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HIGHWAY 11 NBL CULVERT REPLACEMENT AT STATION 12+824  
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## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

Golder Associates Ltd. (Golder) has been retained by URS Canada Inc. (URS) on behalf of Ministry of Transportation, Ontario (MTO) to provide foundation engineering services for the proposed rehabilitation of the Highway 11 Northbound Lanes (NBL), including the culvert replacement at Station 12+824. This project is part of the detail design for the rehabilitation of Highway 11 Northbound Lanes (NBL) and Southbound Lanes (SBL) from 1.5 km south of Highway 534, northerly 3.5 km and NBL only from 2.0 km north of Highway 534 northerly 9.5 km to 1.5 km south of Highway 654 in the Township of North Himsworth. The general location of this section of the Highway 11 alignment is shown on the Key Plan on Drawing 1 following the text of this report.

This report addresses the investigation carried out for the replacement of the culvert on Highway 11 NBL at Station 12+824 only. Separate reports will be submitted detailing the foundation investigations for other culverts for this project, as well as for the wildlife crossing. The drawing for the culvert alignment was provided to Golder by URS on June 4, 2010 and cross-sections showing invert information were provided on August 25, 2010.

Based on the information from URS, the culvert at Station 12+824 will be concrete and will have an opening of about 1.4 m. The inverts at the west and east ends of the culvert will be Elevation 256.3 m and 256.2 m, respectively. The embankment in the culvert area is about 2 m high and we understand that neither a grade raise nor embankment widening are required at this culvert location.

The purpose of this investigation is to establish the subsurface conditions at the location of the proposed culvert replacement by borehole drilling, in situ testing and laboratory testing on selected samples.

The culvert alignment was located in the field by Golder relative to stakes installed by Callon Dietz Inc. (Callon Dietz), a professional surveying company retained by URS, and referencing plan drawings provided by URS. The investigated area is shown in plan on Drawing 1 following the text of this report.

## **2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION**

The replacement culvert will be located on the same alignment as the existing culvert in the Township of North Himsworth on Highway 11 approximately 500 m south of Watson Road. In general, the topography in the area of the overall project limits is flat with numerous bedrock outcrops separated by swamps in low-lying areas or creeks.

The existing culvert at Station 12+824 is a 1,370 mm diameter and 32 m long Corrugated Steel Pipe (CSP) culvert. The Preliminary Design Report (PDR) dated July 2009 indicates that the condition of the culvert is poor to fair and sedimentation was observed at left end.

The ground surface of the shoulder of the embankment is at Elevation 259 m and the creek water surface at the time of the investigation was about Elevation 257 m.

## **3.0 INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES**

The fieldwork for the investigation associated with this culvert replacement at Station 12+824 was carried out on May 7, 12, and 13, 2010, during which time a total of four (4) Boreholes (BH09-06 and BH09-10 to BH09-12) and four (4) Dynamic Cone Penetration Tests (DCPTs) were advanced at the culvert location. The field investigation



was carried out using a Track Mounted D-50 supplied and operated by Walker Drilling Ltd., of Utopia, Ontario. The location of the boreholes is shown on Drawing 1 following the text of this report.

The boreholes were advanced through the overburden using 108 mm inside diameter hollow-stem augers. Soil samples were obtained continuously or at intervals of depth of about 0.75 m and 1.5 m, using a 50 mm outer diameter (O.D.) split-spoon sampler, performed in accordance with Standard Penetration Test (SPT) procedures (ASTM D1586-08a). Field vane shear tests were conducted in cohesive soils for determination of undrained shear strengths (ASTM D2573-08) using MTO Standard 'N' size vanes. The DCPTs were adjacent about 1 m north or south of each borehole to determine the depth to refusal. All boreholes were backfilled with bentonite upon completion in accordance with Ontario Regulation 903 Wells (as amended by Ontario Regulation 372).

The boreholes were advanced to depths ranging between 4.6 m and 6.6 m below existing ground surface. In general, boreholes and DCPTs locations were terminated on refusal to further split-spoon and/or auger advancement, or cone penetration. These depths to refusal do not confirm bedrock surface elevations, but may be inferred to indicate potential proximity to the bedrock surface.

The groundwater conditions and water levels in the open boreholes were observed during the drilling operations and are described on the Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A. It should be noted that groundwater elevations as encountered in the boreholes may not be representative of static groundwater levels since the groundwater levels in the boreholes may not have stabilized on completion of drilling. Furthermore, groundwater elevations will vary depending on seasonal fluctuations, precipitation and local soil permeability.

The fieldwork was supervised throughout by a member of our technical staff, who located the boreholes, arranged for the clearance of underground services, observed the drilling, sampling and in situ testing operations, logged the boreholes, and examined and cared for the soil samples. The samples were identified in the field, placed in appropriate containers, labelled and transported to our Sudbury geotechnical laboratory where the samples underwent further visual examination and laboratory testing. All of the laboratory tests were carried out to MTO and/or ASTM Standards, as appropriate. Classification testing (water content, Atterberg limits and grain size distribution) was carried out on selected soil samples. The results of the laboratory testing are included in Appendix B.

A sample of the creek water was obtained during the field investigation, using appropriate sampling protocols and submitted to a specialist analytical laboratory under chain of custody procedures for testing for a suite of parameters. The results of the analytical testing are summarized in Table B-1 in Appendix B.

Survey stakes were installed near the NBL embankment east toe by Callon Dietz prior to drilling. The as-drilled borehole locations, in stations and offsets, were measured in reference to the stakes and were subsequently converted into MTM NAD 83 coordinates in AutoCAD. Borehole elevations were surveyed by a member of our technical staff in reference to the ground surface elevations at the horizontal control points along Highway 11. The borehole locations shown on Drawing 1 are positioned relative to MTM NAD 83 northing and easting coordinates and the ground surface elevations are referenced to Geodetic datum.

The as-drilled borehole locations, ground surface elevations at the drilled locations and borehole depths are summarized below.



Borehole	Location (m)		Ground Surface Elevation (m)	Borehole Depth (m)
	Northing	Easting		
09-06	5113373.8	315694.6	258.8	6.5
09-10	5113368.4	315713.6	258.7	6.6
09-11	5113373.4	315721.6	257.5	6.6
09-12	5113372.8	315686.6	257.1	4.6

## 4.0 SITE GEOLOGY AND SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

### 4.1 Regional Geology

As delineated in *The Physiography of Southern Ontario* (Chapman and Putnam, 1984)<sup>1</sup>, this section of Highway 11 lies within the physiographic region known as the Number 11 Strip, which extends along Highway 11 from Gravenhurst to North Bay. This part of the Number 11 Strip physiographic region is near the southwest shoreline of glacial Lake Algonquin. As a result, the streams entering Lake Algonquin deposited sand as delta features and silt and clay settled in deeper offshore water. Sand and gravel was also deposited as an esker which follows the strip from Bondfield to Gravenhurst.

The bedrock in the area consists typically of crystalline granite gneisses of the Powassan Domain of the Central Gneiss Belt, a subdivision of the Grenville Structural Province, as described in *Geology of Ontario*, OGS Special Volume 4<sup>2</sup>.

