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**Geotechnical Investigation Proposed Tower Complex** 4933 Victoria Avenue North Vineland Station, Ontario L0R 2E0

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# <span id="page-4-0"></span>**1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Landtek Limited (herein "*Landtek*") is pleased to submit this Preliminary Geotechnical Investigation report for the proposed new "*Vineland*" tower complex at civic address 4933 Victoria Avenue North in Vineland, Ontario. Authorization to proceed with the work was received from 4933 Vic Court Globizen LP, in January 2023.

Based on the Concept Plan drawing "*Site Plan – Ground Floor*", reference A103, it is understood that the proposed development is to comprise of the following:

- A stepped, five-storey to 17-storey residential tower in the east of the property, with three partial, above-ground parking levels and a three- and four- storey podium;
- A stepped, four-storey to 14-storey residential tower in the south of the property, with a fourstorey podium courtyard;
- A 13- to 15-storey hotel in the northwest of the property, with a rooftop pool;
- A central courtyard comprising public open space, trees, a pond and trellis-covered areas; and,
- A new deck, dock and access ramp in the north of the property.

It is understood that one level of basement parking is also proposed and will cover the development footprint in full. Limited at-grade, deck parking is also proposed, with access leading from Victoria Avenue North.

No significant grade changes are anticipated, with foundations anticipated at depths of between approximately 4.0 m and 5.0 m below existing ground level. Elevator pits for the residential towers and hotel are expected to extend below foundation subgrades a further 1.5 m depth as a minimum.

The primary objectives of this investigation are:

- To confirm the subsurface soil and groundwater conditions for foundation design and construction;
- Provide design and construction recommendations with regards to building foundations, atgrade floor slabs, pavement structures, and subsurface drainage and utilities; and,
- Assess the characteristics of the soils to be excavated and their impact on excavatability, reuse and shoring systems.

This report has been prepared for the Client, the nominated engineers, designers, and project managers pertaining to the proposed residential tower complex at the site at civic address 4933 Victoria Avenue North in Hamilton, Ontario. Further dissemination of this report is not permitted without Landtek's prior written approval. Further details of the limitations of this report are presented in Appendix A.



# <span id="page-5-0"></span>**2.0 SITE SETTING**

#### <span id="page-5-1"></span>**2.1 Site Location and Description**

The site is located in Vineland Station, Ontario, and is centered at approximate grid reference 630435, 4783500 (UTM 17T coordinates). The Geodetic elevation of the ground surface at the site is approximately 73.0 m to 80.0 m.

The site location is shown in Figure 2.1.1 below.



*Figure 2.1.1: Site Location and Surrounding Area*

The site is irregular in shape and is situated at the intersections of Verity Lane, Viceroy Avenue and Victoria Avenue North. The site is bound to the north by Lake Ontario, the west by Victoria Avenue North, the east by a forested area, and to the south by residential properties.

The topography of the site is generally flat-lying and has been cleared of all existing buildings that were once located on the site.

# <span id="page-5-2"></span>**2.2 Published Geology**

Based on previous geotechnical experience for the area and a review of the existing geological publications for the site area, Ontario Geological Survey (herein "*OGS*") Map P.0764 "*Quaternary* 



*Geology of the Niagara Area*", the site is underlain by interbedded deposits of Lake Iroquois stratified sands and silt and clay till of the Halton Till Formation.

The Ontario Department of Mines (herein "*ODM*") Map 2344 "*Paleozoic Geology of the Niagara Area*" indicates that the superficial geology is underlain by red shale of the Queenston Formation.

Information provided by historical borehole records from within the vicinity of the site, and held by the OGS, generally confirms the anticipated geological conditions beneath the site. Based on the data from records for Borehole ID 852602, located approximately 500 m south of the site, the soil profile comprises of topsoil at the ground surface, followed by clay and silt till to approximately 6.6 m depth.



#### <span id="page-7-0"></span>**3.0 FIELDWORK AND INVESTIGATION METHODOLOGY**

Fieldwork undertaken at the site by Landtek included clearance of underground services, borehole layout, borehole drilling and soil sampling, and field supervision. A total of 11 boreholes (boreholes BH1 to BH11A) were drilled between April  $14<sup>th</sup>$  and  $27<sup>th</sup>$ , 2022. An additional total of nine boreholes (boreholes BH1-23 to BH9) were drilled between July  $4<sup>th</sup>$  and  $7<sup>th</sup>$ , 2023. All boreholes were logged using those standard symbols and terms defined in Appendix B. The Borehole Location Plan, Drawing 23016-01, and associated borehole logs are provided in Appendix C.

Full time supervision of drilling and soil sampling operations was carried out by a representative of Landtek. The boreholes were drilled using a Diedrich D-50 track mounted drill rig equipped with continuous flight, solid and hollow stem augers and were extended to depths of between approximately 2.6 m and 12.1 m below existing ground level. Standard Penetration Tests (SPT's) and split spoon samples were taken during drilling at selected depths. Boreholes encountering ultimate auger refusal were extended from bedrock refusal using NQ-gauge, rotary coring methodologies.

Boreholes BH2, BH3, BH8, BH9A, BH11A, BH1-23, BH2-23, BH3-23, BH4-23, BH5-23, BH6-23, BH8-23 and BH9-23 were completed as monitoring wells and renamed BH/MW2, BH/MW3, BH/MW8, BH/MW9A, BH/MW11A, BH/MW1S/D-23, BH/MW2S/D-23, BH/MW3S/D-23, BH/MW4/4S-23, BH/MW5S-23, BH/MW6-23, BH/MW8S-23, and BH/MW9S/D-23, respectively. The monitoring well consisted of new/sealed 50 mm polyvinyl chloride (PVC) screen with No.10 slots threaded onto a matching riser. The screens and risers were pre-threaded including o-ring seals such that no glues or solvents were used to connect the pipe sections. The annular space between the PVC well and the borehole was backfilled to approximately 0.3 m above the top of the screen section with sand pack, and then with bentonite to existing ground level. A J-Plug lockable air-tight cap was installed on the riser. The monitoring well installation details are presented on the respective borehole logs in Appendix C.

All soil samples were transported to the Landtek's in-house, Canadian Council of Independent Laboratories (CCIL) certified laboratory and visually examined to determine their textural classification. Moisture content testing was carried out on all samples. Four selected, composite samples were submitted to Paracel Laboratories Ltd. (herein *"Paracel*") to be analyzed for soil corrosivity to assist with any protective requirements for buried concrete and metal infrastructure.

Borehole locations were established by Landtek using measurements and offsets relative to existing site structures. Ground surface elevations at the borehole locations were established by Landtek in reference to the Topographical Survey for the site, reference number 22-16-360-00 and dated February 8, 2023, as issued by J. D. Barnes Limited.



#### <span id="page-8-0"></span>**4.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

#### <span id="page-8-1"></span>**4.1 Overview**

The borehole information is generally consistent with the geological data identified in Section 2.2, with the predominant soils comprising sands, silts, clay and silt tills overlying red shale bedrock.

The detailed borehole logs are presented in Appendix C, with the ground conditions encountered by the boreholes discussed in the following sections.

#### <span id="page-8-2"></span>**4.2 Existing Pavement Structure**

Boreholes BH1, BH/MW2, BH/MW3 and BH/MW8 were drilled within existing pavement areas, with a concrete thickness of approximately 150 mm to 475 mm. No pavement granular materials were encountered.

#### <span id="page-8-3"></span>**4.3 Fill Materials**

Fill material was encountered in all boreholes from ground surface or underlying the existing pavement structure and extends to depths between approximately 0.6 m and 4.5 m below existing ground level. The fill comprises of sands, silts, clays and gravels, with varying proportions of orange brick fragments, gravel, concrete fragments, asphalt fragments, organics and limestone fragments, and is primarily brown, grey and red in colour.

SPT ''N'' values ranging from 2 to 50 blows for 50 mm of split spoon penetration were reported within the fill materials, indicating their compactness condition to be variable and as expected for fill soils placed historically and in an uncontrolled manner.

