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EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN REPORT

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N VALUE: THE STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (SPT) N VALUE IS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS REQUIRED TO CAUSE A STANDARD 51mm O.D. SPLIT BARREL SAMPLER TO PENETRATE 0.3m INTO UNDISTURBED GROUND IN A BOREHOLE WHEN DRIVEN BY A HAMMER WITH A MASS OF 63.5kg, FALLING FREELY A DISTANCE OF 0.76m. FOR PENETRATIONS OF LESS THAN 0.3m N VALUES ARE INDICATED AS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS FOR THE PENETRATION ACHIEVED. AVERAGE N VALUE IS DENOTED THUS \bar{N} .

DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION TEST: CONTINUOUS PENETRATION OF A CONICAL STEEL POINT (51mm O.D. 60° CONE ANGLE) DRIVEN BY 475 J IMPACT ENERGY ON 'A' SIZE DRILL RODS. THE RESISTANCE TO CONE PENETRATION IS MEASURED AS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS FOR EACH 0.3m ADVANCE OF THE CONICAL POINT INTO THE UNDISTURBED GROUND.

SOILS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS.

CONSISTENCY: COHESIVE SOILS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH (c_u) AS FOLLOWS:

c_u (kPa)	0 - 12	12 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 100	100 - 200	> 200
	VERY SOFT	SOFT	FIRM	STIFF	VERY STIFF	HARD

DENSENESS: COHESIONLESS SOILS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF DENSENESS AS INDICATED BY SPT N VALUES AS FOLLOWS:

N (BLOWS/0.3m)	0 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 30	30 - 50	> 50
	VERY LOOSE	LOOSE	COMPACT	DENSE	VERY DENSE

ROCKS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURAL FEATURES AND / OR STRENGTH.

RECOVERY: SUM OF ALL RECOVERED ROCK CORE PIECES FROM A CORING RUN EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE CORING RUN.

MODIFIED RECOVERY: SUM OF THOSE INTACT CORE PIECES, 100mm+ IN LENGTH EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF THE LENGTH OF THE CORING RUN. THE ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (R Q D), FOR MODIFIED RECOVERY, IS:

R Q D (%)	0 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 75	75 - 90	90 - 100
	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT

JOINTING AND BEDDING:

SPACING	50mm	50 - 300mm	0.3m - 1m	1m - 3m	> 3m
JOINTING	VERY CLOSE	CLOSE	MOD. CLOSE	WIDE	VERY WIDE
BEDDING	VERY THIN	THIN	MEDIUM	THICK	VERY THICK

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

FIELD SAMPLING

S S	SPLIT SPOON	T P	THINWALL PISTON
W S	WASH SAMPLE	O S	OSTERBERG SAMPLE
S T	SLOTTED TUBE SAMPLE	R C	ROCK CORE
B S	BLOCK SAMPLE	P H	T W ADVANCED HYDRAULICALLY
C S	CHUNK SAMPLE	P M	T W ADVANCED MANUALLY
T W	THINWALL OPEN	F S	FOIL SAMPLE

STRESS AND STRAIN

u_w	kPa	PORE WATER PRESSURE
u	1	PORE PRESSURE RATIO
σ	kPa	TOTAL NORMAL STRESS
σ'	kPa	EFFECTIVE NORMAL STRESS
τ	kPa	SHEAR STRESS
$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$	kPa	PRINCIPAL STRESSES
ϵ	%	LINEAR STRAIN
$\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3$	%	PRINCIPAL STRAINS
E	kPa	MODULUS OF LINEAR DEFORMATION
G	kPa	MODULUS OF SHEAR DEFORMATION
μ	1	COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION

MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

m_v	kPa ⁻¹	COEFFICIENT OF VOLUME CHANGE
C_c	1	COMPRESSION INDEX
C_s	1	SWELLING INDEX
C_α	1	RATE OF SECONDARY CONSOLIDATION
c_v	m ² /s	COEFFICIENT OF CONSOLIDATION
H	m	DRAINAGE PATH
T_v	1	TIME FACTOR
U	%	DEGREE OF CONSOLIDATION
σ'_{vo}	kPa	EFFECTIVE OVERBURDEN PRESSURE
σ'_p	kPa	PRECONSOLIDATION PRESSURE
τ_f	kPa	SHEAR STRENGTH
c'	kPa	EFFECTIVE COHESION INTERCEPT
ϕ'	-°	EFFECTIVE ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
c_u	kPa	APPARENT COHESION INTERCEPT
ϕ_u	-°	APPARENT ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
τ_R	kPa	RESIDUAL SHEAR STRENGTH
τ_r	kPa	REMOULDED SHEAR STRENGTH
S_t	1	SENSITIVITY = $\frac{c_u}{\tau_r}$

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

ρ_s	kg/m ³	DENSITY OF SOLID PARTICLES	e	1, %	VOID RATIO	e_{min}	1, %	VOID RATIO IN DENSEST STATE
γ_s	kn/m ³	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOLID PARTICLES	n	1, %	POROSITY	I_D	1	DENSITY INDEX = $\frac{e_{max} - e}{e_{max} - e_{min}}$
ρ_w	kg/m ³	DENSITY OF WATER	w	1, %	WATER CONTENT	D	mm	GRAIN DIAMETER
γ_w	kn/m ³	UNIT WEIGHT OF WATER	S_r	%	DEGREE OF SATURATION	D_n	mm	n PERCENT - DIAMETER
ρ	kg/m ³	DENSITY OF SOIL	w_L	%	LIQUID LIMIT	C_u	1	UNIFORMITY COEFFICIENT
γ	kn/m ³	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOIL	w_p	%	PLASTIC LIMIT	h	m	HYDRAULIC HEAD OR POTENTIAL
ρ_d	kg/m ³	DENSITY OF DRY SOIL	w_s	%	SHRINKAGE LIMIT	q	m ³ /s	RATE OF DISCHARGE
γ_d	kn/m ³	UNIT WEIGHT OF DRY SOIL	I_p	%	PLASTICITY INDEX = $w_L - w_p$	v	m/s	DISCHARGE VELOCITY
ρ_{sat}	kg/m ³	DENSITY OF SATURATED SOIL	I_L	1	LIQUIDITY INDEX = $\frac{w - w_p}{I_p}$	i	1	HYDRAULIC GRADIENT
γ_{sat}	kn/m ³	UNIT WEIGHT OF SATURATED SOIL	I_C	1	CONSISTENCY INDEX = $\frac{w_L - w}{I_p}$	k	m/s	HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY
ρ'	kg/m ³	DENSITY OF SUBMERGED SOIL	e_{max}	1, %	VOID RATIO IN LOOSEST STATE	j	kn/m ³	SEEPAGE FORCE
γ'	kn/m ³	UNIT WEIGHT OF SUBMERGED SOIL						

FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

For

W.P. 83-74-19; Site 36-1336-62
Red Hill Creek Crossing Widening
Hwy. QEW, District 4, (Burlington)

INTRODUCTION:

This report summarizes the results of a foundation investigation required for the proposed bridge widening and its approaches.

The fieldwork was conducted during the period from 84 05 10 to 84 05 14 utilizing continuous-flight auger machines equipped with 82 mm I.D. hollowstem augers. Wash-boring techniques were employed where necessary.

This fieldwork consisted of 4 dynamic cone penetration tests/sampled boreholes.

SITE DESCRIPTION

The site is located in the City of Hamilton, Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth at the intersection of Red Hill Creek backwater and the QEW between the Woodward Ave. and Burlington St. exists.

There is an existing bridge at this location.

According to Chapman & Putnam (1966), the site lies within the 'Iroquois Plain' physiographic area, at this location bordering the south end of the Burlington Bar.

The local topography is relatively flat, with the channel of Red Hill Creek approximately 3 m below the grade of the QEW.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONSGeneral

The Record of Borehole Sheets (Appendix), illustrate the conditions at the borehole locations. The locations of the boreholes, and stratigraphical profiles based on the borehole data, are shown on Drawing No. 3 of the Contract Drawings.

The thickness of overburden is approximately 18 m. The bedrock surface dips gently towards the northeast.

The sequences (from the surface downwards to bedrock) of subsurface materials at this site is summarized below:

<u>Material</u>	<u>Thickness</u>
silty clay fill	1.1 - 4.0 m
silty sand	1.0 - 4.7 m
silty clay	11.0 -15.5 m

SILTY CLAY (CL); SOME SAND, TRACE/SOME GRAVEL

This very soft to stiff fill material was encountered at the surface at all borehole locations, where its thickness ranges from 1.1 to 4.0 m. The material also contains occasional zones of silty sand.

Physical properties of the material, as determined from laboratory test, are summarized as follows:

	<u>Range</u>	<u>Average</u>
Natural Moisture Content (w)	20.5 - 26.5%	24.3%
Liquid Limit (w_L)	17.5 - 29.5%	25.0%
Plastic Limit (w_p)	14.0 - 19.0%	16.2%

Figure 1 illustrates a typical grain size distribution for this material.

SILTY SAND; SOME/WITH GRAVEL, TRACE CLAY

This very loose to very dense material underlies the SILTY CLAY at all borehole locations, where its thickness ranges from 1.0 to 4.7 m. The material also contains occasional zones of organics.

Physical properties of the material, as determined from laboratory tests, are summarized as follows:

	<u>Range</u>	<u>Average</u>
Natural Moisture Content (w)	8.0 - 29.0%	14.9%

Figure 2 illustrates a typical grain size distribution for this material.

SILTY CLAY (CL); SOME/WITH SAND, TRACE/SOME GRAVEL

This stiff to hard material underlies the SILTY SAND at all borehole locations where its thickness ranges from 11.0 to 15.5 m. Transitional zones, grading from silty clay with shaly layers to weathered shale were encountered within this deposit, immediately above the bedrock.

Bedrock

The bedrock is shale of the Queenston formation.

Groundwater

At the time of the field investigation the elevation of the groundwater was $75.1 \pm$ m.