### 4.2 Subsurface Conditions

The detailed subsurface soil and groundwater conditions as encountered in the boreholes advanced for this investigation, together with the results of the laboratory tests carried out on selected soil samples, are given on the attached Record of Borehole sheets in Appendix A. Detailed results of the laboratory testing are provided in Appendix B. The inferred stratigraphy as encountered in the boreholes is shown on Drawing 1. The stratigraphic boundaries shown on the Record of Borehole sheets and in the profile Drawing 1 are inferred from non continuous sampling, observations of drilling progress and the results of SPTs and in situ testing. These boundaries, therefore, represent transitions between soil types rather than exact planes of geological change. Further, subsurface conditions will vary between and beyond the borehole locations.

It should be noted that the orientation (i.e. north, south, east and west) stated in the text of the report is typically referenced to project north (along the Highway 11 alignment) and therefore may differ from that shown on the drawing which represents magnetic north.

<sup>1</sup> Chapman, L.J. and Putnam, D.F., 1984. *The Physiography of Southern Ontario*, Ontario Geological Survey, Special Volume 2, Third Edition. Accompanied by Map P.2715, Scale 1:600,000.

<sup>2</sup> *Geology of Ontario*, 1991. Ontario Geological Society Special Volume 4, Part 2. Ministry of Northern Development and Mines, Ontario.



In general, the subsurface stratigraphy along the culvert alignment consists of a layer of fill at ground surface, underlain by a layer of peat and deposits of clayey silt to clay and sand and silt to sand, underlain by inferred bedrock.

The bottom of the creek was probed using a steel bar from the edge of the creek at the time of the field investigation and the depth to firm creek bottom was measured at 0.7 m and 0.8 m below water surface on the west and east side of the embankment, respectively.

#### **4.2.1 Fill**

Fill, consisting of brown to grey sand and gravel to sand trace to some silt, was encountered at ground surface in each of the boreholes. In Borehole BH09-12, the fill is mixed with topsoil and roots. The fill thickness varies between 0.2 m and 2.3 m.

The SPT 'N'-values measured within the fill are between 3 blows and 21 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a very loose to compact relative density.

The grain size distribution of two samples of the deposit is shown on Figure B-1 in Appendix B.

The measured water content on samples of this deposit varies between about 4 percent and 11 percent.

#### **4.2.2 Peat**

A deposit of black, fibrous peat was encountered below the fill in Boreholes BH09-10 to BH09-12. The top of this deposit varies between about Elevation 256.9 m and Elevation 256.4 m and the thickness of the deposit varies between about 0.1 m and 0.3 m.

#### **4.2.3 Clayey Silt to Clay**

A deposit of brown to/and grey clayey silt to clay, trace sand, was encountered underlying the fill in Borehole BH09-06 and underlying the peat in Boreholes BH09-10 to BH09-12. Trace organics were found in the upper portion of the layer. The top of the deposit was encountered between Elevation 256.8 m and Elevation 255.7 m and the thickness of the deposit ranges from 2.4 m to 3.7 m.

The SPT 'N'-values measured within this deposit range from 0 blows (weight of hammer) to 7 blows per 0.3 m of penetration. In situ field vane testing carried out within this stratum measured undrained shear strengths ranging from about 30 kPa to 38 kPa. The in situ field vane tests indicate the deposit has a firm consistency.

Atterberg limits testing was carried out on nine samples of the clayey silt to clay deposit, and the test results indicate liquid limits ranging from about 23 percent to 62 percent, plastic limits ranging from about 15 percent to 24 percent and plasticity indices ranging from about 8 percent to 38 percent. The results of the Atterberg limits tests are shown on the plasticity chart on Figure B-2 in Appendix B and indicate that the material is classified as a clayey silt of low plasticity to clay of high plasticity.

Grain size distributions for four samples of this deposit are shown on Figure B-3 in Appendix B.

The measured water content on samples of this deposit ranges between about 22 percent and 59 percent.

The organic content measured on one sample of this deposit from Borehole BH09-10 is 2.5 percent.



#### **4.2.4 Sand and Silt to Sand**

A deposit of grey, sand and silt to sand, some gravel, trace clay, was encountered below the clayey silt to clay in each of the boreholes. The top of sand and silt to sand deposit ranges from about Elevation 253.4 m and 252.9 m and the deposit is between 0.9 m and 2.0 m thick. The bottom of this deposit was defined by refusal to further auger and/or split-spoon advancement in each of the boreholes.

The SPT 'N'-values measured within this deposit range between 18 and 45 blows per 0.3 m of penetration, indicating a loose to dense relative density.

Grain size distributions of two samples of this deposit are shown on Figure B-4 in Appendix B.

The natural water content measured on samples of this deposit is about 13 percent and 19 percent.

#### **4.2.5 Refusal**

In each of the boreholes and DCPTs, refusal to further split-spoon and/or auger advancement or cone penetration was encountered at depths between 4.6 m and 7.0 m below ground surface, corresponding to Elevation 252.5 m to 250.6 m. These depths to refusal, while they do not confirm bedrock elevations, may be inferred to indicate potential proximity to the bedrock interface.

#### **4.2.6 Groundwater Conditions**

In general, the samples taken in the boreholes were wet with free water noted in some samples of cohesionless material. Water levels observed in the boreholes upon completion of drilling range from 0.6 m to 2.2 m below existing ground surface ranging between Elevation 257.3 m and 256.5 m. Groundwater/surface water levels in the area are subject to seasonal fluctuations and variations due to precipitation events.

### **5.0 CLOSURE**

The field personnel supervising the drilling program were Mr. Ed Savard and Mr. Indulis Dumpis. This report was prepared by Mr. Luigi Gianfrancesco, EIT and the technical aspects were reviewed by Mr. André Bom, P.Eng. Mr. Jorge M. A. Costa, P.Eng., Golder's Designated MTO Contact for this project, carried out a quality control review of the report.



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## STANDARDS:

### ASTM International:

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|----------------|---|
| ASTM D1586-08a | Standard Test Method for Standard Penetration Test (SPT) and Split-Barrel Sampling of Soils |
| ASTM D2573-08  | Standard Test Method for Field Vane Shear Test in Cohesive Soil                             |

### Contract Design Estimating and Documentation (CDED):

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|--------------------------|---|
| Special Provision 110S13 | Material Specification for Aggregates – Base, Subbase, Select Subgrade and Backfill Material. Amendment to OPSS 1010. May 2010. |
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### Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act:

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|---------------------------|--|
| Ontario Regulation 213/91 | Construction Projects as amended by O. Reg. 443/09 |
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### Ontario Provincial Standard Drawing:

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|--------------|--|
| OPSD 203.010 | Embankments Over Swamp – New Construction.                                       |
| OPSD 802.031 | Rigid Pipe Bedding, Cover and Backfill Type 3 Soil - Earth Excavation.           |
| OPSD 803.010 | Backfill and Cover for Concrete Culverts With Spans less than or equal to 3.0 m. |
| OPSD 810.010 | Rip-Rap Treatment for Sewer and Culvert Outlets.                                 |