# <span id="page-8-4"></span>**4.4 Clayey Silt to Silty Clay**

Clayey silt to silty clay deposits were encountered underlying the fill material in boreholes BH1, BH/MW4S-23, BH/MW7-23 and BH/MW8S-23 and extends to depths between approximately 1.4 m and 2.5 m below existing ground level. The clayey silt to silty clay was observed to be generally brown and red in colour and contains traces of gravel, sand, iron staining and peat.

SPT ''N'' values ranging from 6 to 18 were recorded, indicating the native clayey silt to silty clay deposits to be of a firm to very stiff, but generally firm consistency. Moisture content testing results were recorded between 11 % and 22 %, which are generally representative of a moist soil with silt and clay as the primary constituents.

The moisture content testing results are presented on the borehole logs in Appendix C.

# <span id="page-8-5"></span>**4.5 Silt Till**

Silt till was encountered in boreholes BH/MW1S/D-23, BH/MW3S/D-23 and BH/MW5S-23 underlying the fill materials and extends to depths between approximately 1.5 m to 2.3 m below existing ground surface. The silt till contains traces of gravel, iron staining and red shale fragments, and is generally brown in colour.

SPT ''N'' values ranging from 13 to 50 blows for 150 mm of split spoon penetration were reported, indicating the silt till deposits to be in a compact to very dense, but generally compact condition. Moisture contents are in the order of 10 % to 14 %, which is as to be expected for dry to moist soil with silt as the primary constituent.



# <span id="page-9-0"></span>**4.6 Clayey Silt to Silty Clay Till**

Clayey silt to silty clay till was encountered **only** in boreholes BH1, BH/MW2, BH/MW3, BH/MW4, BH5, BH6, BH7, BH/MW8, BH/MW9A, and BH/MW11A underlying the fill and sand material and extends to depths of approximately 1.5 m and 3.0 m below existing pavement surface. The till is generally red and brown and contains traces of gravel, sand, iron staining and red shale fragments.

SPT ''N'' values ranging from 3 to 38 were reported, indicating the silty clay till deposits to be of a soft to hard, but generally hard consistency.

#### <span id="page-9-1"></span>**4.7 Bedrock**

Red shale of the Queenston Formation was encountered in all boreholes at depths of between approximately 1.5 m to 4.5 m below existing ground level, equating to Geodetic elevations between approximately 79.6 m and 73.4 m. The shale is red and grey in colour, is very weak to weak, completely to highly weathered and was primarily recovered as "*residual soil*".

The Rock Quality Designation (RQD) values of the competent shale bedrock were in the order of 0 % to 77 % indicating the bedrock to be of a "*very poor to good*" quality, though improving with depth. The results of the rock strength parameter testing will be presented in Appendix D, once received.

#### <span id="page-9-2"></span>**4.8 Groundwater**

Groundwater, water seepages or saturated soils were not encountered during augur drilling, with all boreholes remaining open and dry either on termination or on transition to rotary coring. Six subsequent groundwater monitoring well visits have been completed at the site to date, the most recent results of which are presented in Table 4.8.1.

MW ID	<b>Well Details</b>			<b>Groundwater Monitoring Results</b>	
	Depth	Screen	<b>Water Strike</b>	September 20, 2023	October 17, 2023
<b>BH/MW1S-23</b>	6.0 <sub>m</sub>	$3.0 m - 6.0 m$			3.42 <sub>m</sub>
BH/MW1D-23	10.6 <sub>m</sub>	$7.6 m - 10.6 m$			3.48 m
<b>BH/MW2S-23</b>	3.0 <sub>m</sub>	$1.5 m - 3.0 m$			3.33 <sub>m</sub>
BH/MW2D-23	4.5 <sub>m</sub>	$1.5 m - 4.5 m$		$\overline{\phantom{a}}$	3.16 <sub>m</sub>
<b>BH/MW3S-23</b>	6.0 <sub>m</sub>	$3.0 m - 6.0 m$			3.48 m
BH/MW3D-23	10.6 <sub>m</sub>	$7.6 m - 10.6 m$	$\overline{\phantom{a}}$		3.63 <sub>m</sub>
<b>BH/MW4S-23</b>	6.0 <sub>m</sub>	$3.0 m - 6.0 m$			3.22 <sub>m</sub>
<b>BH/MW4-23</b>	3.0 <sub>m</sub>	$1.5 m - 3.0 m$	$\blacksquare$	$\overline{\phantom{a}}$	2.35 m
<b>BH/MW5S-23</b>	6.0 <sub>m</sub>	$3.0 m - 6.0 m$			3.61 m
<b>BH/MW6-23</b>	3.0 <sub>m</sub>	$1.5 m - 3.0 m$	$\blacksquare$		3.01 m
<b>BH/MW8S-23</b>	4.5 <sub>m</sub>	$1.5 m - 4.5 m$			2.74 m
<b>BH/MW9S-23</b>	4.5 <sub>m</sub>	$1.5 m - 4.5 m$			2.44 m
BH/MW9D-23	12.1 m	$9.1 m - 12.1 m$	$\blacksquare$		3.43 <sub>m</sub>
BH/MW2	4.5 <sub>m</sub>	$1.5 m - 4.5 m$		2.02 m	
BH/MW3	4.5 <sub>m</sub>	$1.5 m - 4.5 m$		2.22 m	
BH/MW8	4.5 <sub>m</sub>	$1.5 m - 4.5 m$		2.25 m	
BH/MW9A	4.5 <sub>m</sub>	$1.5 m - 4.5 m$	$\blacksquare$	$3.04 \; m$	
BH/MW10	4.5 <sub>m</sub>	$1.5 m - 4.5 m$		3.18 <sub>m</sub>	
BH/MW11A	4.5 <sub>m</sub>	$1.5 m - 4.5 m$		2.21 m	

**Tabl[e 4.8.](#page-9-2)1: Summary of Water Level Measurements**



It is noted that the boreholes were generally dry at the depths where water has been recorded during monitoring. This is indicative of a fracture-controlled groundwater regime with the bedrock responding to exposure by rising in the monitoring well through pressurization until it reaches a static equilibrium; what is referred to as the "*piezometric level*".

It should be noted that groundwater conditions and surface water flow conditions are expected to vary according to the time of the year and seasonal precipitation levels. Water seepage may be also anticipated from soil fissures and any fill material present at the site.

Further information pertaining to groundwater conditions is provided in the Hydrogeological Assessment for the site, as completed by Landtek and reported under separate cover.



# <span id="page-11-0"></span>**5.0 FOUNDATION DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

#### <span id="page-11-1"></span>**5.1 Shallow Foundation Considerations**

It is understood that the proposed structure is assumed to include for maximum of one level of basement parking. On this basis, it is anticipated that the foundations will be seated at depths of approximately 4.0 m to 5.0 m below surrounding ground level.

Based on the ground conditions observed at the borehole locations, it is considered by Landtek that the anticipated moderately- to highly-loaded tower structures and associated infrastructure can be supported by the shale bedrock underlying the site using conventional, concrete strip or pads foundations.

Table 5.1.1 summarizes the preliminary, recommended geotechnical reactions at the Serviceability Limit State (herein "*SLS*") and factored geotechnical resistances at the Ultimate Limit State (herein "*ULS*") for the native soils. It should be noted that the design parameters have been determined by Landtek for the design stage only.

In accordance with the Ontario Building Code (herein "*OBC*"), 9.12.2.2 (5), and based on local experience, the shallowing of exterior and interior footings to 0.9 m and 0.6 m depth below the basement finished floor level respectively, may be adopted for the proposed development. Such shallowing of foundations is to be limited to only those areas where a minimum of one basement level is to be included.





Notes:

1. The National Building Code general safety criterion for the serviceability limit states is: SLS resistance ≥ effect of service loads. 2. Recommended SLS bearing values conform to Estimated Values based on soil types given in Tables K-8 and K-9 of the

National Building Codes User's Guide.

3. The ULS resistance factor for shallow foundations is 0.5, as given in Table K-1 of the National Building Code User's Guide.

