03-Mar-26 14:00	03-Mar-26 14:00	05-Mar-26 08:30
Sample Date / Time							
Analysis	Units						
Corrosivity Index	none	10-Mar-26	14:40	10-Mar-26	14:40	14	14
Soil Redox Potential	mV	06-Mar-26	14:23	09-Mar-26	15:14	247	159
Sulphide (Na ₂ CO ₃)	%	10-Mar-26	10:12	10-Mar-26	11:01	< 0.01	0.05
Moisture Index	no unit	06-Mar-26	14:23	09-Mar-26	15:14	1	1
pH	pH Units	10-Mar-26	09:38	10-Mar-26	14:40	9.35	9.23
Chloride	µg/g	10-Mar-26	07:47	11-Mar-26	15:56	470	31
Sulphate	µg/g	10-Mar-26	07:47	11-Mar-26	15:56	30	50
Conductivity	uS/cm	10-Mar-26	09:38	10-Mar-26	14:39	942	261
Resistivity (calculated)	ohms.cm	10-Mar-26	09:38	10-Mar-26	14:40	1060	3830

INTERPRETATION

AWWA C-105 Standard

% Moisture

pH

Is pH bet 6.5-7.5 ?

Is Redox Potential < 100 mv?

Are Sulphides present ?

If above three conditions are met, pH is assigned 3 points

pH - Score

Redox Potential

Resistivity

Acid Volatile Sulphides

Points	Points	Points
1	1	1
NO	NO	NO
NO	YES	NO
NO	YES	YES
3	3	3
0	3.5	0
10	0	10
0	0	0
14	7.5	14

TOTAL SCORE (AWWA C-105)

Sample

Corrosion Protection Recommended?

BH201 SS4B	BH201 SS10	BH202 SS1
YES	No	YES

Sulphate

%

0.003%	0.005%	0.009%
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CLASS OF EXPOSURE

Negligible	Negligible	Negligible
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APPENDIX E



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GEOPHYSICAL REPORT

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February 23, 2026

Project # SGL-#26522



GENERAL OVERVIEW

Simcoe Geoscience Limited (herein referred to as Simcoe) was requested by Grounded Engineering Inc. to conduct a seismic site class testing at 2233 Hurontario Street in Mississauga, Ontario. A MASW/MAM and an HVSr tests were executed to obtain shear wave velocity values from surface. The location is shown in Figure 1.

The survey was carried out on February 12th, 2026. The survey was conducted in the morning along Hurontario Street. The presence of the underground car park at this site limited the available space for the test profile. The cultural noise levels, mainly for road traffic, were substantial. Timing the shots and stacking minimized the overall impact of the noise on the data quality. The topography of the line was relatively flat. The site was covered with snow.

One MASW Sounding was acquired using a single string of 24 geophones with a standard receiver spacing of 3 meters and one HVSr test conducted simultaneously. Seven (7) active shots and twenty (20) passive records were measured and recorded for this sounding, and a 30-minute recording time for the HVSr test. The passive records were collected with a longer sampling rate and longer total recording length. The active records are predominantly intended for modeling the upper 20 meters while the passive records tend to be lower frequency components that are suited for modeling in the 15-to-40-meter range.



Figure 1: MASW/MAM Sounding and HVSr Location



FIELD PROCEDURE

The field setup of a MASW survey involves the layout 24 geophones in a linear array. There may be other array designs depending on the site and aim of the survey. Data acquisition involves generating an acoustic wave with a sledgehammer (commonly there are several other sources possible) and digitally recording the rolling surface waves from the moment of source impact for a full second as it passes the entire array of sensors (geophones).

For this study, data was collected with ABEM Terraloc Pro 2™ seismograph - 24 channels and 4.5 Hz geophones. A sledgehammer was used as the primary energy source with traces being recorded at 7 locations: one shot at centre, two shots between the first and last geophones and two shots at 6m and 25m offset beyond the ends of the line. The shot at the centre of the spread is used as a refraction reference for the operator and in processing to see the compression waves rather than shear waves. Figure 2 shows typical field setup for 3-meter receiver interval. Note that the shot locations are different in Figure 2 than in the executed survey. It is common to adjust shot locations depending on a few factors such as rock depth, field conditions (like noise) and intended requirements for the survey.

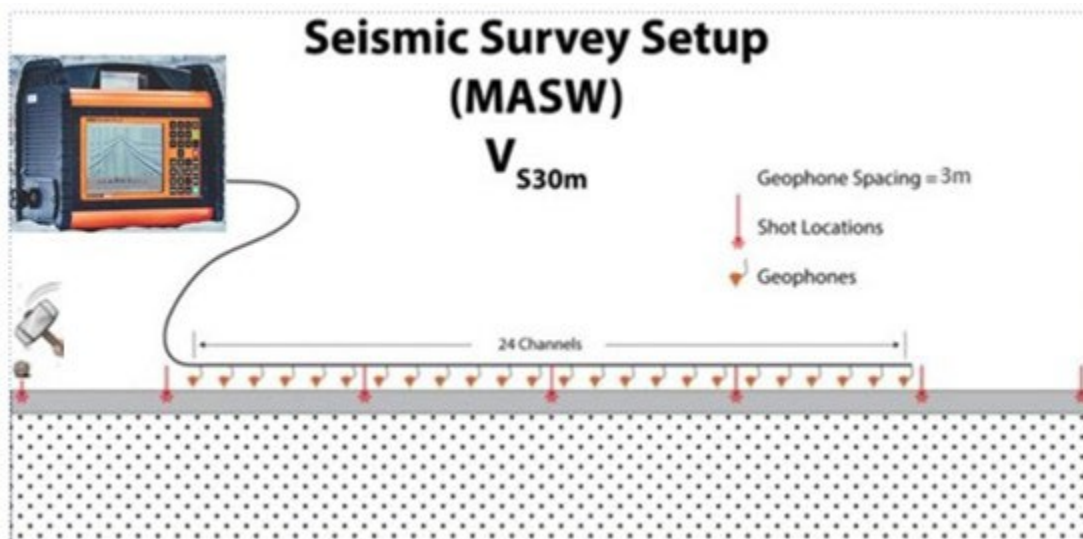


Figure 2 MASW 3-meter Spacing Field Setup, Geophones (orange), Shot Locations (red)

The passive survey (MAM) used the same geophone array set up as for the MASW survey. Unlike the MASW survey, the MAM method is considered a “passive source” method. There is no time break, and the motions recorded are from ambient energy generated by cultural noise such as traffic, wind, wave motion, etc. Data collection for the passive method involved recording approximately 10 minutes of background “noise” for this sounding.

The records generated by the MAM method contain lower frequency data, thus increasing the data modelling to greater depths. Typically, the MAM results help clarify the MASW results for depths greater than 20 m; however, the direction of noise propagation relative to the spread orientation can influence the results. In this survey, the cultural noise direction was parallel to the entire spread which is excellent for data collection.



An additional test was conducted near the centre of the MASW test called HVSr (Horizontal to Vertical Spectral Ratio). This uses a device called a Tromino™ seismograph with three component (three orientations) sensors. The principal objective of the HVSr method is to obtain the fundamental natural frequency of a site, which is often related to the depth of the bedrock or a significant velocity contrast layer. This method collects passive data for 30 minutes at an individual location.