### Ontario Provincial Standard Specification:

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|----------|---|
| OPSS 209 | Construction Specification for Embankments Over Swamps and Compressible Soils.                      |
| OPSS 421 | Construction Specification For Pipe Culvert Installation In Open Cut.                               |
| OPSS 422 | Construction Specification for Precast Reinforced Concrete Box Culverts and Box Sewers in Open Cut. |
| OPSS 501 | Construction Specification for Compacting.  |



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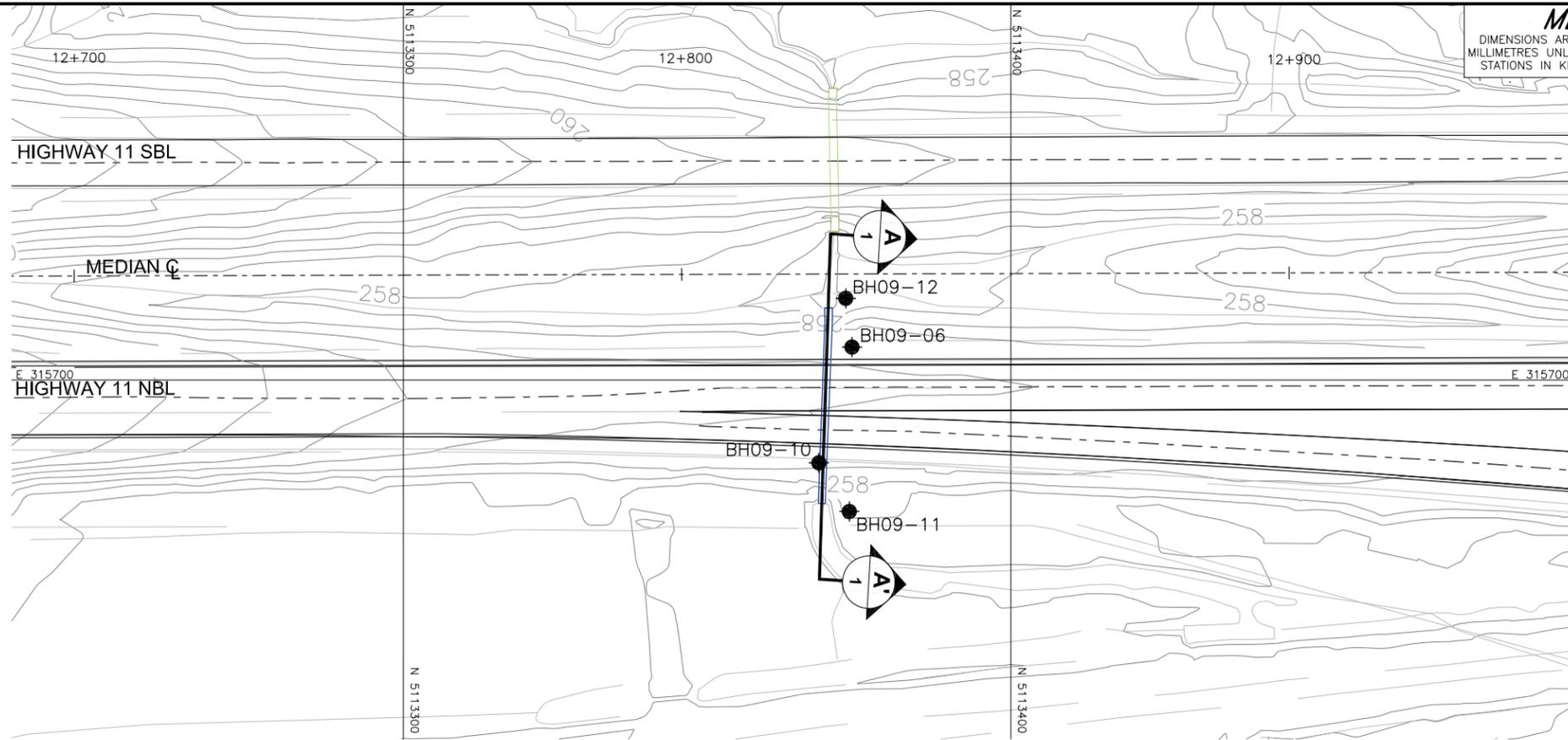
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OPSS 539	Construction Specification for Temporary Protection Systems.
OPSS 1002	Material Specification for Aggregates – Concrete.
OPSS 1205	Material Specification for Clay Seal.

Ontario Water Resources Act:

Ontario Regulation 372/97 Amendment to Ontario Regulation 903



**PLAN**  
SCALE  
10 0 10 20 m

**METRIC**  
DIMENSIONS ARE IN METRES AND/OR MILLIMETRES UNLESS OTHERWISE SHOWN. STATIONS IN KILOMETRES + METRES.

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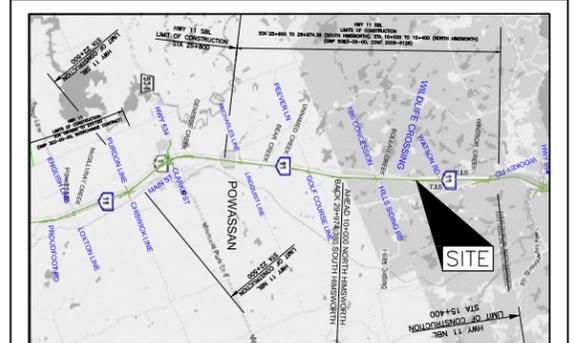


HIGHWAY 11  
CULVERT AT STA 12+824 NBL  
BOREHOLE LOCATIONS AND SOIL STRATA

SHEET



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**KEY PLAN**  
SCALE  
2.5 0 2.5 km

**LEGEND**

- Borehole
- N Standard Penetration Test Value
- 16 Blows/0.3m unless otherwise stated (Std. Pen. Test, 475 j/blow)
- ∇ WL upon completion of drilling
- R Refusal

**BOREHOLE CO-ORDINATES**

No.	ELEVATION	NORTHING	EASTING
BH09-06	258.8	5113373.8	315694.6
BH09-10	258.7	5113368.4	315713.6
BH09-11	257.5	5113373.4	315721.6
BH09-12	257.1	5113372.8	315686.6