4. The National Building Code general safety criterion for the ultimate limit states is: factored ULS resistance ≥ effect of factored loads.

5. Geodetic elevations reference to the Topographical Survey for the site, reference number 22-16-360-00 and dated February 8, 2023, as issued by J. D. Barnes Limited.

Where the bearing levels of the footings are at different design elevations, the footing base levels should be stepped along a line of 7V:10H, drawn upwards from the lowest footing, to avoid overlapping stresses.

Subsurface conditions can vary over relatively short distances and the subsurface conditions revealed at the test locations may not be representative of subsurface conditions across the site. Therefore, a Geotechnical Engineer should be engaged during construction to examine the exposed sub-soil quality and condition, and confirm the subsurface conditions are consistent with design assumptions. This is in compliance with field review requirements in the National Building Code, Volume 1, Clause 4.2.2.3.

Design factors related to structural loads will determine the most cost-effective foundation system for the proposed development. The impact on foundation size and soil bearing pressure is illustrated in Figure 5.1.1 and emphasizes that foundation design sizes, bearing pressures, and bearing levels must be taken into account to avoid excessive consolidation settlements.





*Figure 5.1.1: Illustration of Load Distribution below Variable Size Foundations with the Same Applied Loading*

Footing foundations may be considered an appropriate option, though the acceptability of footings will depend upon design issues such as the elevation of the lowest floor level and the structural loading. If the footing design criteria provided in this report cannot be satisfied then an alternative solution may be considered, such as a piled solution, particularly if the proposed structures are of a generally high loading than anticipated.

# <span id="page-12-0"></span>**5.2 Frost Susceptibility**

The fill material and shallow soils encountered across the site are considered sensitive to water and frost, and their physical and mechanical properties are dependent on in-situ moisture content. As such, the founding soils at the site are considered to have a moderate to high frost susceptibility, being classified as Frost Group "*F4*" (Table 13.1 of the "*Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual*", 4th Edition). However, the identified depths for foundations and the associated foundation depth reductions for the areas of proposed basement, as given in Section 5.1 and Table 5.1.1 of this report, are considered to be below the maximum extents of influence from frost penetration in the Jordan Station area.

This given, in the event that any re-grading be required as part of the proposed development and adjacent to the new structures, it will be important to ensure that the associated exterior footings will have a minimum of 1.2 m of soil cover, or equivalent suitable insulation, for frost protection.

Concerns regarding frost protection to footings are more directed towards those seated within soils. Foundations in the shale bedrock are generally deemed exempt from any frost protection



requirements. This given however, consideration should be given to the use of non-frost susceptible materials as backfill for foundation wall excavations and the installation of foundation drainage in order to minimize the risk of adfreezing.

#### <span id="page-13-0"></span>**5.3 Settlement Considerations**

Based on the outline information provided for the nature of the proposed redevelopment of the site, it is anticipated that the loads to be applied to the ground by any such structure will be generally moderate to potentially high intensity. As such, associated settlements are expected to be potentially significant, though the general limiting of the total settlement to 25 mm and the differential settlement to 19 mm by the recommended geotechnical reaction at the SLS is considered appropriate.

The SLS condition will not govern foundation design in bedrock, particularly the more competent bedrock as the stress required to induce the typical 25 mm settlement criteria at the SLS is anticipated to exceed the ULS. As such. settlements for foundations seated within competent bedrock are to be deemed negligible (i.e., less than 15 mm).

#### <span id="page-13-1"></span>**5.4 Existing Building Demolition**

It is understood that all structures, including pavements and services, will have been removed prior to the proposed development. For the purposes of this report, it has been assumed that any existing structures and all associated substructures will be removed in full prior to construction.

Should there be a need to fill excavations created by the demolition of the existing structure with engineered fill or unshrinkable backfill prior to commencing the proposed development, Landtek should be contacted to determine the most appropriate placement requirements of the fill material.

#### <span id="page-13-2"></span>**5.5 Seismic Design Considerations**

Based on the soil conditions encountered, and in accordance with Table 4.1.8.4.A. of the current Ontario Building Code (herein "*OBC*"), the site is considered to be a 'C' Site Class. The acceleration and velocity-based site coefficients, F<sub>a</sub> and F<sub>v</sub>, should be determined from Tables 4.1.8.4.B. and 4.1.8.4.C. respectively of the OBC for the above recommended Site Class.

An improved seismic site classification (i.e., Class 'B' or 'A') may be achieved through the completion of a shear wave velocity test at the site using Multi-channel Analysis of Surface Waves (herein "*MASW*") methodologies, particularly as the foundations are likely to be seated within the bedrock strata.

The seismic design data given in Table 1.2 of Supplementary Standard SB-1 in Volume 2 of the OBC, for selected Municipal locations, should be used to complete the seismic analysis.

# <span id="page-13-3"></span>**5.6 Damp Proofing and Waterproofing Considerations**

The subsurface areas should be damp proofed and comply with the OBC requirements. As a minimum it is recommended that the damp proofing system include a Delta Drainage Board or MiraDrain 2000 series product, or an approved alternative, along with an asphalt-based spray-on wall coating.

It is recommended that all subsurface structures and areas (i.e., basement walls, floor slabs etc.) are appropriately waterproofed where below the seasonally highest groundwater level established



by the Hydrogeological Assessment undertaken by Landtek, as reported under separate cover, plus the required buffer zone (nominally 1.0 m to 1.5 m above the stabilized or highest recorded groundwater level).



# <span id="page-15-0"></span>**6.0 FLOOR SLAB AND PERIMETER DRAINAGE CONSIDERATIONS**

Based on the borehole soil conditions and preliminary design information provided to Landtek, it should be possible to construct the lowest (i.e., basement) floor slab level using slab-on-grade methods. The subgrade support condition is anticipated to be native clay, silt, till and sand soils or bedrock, which should provide competent conditions for placing the vapour barrier material.

After the subgrade has been prepared to the underfloor design elevation it is recommended that the area be proof-rolled with a loaded tandem axle dump truck to delineate if there are soft or unstable ground conditions that require repair. This operation should be completed before the underfloor vapour barrier granular material is placed.

It is recommended that a minimum 200 mm layer of clear, 19 mm crushed quarried stone be used as the vapour barrier under the floor slab. The vapour barrier stone should meet the requirements of Ontario Provincial Standard Specifications (herein "*OPSS*") 1004 for 19 mm Type II clear stone. If a graded crushed stone is substituted for clear stone, the material should be limited to a maximum of 5 % fines (passing the 0.075 mm sieve). The floor slab thickness should meet the specifications of the project based on anticipated floor loadings.

The finished exterior ground surface should be sloped away from the buildings at a grade in the order of 2 %.

The concrete properties should meet the requirements of OPSS 1350. Contraction and isolation jointing practices should be in accordance with current Portland Cement Association recommendations, as given in the engineering bulletin "*Concrete Floors on Ground*", second edition, by R. E. Spears, and W. C. Panarese.

The design of concrete slabs may be made on the basis of a value of modulus of subgrade reaction of 30 MPa/m for clay and silt soils and 120 MPa/m for the bedrock.

Unless the proposed structure is to be waterproofed as prescribed in Section [5.6,](#page-13-3) perimeter drainage should be provided around all subsurface floor areas where water may accumulate. This, however, is subject to the Municipal approval allowing for the discharge of groundwater into the Municipal storm system where the perimeter drainage is going to be installed at a depth below the established groundwater level.

Underfloor drains may be also required depending on the provision of waterproofing, or excavation and groundwater seepage conditions, particularly if below the groundwater level. Based on the anticipated foundation elevations for the two basement levels and deeper elevator pit, and when considering the groundwater monitoring data, groundwater is to be expected within the excavation profile for the proposed structure.

The drainage system should comply with the OBC and associated amendments. Further details pertaining to perimeter and underfloor drainage systems are provided in Drawings 23016-02 and 23016-03 respectively, in Appendix F.