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APPENDIX



RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 1

METRIC

W P 83-74-19 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 791 021.0; E 282 854.5 ORIGINATED BY DD
DIST 4 HWY QEW BOREHOLE TYPE Cone Test, H-S Auger COMPILED BY TM
DATUM Geodetic DATE 84 05 10 - 11 CHECKED BY SO

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100 SHEAR STRENGTH ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES								
76.0	Ground Surface												
0.0	Silty Clay *												
74.9			1	SS	2								
1.1	Silty Sand **		2	SS	2								
73.9			3	SS	14								
2.1			4	SS	56								
			5	SS	56								
	Silty Clay (CL)		6	SS	69								
	some/with sand		7	SS	52								
	trace/some gravel		8	SS	38								
	Stiff to Hard		9	SS	22								
			10	SS	16								
			11	SS	14								
			12	SS	39								
	occ. shaly layers		13	SS	35								
58.4			14	SS	60/8 cm								
17.6	Probable Bedrock Shale End of Borehole												
	* some sand trace/some gravel very soft												
	** some/with gravel trace clay very loose												

+³, x⁵: Numbers refer to
Sensitivity

20
15
10
5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE

RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 2

METRIC

W P 83-74-19 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 791 037.5; E 282 846.0 ORIGINATED BY DD
 DIST 4 HWY QEW BOREHOLE TYPE Cone Test, H-S Auger COMPILED BY TM
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 84 05 11 CHECKED BY SO

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40					
76.0	Ground Surface													
0.0	Silty Clay (CL) some sand trace/some gravel Very Soft to Soft		1	SS	2									16 25 39 20
73.9			2	SS	2									
2.1	Silty Sand some/with gravel trace clay occ.organic (peat) zones Very Loose to Loose		3	SS	5									0 83 -17-
			4	SS	2									
71.2			5	SS	9									
4.8	Silty Clay (CL) some/with sand trace/some gravel													
69.4	Stiff to Hard		6	SS	37									
6.6	End of Borehole													

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 3

METRIC

W P 83-74-19 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 791 055.5; E 282 895.0 ORIGINATED BY TM
 DIST 4 HWY QEW BOREHOLE TYPE Cone Test, H-S Auger COMPILED BY TM
 DATUM Geodetic DATE 84 05 11 - 14 CHECKED BY SO

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40	60	80	100		
76.0	Ground Surface													
0.0	Silty Clay (CL) some sand trace/some gravel Firm to Stiff occ. silty sand zones		1	SS	5									
			2	SS	11									
			3	SS	6									
			4	SS	7									
72.0														
4.0	Silty Sand some/with gravel trace clay Dense to Very Dense		5	SS	41									
			6	SS	57									
			7	SS	66									
			8	SS	68									
67.5														
8.5			9	SS	13									
			10	SS	18									
	Silty Clay (CL) some/with sand trace/some gravel Stiff to Hard													
56.5														
19.5	Probable Bedrock End of Borehole													

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 4

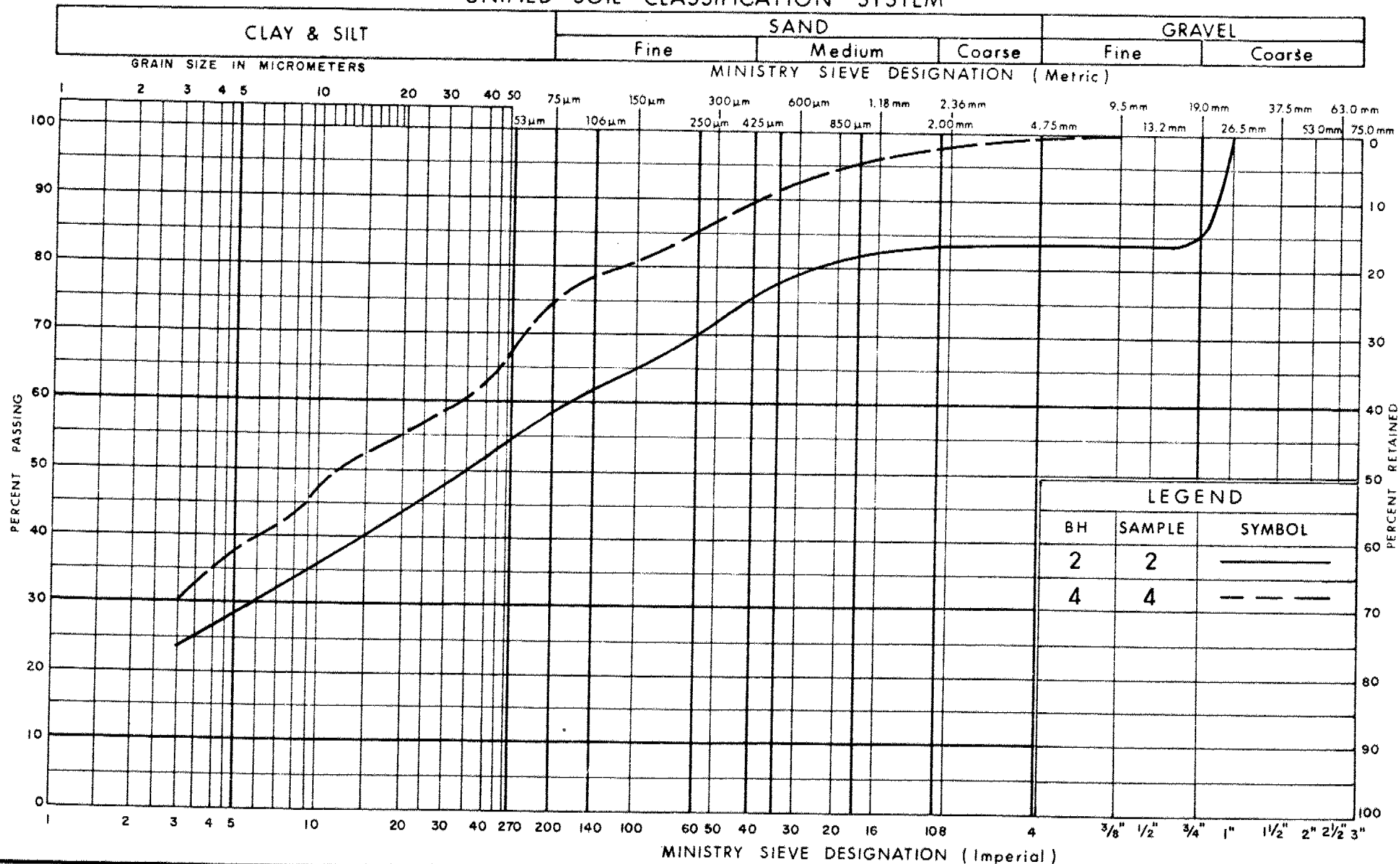
METRIC

W P 83-74-19 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 791 039.3; E 282 903.5 ORIGINATED BY TM
DIST 4 HWY QEW BOREHOLE TYPE Cone Test, H-S Auger COMPILED BY TM
DATUM Geodetic DATE 84 05 11 CHECKED BY SO

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100 SHEAR STRENGTH ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL								
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES																
76.0	Ground Surface																				
0.0	Silty Clay (CL) some sand trace/some gravel Soft to Firm		1	SS	5								1 24 52 23								
			2	SS	2																
			3	SS	4																
			4	SS	3																
72.3	Silty Sand some/with gravel trace clay Compact to Very Dense		5	SS	20																52 32 14 2
3.7			6	SS	17																
			7	SS	67																
			8	SS	38																
69.0	Silty Clay (CL) some/with sand trace/some gravel Stiff to Very Stiff		9	SS	18																
7.0			10	SS	16																
			11	SS	11																
			12	SS	21																
63.4	End of Borehole																				
12.6																					

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UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



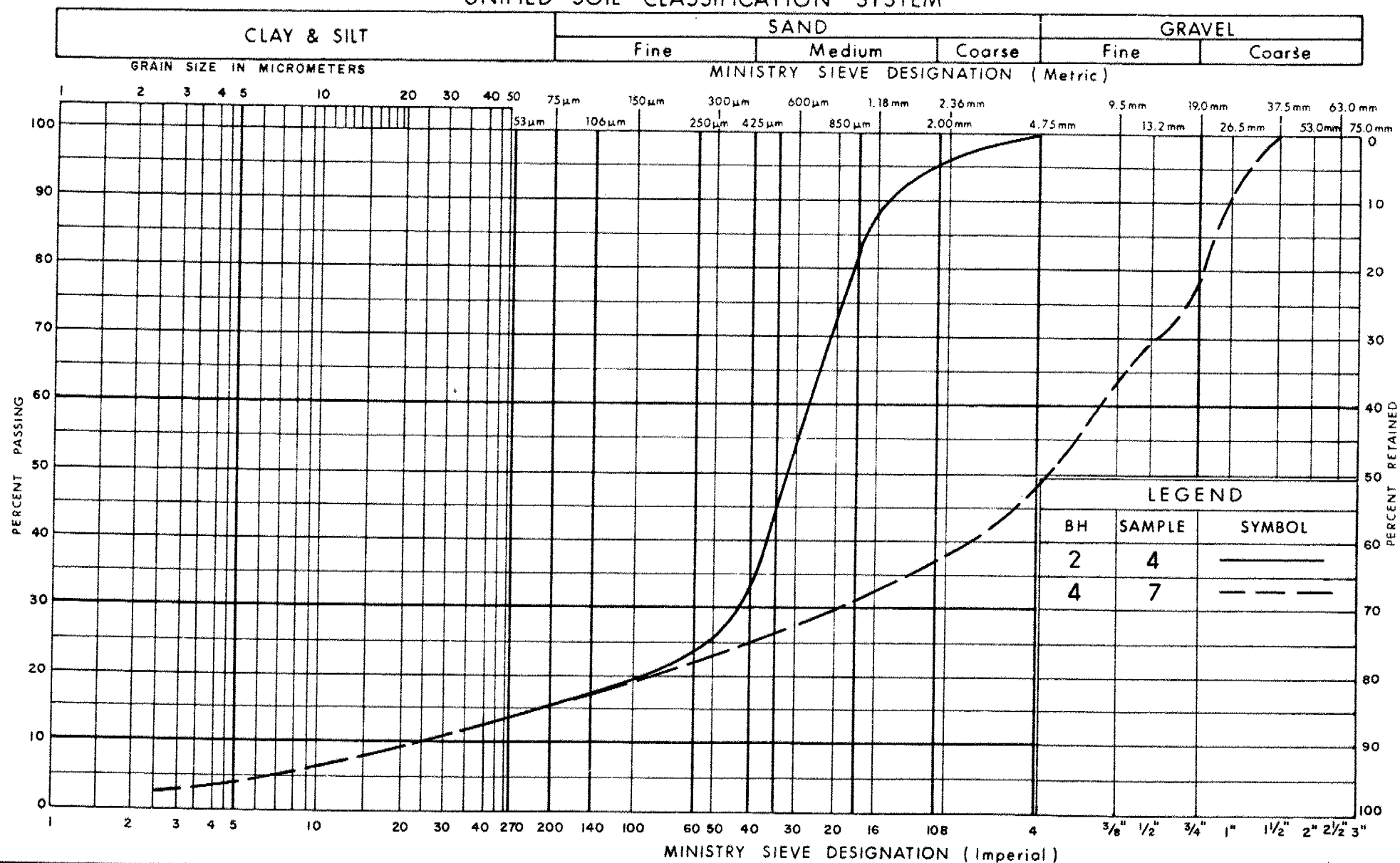
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION
SILTY CLAY
SOME SAND, TRACE / SOME GRAVEL

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UNIFIED SOIL CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM



GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION
SILTY SAND
SOME/WITH GRAVEL, TRACE CLAY

FIG No 2

W P 83-74-19



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FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

For

W.P. 83-74-20; Site 36-1336-61

Beach Boulevard Overpass Widening

Hwy. QEW, District 4, (Burlington)INTRODUCTION:

This report summarizes the results of a foundation investigation required for the proposed overpass widening and its approaches.