DATA PROCESSING AND INTERPRETATION

The MASW data was processed and interpreted using SeisImager™ Surface Wave Analysis to generate a 1-D (depth) shear-wave velocity (V_s) profile. The active and passive data were post-processed, and individual dispersion curves were generated and stacked to generate one average dispersion image of the highest signal-to-noise (S/N) ratio. Two separate dispersion images were generated, i.e., active, and passive records.

The passive image was prepared by stacking all individual dispersion images processed from twenty (20) passive field records (30 seconds each). This indicates surface wave energy accumulation at relatively lower frequencies (e.g., ≤ 10 Hz) where the active image significantly lacks any meaningful energy trend.

Finally, both active and passive dispersion images were combined to generate one combined dispersion curve that has the highest resolution and the broadest bandwidth. In the overall dispersion trend, extracting the fundamental-mode dispersion curve (M0), which then indicates that the modal interpretation of M0 is more confident in the combined image. This also has the final 1-D velocity (V_s) profile which will have an increased confidence level at deeper depths (e.g., ≥ 20 m) because of the lower frequencies (e.g., ≤ 10 Hz) thus can then be extracted for the M0 curve. The M0 curve (Figure 3) was then used to generate the final 1-D shear-wave velocity (V_s) profile through the subsequent inversion process. The smoothing of the curve helped to minimize the noise of the data, which could produce extra layers in the 1D results.

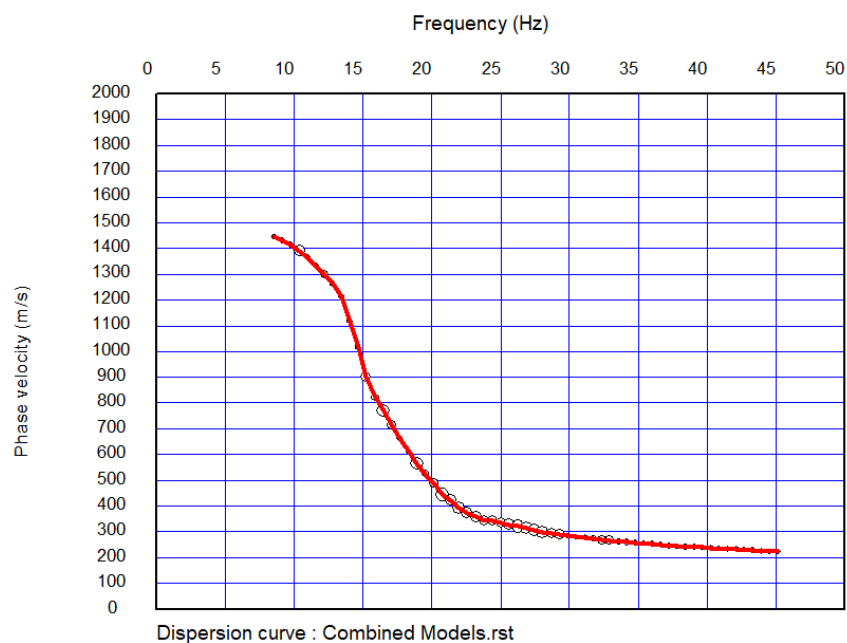


Figure 3: Combined Active & Passive Dispersion Curve



RESULTS

The Rayleigh dispersion curves obtained from the active and passive datasets were of good quality. There is a process called “stacking” which combines records after hitting the same location several times. This helps to maximize the signal to noise ratio.

The inverted shear wave velocity model (see Figure 5) indicates that the shale bedrock surface is encountered at approximately 11 m depth. Independent seismic refraction and HVSR analyses suggest a comparable bedrock depth in the range of 10-12 m. Available borehole records corroborate these findings, confirming bedrock at approximately 11 m depth.

The top 5 m has shear-wave velocities are characteristic of loose fill to compact silty sand. From 5 to 11 m, the velocity increase is consistent with compact to hard sand.

Inverted MASW models were used to calculate Vs30 with no constraint to the bedrock values.

Simple refraction analysis indicates that the shale bedrock exhibits a P-wave velocity (Vp) in the range of 3200-3300 m/s. Using representative Vp/Vs relationships for competent shale, this corresponds to estimated shear wave velocities (Vs) on the order of 1400-1500 m/s, which are considered more realistic values for competent shale bedrock.

If the MASW models were constrained using the refraction-derived velocities, the calculated Vs₃₀ would increase modestly, by approximately 40 m/s.

Option #1: Slab-on-Grade Design, 106 m asl

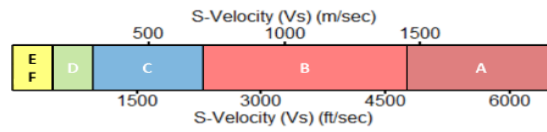
Profile	Depth (m)	Vs30 (m/s)	Seismic Site Class
MASW/MAM	0 to 30	542	C

This site can be classified as **Seismic Site Class C (“Very Dense Soil and Soft Rock”)** according to the seismic site classification provisions of the following codes, National Building Code of Canada 2020, Ontario Building Code 2024 and the International Building Code (IBC), see Figure 4.

If we apply the NBCC 2020 and the OBC 2024 codes, there is Table 4.1.8.4.A *Exceptions for Site Designation Using Vs30 Calculated from in Situ Measurements*. $X_v = 542$.



Seismic Site Classification ($V_s^{30\text{-m}}$ or $V_s^{100\text{-ft}}$)



NBCC* Seismic site classification based on shear-velocity (V_s) ranges.

Site Class	S-Velocity (V_s) (ft/sec)	S-Velocity (V_s) (m/sec)
A (Hard Rock)	> 5,000	> 1500
B (Rock)	2,500 – 5000	760 – 1500
C (Very Dense Soil and Soft Rock)	1,200 – 2,500	360 – 760
D (Stiff Soil)	600 – 1,200	180 – 360
E (Soft Clay Soil)	< 600	< 180
F (Soils Requiring Add'l Response)	< 600, and meeting some additional conditions.	< 180, and meeting some additional conditions.