# <span id="page-16-0"></span>**7.0 EARTH PRESSURE CONSIDERATIONS FOR SUBSURFACE WALLS**

The earth pressure, p, acting on subsurface walls at any depth, h, in metres below the ground surface assumes an equivalent triangular fluid pressure distribution and may be calculated using the expression below. It is assumed that granular material is used as backfill. Allowances for pressure due to compaction operations should be included in the earth pressure determinations and a value of 12 kPa is applicable for a vibratory compactor and granular material.

If the structure retaining soil can move slightly, the active earth pressure case can be used in determining the lateral earth pressure. For restrained structures and no yielding an "at rest" earth pressure condition should be used. The determination of the earth pressures should be based on the following expression:

$$
P_1 = K(\delta h + q)
$$

where:

 $P_1$  = the pressure in kPa acting against any subsurface wall at depth, h, in metres (feet) below the ground surface;

- K = the at rest earth pressure coefficient considered appropriate for subsurface walls; OPSS 1010 Granular B Type 1 (pit-run sand and gravel) material has an effective angle of friction estimated to be 32° with a corresponding at rest earth pressure coefficient, K<sub>o</sub>, of 0.45; and,
- $\delta$  = the moist bulk unit weight of the retained backfill; 21.5 kN/m<sup>3</sup>.

and,

- $q =$  the value for any adjacent surcharge in kPa, which may be acting close to the wall; and,
- $h =$  the depth, in m, at which the pressure is calculated

For any subsurface walls below the established, "*seasonally highest groundwater level*", the pressure distribution on the wall should include the hydrostatic pressure. The determination of hydrostatic pressure should be based on the following expression:

$$
P_2 = \delta_w h_w
$$

where:

 $P_2$  = hydrostatic pressure;

- $\delta_{\rm w}$  = unit weight of water; 9.8 kN/m<sup>3</sup>; and,
- $h_w$  = depth of wall, below reported water level.

Backfill materials required for behind the retaining structure is assumed to meet an OPSS 1010 Granular B Type 1 pit-run sand and gravel material or OPSS 1010 Granular A. The granular fill should be compacted to a minimum of 98 % of the material's SPMDD, or to the levels and backfilling procedures specified.

Table 7.1 below provides those lateral earth pressure parameters for the predominant soils anticipated at the site.





Given the presence of shale bedrock beneath the site, the following parameters should be applied for the bedrock when considering lateral pressures on subsurface walls:



- Internal angle of friction (ϕ) should be taken as 28°; and,
- Bulk unit weight  $(Y)$  should be taken as 24.5 kN/m<sup>3</sup>.

In designing a subsurface wall within bedrock, a uniform pressure distribution is assumed and is consistent with the maximum earth pressure calculated for the wall where in soil.



# <span id="page-18-0"></span>**8.0 SOIL CORROSIVITY AND SUBSURFACE CONCRETE**

# <span id="page-18-1"></span>**8.1 Soil Corrosivity**

Four composite soil samples were obtained from the boreholes associated with the proposed industrial development and submitted to Paracel Laboratories for analysis of pH, soil conductivity, resistivity and concentrations of sulphates, and chlorides (Soil Corrosivity).

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) document, "*Polyethylene Encasement for Ductile-Iron Pipe Systems*" *ANSI/AWWA C105/A21.5-18,* dated December 1, 2018, uses a 10 point scoring method to determine the soil corrosivity potential. For each given soil sample, points were assigned to the different parameters to evaluate their contribution towards the corrosivity of soil.

**Table [8.1.](#page-18-1)1: Results of Soil Corrosivity Testing** Borehole and Sample ID Chloride (µg/g) Sulphate (µg/g)  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ (pH units) Resistivity (ohm.cm) Redox.<br>Potential Potential (mV) Moisture (%) Total ANSI/AWWA Points BH<sub>2</sub><br>SS6 SS6 9 97 7.75 542 328 7.4 10 BH3 SS4 | 11 | 69 | 7.72 | 546 | 326 | 5.3 | 10 BH<sub>5</sub><br>SS<sub>5</sub> SN5 8 84 7.73 501 329 2.8 10 BH<sub>8</sub><br>SS6 SS6 | 12 | 173 | 7.74 | 344 | 337 | 3.9 | 10

The test results are provided in Appendix D and are summarized in Table 7.1.1.



The contribution of chloride ions to soil corrosivity towards buried metallic improvements or steel structures is very significant. According to the Corrosion Guidelines (Caltrans, January 2015, version 2.1), a site is considered corrosive if, "*chloride concentration is 500 ppm or greater, sulphate concentration is 2,000 ppm or greater, or the pH is 5.5 or less*. "

In addition, the Canadian Standards Association (CSA) A23.1-14 "*Concrete materials and methods of concrete construction*", Table 3, "*Additional requirements for concrete subjected to sulphate attack*", states that design requirements for sulphate resistant concrete are only necessary when the water-soluble sulphate content of the soil in which the concrete is to be embedded is greater than  $0.1\%$  (1,000  $\mu q/q$ ).

The representative soil samples at the site are reported to contain chloride ion concentrations of 8  $\mu$ g/g (0.0008 %) and 12  $\mu$ g/g (0.0012 %), and sulphate concentrations between 69  $\mu$ g/g  $(0.0069\%)$  and 173  $\mu$ g/g  $(0.0173\%)$ . These equate to an average of 10  $\mu$ g/g and 106  $\mu$ g/g, respectively, and indicate a very limited, local potential (i.e., "*low risk*") of sulphate attack on buried reinforced concrete structures.



#### <span id="page-19-0"></span>**8.2 Concrete Class Considerations**

The requirements for subsurface concrete subject to a sulphate and chloride environment are presented in Canadian Standards Association specification, CSA A23.1-14 *"Concrete Materials and Methods of Concrete Construction, Tables 1-4"*. It is recommended that subsurface concrete at the site have the following characteristics for general use (GU), normal Portland cement.

For the parking garage decks and ramps it is recommended that the concrete exposure class be C-1 and the concrete have the following minimum properties:

- minimum 56-day compressive strength: 35 MPa;
- maximum water to cement ratio: 0.40;
- chloride ion penetrability requirement: < 1500 coulombs (within 91 days)
- cementing materials: GU (general use hydraulic cement) or GUb (blended general use)
- air content: as per CSA A23.1-14 Table 4, air content category 1 (freeze-thaw environment)

The concrete should be placed without segregation and should be consolidated to achieve a uniform dense mass.

#### <span id="page-19-1"></span>**8.3 Methods for Specifying Concrete**

Alternative methods of specifying concrete for a project are outlined in CSA A23.1-14 and allow for "*Performance*" or "*Prescription*" based methods. Each method attaches different levels of responsibility to the owner, the contractor, and the concrete supplier. The pros and cons of each method should be examined prior to completion of the specifications for the project.



# <span id="page-20-0"></span>**9.0 EXCAVATION AND BACKFILL CONSIDERATIONS**

# <span id="page-20-1"></span>**9.1 Excavation Considerations for Soils**

All temporary excavations and unbraced side slopes in the soils should conform to standards set out in the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Ontario Regulation 213/91 "*Construction Projects*" (herein "*OHSA*"). The subsurface soils to be encountered during excavation at the site are expected to behave as "*Type 2"* and "*Type 3"* materials according to the OHSA classification in Part III. Type 2 soils are characteristic of the generally hard "*clayey silt to silty clay till deposits"*, while Type 3 soils are characteristic of the generally firm "*clayey silt to silty clay deposits*", and the generally compact "*silt till deposits*".

The residual soils of completed weathered shale bedrock is considered to have strength characteristics that exceed Type 1 soils.

Excavations for new foundations should satisfy the criteria given in the example shown in Figure 9.1.1 to avoid overlapping stresses and minimize the risk of undermining existing adjacent structures, including utilities, and/or triggering additional settlements of the existing structures due to soil disturbance.



Example: If the separation between existing and new proposed footings is 2 m the difference in bearing elevation should not exceed 0.67 m.