The fieldwork was conducted during the period from 84 05 01 to 84 05 10 utilizing continuous-flight auger machines equipped with 82 mm I.D. hollow-stem augers. Wash-boring techniques were employed where necessary.

This fieldwork consisted of 6 dynamic cone penetration test/sampled boreholes.

SITE DESCRIPTION

The site is located in the City of Hamilton, Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth at the intersection of Beach Boulevard and the QEW.

There is an existing overpass at this location.

According to Chapman & Putnam (1966), the site lies within the 'Iroquois Plain' physiographic area, at this location near the south end of the Burlington Bar.

The local topography is relatively flat, with the level of Beach Boulevard approximately 6 m below the grade of the QEW.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONSGeneral

The Record of Borehole Sheets (Appendix), illustrate the conditions at the borehole locations. The locations of the boreholes, and stratigraphical profiles based on the borehole data, are shown on Drawing No. 3 of the Contract Drawings.

The thickness overburden is approximately 23 m. The bedrock surface dips gently towards the north.

The sequence (from the surface downwards to bedrock) of subsurface materials at this site is summarized below:

Material	Thickness
silty clay to silty sand fill	1.5 - 5.5 m
silty sand to sand	10.0 - 12.2 m
silty clay	4.6 - 8.7 m

SILTY CLAY (CL); SOME/WITH SAND, TRACE/SOME GRAVEL

This soft to stiff fill material was encountered at the surface at BH #1, #2, #5 and #6, where its thickness ranges from 1.8 to 4.9 m. The material also contains occasional boulders and occasional zones of organic material.

Physical properties of the material, as determined from laboratory tests, are summarized as follows:

	<u>Range</u>	<u>Average</u>
Natural Moisture Content (w)	13.0 - 56.5%	24.7%
Liquid Limit (w_L)	21.5 - 54.5 %	34.6%
Plastic Limit (w_p)	14.5 - 33.0%	18.9%

Figure 1 illustrates a typical grain size distribution for this material.

SILTY SAND; TRACE/SOME GRAVEL, TRACE CLAY

This very loose to compact fill material was encountered at the surface at BH #3 and #4, where it ranges in thickness from 4.9 to 5.5 m. The material also contains occasional boulders, occasional zones of gravel, occasional zones of organics, and occasional zones of silty clay.

Physical properties of the material, as determined from laboratory tests, are summarized as follows:

	<u>Range</u>	<u>Average</u>
Natural Moisture Content (w)	4.0 - 7.0%	5.5%

Figure 2 illustrates a typical grain size distribution for this material.

SILTY SAND TO SAND; TRACE/SOME GRAVEL

This compact to very dense material underlies the fill at all the borehole locations, where its thickness ranges from 10.0 to 12.2 m. The material also contains occasional gravelly zones.

SILTY CLAY (CL); SOME SAND, TRACE/SOME GRAVEL

This very stiff to hard material underlies the SILTY SAND TO SAND at all borehole locations where its thickness ranges from 4.6 to 8.7 m. Transitional zones, grading from silty clay with shaly layers to weathered shale were encountered within this deposit, immediately above the bedrock.

Bedrock

The bedrock is shale of the Queenston formation.

Groundwater

At the time of the field investigation the elevation of the groundwater was 75.4 ± m.



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APPENDIX



RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 1

METRIC

W P 83-74-20 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 791 286.0; E 282 695.5 ORIGINATED BY TM
DIST 4 HWY QEW BOREHOLE TYPE Cone Test, H-S Auger COMPILED BY DD
DATUM Geodetic DATE 84 05 01 - 03 CHECKED BY SO

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT	LIQUID LIMIT	UNIT WEIGHT Y	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20 40 60 80 100		W _p	W	W _L		
77.7	Ground Surface													
0.0	Silty Clay (CL) some/with sand trace/some gravel occ. boulders Soft to Stiff		1	SS	14		76							8 40 40 12
			2	SS	7									
			3	SS	5									
			4	SS	5									
	and sand		5	SS	3		74							
72.8			6	SS	7									
4.9			7	SS	7		72							0 91 9
			8	SS	12									
	Silty Sand to Sand trace/some gravel occ. traces of clay		9	SS	67		70							
			10	SS	48									
	Compact to Very Dense		11	SS	62		68							
			12	SS	15		66							
			13	SS	60		64							
			14	SS	24		62							
60.6			15	SS	78		60							
17.1	Silty Clay (CL) some sand trace/some gravel Hard		16	SS	54									19 25 41 15
	occ. shaly layers		17	SS	112		58							
56.0			18	SS	60/ 8cm		56							
21.7	Probable Bedrock Shale End of Borehole													

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+³, x⁵: Numbers refer to
Sensitivity

20
15 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE
10



RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 2

METRIC

W P 83-74-20 LOCATION Co-ords. N 4 791 260.0; E 282 709.0 ORIGINATED BY TM
DIST 4 HWY QEW BOREHOLE TYPE Cone Test, H-S Auger COMPILED BY DD
DATUM Geodetic DATE 84 05 03 - 09 CHECKED BY SO

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES								
77.7 0.0	Ground Surface												
	Silty Clay (CL) some/with sand trace/some gravel occ. boulders Soft to Stiff		1	SS	13								20 19 43 18
			2	SS	7								
			3	SS	6								
	occ. zones of organics (peat)		4	SS	3								0 18 60 22
73.7 4.0			5	SS	7								
	Silty Sand to Sand trace/some gravel occ. traces of clay Compact to Very Dense		6	SS	3								
			7	SS	27								
			8	SS	62								
	Occ. gravelly zones		9	SS	37								
			10	SS	52								
			11	SS	32								
			12	SS	91								
			13	SS	100								
62.8 14.9			14	SS	41								
	Silty Clay (CL) some sand trace/some gravel Hard		15	SS	60								
			16	SS	96								
	occ. shaly layers		17	SS	102								
57.0 20.7			18	SS	80/15 cm								
	Probable Bedrock shale End of Borehole												

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+3, x5: Numbers refer to
Sensitivity

20
15 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE
10



RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 3

METRIC

W P 83-74-20 LOCATION Co-ords, N 4 791 318.5; E 282 666.0 ORIGINATED BY TM
DIST 4 HWY QEW BOREHOLE TYPE H-S Auger, Cone Test COMPILED BY TM
DATUM Geodetic DATE 84 05 03 - 04 CHECKED BY SO

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					UNIT WEIGHT Y	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40	60	80	100		
77.6	Ground Surface													
0.0	Silty Sand trace/some gravel trace clay occ. boulders Loose to Compact		1	SS	27									
			2	SS	6									25 60 15
			3	SS	5									
	occ. gravelly zones		4	SS	7									67 23 10
			5	SS	21									
	occ. silty clay zones		6	SS	5									
72.1														
5.5	Silty Sand to Sand trace/some gravel occ. traces of clay Compact to Very Dense		7	SS	28									
			8	SS	57									
			9	SS	50									
	occ. gravelly zones		10	SS	101									
			11	SS	47									
			12	SS	46									
			13	SS	9									
60.5			14	SS	127									
17.1	Silty Clay (CL) some sand trace/some gravel Hard		15	SS	48									
			16	SS	647	10 cm								
			17	SS	607	10 cm								
	occ. shaly layers		18	SS	787	15 cm								
53.1			19	SS	837	15 cm								
24.5	Probable Bedrock Shale End of Borehole													

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 4

METRIC

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DIST 4 HWY QEW BOREHOLE TYPE H-S Auger, Cone Test COMPILED BY TM
DATUM Geodetic DATE 84 05 09 - 10 CHECKED BY SO

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT					UNIT WEIGHT Y	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%)
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40	60	80	100		
77.6 0.0	Ground Surface													
	Silty Sand trace/some gravel trace clay occ. boulders Very Loose to Compact		1	SS	11									0 29 55 16
			2	SS	6									
			3	SS	5									
	occ. zones of organics		4	SS	3									
			5	SS	2									
72.7 4.9			6	SS	7									
	Silty Sand to Sand trace/some gravel occ. traces of clay Compact to Very Dense		7	SS	21									
			8	SS	7									
			9	SS	24									
			10	SS	29									
	occ. gravelly zones		11	SS	124									
			12	SS	38									
			13	SS	40									
62.7 14.9			14	SS	23									
	Silty Clay (CL) some sand trace/some gravel Very Stiff to Hard		15	SS	120									3 18 54 25
			16	SS	77									
53.9 23.7	Probable Bedrock Shale													
	End of Borehole													

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 5

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SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40					
77.5	Ground Surface													
0.0	Silty Clay (CL) some/with sand trace/some gravel occ. boulders Soft to Stiff		1	SS	6									13 13 50 24
			2	SS	2									
			3	SS	2									
74.1			4	SS	20									
3.4			5	SS	28									
			6	SS	41									
			7	SS	86									
			8	SS	71									
	Silty Sand to Sand trace/some gravel occ. traces of clay Compact to Very Dense		9	SS	87									
			10	SS	121									
			11	SS	101/25 cm									
			12	SS	80									
			13	SS	24									
62.0			14	SS	72									
15.5														
	Silty Clay (CL) some sand trace/some gravel Very Stiff to Hard													
53.7														
23.8	Probable Bedrock Shale End of Bedrock													