* National Building Code of Canada

Figure 4: Summary of Site Class based upon Shear-wave velocities

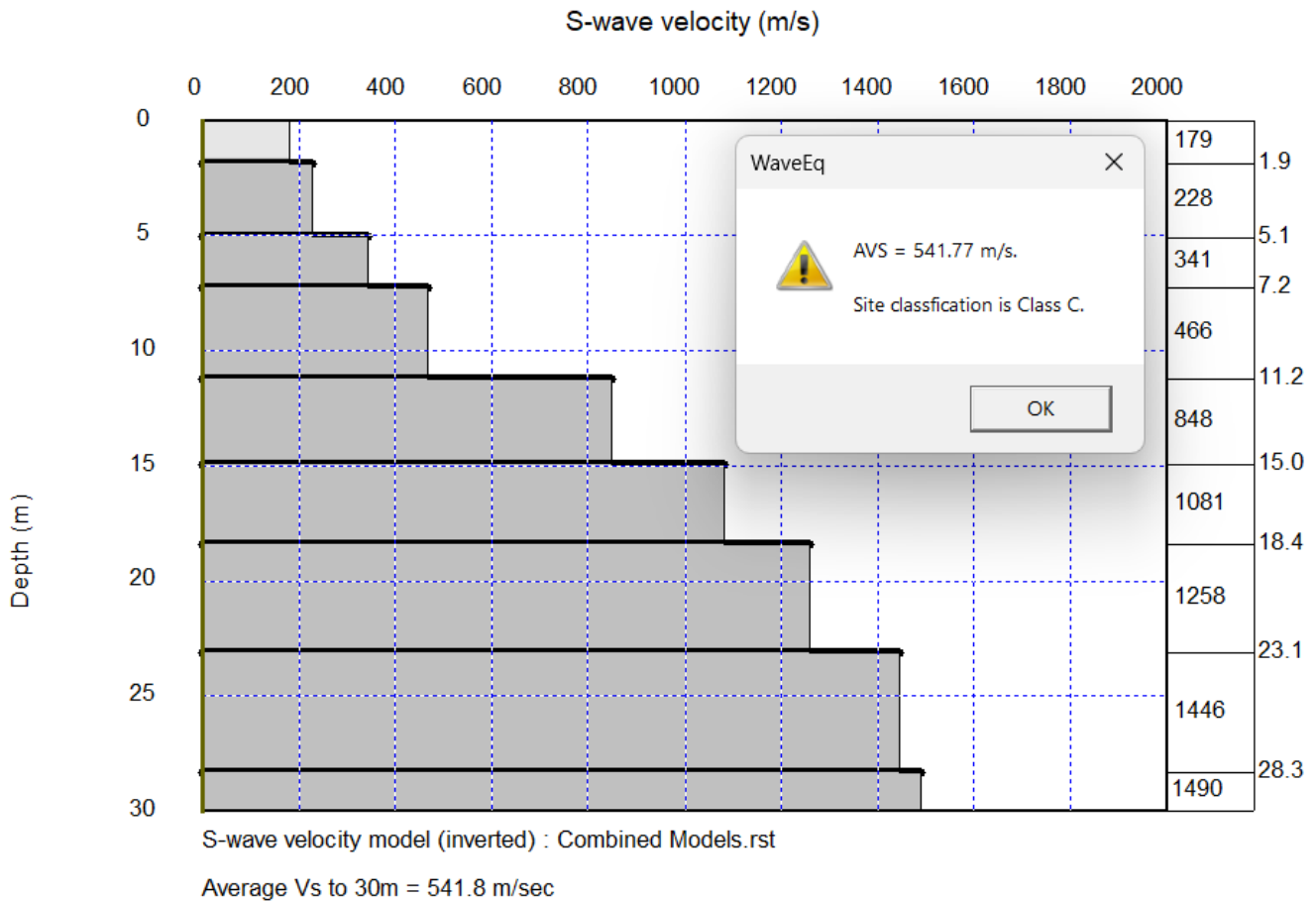


Figure 5: MASW/MAM Sounding results



Figure 5 is the model from the MASW/MAM soundings. The strength of the MASW is its ability to measure soil strength. To find bedrock depth an additional test is performed.

Bedrock Depth Measurement

A useful rule-of-thumb for detecting the bedrock surface from the MASW/MAM results is that when shear wave velocity reaches 650 m/s. This is not the true shear-wave value for bedrock as the method underestimates rock velocities. However, it can be a very strong indicator of bedrock if the velocity continues to accelerate toward that threshold. In this case the average shear wave velocity of overburden was 365 m/s using the MASW/MAM methods. MASW/MAM is very good at obtaining the shear-wave model of the overburden, but it only provides an indication of the top of bedrock. Its weakness is measuring the actual velocity of the rock. It is best to have another method to confirm the top of rock with either a borehole or another geophysical method which would allow the modeler to insert a value for rock that is more realistic for the rock type. The confirmation geophysical test is HVSr.

One Horizontal to Vertical Spectral Ratio tests (HVSr) was employed to obtain the top of bedrock by measuring the natural frequency of any location. When on open soil the natural frequency is often governed by the top of bedrock. The device is the Tromino Blu™ which has a three-component sensor; horizontal, vertical and transverse. By using low frequency cultural noise, which was present, the passive HVSr tests (similar in practice to the MAM test) generated a natural frequency of 8.97 Hz, see frequency plot in Figure 6. We can employ a simple formula to calculate the approximate rock depth.

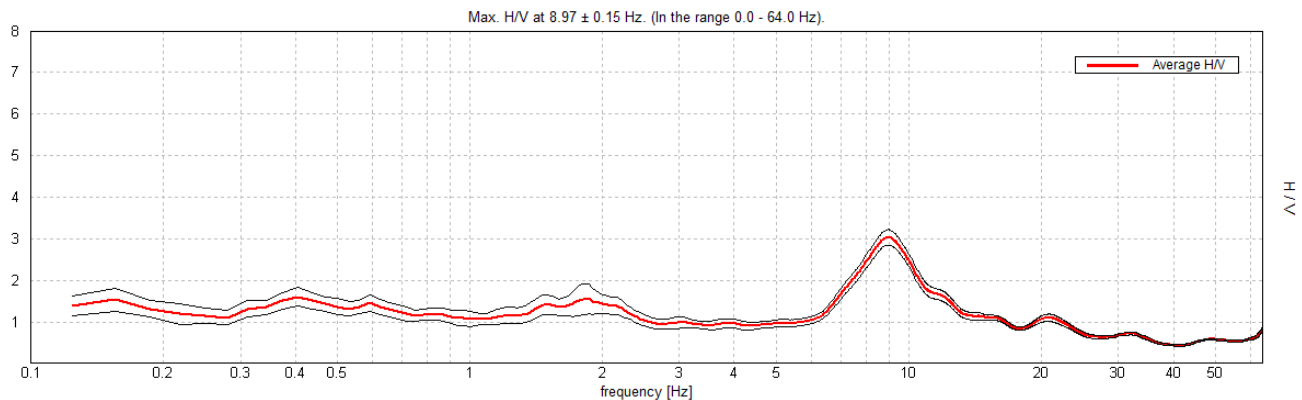


Figure 6: HVSr Sounding Results

$h = V_s/4f$, where h is depth, f is natural frequency (8.97 Hz) and V_s is 365 m/s, average of shear wave velocities near the surface (from the MASW/MAM testing). V_s is approximate because we are using the average V_s of overlaying layers in this case. Note, the V_s number used in these calculations is different from the V_s used in the calculation of the V_s30 site class, as this calculation is consistent only of overburden soils.

The approximate depth of the bedrock is 10-11 meters.



CONCLUSIONS

The data quality was good and the dispersion curves were well defined.

The V_{s30} with from surface to 30 meters is 542 m/s. MASW models were not constrained to optimize the bedrock shear-wave values.

The seismic site class is "C". At this site, the bedrock depth is approximately 11 m below grade.

It is important to note that data analysis and seismic site classification described in this report is based on seismic methods only. The results of MASW sounding can be superseded by other geotechnical information such as the presence of sensitive and/or liquefiable soils, more than 3 meters of soft clays, high moisture content, etc. It is important to consider other geotechnical information prior to further investigations on site. For more details about seismic site classification, the reader is referred to section 4.1.8.4 of the National Building Code of Canada, 2020 Edition.