*Figure 9.1.1: Criteria for Assessing Excavation Shoring Requirements (Not to Scale)*

It should be possible to excavate the overburden soils with a hydraulic backhoe. Moist Type 2 and 3 soils are expected to be stable for short construction periods at slopes of approximately 45° to the horizontal (i.e., 1V:1H).



Consideration should be given to any existing trench excavations and associated backfill that may be present directly behind cut slopes within the native soils that may appear to be stable on first excavation. In these circumstances, slopes can suddenly slough or collapse due to the effects of the adjacent backfill.

Consequently, for excavation conditions that cannot satisfy the OHSA requirements for unbraced 1H:1V side slopes, a trench box system should be used, or temporary shoring should be installed to maintain safe working conditions. This may be more applicable to basement excavations, though may also apply to service trench excavations etc., particularly when in close proximity to new road pavements or associated infrastructure. Temporary shoring considerations are provided in more detail in Section [10.0](#page-23-0) of this report.

# <span id="page-21-0"></span>**9.2 Excavation Considerations for Bedrock**

In accordance with the standards set out in the OHSA, the more competent "*shale bedrock*" encountered underlying the site has strength properties that exceed a Type 1 soil.

For any required bedrock excavation, a backhoe equipped with a hydraulic breaker and/or a bucket with rock-ripping 'tiger teeth' may be required in the shale bedrock, particularly where encountering harder siltstone or limestone bands. The blasting of bedrock will not be permitted by the Corporation of the Town of Lincoln (herein "*Town of Lincoln*"). Significant ground vibrations resulting from excavation works are not anticipated, though may be elevated above those associated with normal construction activities. As such, a period of ground vibration monitoring may be required to determine the peak vibration levels and any remedial measures or limitations required.

A backhoe equipped with a hydraulic breaker and/or a bucket with rock-ripping 'tiger teeth' may be required in the shale strata. Significant ground vibrations resulting from excavation works are not anticipated other than those associated with normal construction activities.

The shale is expected to remain relatively stable at near vertical slopes for short periods of time. It is recommended that any excavation slopes be scaled of loose rock pieces and overhang and cut back to about 10V:1H.

# <span id="page-21-1"></span>**9.3 Short-Term (Construction) Dewatering Considerations**

Based on the anticipated depths of excavation required for the one proposed basement parking level and associated elevator pits, it is expected that foundation elements for the proposed structure will be seated above the level at which groundwater was encountered. As such, temporary dewatering is not expected to be required during the construction process other than standard pumping of storm water or localized seepages from sumps at the base of excavations.

More detailed considerations regarding groundwater control and dewatering requirements during construction have been provided by the Hydrogeological Assessment for the site, as completed by Landtek and reported under separate cover.

# <span id="page-21-2"></span>**9.4 General Backfill Considerations**

Backfill next to foundation walls and in service trenches should be selected to be compactable in narrow trench conditions. The on-site clayey silt, sand and silty sand and completely to highly weathered shale are expected to be reusable as trench backfill and backfill around the proposed



structures on the site. Any variation in the moisture contents of the soils encountered may require selective separation of material to avoid the use of wet soil.

Experience with shale indicates that any excavated bedrock material will not be suitable for reuse at the site without mechanical processing and grading to an Ontario Provincial Standard Specification (herein "*OPSS*") 1010-compliant product prior to its application.

Site servicing trench backfill should be uniformly compacted to a density that minimizes the risk of long-term settlements. It is recommended that the target compaction specification for trench backfill be 97 % SPMDD with no individual test below 95 % SPMDD.

During inclement weather the native soils may become too wet to achieve satisfactory compaction. If construction is proposed for late in the year, a reduced level of trench compaction with a higher risk of future settlements is to be anticipated, and it is recommended that provisional contract quantities be established for the supply and placement of imported granular fill under such circumstances. The imported granular should meet the requirements of OPSS 1010 for Granular B Type I material as a minimum requirement.



# <span id="page-23-0"></span>**10.0 TEMPORARY SHORING CONSIDERATIONS**

The installation of temporary shoring is also recommended to maintain safe working conditions and eliminate the possibility of loss of ground and damage to nearby structures and buried utilities on the adjacent road allowances during excavation for the basement construction.

The requirement and application of shoring to support excavation side slopes will be dependent on the required excavation depth and the proximity of existing or newly constructed infrastructure adjacent to the excavation.

The preferred method of shoring will consist of a concrete caisson wall. This type of system is expected to provide the additional benefit of sealing the excavation from water penetration and loss of soil fines into the open excavation. Soldier piles and timber lagging may be considered as an option for a shoring system, though this type of system may require measures to prevent groundwater inflow into the excavation and any subsequent loss of soil between the spaces of lagging boards. Consideration may be also given to the application of shotcrete where groundwater is encountered and/or where shale bedrock is exposed in the excavation faces.

The shoring methods may provide lateral restraining force through the use of rakers or tieback anchors. Tieback anchors provide additional advantage since they do not protrude into the excavations as rakers would. However, the use of tieback anchors is also dependent upon whether permission is needed or whether it is physically possible to extend the anchors to the required distance into neighbouring properties.

It should be noted that the design of any temporary shoring system is the responsibility of the Contractor. Therefore, a specialist shoring contractor should be consulted to provide the most appropriate shoring type method and associated installation procedures. In any event, the shoring design should be based on the procedures outlined in the latest edition of the Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual. It is also recommended that lateral and vertical movement of the shoring system be monitored during construction to ensure that movements are within the acceptable range.



#### <span id="page-24-0"></span>**11.0 SITE SERVICING CONSIDERATIONS**

There is no indication that special pipe bedding materials or procedures are required for the installation of services. All bedding cover and backfill materials should be selected in accordance with OPSS 1010 Aggregates – Base, Subbase, Select Subgrade, and Backfill Material.

The pipes should be placed with a minimum bedding thickness in conformance of Ontario Provincial Standard Drawing (herein "*OPSD*") 802.010, 802.013 and 802.014 for flexible pipe and OPSD 802.030, 031, 032, 033 and 034 for rigid pipes. The type of bedding shall be selected to suit the applicable pipe strength and site conditions.

Bedding material shall be placed in layers not exceeding 300 mm in thickness, loose measurement, and compacted to 95 % of the SPMDD before a subsequent layer is placed. Site servicing trench backfill should be uniformly compacted to a density that minimizes the risk of long-term settlements. Bedding on each side of the pipe shall be completed simultaneously. At no time shall the levels on each side differ by more than the 300 mm uncompacted layer. The remainder of the trench should be backfilled as per the requirements defined in Sections 9.0 of this report.

It is assumed all services will have a minimum of 1.2 m of soil cover for frost protection. For services installed at shallower depths, suitable insulation for frost protection is recommended.



# <span id="page-25-0"></span>**12.0 SOIL MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

From a geotechnical perspective, and in order to optimize the use of the on-site soils, a Soil Management Plan should be established in accordance with the requirements of Ontario Regulation (herein "*O. Reg.*") 406/19 for excess soils and O. Reg. 153/04 for soil stockpiles.

The plan objective should be to achieve a self-sustainable development with respect to excavated materials and control the placement of organic soils so that there is negligible impact on the settlement performance of the compacted fill material. The soil management criteria should be per the following sections, as a minimum:

# <span id="page-25-1"></span>**12.1 Organic and Deleterious Materials**

Surface vegetation, topsoil and organic soils should not be placed within the proposed roadways, below finished subgrade level for pavement construction or building limits. These materials should be placed in landscaped areas where settlements are not critical.

# <span id="page-25-2"></span>**12.2 Materials Reuse Management**

# 12.2.1 Fill Compaction Requirements

Excavated soils for structural fill in pavement areas and building floor slab areas, which do not have topsoil or organic matter and are compactable with moisture contents within 2 % to 3 % of the optimum value, should be placed and compacted to a target density of 97 % of the SPMDD with no individual test result below 95 % SPMDD.