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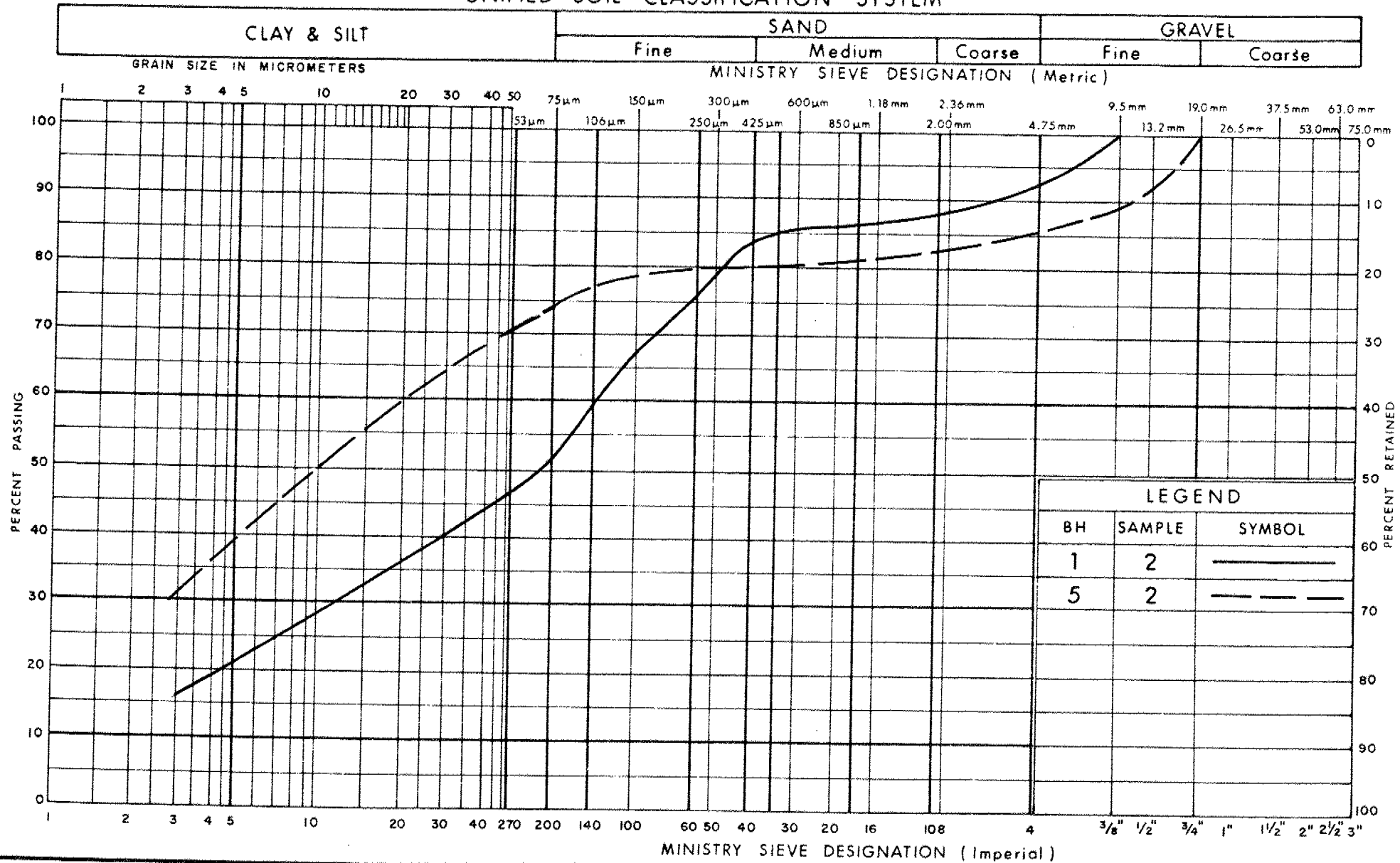
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SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES			20	40					
77.5	Ground Surface													
0.0	Silty Clay (CL) * Soft to Stiff		1	SS	16									
75.7			2	SS	6									
1.8			3	SS	5									
			4	SS	10									
			5	SS	18									
			6	SS	61									
			7	SS	36									
			8	SS	59									
			9	SS	56									
			10	SS	100/23 cm									
			11	SS	75/23 cm									
61.8			12	SS	43									
15.7	End of Borehole													
	* some/with sand trace/some gravel occ. boulders													

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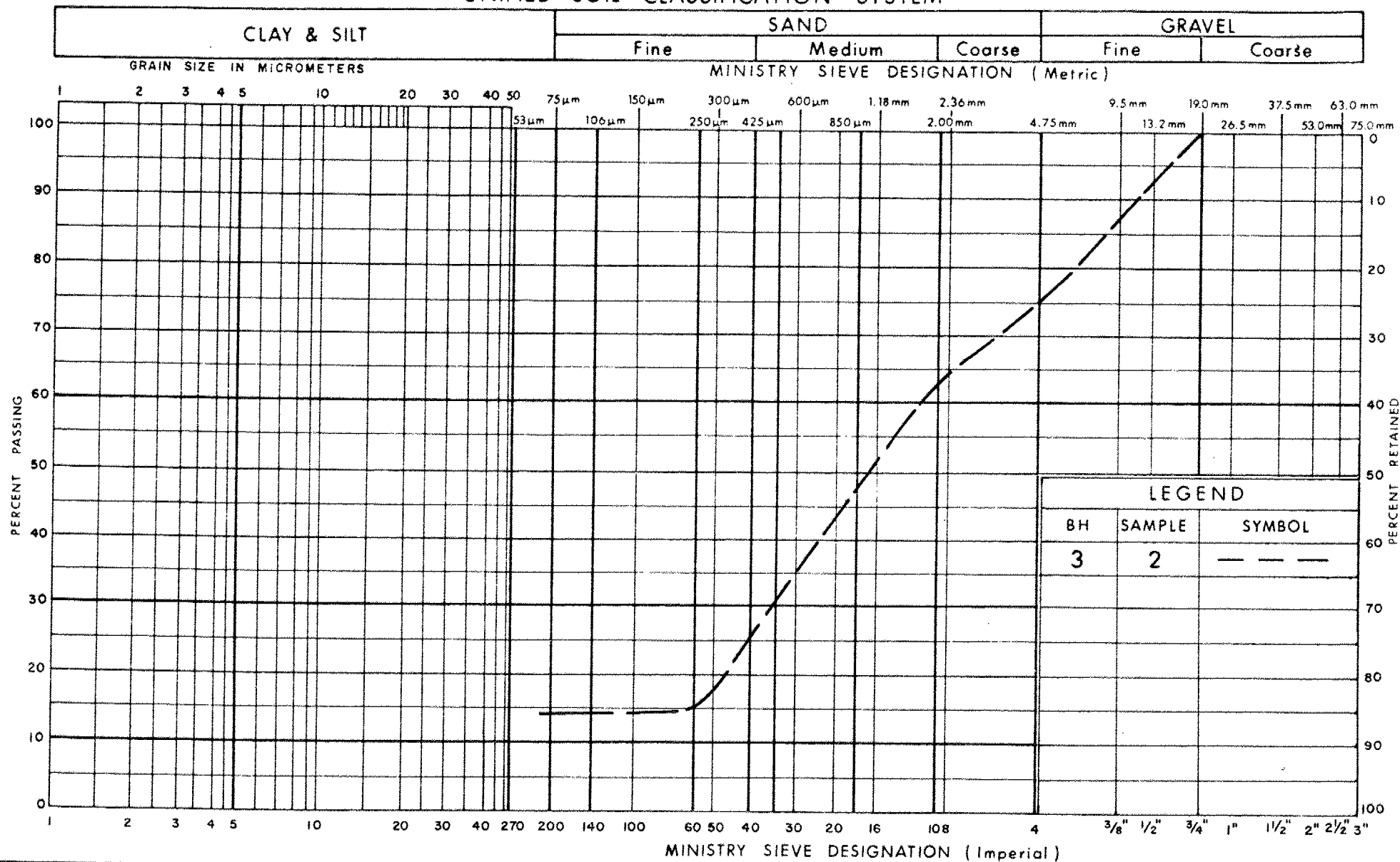
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION
SILTY CLAY
SOME/ WITH SAND, TRACE / SOME GRAVEL

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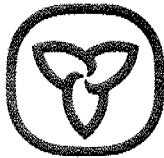
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SILTY SAND
TRACE / SOME GRAVEL, TRACE CLAY

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FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT

For

W.P. 83-74-19; Site 36-1336-62

Red Hill Creek Crossing Widening

Hwy. QEW, District 4, Hamilton

INTRODUCTION:

This report summarizes the results of a foundation investigation required for the proposed bridge widening and its approaches.

The fieldwork was conducted during the period from 84 05 10 to 84 05 14 utilizing continuous-flight auger machines equipped with 82 mm I.D. hollow-stem augers. Wash-boring techniques were employed where necessary.

This fieldwork consisted of 4 dynamic cone penetration tests/sampled boreholes.

SITE DESCRIPTION

The site is located in the City of Hamilton, Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth at the intersection of Red Hill Creek backwater and the QEW between the Woodward Ave. and Burlington St. exits.

There is an existing bridge at this location.

According to Chapman & Putnam (1966), the site lies within the 'Iroquois Plain' physiographic area, at this location bordering the south end of the Burlington Bar.

The local topography is relatively flat, with the channel of Red Hill Creek approximately 3 m below the grade of the QEW.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

General

The Record of Borehole Sheets (Appendix), illustrate the conditions at the borehole locations. The locations of the boreholes, and stratigraphical profiles based on the borehole data, are shown on Drawing No. 837419-A.

The thickness of overburden is approximately 18 m. The bedrock surface dips gently towards the northeast.

The sequence (from the surface downwards to bedrock) of subsurface materials at this site is summarized below:

<u>Material</u>	<u>Thickness</u>
silty clay fill	1.1 - 4.0 m
silty sand	1.0 - 4.7 m
silty clay	11.0 -15.5 m

Subsurface Material Descriptions

SILTY CLAY (CL); SOME SAND, TRACE/SOME GRAVEL

This very soft to stiff fill material was encountered at the surface at all borehole locations, where its thickness ranges from 1.1 to 4.0 m. The material also contains occasional zones of silty sand.

Physical properties of the material, as determined from field and laboratory tests, are summarized as follows:

	<u>Range</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Median</u>
Natural Moisture Content (w)	20.5 - 26.5%	24.3%	26.0%
Liquid Limit (w_L)	17.5 - 29.5%	25.0%	28.0%
Plastic Limit (w_p)	14.0 - 19.0%	16.2%	15.5%

Figure 1 illustrates a typical grain size distribution for this material.

SILTY SAND; SOME/WITH GRAVEL, TRACE CLAY

This very loose to very dense material underlies the SILTY CLAY at all borehole locations, where its thickness ranges from 1.0 to 4.7 m. The material also contains occasional zones of organics.

Physical properties of the material, as determined from field and laboratory tests, are summarized as follows:

	<u>Range</u>	<u>Average</u>	<u>Median</u>
Natural Moisture Content (w)	8.0 - 29.0%	14.9%	12.0%

Figure 2 illustrates a typical grain size distribution for this material.

SILTY CLAY (CL); SOME/WITH SAND, TRACE/SOME GRAVEL

This stiff to hard material underlies the SILTY SAND at all borehole locations where its thickness ranges from 11.0 to 15.5 m. Transitional zones, grading from silty clay with shaly layers to weathered shale were encountered within this deposit, immediately above the bedrock.

Bedrock

The bedrock is shale of the Queenston formation.

Groundwater

At the time of the field investigation the elevation of the groundwater was $75.1 \pm \text{m}$.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

It is proposed to widen the existing QEW. At the Red Hill Creek Crossing this proposal will involve the extension of the existing abutments by 7± m on the west side, and 5± m on the east side. The proposal will also involve widening the existing 4.5± m high (above creek bottom) approach embankments.

The existing bridge is a rigid-frame structure, probably supported on spread footings (with concrete pedestals at the north abutment), or possibly on piles. The probable footing/pedestal base elevations are indicated below:

North Abutment (Toronto Side)		South Abutment (St.Catharine Side)	
	Pedestal	Footing	Footing
N.E. Corner -	elev. 69.0± m	elev. 72.0± m	S.E. Corner - elev. 72.0± m
N.W. Corner -	elev. 69.0± m	elev. 72.0± m	S.W. Corner - elev. 72.0± m

General Recommendations

EARTH PRESSURE CALCULATIONS

Backfill to structures should consist of granular material in accordance with MTC Standard Special Provision #121 (83 10). Computation of earth pressures should be in accordance with Section 6.6.1.2 of the O.H.B.D.C.