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Respectfully submitted,

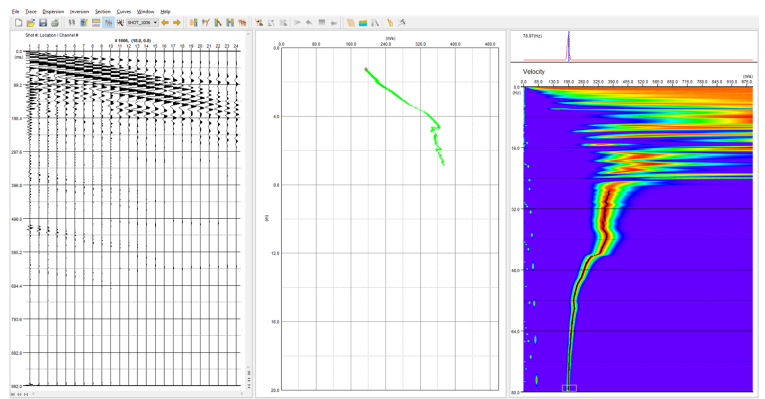
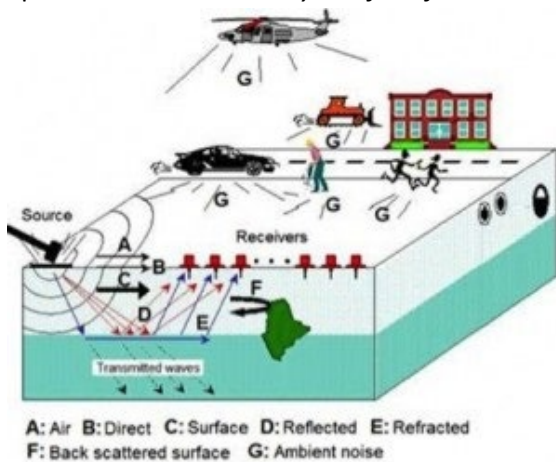
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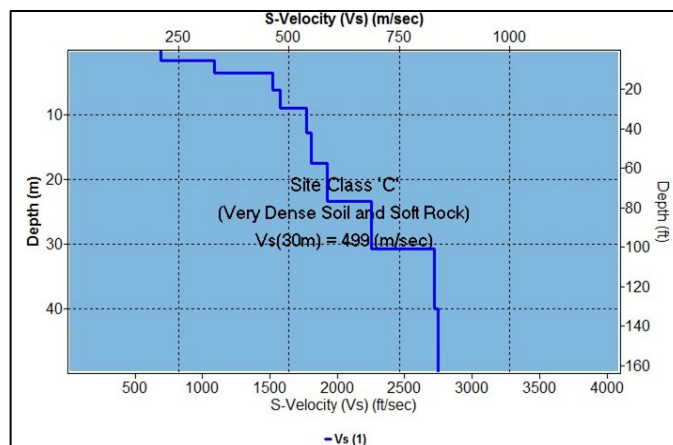


MASW METHOD

First introduced in GEOPHYSICS (1999), the Multichannel Analysis of Surface Waves (MASW) method is one of the seismic survey methods evaluating the elastic condition (stiffness) of the ground for geotechnical engineering purposes. MASW first measures seismic surface waves generated from various types of seismic sources—such as sledgehammer—analyzes the propagation velocities of those surface waves, and then finally deduces shear-wave velocity (V_s) variations below the surveyed area that is most responsible for the analyzed propagation velocity pattern of surface waves. Shear-wave velocity (V_s) is one of the elastic constants and closely related to young's modulus. Under most circumstances, V_s is a direct indicator of ground strength (stiffness) and therefore commonly used to derive load-bearing capacity. After a series of processing and modeling procedures, final V_s information is provided in 1D, 2D and 3D formats. Figures below outline the basic operating procedure for the MASW method and an example image of a typical MASW record and resulting 1D V_s model. The shear-wave depth profile is the average of the bulk area within the middle third of the geophone spread. The nominal maximum depth of penetration is half of the maximum seismic array length, which in practice is often influenced by the geology. A more detailed description of the method can be found in the paper *Multi-channel Analysis of Surface Waves*, Park, C.B., Miller, R.D. and Xia, J. Geophysics, Vol. 64, No. 3