If engineered fill is required to support building foundations:

- the engineered fill should be placed and compacted in lifts to a target density of 100 % SPMDD with no individual tests below 98 % SPMDD; and,
- the soil should be placed in a loose lift thickness not exceeding 250 mm and should be compacted using a large (10 ton or larger) pad-foot type roller with vibratory capability.

If engineered fill to support building foundations is being considered it is recommended that a pre-construction meeting be scheduled to review the proposed fill materials, fill placement and compaction procedures, and the testing and inspection requirements.

Soils to be placed in landscaped areas where settlements are not critical should receive nominal compaction effort in order to achieve at least 90 % of the SPMDD.

# 12.2.2 Structural Fill Subgrades

Prior to the placement of any structural fill materials, the exposed subgrade soil should be inspected and proof-rolled using a loaded tandem axle truck and traversing the exposed subgrade for full coverage. The proof-rolling should be monitored by a geotechnical representative of this office to delineate any soft areas which may require repair.



# <span id="page-26-0"></span>**13.0 PAVEMENT CONSIDERATIONS**

# <span id="page-26-1"></span>**13.1 Deck Pavement Design Considerations**

It is understood that the footprint of the proposed basement will cover the site area in full. As such, any pavement structures are anticipated to be deck structures rather than standalone, at-grade pavement structures.

Such deck pavements should comprise a minimum 50 mm cover of OPSS HL 3 asphalt or minimum 80 mm cover of interlocking concrete pavers. The bedding or grading material to be placed between the concrete deck and the asphalt pavement surface or interlocking concrete pavers should comprise either blinding sand or OPSS Granular A material, depending on the thickness of the layer required.

Any tie-ins of the deck pavements to the road pavement structure of Victoria Avenue North should match existing as a minimum, in accordance with OPSS 310.

#### <span id="page-26-2"></span>**13.2 Pavement Materials**

#### 13.2.1 Granular Base Course

The granular base course material should meet OPSS Granular "A" specifications. Quarried 20 mm limestone crushed to Granular "A" gradation specifications is recommended.

#### 13.2.2 Hot Mix Asphalt

The surface course asphalt should meet current specifications for HL 3, as prescribed by the Town of Lincoln or, alternatively, OPSS 1150.

#### 13.2.3 Compaction

Granular base course and subbase course fill material should be compacted to 100 % SPMDD. Hot mix asphalt should be compacted to the criteria set out by the Town of Lincoln.

#### <span id="page-26-3"></span>**13.3 Sidewalk Considerations**

The construction of the concrete sidewalks at the site should be completed to the satisfaction of the Town of Lincoln's Engineering Standards, and as detailed in Table 13.3.1. The concrete and aggregates should be produced and placed to meet those standards also stipulated by the Town of Lincoln's Engineering Standards.





Standard Proctor Maximum Dry Density

Where finished sidewalks are on level ground, and to ensure that they remain free of ponding water, a final slope/gradient of the concrete sidewalk surface of at least 2 % should be maintained. In addition, construction joints in the sidewalk concrete should be properly sealed (e.g., bitumen filler) to minimize the water migration.



#### 14.0 **CLOSURE**

The Limitations of Report, as stated in Appendix A, are an integral part of this report.

Soil samples will be retained and stored by Landtek for a period of three months after the report is issued. The samples will be disposed of at the end of the three-month period unless a written request from the client to extend the storage period is received.

We trust this report will be of assistance with the design and construction of the proposed development. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Yours sincerely,

**ANDTEK LIMITED** 

James Dann, B.Eng. (Hons) ACSM Manager, Geotechnical Projects



Ralph Di Cienzo, P. Eng. **Consulting Engineer** 



# **APPENDIX A LIMITATIONS OF REPORT**

The conclusions and recommendations given in this report are based on information determined at the borehole locations. Subsurface and ground water conditions between and beyond the Boreholes may be different from those encountered at the borehole locations, and conditions may become apparent during construction that could not be detected or anticipated at the time of the Preliminary Geotechnical Investigation. It is recommended practice that Landtek be retained during construction to confirm that the subsurface conditions throughout the site are consistent with the conditions encountered in the Boreholes.

The comments made in this report on potential construction problems and possible remedial methods are intended only for the guidance of the designer. The number of Boreholes may not be sufficient to determine all the factors that may influence construction methods and costs. For example, the thickness and quality of surficial topsoil or fill layers may vary markedly and unpredictably. Additionally, bedrock contact depths throughout the site may vary significantly from what was encountered at the exact borehole locations. Contractors bidding on the project, or undertaking construction on the site should make their own interpretation of the factual borehole information, and establish their own conclusions as to how the subsurface conditions may affect their work.

The survey elevations in the report were obtained by Landtek Limited or others, and are strictly for use by Landtek in the preparation of the geotechnical report. The elevations should not be used by any other parties for any other purpose.

Any use which a third party makes of this report, or any reliance on or decisions to be made based on it, are the responsibility of such third parties. Landtek Limited accepts no responsibility for damages, if any, suffered by any third party as a result of decisions made or actions taken based on this report.

This report does not reflect environmental issues or concerns related to the property unless otherwise stated in the report. The design recommendations given in the report are applicable only to the project described in the text and then only if constructed substantially in accordance with the details stated in this report. Since all details of the design may not be known, it is recommended that Landtek Limited be retained during the final design stage to verify that the design is consistent with the report recommendations, and that the assumptions made in the report are still valid.





Sand -

Medium -------- 2 mm – 0.425 mm

Silt -------------------------- 0.075 mm – 0.002 mm

Clay ------------------------- < 0.002 mm

# **DENSITY OF NON-COHESIVE SOILS**



Some 15 – 30% Coarse ---------- 4.75 mm – 2 mm

With 30 – 50% Fine -------------- 0.425 mm – 0.75 mm

# **CONSISTENCY OF COHESIVE SOILS**



Notes: 1. Relative density determined by standard laboratory tests.

2. N value – blows/300 mm penetration of a 623 N (140 Lb.) hammer falling 760 mm (30 in.) on a 50 mm O.D. split spoon soil sampler. The split spoon sampler is driven 450 mm (18 in.) or 610 mm (24 in.). The "N" value is the Standard Penetration Test (SPT) value and is normally taken as the number of blows to advance the sampler the last 300 mm.







# **APPENDIX C**

# **DRAWING 23016-01 – BOREHOLE AND MONITORING WELL LOCATION PLAN BOREHOLE LOGS**







Approximate location of deep borehole and monitoring well drilled by Landtek Limited between July 4th, 5th, and

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client

#### municipality

Pian , reference 281-18 sheet 1 dated January 21, 2019<br>by Urban Solutions Planning & Land Development<br>revisions / submissions<br> $\frac{4}{3}$  date description Base plan and extract from the preliminary drawing "Concept Plan", reference 281-18 sheet 1 dated January 21, 2019, as issued

#### project

# 23016-01

Town of Lincoln

Geotechnical, Environmental, and Hydrogeological Investigation 4933 Victoria Avenue North

sheet

Borehole and Monitoring Well<br>
Location Plan<br>
date: October, 2023<br>
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project location



#### Key:





Approximate location of Hydrogeological borehole and monitoring well drilled by Landtek Limited between July 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2023.

Approximate location of shallow borehole and monitoring well drilled by Landtek Limited between July 4th, 5th, and 6th, 2023.

6th, 2023.

#### Notes:

Key plan an extract from town of Lincoln gis map©

#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BH1**





#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW2**





#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW3**




#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW4**















#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW8**





#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW9A**







#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW11A**





#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW1S-23**

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#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW1D-23**



#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW1D-23**



**1. 2. 3. Additional Notes:**<br>. Borehole open to approximately 10.6 m depth on completion.<br>. Groundwater or water seepage not encountered during drilling.