**NOTES**

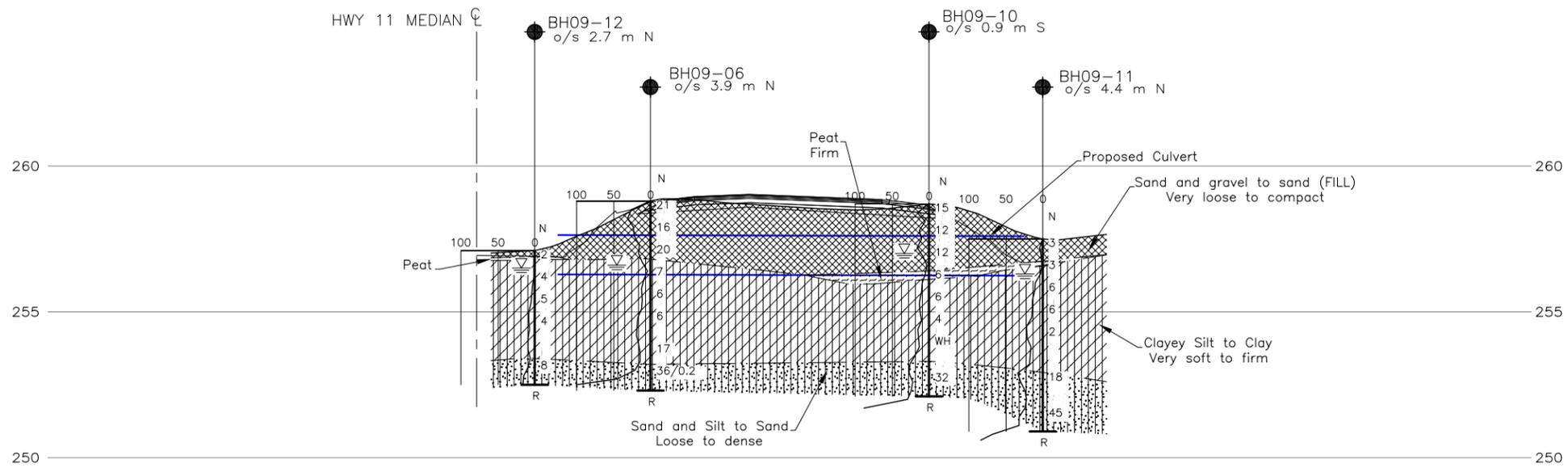
This drawing is for subsurface information only. The proposed structure details/works are shown for illustration purposes only and may not be consistent with the final design configuration as shown elsewhere in the Contracts Documents.

The boundaries between soil strata have been established only at borehole locations. Between boreholes the boundaries are assumed from geological evidence.

The complete Foundation Investigation and Design Report for this project and other related documents may be examined at the Materials Engineering and Research Office, Downsview. Information contained in this report and related documents is specifically excluded in accordance with Section GC 2.01 of OPS General Conditions.

**REFERENCE**

Base plans provided in digital format by URS, drawing file nos. BasePlan HWY 11.dwg received June 04, 2010, Keyplan received June 03, 2011.



**A-A'**  
1  
CULVERT PROFILE STA. 12+824 (NBL)  
HIGHWAY 11

HORIZONTAL SCALE  
4 0 4 8 m  
VERTICAL SCALE  
2 0 2 4 m



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# **APPENDIX A**

## **Record of Boreholes**



## LIST OF SYMBOLS

Unless otherwise stated, the symbols employed in the report are as follows:

### 1. GENERAL

$\pi$	3.1416
$\ln x$ ,	natural logarithm of x
$\log_{10}$	x or log x, logarithm of x to base 10
g	acceleration due to gravity
t	time
FoS	Factor of Safety
V	volume
W	weight

### II. STRESS AND STRAIN

$\gamma$	shear strain
$\Delta$	change in, e.g. stress: $\Delta\sigma$
$\epsilon$	linear strain
$\epsilon_v$	volumetric strain
$\eta$	coefficient of viscosity
$\nu$	Poisson's ratio
$\sigma$	total stress
$\sigma'$	effective stress ( $\sigma' = \sigma - u$ )
$\sigma_{vo}$	initial effective overburden stress
$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$	principal stress (major, intermediate, minor)
$\sigma_{oct}$	mean stress or octahedral stress $= (\sigma_1 + \sigma_2 + \sigma_3)/3$
$\tau$	shear stress
u	porewater pressure
E	modulus of deformation
G	shear modulus of deformation
K	bulk modulus of compressibility

### III. SOIL PROPERTIES

#### (a) Index Properties

$\rho(\gamma)$	bulk density (bulk unit weight*)
$\rho_d(\gamma_d)$	dry density (dry unit weight)
$\rho_w(\gamma_w)$	density (unit weight) of water
$\rho_s(\gamma_s)$	density (unit weight) of solid particles
$\gamma'$	unit weight of submerged soil ( $\gamma' = \gamma - \gamma_w$ )
$D_R$	relative density (specific gravity) of solid particles ( $D_R = \rho_s/\rho_w$ ) (formerly $G_s$ )
e	void ratio
n	porosity
S	degree of saturation

\* Density symbol is  $\rho$ . Unit weight symbol is  $\gamma$  where  $\gamma = \rho g$  (i.e. mass density multiplied by acceleration due to gravity).

#### (a) Index Properties (continued)

w	water content
$w_l$	liquid limit
$w_p$	plastic limit
$I_p$	plasticity index $= (w_l - w_p)$
$w_s$	shrinkage limit
$I_L$	liquidity index $= (w - w_p)/I_p$
$I_c$	consistency index $= (w_l - w)/I_p$
$e_{max}$	void ratio in loosest state
$e_{min}$	void ratio in densest state
$I_D$	density index $= (e_{max} - e) / (e_{max} - e_{min})$ (formerly relative density)

#### (b) Hydraulic Properties

h	hydraulic head or potential
q	rate of flow
v	velocity of flow
i	hydraulic gradient
k	hydraulic conductivity (coefficient of permeability)
j	seepage force per unit volume

#### (c) Consolidation (one-dimensional)

$C_c$	compression index (normally consolidated range)
$C_r$	recompression index (over-consolidated range)
$C_s$	swelling index
$C_a$	coefficient of secondary consolidation
$m_v$	coefficient of volume change
$C_v$	coefficient of consolidation
$T_v$	time factor (vertical direction)
U	degree of consolidation
$\sigma'_p$	pre-consolidation pressure
OCR	over-consolidation ratio $= \sigma'_p / \sigma'_{vo}$

#### (d) Shear Strength

$\tau_p, \tau_r$	peak and residual shear strength
$\phi'$	effective angle of internal friction
$\delta$	angle of interface friction
$\mu$	coefficient of friction $= \tan \delta$
$c'$	effective cohesion
$c_u, s_u$	undrained shear strength ( $\phi = 0$ analysis)
p	mean total stress $(\sigma_1 + \sigma_3)/2$
$p'$	mean effective stress $(\sigma'_1 + \sigma'_3)/2$
q	$(\sigma_1 + \sigma_3)/2$ or $(\sigma'_1 + \sigma'_3)/2$
$q_u$	compressive strength $(\sigma_1 + \sigma_3)$
$S_t$	sensitivity

**Notes:** 1  $\tau = c' + \sigma' \tan \phi'$   
2 Shear strength = (Compressive strength)/2



## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

The abbreviations commonly employed on Records of Boreholes, on figures and in the text of the report are as follows:

### I. SAMPLE TYPE

AS	Auger sample
BS	Block sample
CS	Chunk sample
SS	Split-spoon
DS	Denison type sample
FS	Foil sample
RC	Rock core
SC	Soil core
ST	Slotted tube
TO	Thin-walled, open
TP	Thin-walled, piston
WS	Wash sample

### II. PENETRATION RESISTANCE

#### Standard Penetration Resistance (SPT), N:

The number of blows by a 63.5 kg. (140 lb.) hammer dropped 760 mm (30 in.) required to drive a 50 mm (2 in.) drive open sampler for a distance of 300 mm (12 in.)