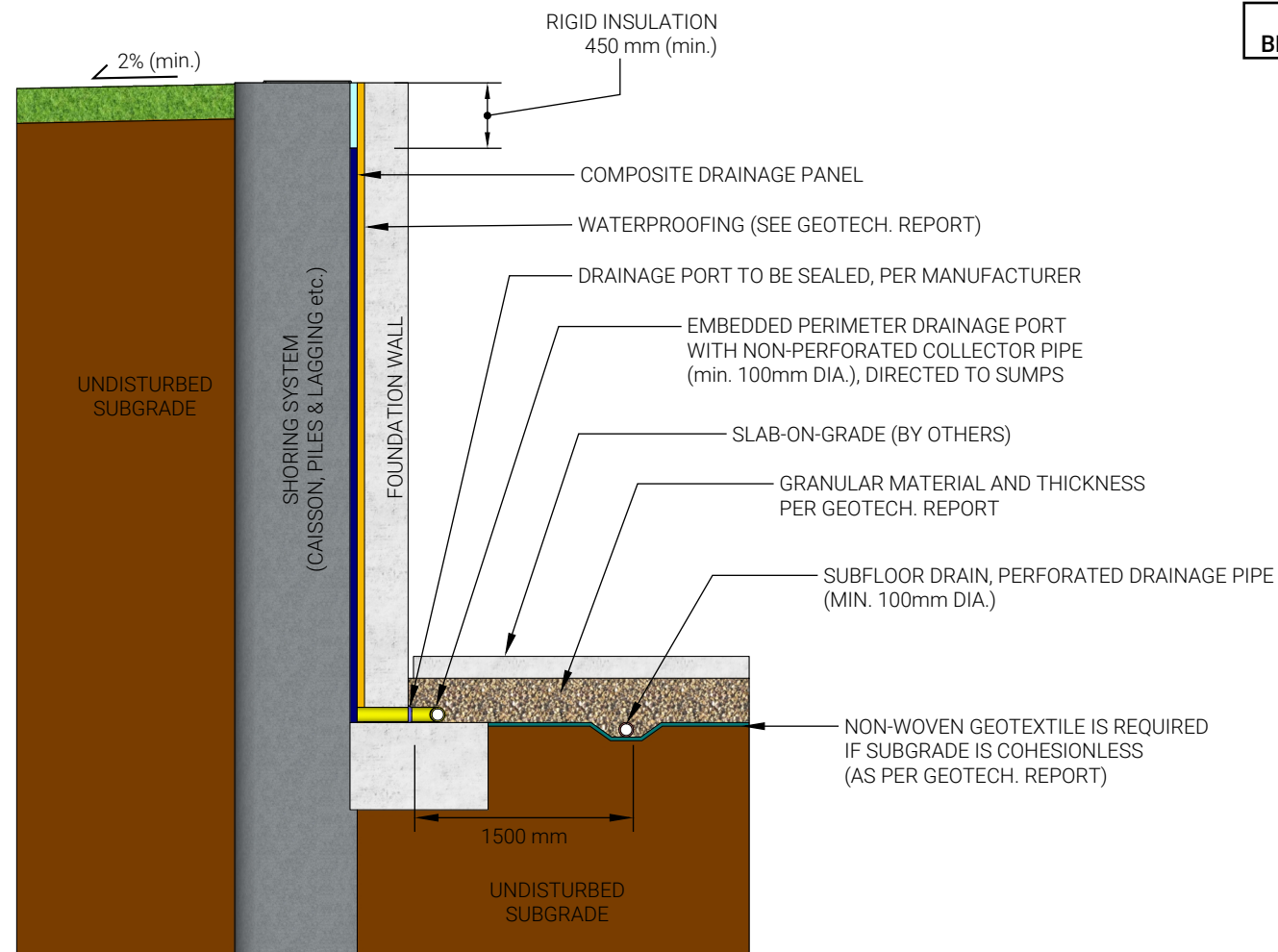


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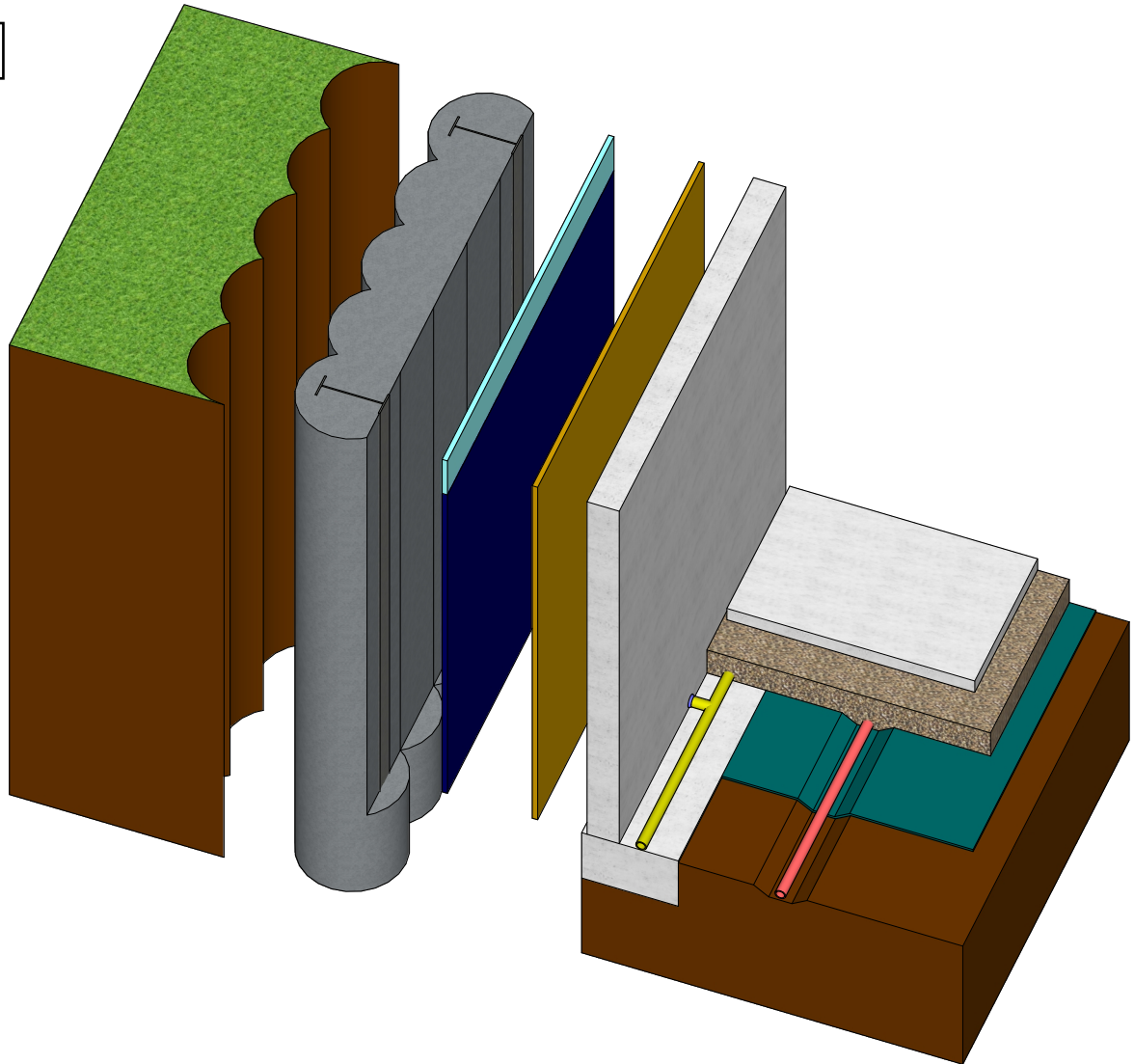


APPENDIX F





OBJECTS ARE COLOR-CODED BETWEEN TWO VIEWS FOR CLARITY



SECTIONAL VIEW

ISOMETRIC VIEW

SUBFLOOR DRAINAGE SYSTEM

1. THE SUBFLOOR DRAINS SHOULD BE SET IN PARALLEL ROWS, IN ONE DIRECTION, AND SPACED AS PER THE GEOTECHNICAL REPORT.
2. THE INVERT OF THE PIPES SHOULD BE A MINIMUM OF 300mm BELOW THE UNDERSIDE OF THE SLAB-ON-GRADE.
3. A CAPILLARY MOISTURE BARRIER (I.E. DRAINAGE LAYER) CONSISTING OF A MINIMUM 200 mm LAYER OF CLEAR STONE (OPSS MUNI 1004) COMPACTED TO A DENSE STATE (OR AS PER THE GEOTECHNICAL REPORT). WHERE VEHICULAR TRAFFIC IS REQUIRED, THE UPPER 50 mm OF THE CAPILLARY MOISTURE BARRIER MAY BE REPLACED WITH GRANULAR A (OPSS MUNI 1010) COMPACTED TO A MINIMUM 98% SPMDD.
4. A NON-WOVEN GEOTEXTILE MUST SEPARATE THE SUBGRADE FROM THE SUBFLOOR DRAINAGE LAYER IF THE SUBGRADE IS COHESIONLESS. SEE THE GEOTECHNICAL REPORT FOR GEOTEXTILE REQUIREMENTS.

PERIMETER DRAINAGE SYSTEM

1. FOR A DISTANCE OF 1.2m FROM THE BUILDING, THE GROUND SURFACE SHOULD HAVE A MINIMUM 2% GRADE.
2. PREFABRICATED COMPOSITE DRAINAGE PANEL (CONTINUOUS COVER, AS PER MANUFACTURER'S REQUIREMENTS) IS RECOMMENDED BETWEEN THE BASEMENT WALL AND RIGID SHORING WALL. THE DRAINAGE PANEL MAY CONSIST OF MIRADRAIN 6000 OR AN APPROVED EQUIVALENT.
3. PERIMETER DRAINAGE IS TO BE COLLECTED IN NON-PERFORATED PIPES AND CONVEYED DIRECTLY TO THE BUILDING SUMPS.
4. PERIMETER DRAINAGE PORTS SHOULD BE SPACED A MAXIMUM 3m ON-CENTRE. EACH PORT SHOULD HAVE A MINIMUM CROSS-SECTIONAL AREA OF 1500 mm².