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#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW2S-23**

**SHEET** 1 of 1



#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW2D-23**

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#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW3S-23**

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#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW3D-23**

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#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW3D-23**

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#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW4-23**

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#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW4S-23**

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#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW5S-23**

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#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW6-23**

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#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW8S-23**

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#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW9S-23**

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#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW9D**

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#### **LOG OF BOREHOLE BHMW9D**

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## **APPENDIX D**

## **GEOTECHNICAL LABORATORY TESTING RESULTS**

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![](_page_62_Picture_0.jpeg)

October 23, 2023

Mr. Joey DiCenzo Landtek Limited 205 Nebo Road Hamilton, Ontario Canada, L8W 2E1

Re: UCS and PLT Testing (Landtek Project No. 23014)

Dear Mr. DiCenzo:

On September  $26<sup>th</sup>$ , 2023, a total of seven (6) HQ-sized core samples were received by Geomechanica Inc. via drop-off by Landtek personnel. These samples were identified as being from Landtek project 23014. From these samples, three (3) Uniaxial Compressive Strength (UCS) test specimens and three (3) Point Load Tests (PLT) 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 spreadsheets.

Sincerely,

Bryan Tatone Ph.D., P. Eng.

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![](_page_63_Picture_0.jpeg)

# **Rock Laboratory Testing Results**

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> October 23, 2023 Project number: 23014

#### Abstract

This document summarizes the results of rock laboratory testing, including 3 Uniaxial Compressive Strength (UCS) tests and 4 Point Load Tests (PLT). The results for each test type are presented in seperate sub-sections herein.

#### In this document:

![](_page_63_Picture_109.jpeg)

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# <span id="page-64-0"></span>1 Uniaxial Compressive Strength Tests

### 1.1 Overview

This section summarizes the results of uniaxial compressive strength testing. The testing was performed in Geomechanica'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 0.15 mm/min (Figure [1\)](#page-64-1). 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 and potential damage 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  $\pm 0.025$  mm) and parallel end faces (within  $0.25^{\circ}$ ).
- 4. Placing the specimen into the loading frame, applying a 1 kN axial load, and removing the electrical tape.
- <span id="page-64-1"></span>5. Axially loading the specimen to rupture while continuously recording axial force and axial deformation to determine the peak strength (UCS).

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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 followed ASTM D7012-14 Method C.

## 1.2 Results

The results of UCS testing are summarized in Table [1.](#page-65-0) Additional specimen and testing details are provided in the summary spreadsheet that accompanies this report.

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Sample	Depth $(f'$ in")	Bulk density $\rho$ $(g/cm^3)$	<b>UCS</b> (MPa)	Lithology	Failure description
BHMW9, R3	$37'4.5" - 38'0"$	2.625	65.9 Red Shale and limestone		
BHMW1D-23, R3	$33'11'' - 34'7''$	2.638	43.0	Red Shale	2
BHMW3D-23, R3	27'9" - 28'2"	2.623	30.6	Red Shale	2, 3
Hourglass failure					

Table 1: Summary of Uniaxial Compression test results.

<sup>2</sup> Axial splitting failure

<sup>3</sup> Length:Diameter ratio less than 2

### 1.3 Specimen photographs

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

# <span id="page-66-0"></span>2 Point Load Testing

#### 2.1 Overview

<span id="page-66-1"></span>This section summarizes the results of Point Load Testing (PLT). Tests were performed using a Carver 12 ton hydraulic press with point load test platens and equipped with a 0-5000 psi digital pressure gauge with a peak pressure holding capability (Figure [2\)](#page-66-1). Testing was completed on rock core samples. Both axial and diametric tests were performed according to ASTM D5731-16.

![](_page_66_Picture_4.jpeg)

Figure 2: Point load tester equipped with digital pressure gauge.

### 2.2 Results

The results of the PLT tests are summarized in Table [2.](#page-67-0) Note that the load, *P*, in kN was calculated from the measured peak pressure, as:

$$
P = p \times A_{ram} \tag{1}
$$

where,  $p$  is the peak pressure in kPa and  $A_{ram}$  is the effective cross-sectional area of the hydraulic ram in square metres. The effective diameter of the ram of the employed tester was 52 mm.

The uncorrected point load strength  $(I_s)$  is calculated as:

$$
I_s = \frac{P}{D_e^2} \tag{2}
$$

where,  $D_e$  is the equivalent core diameter in mm calculated as:

$$
D_e^2 = D^2 \quad \text{for diameteral tests} \tag{3}
$$

$$
=\frac{4A}{\pi} \quad \text{for axial tests} \tag{4}
$$

where *D* is the distance between platens in mm and *A* is the minimum cross sectional area of a plane through the platen contact points. The value of *A* is given by:

$$
A = W \times D \tag{5}
$$

where *W* is the width of the specimen.

The size correction factor  $(F)$  is obtained from the expression:

$$
F = \left(\frac{D_e}{50}\right)^{0.45} \tag{6}
$$

and the size-corrected point load strength  $(I_{s(50)})$  for a core with  $D = 50$  mm was calculated as:

$$
I_{s50} = F \times I_s. \tag{7}
$$

Table 2: Summary of PLT results.

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Sample	Depth (f t' in'')	Test type A-axial D-diametric Platens,	Distance Failure Between Load $D$ (mm)		Effective Diameter $P$ (kN) $De$ (mm) $I_s$ (MPa)	Uncorrected Point Strength, Strength,	<b>Size</b> Correction Factor, $\boldsymbol{F}$	Size-Corrected Point Load Strength, $I_{s(50)}$ (MPa)
BHMW1D-23, R2b 28'2" - 28'8"		$A^{1, 2}$	59.00	0.17	69.25	0.04	1.16	0.04
		$A^{1, 2}$	59.00	1.41	69.25	0.29	1.16	0.34
		$A^{1, 2}$	59.00	1.20	69.25	0.25	1.16	0.29
		$D^{1, 2}$	39.00	0.18	39.00	0.12	0.89	0.10
		$D^{1,2}$	36.00	0.30	36.00	0.23	0.86	0.20
		$D^{1,2}$	32.00	1.32	32.00	1.29	0.82	1.05
		$D^{1, 2}$	33.00	0.15	33.00	0.14	0.83	0.11
			Axial Mean			0.19		0.22
				Diametric Mean		0.44		0.37
BHMW3D-23, R2	$24'4.5'' - 24'10''$ A <sup>1,2</sup>		58.00	0.20	68.23	0.04	1.15	0.05
		$A^{1, 2}$	58.00	0.18	68.23	0.04	1.15	0.04

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Sample	Depth $({\rm ft}'$ in")	Test type A-axial D-diametric Platens,	Distance Failure Between Load $D$ (mm)	$P$ (kN)	Effective Diameter $De$ (mm)	Uncorrected Point Strength, Strength, $I_s$ (MPa)	Size Correction Factor, $\boldsymbol{F}$	Size-Corrected Point Load Strength, $I_{s(50)}$ (MPa)
		$A^{1, 2}$ $D^{1,2}$ D <sup>1,2</sup> D <sup>1,2</sup> $D^{1, 2}$	58.00 44.00 31.00 19.00 25.00	0.19 0.33 0.29 0.28 0.46	68.23 44.00 31.00 19.00 25.00	0.04 0.17 0.30 0.78 0.73	1.15 0.94 0.81 0.65 0.73	0.05 0.16 0.24 0.51 0.54
			Axial Mean Diametric Mean			0.04 0.50		0.05 0.36
BHMW9, R3	$35'4'' - 35'11''$	$A^{1, 2}$ $A^{1, 2}$ $A^{1, 2}$ $A^{1,2}$ $D^{1, 2}$ $D^{1,2}$ $D^{1,2}$ $D^{1, 2}$	58.00 58.00 58.00 58.00 33.00 26.00 34.00 26.00	2.80 1.23 1.01 1.07 0.20 0.26 0.34 0.15	68.49 68.49 68.49 68.49 33.00 26.00 34.00 26.00	0.60 0.26 0.22 0.23 0.18 0.39 0.29 0.22	1.15 1.15 1.15 1.15 0.83 0.75 0.84 0.75	0.69 0.30 0.25 0.26 0.15 0.29 0.24 0.16
	Axial Mean Diametric Mean				0.33 0.27		0.37 0.21	

Table 2 – Summary of PLT results. (continued from previous page)