#### Dynamic Cone Penetration Resistance; $N_d$ :

The number of blows by a 63.5 kg (140 lb.) hammer dropped 760 mm (30 in.) to drive uncased a 50 mm (2 in.) diameter, 60° cone attached to "A" size drill rods for a distance of 300 mm (12 in.).

<b>PH:</b>	Sampler advanced by hydraulic pressure
<b>PM:</b>	Sampler advanced by manual pressure
<b>WH:</b>	Sampler advanced by static weight of hammer
<b>WR:</b>	Sampler advanced by weight of sampler and rod

#### Piezo-Cone Penetration Test (CPT)

A electronic cone penetrometer with a 60° conical tip and a project end area of 10 cm<sup>2</sup> pushed through ground at a penetration rate of 2 cm/s. Measurements of tip resistance ( $Q_t$ ), porewater pressure (PWP) and friction along a sleeve are recorded electronically at 25 mm penetration intervals.

### V. MINOR SOIL CONSTITUENTS

Percent by Weight	Modifier	Example
0 to 5	Trace	Trace sand
5 to 12	Trace to Some (or Little)	Trace to some sand
12 to 20	Some	Some sand
20 to 30	(ey) or (y)	Sandy
over 30	And (cohesionless) or With (cohesive)	Sand and Gravel Silty Clay with sand / Clayey Silt with sand

### III. SOIL DESCRIPTION

#### (a) Cohesionless Soils

Density Index	N
Relative Density	Blows/300 mm or Blows/ft
Very loose	0 to 4
Loose	4 to 10
Compact	10 to 30
Dense	30 to 50
Very dense	over 50

#### (b) Cohesive Soils Consistency

	kPa	Cu, Su	psf
Very soft	0 to 12		0 to 250
Soft	12 to 25		250 to 500
Firm	25 to 50		500 to 1,000
Stiff	50 to 100		1,000 to 2,000
Very stiff	100 to 200		2,000 to 4,000
Hard	over 200		over 4,000

### IV. SOIL TESTS

w	water content
w <sub>p</sub>	plastic limit
w <sub>l</sub>	liquid limit
C	consolidation (oedometer) test
CHEM	chemical analysis (refer to text)
CID	consolidated isotropically drained triaxial test <sup>1</sup>
CIU	consolidated isotropically undrained triaxial test with porewater pressure measurement <sup>1</sup>
D <sub>R</sub>	relative density (specific gravity, G <sub>s</sub> )
DS	direct shear test
M	sieve analysis for particle size
MH	combined sieve and hydrometer (H) analysis
MPC	Modified Proctor compaction test
SPC	Standard Proctor compaction test
OC	organic content test
SO <sub>4</sub>	concentration of water-soluble sulphates
UC	unconfined compression test
UU	unconsolidated undrained triaxial test
V	field vane (LV-laboratory vane test)
γ	unit weight

**Note: 1** Tests which are anisotropically consolidated prior to shear are shown as CAD, CAU.

PROJECT <u>09-1191-0042</u>	<b>RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BH09-06</b>	1 OF 1 <b>METRIC</b>
W.P. <u>5416-06-00</u>	LOCATION <u>N 5113373.8; E 315694.6</u>	ORIGINATED BY <u>EHS</u>
DIST <u>                    </u> HWY <u>11</u>	BOREHOLE TYPE <u>108 mm I.D. Continuous Flight, Hollow Stem Augers</u>	COMPILED BY <u>LG</u>
DATUM <u>Geodetic</u>	DATE <u>May 7, 2010</u>	CHECKED BY <u>AB</u>

ELEV DEPTH	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
			NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40					
258.8	GROUND SURFACE													
0.0	Sand and gravel to sand, trace to some silt (FILL) Compact Brown Moist		1	SS	21									
			2	SS	16									5 83 (12)
256.8	CLAYEY SILT to SILTY CLAY, trace sand Firm Brown to grey Wet		3a	SS	20									
2.0	Trace organics to 3.2 m depth		3b			▽								
			4	SS	7									
			5	SS	6									
			6a	SS	6									
			6b											
253.2	SAND and SILT to SAND, some gravel, trace to some clay Dense Grey Wet		7a	SS	17									
5.6			7b											12 50 31 7
252.3	END OF BOREHOLE SPOON AND AUGER REFUSAL		8	SS	36/0.2									
6.5	Notes:  1. Water level at a depth of 2.2 m below ground surface (Elev. 256.6 m) upon completion of drilling.  2. Advanced DCPT 1 m north of Borehole BH09-06. Refusal at a depth of 6.5 m (hammer bouncing) below ground surface (Elev. 252.3 m).													

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+ 3, X 3: Numbers refer to Sensitivity      ○ 3% STRAIN AT FAILURE

PROJECT <u>09-1191-0042</u>	<b>RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BH09-10</b>	1 OF 1 <b>METRIC</b>
W.P. <u>5416-06-00</u>	LOCATION <u>N 5113368.4; E 315713.6</u>	ORIGINATED BY <u>ID</u>
DIST <u>                    </u> HWY <u>11</u>	BOREHOLE TYPE <u>108 mm I.D. Continuous Flight, Hollow Stem Augers</u>	COMPILED BY <u>LG</u>
DATUM <u>Geodetic</u>	DATE <u>May 12, 2010</u>	CHECKED BY <u>AB</u>

SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)	
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			"N" VALUES	20						40
258.7	GROUND SURFACE													
0.0	Sand and gravel to sand, some gravel, trace to some silt (FILL) Compact Brown to grey Moist to wet		1	SS	15									
			2	SS	12									
			3	SS	12									
256.4														
256.1	PEAT (Fibrous) Firm Black Wet		4a	SS	6									
2.6	CLAYEY SILT to CLAY Very soft to firm Brown and grey Wet  Trace organics in upper 0.4 m.		4b	SS	6							OC=2.5%		
			5	SS	6								0 5 60 35	
			6	SS	4									
	Could not push vane to 5.4 m depth.		7	SS	WH									
253.3														
5.4	SAND, some gravel Dense Grey Wet													
252.1			8	SS	32									
6.6	END OF BOREHOLE SPOON AND AUGER REFUSAL  Notes: 1. Water level at a depth of 1.7 m below ground surface (Elev. 257.0 m) upon completion of drilling. 2. Advanced DCPT 1 m north of Borehole BH09-10. Refusal at a depth of 7.0 m (hammer bouncing) below ground surface (Elev. 251.7 m).													