For design purposes, the physical properties of the backfill are as follows:

MATERIAL	ϕ	γ
GRANULAR 'A'	35°	22.0 kN/m ³
GRANULAR 'B'	30°	21.2 kN/m ³

SETTLEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

Differential settlements for the proposed abutment extensions will be negligible. Therefore the abutment extensions may be rigidly connected to the existing structure, providing the foundation recommendations are followed.

FINAL SLOPE STABILITY

No stability problems are anticipated for embankments or cuts with slopes of 2:1 or flatter. If steeper slopes are required, please contact this section for recommended slope angles.

FROST PROTECTION

The minimum cover required for frost protection is 1.2 m.

DE-WATERING

Since de-watering operations would create a danger of material loss under the existing footings, a tremie concrete design is recommended, which will simplify de-watering operations

Design Details

STRUCTURE

The proposed abutment extensions should be supported on steel H-piles equipped with reinforced tips and driven to bedrock, with pile caps founded at the elevation of the existing footing bases, or at a higher structurally-convenient elevation.

The following design values are recommended for the H-piles:

Working Stress Design Method:

<u>Pile Type</u>	<u>Safe Capacity</u>
310 HP 110	1150 kN per pile
310 HP 79	830 kN per pile

O.H.B.D.C. Method:

<u>Pile Type</u>	<u>Factored Capacity at U.L.S.</u>	<u>Capacity at S.L.S. Type II</u>
310 HP 110	1600 kN per pile	1150 kN per pile
310 HP 79	1150 kN per pile	830 kN per pile

Since the material under the existing foundations must be protected, the pile cap excavation for the proposed extensions should be enclosed by a sheet-pile cofferdam. The excavation should extend at least to elev. 72 m, but also to a depth sufficient to balance the prevailing hydrostatic head by means of tremie concrete.

APPROACHES

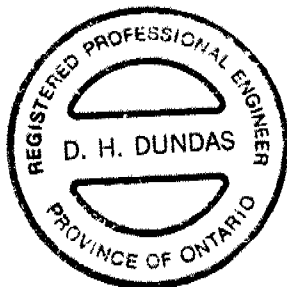
All soft or loose material beneath the proposed embankment widening should be removed and replaced with suitable embankment material. The existing QEW must be protected during construction of the proposed widening, by completing the excavations and embankment construction in section 5± m long or by steel sheeting where necessary.

MISCELLANEOUS

The fieldwork for this project was carried out under the supervision of Mr. T.W. Miller, Student Engineer, and Mr. D.H. Dundas, Foundations Engineer.

The report was written by Mr. Dundas and reviewed by Mr. K.G. Selby, Chief Foundations Engineer.

The equipment used was owned and operated by Dominion Soil Investigation Inc., and by Master Soil Investigation Ltd.



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APPENDIX

EXPLANATION OF TERMS USED IN REPORT

N VALUE: THE STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (SPT) N VALUE IS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS REQUIRED TO CAUSE A STANDARD 51mm O.D. SPLIT BARREL SAMPLER TO PENETRATE 0.3m INTO UNDISTURBED GROUND IN A BOREHOLE WHEN DRIVEN BY A HAMMER WITH A MASS OF 63.5kg, FALLING FREELY A DISTANCE OF 0.76m. FOR PENETRATIONS OF LESS THAN 0.3m N VALUES ARE INDICATED AS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS FOR THE PENETRATION ACHIEVED. AVERAGE N VALUE IS DENOTED THUS \bar{N} .

DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION TEST: CONTINUOUS PENETRATION OF A CONICAL STEEL POINT (51mm O.D. 60° CONE ANGLE) DRIVEN BY 475 J IMPACT ENERGY ON 'A' SIZE DRILL RODS. THE RESISTANCE TO CONE PENETRATION IS MEASURED AS THE NUMBER OF BLOWS FOR EACH 0.3m ADVANCE OF THE CONICAL POINT INTO THE UNDISTURBED GROUND.

SOILS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND CONSISTENCY OR DENSENESS.

CONSISTENCY: COHESIVE SOILS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF THEIR UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH (c_u) AS FOLLOWS:

c_u (kPa)	0 - 12	12 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 100	100 - 200	> 200
	VERY SOFT	SOFT	FIRM	STIFF	VERY STIFF	HARD

DENSENESS: COHESIONLESS SOILS ARE DESCRIBED ON THE BASIS OF DENSENESS AS INDICATED BY SPT N VALUES AS FOLLOWS:

N (BLOWS/0.3m)	0 - 5	5 - 10	10 - 30	30 - 50	> 50
	VERY LOOSE	LOOSE	COMPACT	DENSE	VERY DENSE

ROCKS ARE DESCRIBED BY THEIR COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURAL FEATURES AND / OR STRENGTH.

RECOVERY: SUM OF ALL RECOVERED ROCK CORE PIECES FROM A CORING RUN EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF THE TOTAL LENGTH OF THE CORING RUN.

MODIFIED RECOVERY: SUM OF THOSE INTACT CORE PIECES, 100mm+ IN LENGTH EXPRESSED AS A PERCENT OF THE LENGTH OF THE CORING RUN. THE ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION (RQD), FOR MODIFIED RECOVERY, IS:

RQD (%)	0 - 25	25 - 50	50 - 75	75 - 90	90 - 100
	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT

JOINTING AND BEDDING:

SPACING	50mm	50 - 300mm	0.3m - 1m	1m - 3m	> 3m
JOINTING	VERY CLOSE	CLOSE	MOD. CLOSE	WIDE	VERY WIDE
BEDDING	VERY THIN	THIN	MEDIUM	THICK	VERY THICK

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

FIELD SAMPLING

S S	SPLIT SPOON	T P	THINWALL PISTON
W S	WASH SAMPLE	O S	OSTERBERG SAMPLE
S T	SLOTTED TUBE SAMPLE	R C	ROCK CORE
B S	BLOCK SAMPLE	P H	T W ADVANCED HYDRAULICALLY
C S	CHUNK SAMPLE	P M	T W ADVANCED MANUALLY
T W	THINWALL OPEN	F S	FOIL SAMPLE

STRESS AND STRAIN

u_w	kPa	PORE WATER PRESSURE
r_u	1	PORE PRESSURE RATIO
σ	kPa	TOTAL NORMAL STRESS
σ'	kPa	EFFECTIVE NORMAL STRESS
τ	kPa	SHEAR STRESS
$\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \sigma_3$	kPa	PRINCIPAL STRESSES
ϵ	%	LINEAR STRAIN
$\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2, \epsilon_3$	%	PRINCIPAL STRAINS
E	kPa	MODULUS OF LINEAR DEFORMATION
G	kPa	MODULUS OF SHEAR DEFORMATION
μ	1	COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION

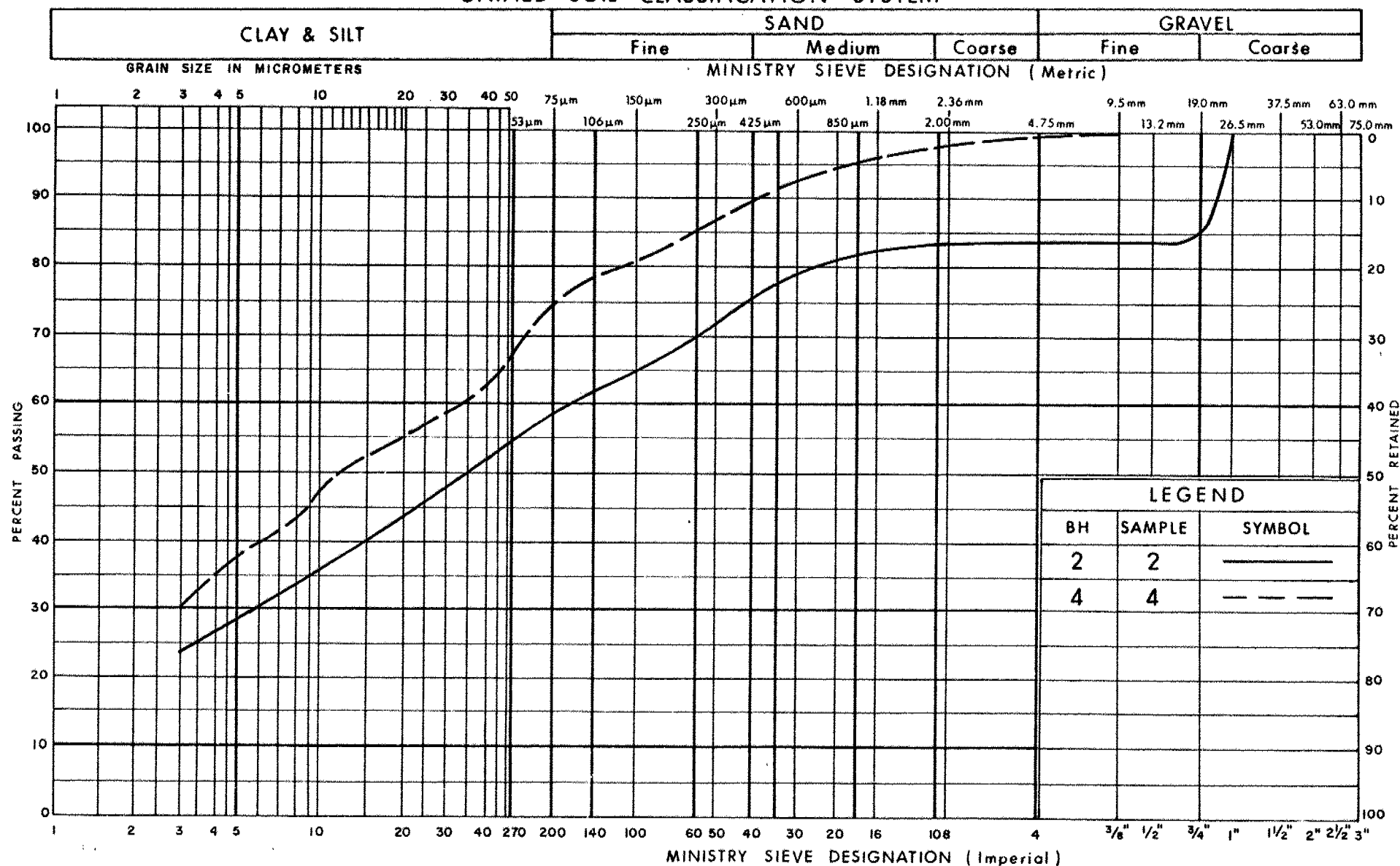
MECHANICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

m_v	kPa^{-1}	COEFFICIENT OF VOLUME CHANGE
C_c	1	COMPRESSION INDEX
C_s	1	SWELLING INDEX
C_α	1	RATE OF SECONDARY CONSOLIDATION
c_v	m^2/s	COEFFICIENT OF CONSOLIDATION
H	m	DRAINAGE PATH
T_v	1	TIME FACTOR
U	%	DEGREE OF CONSOLIDATION
σ'_{vo}	kPa	EFFECTIVE OVERBURDEN PRESSURE
σ'_p	kPa	PRECONSOLIDATION PRESSURE
τ_f	kPa	SHEAR STRENGTH
c'	kPa	EFFECTIVE COHESION INTERCEPT
ϕ'	-°	EFFECTIVE ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
c_u	kPa	APPARENT COHESION INTERCEPT
ϕ_u	-°	APPARENT ANGLE OF INTERNAL FRICTION
τ_R	kPa	RESIDUAL SHEAR STRENGTH
τ_r	kPa	REMOULDED SHEAR STRENGTH
S_t	1	SENSITIVITY = $\frac{c_u}{\tau_r}$