<sup>1</sup> Short sample length. Limited testing possible

<sup>2</sup> Queenston Formation - red shale

# <span id="page-69-0"></span>Appendices

# Specimen sheets

- [BHMW9, R3](#page-70-0)
- [BHMW1D-23, R3](#page-71-0)
- [BHMW3D-23, R3](#page-72-0)

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## Uniaxial Compression Test

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## Uniaxial Compression Test


# Uniaxial Compression Test



# **APPENDIX E**

# **CHEMICAL LABORATORY TESTING RESULTS**







This Certificate of Analysis contains analytical data applicable to the following samples as submitted:



Approved By:<br>
Milan Ralitsch, PhD<br>
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Senior Technical Manager



#### **Client: Landtek Limited**

**Client PO:** 

## **Analysis Summary Table**

Report Date: 30-Oct-2023

Order Date: 24-Oct-2023

**Project Description: 23016**

Analysis **Method Reference/Description** Method Reference/Description **Extraction Date** Analysis Date Anions **EPA 300.1 - IC, water extraction EPA 300.1 - IC, water extraction** 25-Oct-23 26-Oct-23 Conductivity Conductivity 26-Oct-23 26-Oct-23 26-Oct-23 Moisture, % 26-Oct-23 27-Oct-23 27-Oct-23 pH, soil external contracts and the EPA 150.1 - pH probe @ 25 °C, CaCl buffered ext. 24-Oct-23 25-Oct-23 Resistivity **EPA 120.1** - probe, water extraction **PRICES 26-Oct-23** 26-Oct-23 26-Oct-23 Solids, % 26-Oct-23 27-Oct-23 27-Oct-23



#### **Client: Landtek Limited**

#### **Client PO:**

Report Date: 30-Oct-2023

Order Date: 24-Oct-2023





### **Client: Landtek Limited**

### **Client PO:**

## **Method Quality Control: Blank**



#### Report Date: 30-Oct-2023

Order Date: 24-Oct-2023



**Client: Landtek Limited**

**Client PO:** 

## **Method Quality Control: Duplicate**



Report Date: 30-Oct-2023

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### **Client: Landtek Limited**

### **Client PO:**

### **Method Quality Control: Spike**



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### **Order #: 2343099**

Report Date: 30-Oct-2023

Order Date: 24-Oct-2023



#### **Client: Landtek Limited**

**Client PO:** 

**Qualifer Notes:**

#### **Sample Data Revisions:**

None

### **Work Order Revisions / Comments:**

None

#### **Other Report Notes:**

n/a: not applicable

ND: Not Detected

MDL: Method Detection Limit

Source Result: Data used as source for matrix and duplicate samples

%REC: Percent recovery.

RPD: Relative percent difference.

NC: Not Calculated

Soil results are reported on a dry weight basis unlesss otherwise noted.

Where %Solids is reported, moisture loss includes the loss of volatile hydrocarbons.

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### **Order #: 2343099**

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# Subcontracted Analysis



Sample(s) from this project were subcontracted for the listed parameters. A copy of the subcontractor's report is attached



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# WORK ORDER SUMMARY

ANALYSES WERE PERFORMED ON THE FOLLOWING SAMPLES. THE RESULTS RELATE ONLY TO THE ITEMS TESTED.



# METHODS AND INSTRUMENTATION

THE FOLLOWING METHODS WERE USED FOR YOUR SAMPLE(S):



# REPORT COMMENTS

Non-Testmark containers received 10/25/23 JP Samples for Redox Potential received past hold time, proceed with analysis as per client notes 10/25/23 JP



# CERTIFICATE OF ANALYSIS

Paracel Laboratories Ltd. - Hamilton Work Order Number: 516889

This report has been approved by:

Mer /p

Marc Creighton Laboratory Director

# WORK ORDER RESULTS



# LEGEND

Dates: Dates are formatted as mm/dd/year throughout this report.

MDL: Method detection limit or minimum reporting limit.

Organic Soil Analysis: Data reported for organic analysis in soils samples are corrected for moisture content.

Quality Control: All associated Quality Control data is available on request.

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*Kimberley Didsbury Project Specialist, Environment, Health & Safety*

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# **APPENDIX F**

**DRAWING 23016-02 - ENGINEERING COMMENTARIES – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR DRAINAGE TO BASEMENT STRUCTURES DRAWING 23016-03 - ENGINEERING COMMENTARIES – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR UNDERFLOOR DRAINAGE SYSTEMS**





- 100 mm, perforated or slotted pipe placed below the upper level of the floor slab.;
- Filter material that is compatible with the grain size characteristics of the fine grained foundation and backfill soils, as well as with the perforations of the pipe;
- Filter material continuously or intermittently placed next to the foundation wall to intercept water draining from window wells, down exterior walls and from low areas near the building;
- Damp-proofing on wall optional depending on the quality of the concrete wall;
- Optional use of sheet drain, or synthetic fire blanket, next to the foundation wall to replace the soil filter according to  $\circledcirc$ ;
- Foundation and backfill soils, which may contain fine grained and erosion-susceptible materials;
- "*Topping off*" material is to be graded such that it slopes outwards to lead surface water away from the building. It is usually desirable to use low permeability topsoil to reduce the risk of overloading the drainage pipe.

*Based on Figure 12.1, Canadian Foundation Engineers Manual, Fourth Edition, 2006.*

### **Additional Notes:**

- 1. The perforated or slotted drainage pipe is to lead to a positive drainage sump or outlet. The invert of the pipe is to be a minimum of 150 mm below the underside of the proposed floor slab.
- 2. Backfill materials to the interior of the foundation walls may be clean, organic-free soils that can be compacted to the specified density within in a confined space.
- 3. Heavy, vibratory compaction equipment should not be used within 450 mm of the foundation wall. Fill is not to be placed or compacted within 1.8 m of the wall unless fill is being placed simultaneously on both sides of the wall.
- 4. The moisture barrier beneath the floor slab is to comprise at least 200 mm of compacted19mm clear stone or an equivalent free-draining material.
- 5. Should the 19 mm clear stone require surface blinding then 6mm stone chips are to be used.
- 6. The slab on grade should not be structurally connected to the foundation wall or footing.





## **Notes:**

- 1. Drainage tile, if required for permanent dewatering, to consist of 100 mm diameter weeping tile or equivalent perforated pipe leading to a positive sump or outlet, spaced between columns;
- 2. 19 mm clear stone 150 mm top and side of drain. If the drain is not on the footing then place 100 mm of 19 mm clear stone below the drain;
- 3. Wrap the clear stone with an approved filter fabric (e.g., Terrafix 270R or equivalent);
- 4. Moisture barrier to be at least 200 mm of compacted, 19 mm clear stone or equivalent (and approved), freedraining material. A vapour barrier may be required for specialty floor coverings;
- 5. Typically, the slab-on-grade is not structurally connected to the wall or footing. However, if it is connected to the walls it should be designed accordingly;
- 6. Underfloor drain invert, where to be installed, to be at least 300 mm below underside of floor slab. Drainage tile should be placed in parallel rows 6 m to 8 m centres one way. Place drains on 100 mm of 19 mm clear stone and 150 mm of 19 mm clear stone on top and sides. Enclose clear stone with filter fabric as prescribed in Note (3);
- 7. Do not connect any underfloor drainage to perimeter drainage. The two systems are to remain separate.
- 8. Locate solid discharge at the middle of each bay between soldier piles;
- 9. Vertical drainage board (e.g., MiraDrain 6000 or equivalent) with filter cloth should be continuous from bottom to 1.2 m below exterior finished grade;
- 10. The entire subgrade is to be sealed with an approved filter fabric as in Note (3) where non-cohesive (silty/sandy/granular) soils are encountered below the groundwater table;
- 11. Where no permanent dewatering is proposed, the basement walls must be waterproofed below the seasonally highest groundwater level (plus 1.0 m to 1.5 m buffer) using bentonite or an equivalent waterproofing system;
- 12. The Geotechnical Report should be reviewed for site-specific details. Final detail must be approved before system is considered acceptable.