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PROJECT <u>09-1191-0042</u>	<b>RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BH09-11</b>	1 OF 1	<b>METRIC</b>
W.P. <u>5416-06-00</u>	LOCATION <u>N 5113373.4; E 315721.6</u>	ORIGINATED BY <u>ID</u>	
DIST <u>                    </u> HWY <u>11</u>	BOREHOLE TYPE <u>108 mm I.D. Continuous Flight, Hollow Stem Augers</u>	COMPILED BY <u>LG</u>	
DATUM <u>Geodetic</u>	DATE <u>May 12, 2010</u>	CHECKED BY <u>AB</u>	

ELEV DEPTH	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT <b>γ</b> kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
			NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40					
257.5	GROUND SURFACE													
0.0	Sand, some gravel, trace to some silt (FILL) Very loose Brown Moist		1	SS	3									18 73 (9)
256.7	PEAT (Fibrous) Black Moist		2a											
0.9	CLAYEY SILT to CLAY, trace to some sand Firm Brown to grey Wet  Trace organics in upper 0.6 m.		2b	SS	3	▽								0 8 69 23
			3	SS	6									
			4	SS	6									0 6 39 55
			5	SS	2									
252.9	SAND, some silt, some gravel, trace clay Compact to dense Grey Wet		6	SS	18									
4.6														
250.9			7	SS	45									16 61 (23)
6.6	END OF BOREHOLE SPOON AND AUGER REFUSAL  Notes: 1. Water level at a depth of 1.2 m below ground surface (Elev. 256.3 m) upon completion of drilling. 2. Advanced DCPT 1 m north of Borehole BH09-11. Refusal at a depth of 6.9 m (hammer bouncing) below ground surface (Elev. 250.6 m). 3. Borehole advanced on north side of creek; water surface at Elev. 257.0 m. Creek bed measured at about 0.6 m below water surface and probed to firm bottom at about 0.8 m below water surface.													

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+ 3, × 3: Numbers refer to Sensitivity      ○ 3% STRAIN AT FAILURE

PROJECT <u>09-1191-0042</u>	<b>RECORD OF BOREHOLE No BH09-12</b>	1 OF 1	<b>METRIC</b>
W.P. <u>5416-06-00</u>	LOCATION <u>N 5113372.8; E 315686.6</u>	ORIGINATED BY <u>ID</u>	
DIST <u>                    </u> HWY <u>11</u>	BOREHOLE TYPE <u>108 mm I.D. Continuous Flight, Hollow Stem Augers</u>	COMPILED BY <u>LG</u>	
DATUM <u>Geodetic</u>	DATE <u>May 13, 2010</u>	CHECKED BY <u>AB</u>	

ELEV DEPTH	SOIL PROFILE DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					PLASTIC LIMIT W <sub>p</sub>	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W <sub>L</sub>	UNIT WEIGHT <b>γ</b> kN/m <sup>3</sup>	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL		
			NUMBER	TYPE	"N" VALUES			20	40	60	80	100						20	40
257.1	GROUND SURFACE																		
0.0	Gravelly sand mixed with topsoil and roots (FILL)		1	SS	2	▽	257												
0.3	Brown Moist PEAT (Fibrous) Black Moist		2	SS	4			256											0 5 66 29
	CLAYEY SILT to SILTY CLAY, trace sand		3	SS	5			255											
	Firm Brown to grey Wet Trace organics to 1.5 m depth		4	SS	4			254											
253.4	SAND, some gravel, some silt		5	SS	8			253											
252.5	Loose Grey Wet																		
4.6	END OF BOREHOLE AUGER REFUSAL																		
	Notes: 1. Water level at a depth of 0.6 m below ground surface (Elev. 256.5 m) upon completion of drilling. 2. Advanced DCPT 1 m south of Borehole BH09-12. Refusal at a depth of 4.6 m (hammer bouncing) below ground surface (Elev. 252.5 m). 3. Borehole advanced on north side of creek; water surface at Elev. 257.0 m. Creek bed measured at about 0.5 m below water surface and probed to firm bottom at about 0.7 m below water surface.																		

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+ 3, × 3: Numbers refer to Sensitivity      ○ 3% STRAIN AT FAILURE



# **APPENDIX B**

## **Laboratory Test Results**



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## FOUNDATION REPORT - HIGHWAY 11 NBL STA 12+824 CULVERT REPLACEMENT

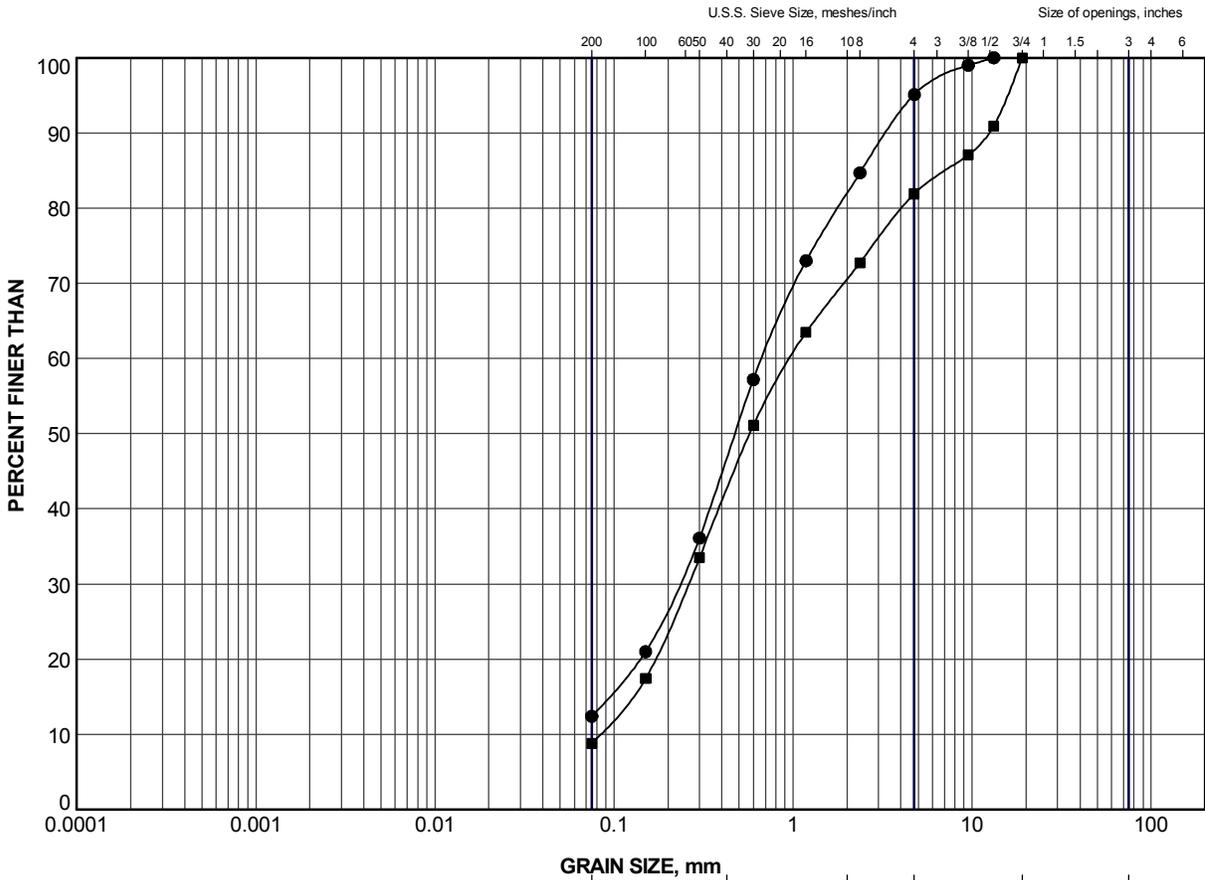
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**Table B-1 - Summary of Analytical Testing of Creek Water**

Parameter	Units	Method Detection Limit	Result
Chloride	mg/L	0.2	177
Sulphate	mg/L	1	1.7
Conductivity	$\mu$ S/cm	1	603
Resistivity	Mohm-cm	n/a	0.00166
pH	n/a	n/a	7.04

- Notes: 1. Samples obtained May 17, 2010.  
2. Analytical testing carried out by Testmark Laboratory Ltd.