PHYSICAL PROPERTIES OF SOIL

ρ_s	kg/m^3	DENSITY OF SOLID PARTICLES	e	1, %	VOID RATIO	e_{min}	1, %	VOID RATIO IN DENSEST STATE
γ_s	kN/m^3	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOLID PARTICLES	n	1, %	POROSITY	I_D	1	DENSITY INDEX = $\frac{e_{max} - e}{e_{max} - e_{min}}$
ρ_w	kg/m^3	DENSITY OF WATER	w	1, %	WATER CONTENT	D	mm	GRAIN DIAMETER
γ_w	kN/m^3	UNIT WEIGHT OF WATER	S_r	%	DEGREE OF SATURATION	D_n	mm	n PERCENT - DIAMETER
ρ	kg/m^3	DENSITY OF SOIL	w_L	%	LIQUID LIMIT	C_u	1	UNIFORMITY COEFFICIENT
γ	kN/m^3	UNIT WEIGHT OF SOIL	w_p	%	PLASTIC LIMIT	h	m	HYDRAULIC HEAD OR POTENTIAL
ρ_d	kg/m^3	DENSITY OF DRY SOIL	w_s	%	SHRINKAGE LIMIT	q	m^3/s	RATE OF DISCHARGE
γ_d	kN/m^3	UNIT WEIGHT OF DRY SOIL	I_p	%	PLASTICITY INDEX = $w_L - w_p$	v	m/s	DISCHARGE VELOCITY
ρ_{sat}	kg/m^3	DENSITY OF SATURATED SOIL	I_L	1	LIQUIDITY INDEX = $\frac{w - w_p}{I_p}$	i	1	HYDRAULIC GRADIENT
γ_{sat}	kN/m^3	UNIT WEIGHT OF SATURATED SOIL	I_C	1	CONSISTENCY INDEX = $\frac{w_L - w}{I_p}$	k	m/s	HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY
ρ'	kg/m^3	DENSITY OF SUBMERGED SOIL	e_{max}	1, %	VOID RATIO IN LOOSEST STATE	j	kN/m^2	SEEPAGE FORCE
γ'	kN/m^3	UNIT WEIGHT OF SUBMERGED SOIL						

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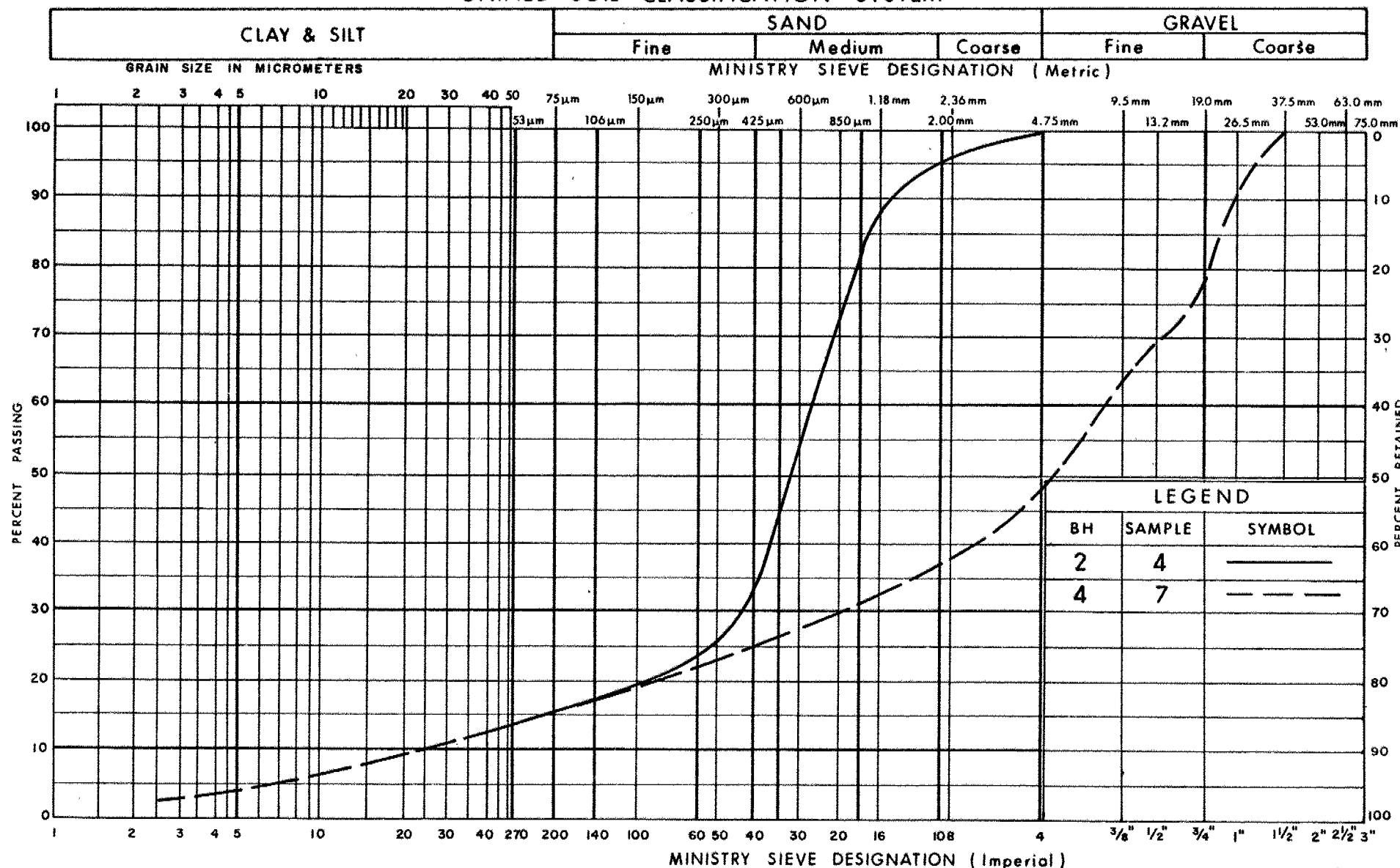
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GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION
SILTY CLAY
SOME SAND, TRACE / SOME GRAVEL

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 1

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DATUM Geodetic DATE 84 05 10 - 11 CHECKED BY 12 SO

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100 SHEAR STRENGTH ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W LIQUID LIMIT W _L WATER CONTENT (%) 20 40 60	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES						
76.0	Ground Surface										
0.0	Silty Clay *		1	SS	2						
74.9			2	SS	2						
1.1	Silty Sand **		3	SS	14						
73.9			4	SS	56						
2.1			5	SS	56						
	Silty Clay (CL)		6	SS	69						
	some/with sand		7	SS	52						
	trace/some gravel		8	SS	38						
	Stiff to Hard		9	SS	22						
			10	SS	16						
			11	SS	14						
			12	SS	39						
	occ. shaly layers		13	SS	35						
58.4			14	SS	60/8 cm						
17.6	Probable Bedrock Shale End of Borehole										
	* some sand trace/some gravel very soft										
	** some/with gravel trace clay very loose										

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Sensitivity 15 ± 5 (%) STRAIN AT FAILURE
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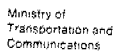


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DATUM Geodetic DATE 84 05 11 CHECKED BY SO

SOIL PROFILE			SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT 20 40 60 80 100 SHEAR STRENGTH ○ UNCONFINED + FIELD VANE ● QUICK TRIAXIAL x LAB VANE	PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE	'N' VALUES								
76.0	Ground Surface												
0.0	Silty Clay (CL) some sand trace/some gravel Very Soft to Soft		1	SS	2								16 25 39 20
73.9			2	SS	2								
2.1	Silty Sand some/with gravel trace clay occ. organic (peat) zones Very Loose to Loose		3	SS	5								0 83 -17-
			4	SS	2								
71.2			5	SS	9								
4.8	Silty Clay (CL) some/with sand trace/some gravel Stiff to Hard		6	SS	37								
69.4													
6.6	End of Borehole												



METRIC

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RECORD OF BOREHOLE No 4

METRIC

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DIST 4 HWY QEW BOREHOLE TYPE Cone Test, H-S Auger COMPILED BY TM
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SOIL PROFILE		SAMPLES			GROUND WATER CONDITIONS	ELEVATION SCALE	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION RESISTANCE PLOT		PLASTIC LIMIT W _p	NATURAL MOISTURE CONTENT W	LIQUID LIMIT W _L	UNIT WEIGHT γ	REMARKS & GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION (%) GR SA SI CL
ELEV DEPTH	DESCRIPTION	STRAT PLOT	NUMBER	TYPE			'N' VALUES	20 40 60 80 100					
76.0	Ground Surface												
0.0	Silty Clay (CL) some sand trace/some gravel Soft to Firm		1	SS	5								
			2	SS	2								
			3	SS	4								
72.3			4	SS	3								1 24 52 23
3.7	Silty Sand some/with gravel trace clay Compact to Very Dense		5	SS	20								
			6	SS	17								
			7	SS	67								52 32 14 2
			8	SS	38								
69.0													
7.0	Silty Clay (CL) some/with sand trace/some gravel Stiff to Very Stiff		9	SS	18								
			10	SS	16								
			11	SS	11								
63.4													
12.6	End of Borehole		12	SS	21								