GENERAL NOTES

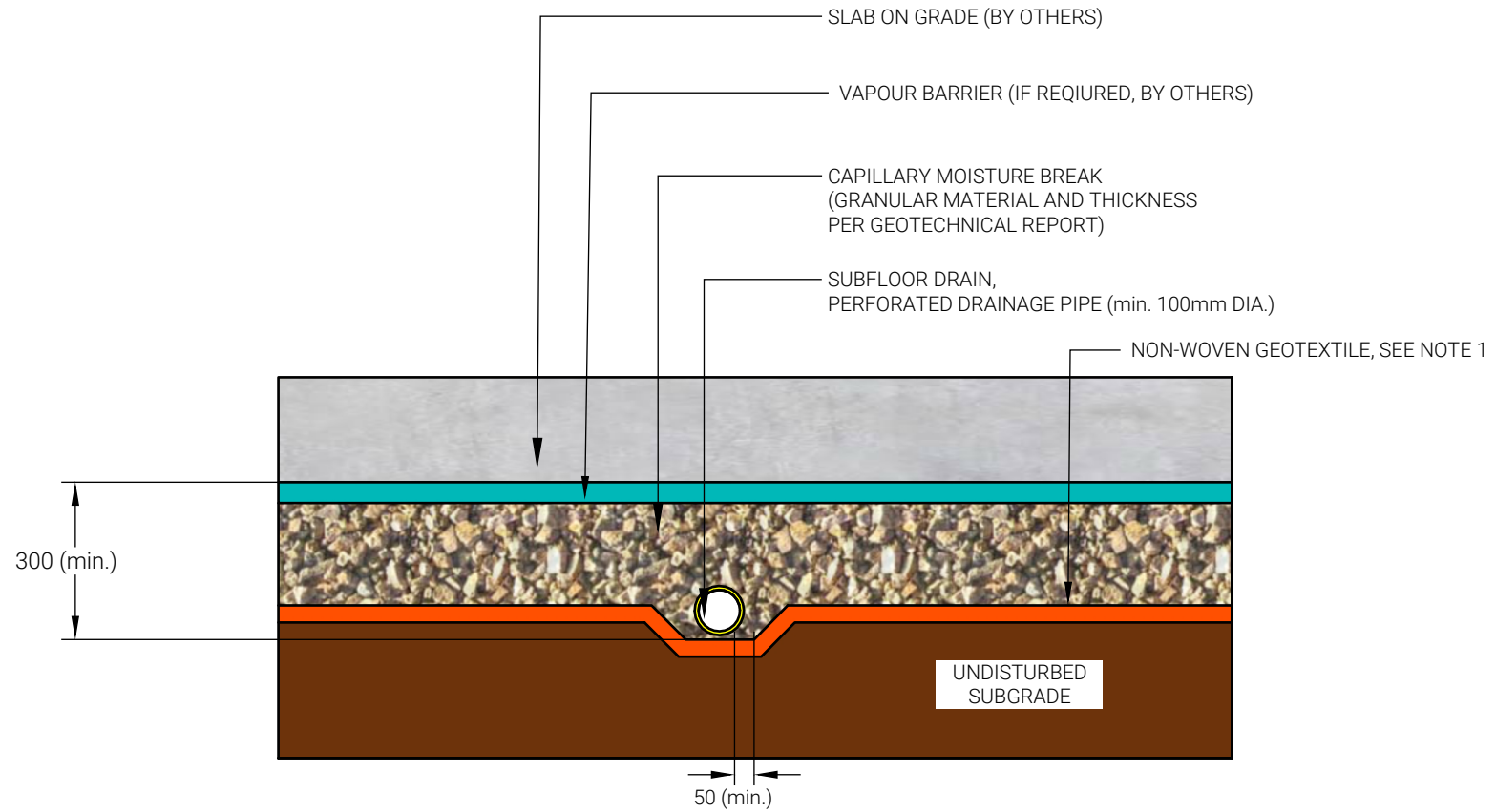
1. THERE SHOULD BE NO STRUCTURAL CONNECTION BETWEEN THE SLAB-ON-GRADE AND THE FOUNDATION WALL OR FOOTING.
2. THERE SHOULD BE NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THE SUBFLOOR AND PERIMETER DRAINAGE SYSTEMS.
3. THIS IS ONLY A TYPICAL BASEMENT DRAINAGE DETAIL. THE GEOTECHNICAL REPORT SHOULD BE CONSULTED FOR SITE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS.
4. THE FINAL BASEMENT DRAINAGE DESIGN SHOULD BE REVIEWED BY THE GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEER TO CONFIRM THE DESIGN IS ACCEPTABLE.

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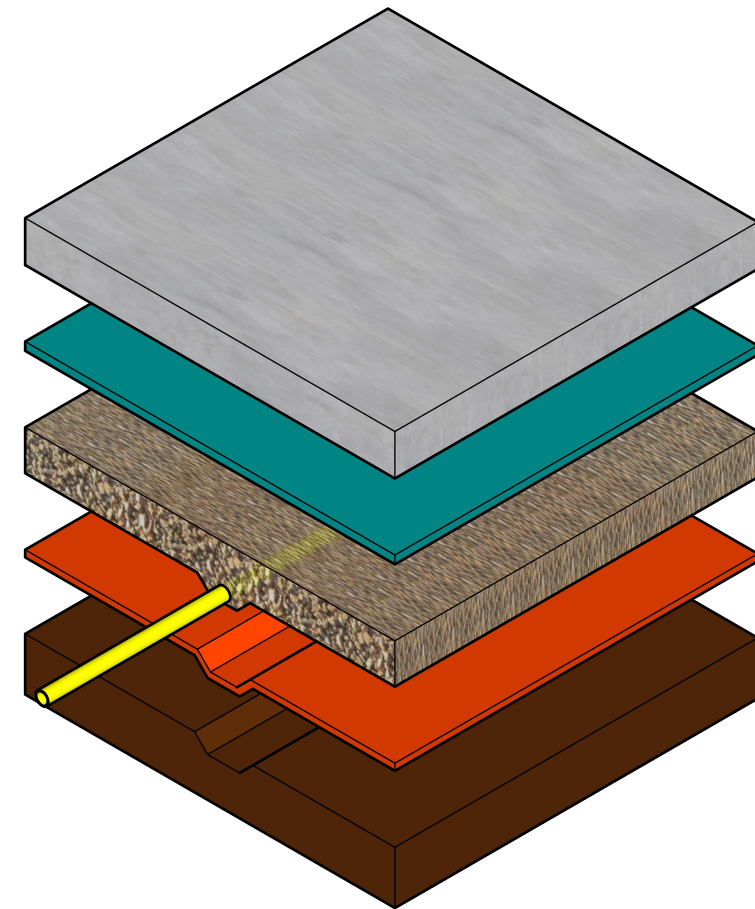