Compiled by: AB  
Checked by: LG



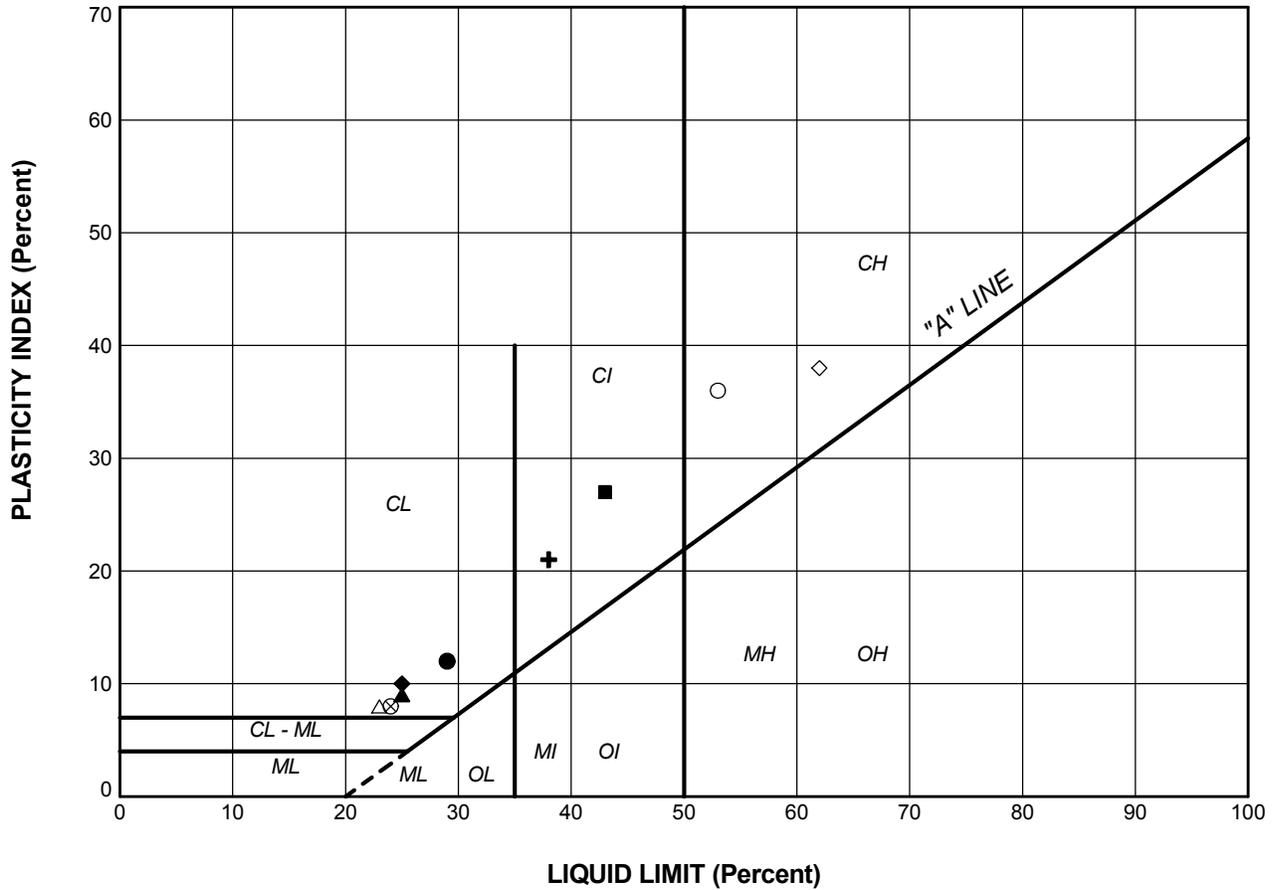
CLAY AND SILT	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	Cobble Size
	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		

**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	ELEV (m)
●	BH09-06	2	257.7
■	BH09-11	1	257.2

PROJECT				
HIGHWAY 11 NBL CULVERT 12+824				
TITLE				
<b>GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION</b>				
SAND (FILL)				
PROJECT No.		09-1191-0042	FILE No. 09-1191-0042-4000.GPJ	
DRAWN	JJL	Nov 2011	SCALE	N/A
CHECK	AB	Nov 2011		REV.
APPR	JMAC	Nov 2011	<b>FIGURE B-1</b>	
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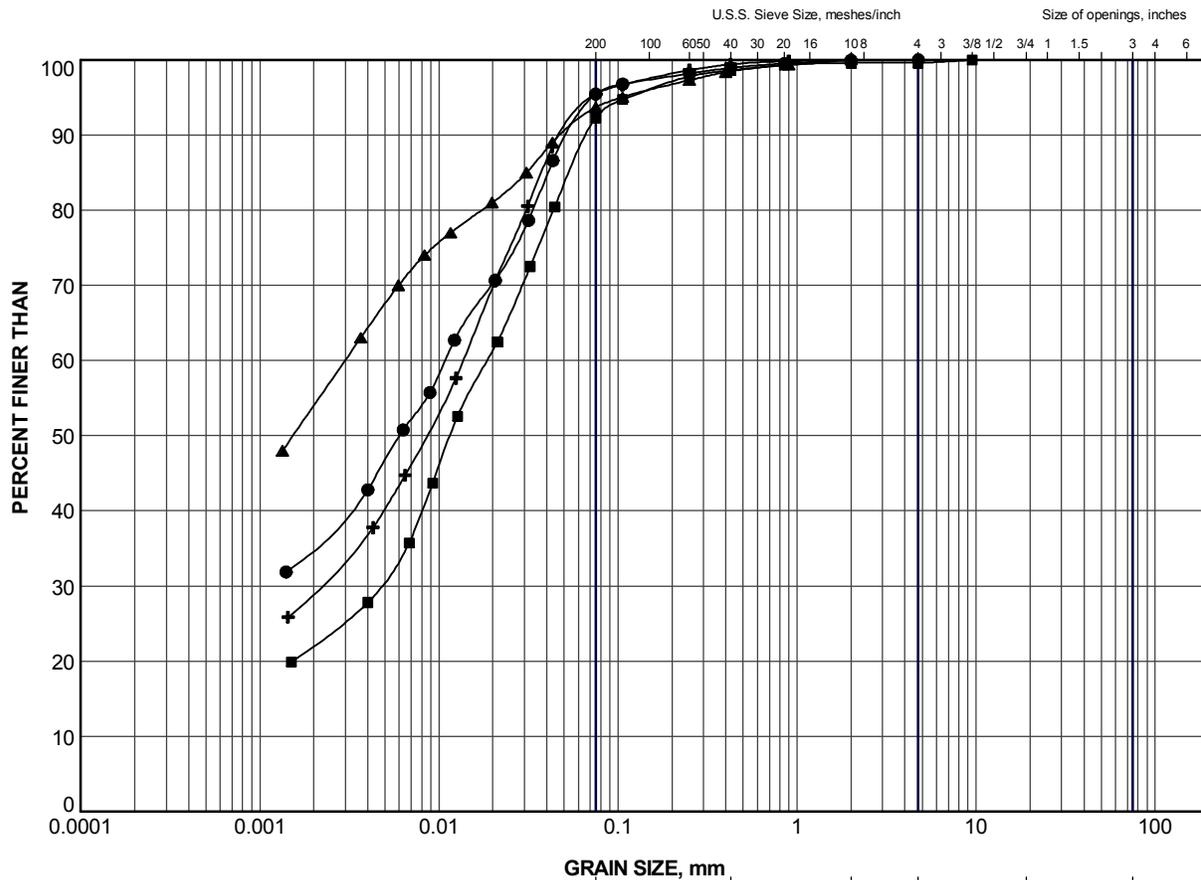
**SOIL TYPE**  
 C = Clay  
 M = Silt  
 O = Organic