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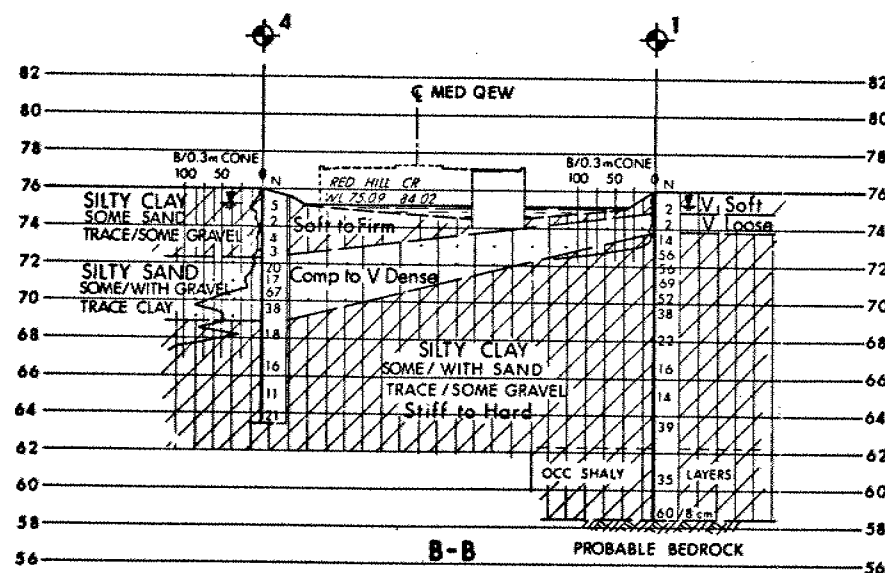
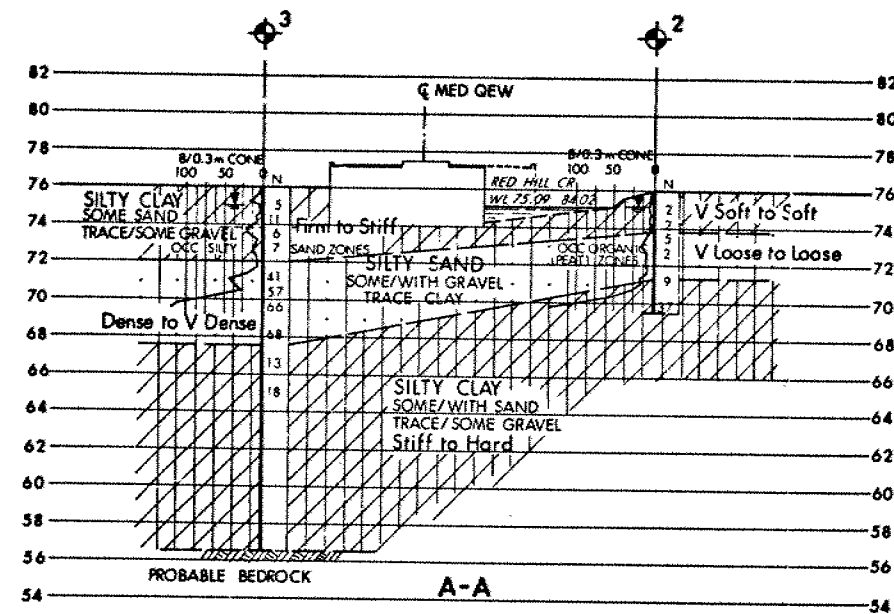
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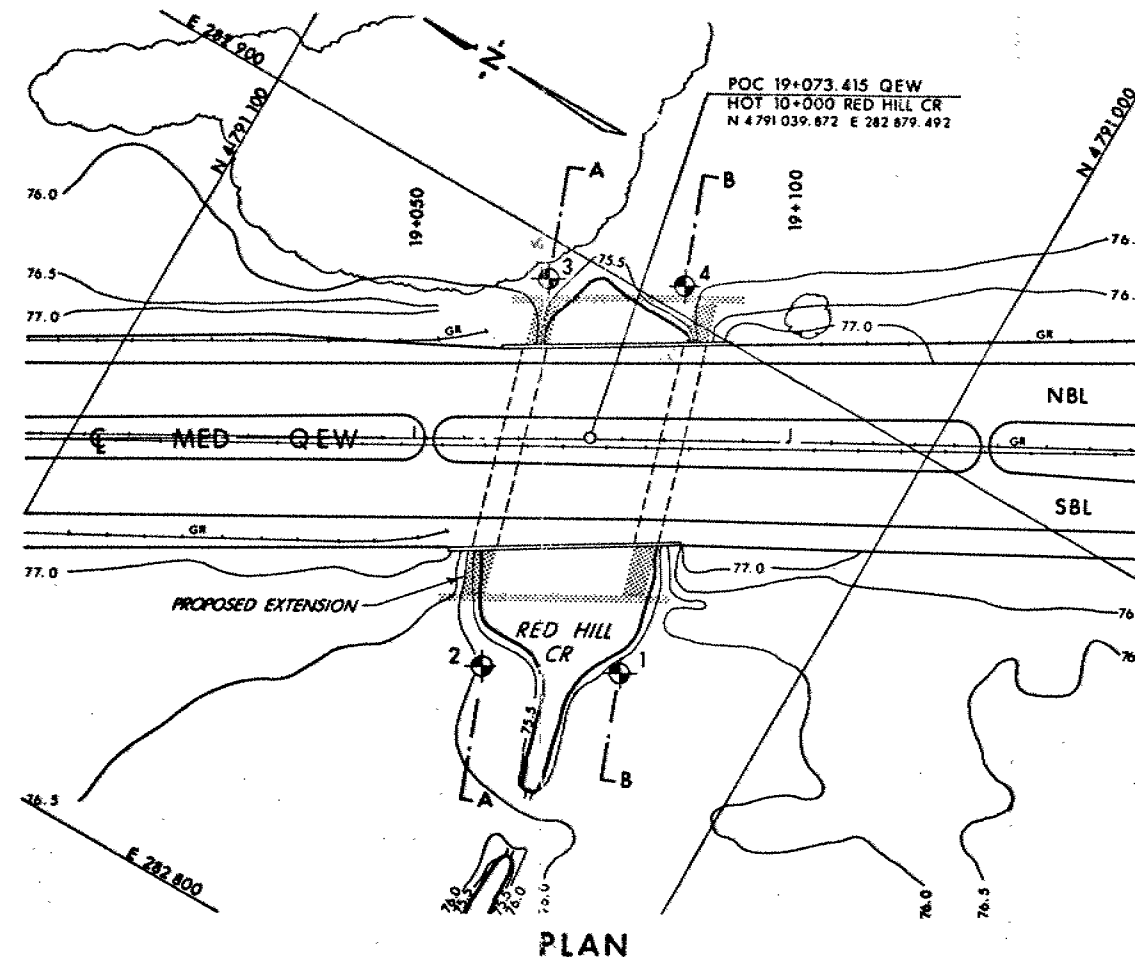
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BORE HOLE LOCATIONS & SOIL STRATA



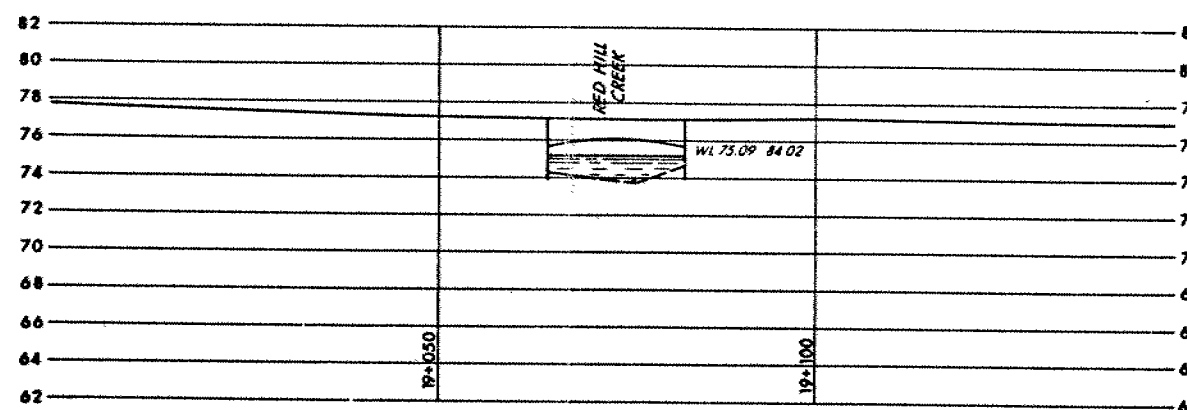
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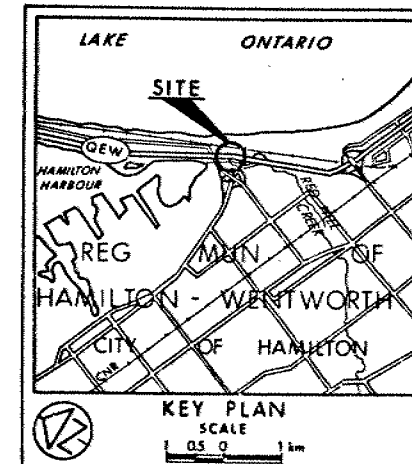
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PROFILE QEW

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LEGEND

- ◆ Bore Hole
- ⊕ Dynamic Cone Penetration Test (Cone)
- ⊕ Bore Hole & Cone
- N Blows/0.3m (Std Pen Test, 475 J/blow)
- CONE Blows/0.3m (60° Cone, 475 J/blow)
- W.L. at time of investigation 8405

No	ELEVATION	CO-ORDINATES	
		NORTH	EAST
1	76.0	4791021.0	282854.5
2	76.0	4791037.5	282846.0
3	76.0	4791055.5	282895.0
4	76.0	4791039.3	282903.5

NOTE

The boundaries between soil strata have been established only at Bore Hole locations. Between Bore Holes the boundaries are assumed from geological evidence.

NOTE: The complete foundation investigation and design report for this project and other related documents may be examined at the Engineering Materials Office, Downsview. Information contained in this report and related documents is specifically excluded in accordance with the conditions of Section 102-2 of Form 100.

DATE	BY	DESCRIPTION
840625	DP	Geocres No 30M5-143
840625	DP	HWY No QEW
840625	DP	SUBMD DD CHECKED
840625	DP	DRAWN SO CHECKED
840625	DP	DIST 4
840625	DP	SITE 36-1336-02
840625	DP	DWG 837419-A

memorandum



To: G.C.E. Burkhardt
Head, Structural Section
Central Region

Date: 1984 05 17

Atten: M.D. Bendayan

From: Foundation Design Section
Room 315, Central Building

RE: Foundation Investigation
Preliminary Recommendations
W.P. 83-74-19, Site 36-1336-62
Red Hill Creek Crossing Widening
Hwy. Q.E.W., District 4, Hamilton

Fieldwork for the above-noted project has been completed.

This memo contains recommendations pertaining to the design and construction of the foundations for the proposed bridge widening. These recommendations are intended to be sufficient to allow the design of this project to proceed to completion. Our complete foundation investigation and design report will be submitted in the near future. If there are any questions, please contact this office.

SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS

At this site, the thickness of overburden is 18^{\pm} m.