BASEMENT DRAINAGE SHORING SYSTEM TYPICAL DETAILS

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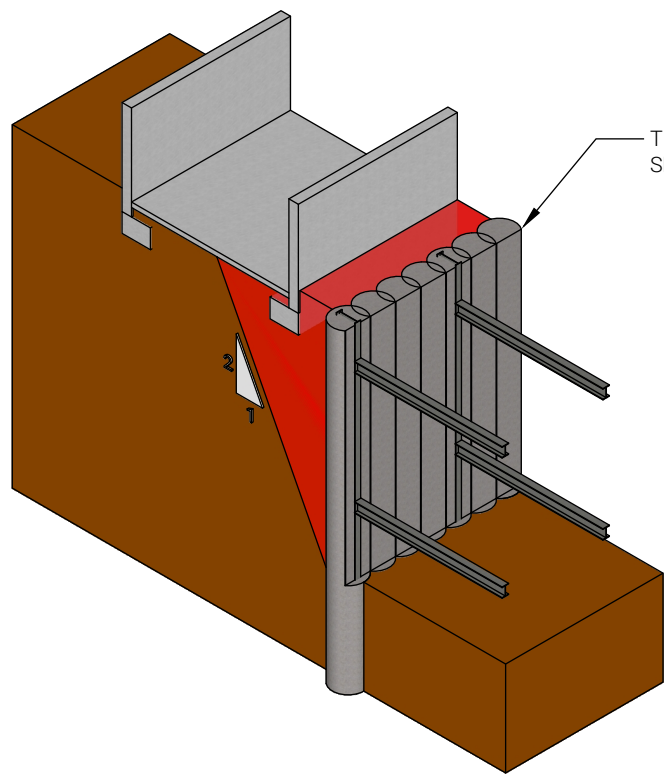
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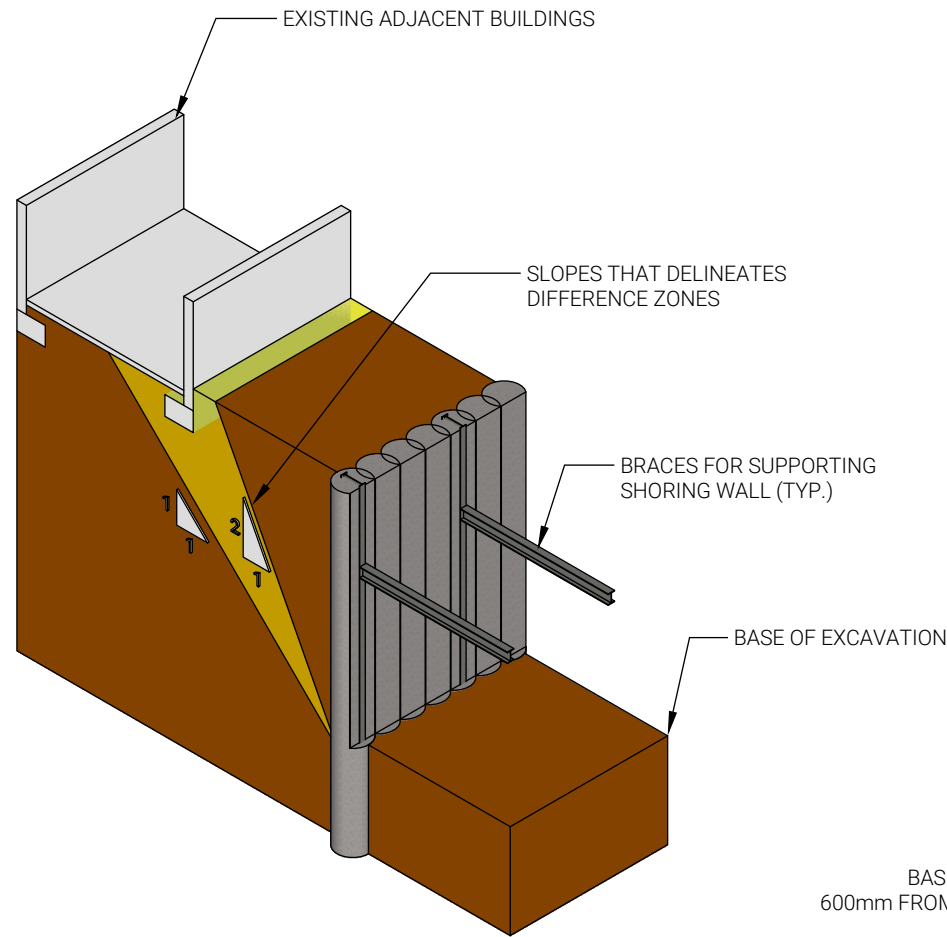
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1. WHEN THE SUBGRADE CONSISTS OF COHESIONLESS SOIL, IT MUST BE SEPARATED FROM THE SUBFLOOR DRAINAGE LAYER USING A NON-WOVEN GEOTEXTILE (WITH AN APPARENT OPENING SIZE OF $< 0.250\text{mm}$ AND A TEAR RESISTANCE OF $> 200\text{ N}$).
2. TYPICAL SCHEMATIC ONLY. MUST BE READ IN CONJUNCTION WITH GEOTECHNICAL REPORT.



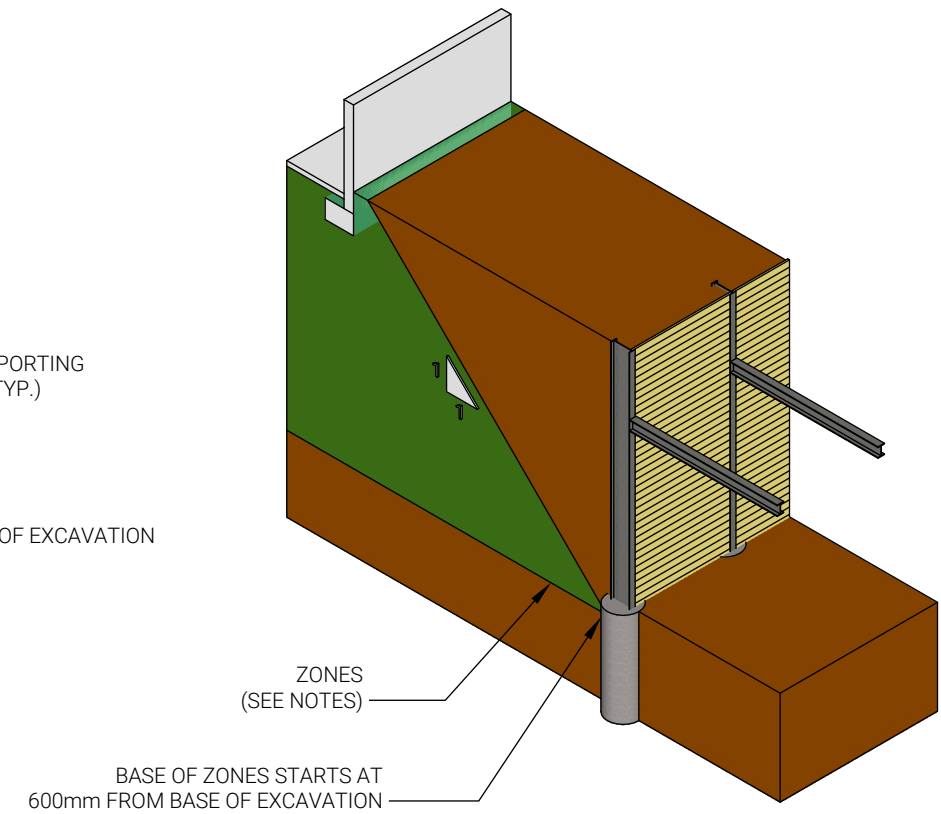
ZONE A (RED)

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ZONE B (YELLOW)