**PLASTICITY**  
 L = Low  
 I = Intermediate  
 H = High

**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	LL(%)	PL(%)	PI
●	BH09-06	4	29.0	17.0	12.0
■	BH09-06	6a	43.0	16.0	27.0
▲	BH09-06	6b	25.0	16.0	9.0
+	BH09-10	5	38.0	17.0	21.0
◆	BH09-10	6	25.0	15.0	10.0
◇	BH09-10	7	62.0	24.0	38.0
○	BH09-11	4	53.0	17.0	36.0
△	BH09-11	5	23.0	15.0	8.0
⊗	BH09-12	4	24.0	16.0	8.0

PROJECT				
HIGHWAY 11 NBL CULVERT 12+824				
TITLE				
<b>PLASTICITY CHART</b> CLAYEY SILT TO CLAY				
PROJECT No. 09-1191-0042		FILE No. 09-1191-0042-4000.GPJ		
DRAWN	JJL	Nov 2011	SCALE	N/A
CHECK	AB	Nov 2011	REV.	
APPR	JMAC	Nov 2011	<b>FIGURE B-2</b>	
 <b>Golder Associates</b> SUDBURY, ONTARIO				



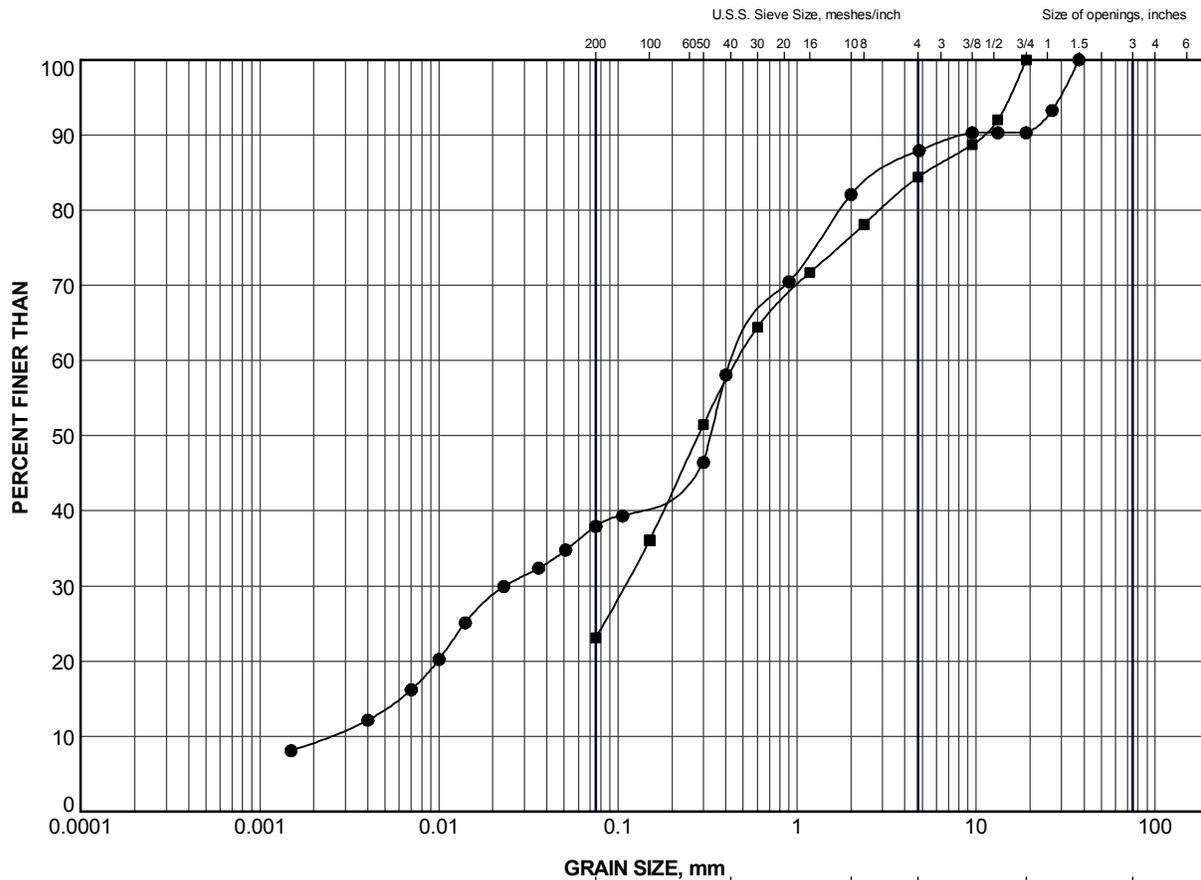
CLAY AND SILT	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	Cobble Size
	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		

<b>LEGEND</b>			
SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	ELEV (m)
●	BH09-10	5	255.4
■	BH09-11	2b	256.4
▲	BH09-11	4	254.9
+	BH09-12	2	256.0

PROJECT					HIGHWAY 11 NBL CULVERT 12+824				
TITLE					<b>GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION</b> CLAYEY SILT TO CLAY				
PROJECT No.		09-1191-0042		FILE No.			09-1191-0042-4000.GPJ		
DRAWN	JJL	Nov 2011		SCALE	N/A		REV.		
CHECK	AB	Nov 2011		<b>FIGURE B-3</b>					
APPR	JMAC	Nov 2011							



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CLAY AND SILT	fine	medium	coarse	fine	coarse	Cobble Size
	SAND SIZE			GRAVEL SIZE		

**LEGEND**

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	ELEV (m)
●	BH09-06	7b	253.1
■	BH09-11	7	251.2

PROJECT					HIGHWAY 11 NBL CULVERT 12+824				
TITLE					<b>GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION</b>				
					SAND AND SILT TO SAND				
 <b>Golder Associates</b> SUDBURY, ONTARIO		PROJECT No.		09-1191-0042		FILE No. 09-1191-0042-4000.GPJ			
		DRAWN	JJL	Nov 2011		SCALE	N/A		REV.
		CHECK	AB	Nov 2011					
		APPR	JMAC	Nov 2011		<b>FIGURE B-4</b>			

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