The sequence (from the surface downwards) of subsurface materials at the proposed abutment extensions is summarized below:

NORTH ABUTMENT: (Toronto side)

N.E. Corner

- elev. 76.0^{\pm} m to elev. 740^{\pm} m
- cohesive silty clay, some sand, traces of gravel and organics, and occasional non-cohesive silty sand zones
- firm to stiff

- elev. 740^{\pm} m to elev. 67.5^{\pm} m
- non-cohesive silty sand containing occasional gravelly zones and occasional cohesive silty clay and organic zones above elev. 72.1^{\pm} m
- loose to very dense

- elev. 67.5^{\pm} m to elev. 56.5^{\pm} m
- cohesive silty clay, some sand, trace gravel
- stiff to hard

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NORTH ABUTMENT (cont'd)

- below elev. 56.5±m
- shale bedrock

N.W. Corner

- elev. 76.0± m to elev. 73.5± m
- cohesive silty clay, some sand, trace gravel
- very soft to soft
- elev. 73.5± m to elev. 71.0± m
- non-cohesive silty sand containing occasional zones of organic material
- very loose to loose
- below elev. 71.0± m
- cohesive silty clay, some sand, trace gravel
- very stiff to hard
- estimated bedrock elev. 58.0± m

SOUTH ABUTMENT: (St. Catherines Side)

S.E. Corner

- elev. 76.0± m to elev. 72.0± m
- cohesive silty clay, some sand, trace gravel
- soft to firm
- elev. 72.0± m to elev. 69.0± m
- non-cohesive silty sand, containing occasional gravelly zones
- compact to very dense
- below elev. 69.0± m
- cohesive silty clay, some sand, trace gravel
- stiff to hard
- estimated bedroc elev. 57.5 ± m

S.W. Corner

- elev. 76.0± m to elev. 75.0± m
- cohesive silty clay, some sand, traces of gravel and organics
- very soft to soft

S.W. Corner (Cont'd)

- elev. $75.0 \pm$ m to elev. $74.0 \pm$ m
- non-cohesive silty sand
- very loose

- elev. $74.0 \pm$ m to elev. $58.5 \pm$ m
- cohesive silty clay, some sand, trace gravel
- stiff to hard

- below elev. $58.5 \pm$ m
- shale bedrock

At the time of the field investigation the elevation of the groundwater was $75.1 \pm$ m.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

It is proposed to widen the existing Q.E.W. At the Red Hill Creek Crossing this proposal will involve the extension of the existing abutments by $7 \pm$ m on the west side, and $5 \pm$ m on the east side. The proposal will also involve widening the existing $4.5 \pm$ m high (above creek bottom) approach embankments.

The existing bridge is a rigid-frame structure, probably supported on spread footings (with concrete pedestals at the north abutment) or possibly on piles. The probable footing/pedestal base elevations are indicated below:

North Abutment (Toronto Side)		South Abutment (St. Catherine Side)	
	Pedestal	Footing	Footing
N.E. Corner -	elev. $69.0 \pm$ m	elev. $72.0 \pm$ m	^{SE} corner - elev. $72.0 \pm$ m
N.W. Corner -	elev. $69.0 \pm$ m	elev. $72.0 \pm$ m	^{SW} corner - elev. $72.0 \pm$ m

(reference: plan 1336-38-1, Dwg.No. D 2578-1, Cont. No. 38-23)

General Recommendations

EARTH PRESSURE CALCULATIONS

Backfill to structures should consist of granular material in accordance with MTC Standard Special Provision #121 (83 10). Computation of earth pressures should be in accordance with Section 6.6.1.2 of the O.H.B.D.C.

For design purposes, the physical properties of the backfill are as follows:

MATERIAL	ϕ	γ
GRANULAR 'A'	35°	22.0 kN/m^3
GRANULAR 'B'	30°	21.2 kN/m^3

SETTLEMENT CONSIDERATIONS:

Differential settlements for the proposed abutment extensions will be negligible. Therefore the abutment extensions may be rigidly connected to the existing structure, providing the foundation recommendations are followed.

FINAL SLOPE STABILITY:

No stability problems are anticipated for embankments or cuts with slopes of 2:1 or flatter. If steeper slopes are required, please contact this section for recommended slope angles.

FROST PROTECTION:

The minimum cover required for frost protection is 1.2 m.

DE-WATERING:

Since de-watering operations would create a danger of material loss under the existing footings, a tremie concrete design is recommended, which will simplify de-watering operations.

DESIGN DETAILS

Structure

The proposed abutment extensions should be supported on steel H-piles equipped with reinforced tips and driven to bedrock, with pile caps founded at the elevation of the existing footing bases, or at a higher structurally-convenient elevation.

The following design values are recommended for the H-piles:

Working Stress Design Method:

<u>Pile Type</u>	<u>Safe Capacity</u>
310 HP 110	1150 kN per pile
310 HP 79	830 kN per pile


O.H.B.D.C. Method:

	<u>Factored Capacity at U.L.S.</u>	<u>Capacity at S.L.S. Type II</u>
310 HP 110	1600 kN per pile	1150 kN per pile
310 HP 79	1150 kN per pile	830 kN per pile

Since the material under the existing foundations must be protected, the pile cap excavations for the proposed extensions should be enclosed by a sheet-pile cofferdam. The excavations should extend at least to elev. 72 m, but also to depth sufficient to balance the prevailing hydrostatic head by means of tremie concrete.

Approaches
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All soft or loose material beneath the proposed embankment widenings should be removed and replaced with suitable embankment material. The existing Q.E.W. must be protected during construction of the proposed widening, by completing the excavations and embankment construction in sections 5+ m long or by steel sheet where necessary.


SIGNED FOR D.H. DUNDAS

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D.H. Dundas
Foundations Engineer

memorandum



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RE: Preliminary Review
Red Hill Creek Crossing Widening
Hwy. Q.E.W., Dist. 4, Burlington
WP 83-74-19, Site 36-1336-62

This Section has reviewed the submitted preliminary drawings P-1 and P-2.

Our comments are as follows:

- 1) The provisions required to protect the existing footings during construction of the extensions do not appear to have been detailed in this design. Please refer to Pg. 5 (Design Details-Structure) of the Foundation Investigation and Design Report for our recommendations concerning protection of the existing structure during construction. The proposed protection scheme should be submitted to this Section for our review.
- 2) Please refer to Pg. 5 of the Foundation Design Report for our recommendations concerning construction of the approach embankments for this widening.
- 3) Piles should be equipped with reinforced and driven to bedrock (est. elev. of bedrock surface = 56 m to 58 m).

If there are any questions, please contact this office.

D. H. Dundas

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Foundations Engineer

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W.P. 83-74-19, Site 36-1336-62
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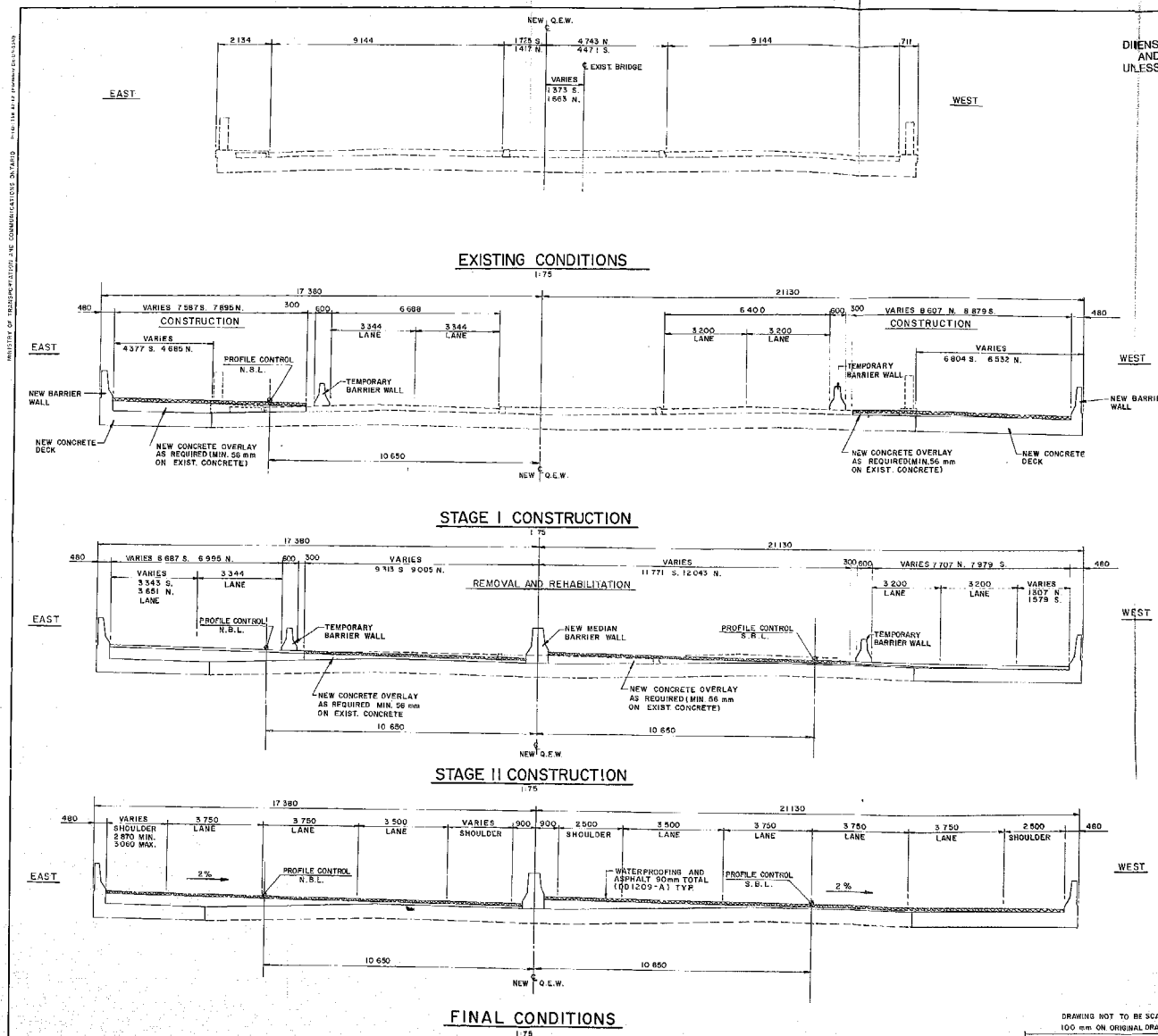
We have reviewed final drawings 36-1336-62-1, 5 and 6 for the above-mentioned project and note that the foundation design appears to conform with recommendations made previously by this Section.

We have informed Mr. M. Sherlock of Gregg and Edens Ltd. by telephone of an error in the pile type designation on drawings 1 and 5. Drawing 1 specifies HP 310 x 110 piles whereas drawing 5 calls for HP 310 x 79. We also informed Mr. Sherlock that the note regarding the piles on drawing 1 is incomplete.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "K.G. Selby".

K.G. Selby, P. Eng.
Chief Foundations Engineer
(West)

KGS/mmj



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DRAWING	S.S.	CHECK B.D.	SITE No. 36-1336-62
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