FOUNDATIONS WITHIN THIS ZONE OFTEN DO NOT REQUIRE UNDERPINNING BUT MAY REQUIRE SHORING SYSTEM. HORIZONTAL AND VERTICAL PRESSURES ON EXCAVATION WALL OF NON-UNDERPINNED FOUNDATION MUST BE CONSIDERED



ZONE C (GREEN)

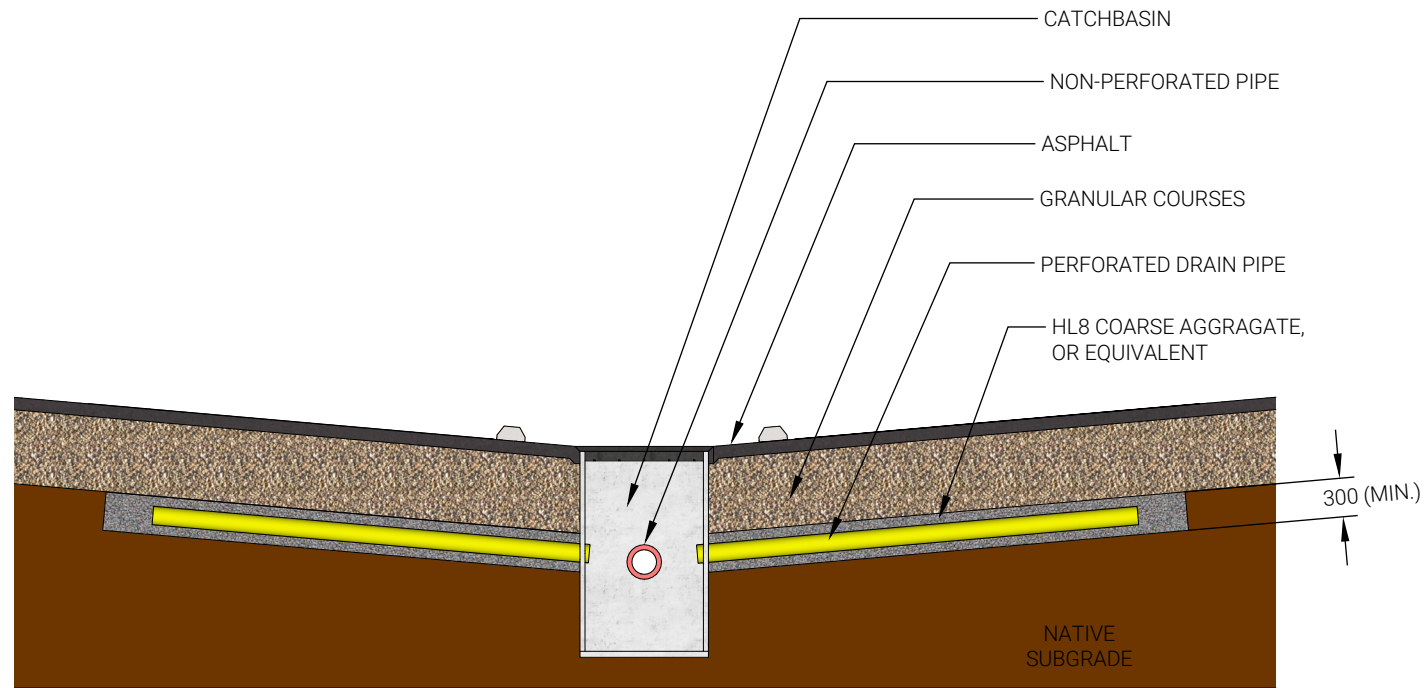
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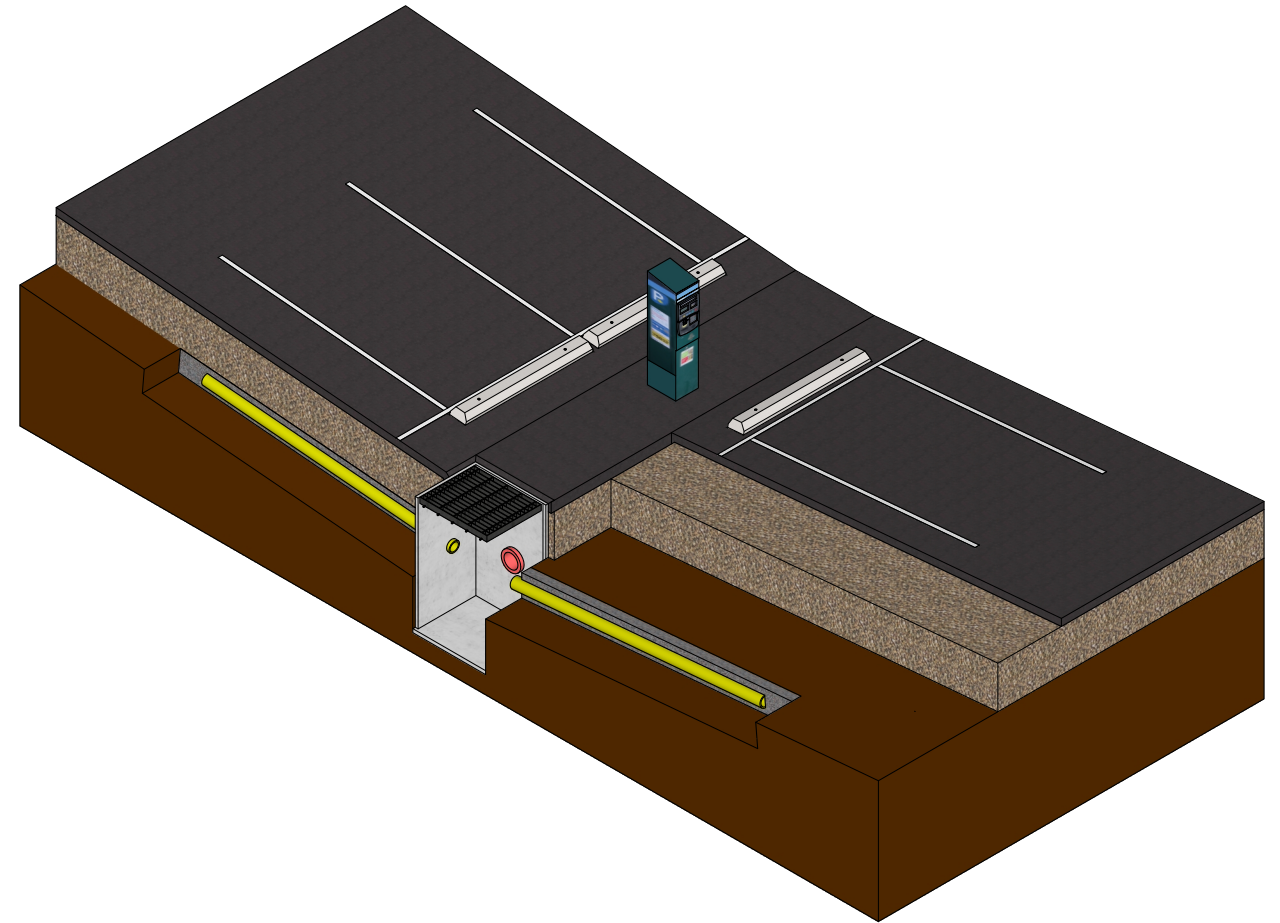
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