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FOUNDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT  
FOR  
HIGH MAST LIGHT FOUNDATIONS  
WELLINGTON STREET AND  
LANCASTER STREET INTERCHANGES  
HIGHWAY 86  
- KITCHENER, ONTARIO

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## **INTRODUCTION**

This report summarizes the results of the foundation investigation conducted for installation of six High Mast Light (HML) poles at the Wellington Street interchange and two HML poles at the Lancaster Street ramps along Highway 86 in Kitchener, Ontario. The study was carried out at the request of Morrison Hershfield Limited.

The purpose of this investigation was to define the subsurface soil and groundwater conditions at the pole locations and based on this information, to provide geotechnical parameters for design of the HML pole foundations.

## **SITE DESCRIPTION**

The proposed pole locations are situated within the existing ramps at the Wellington and Lancaster Street interchanges along Highway 86 in Kitchener, Ontario.

The area lies within the Waterloo Sand Hills physiographic region of Southern Ontario and comprises rolling hills and ridges formed during Wisconsin glaciation. In general, the overburden consists of outwash sand and sand and gravel overlying glacial tills. Undrained depressions (kettles) formed in the overburden during glaciation are typically infilled with organic deposits and seasonal water. (L.J. Chapman and D.F. Putnam, The Physiography of Southern Ontario, 3rd Edition, Ontario Research Foundation, 1984).

## **INVESTIGATION PROCEDURES**

The fieldwork was carried out on August 30 and September 11, 2000 and comprised one borehole drilled to 8.1 m depth at each of the eight proposed pole locations. The locations of the boreholes are shown on Drawing 1, appended.

The locations of and elevation at the boreholes were established in the field by Peto MacCallum Ltd. The following temporary benchmarks (T.B.M.) were used for vertical reference:

T.B.M.: Top of bridge curb at northeast corner of westbound Wellington Street structure over Highway 86 (from spot elevation shown on plan provided by Morrison Hershfield Limited).

Elevation: 324.3 (metric)

B.M. Regional Municipality of Waterloo benchmark Ki-182-RMW-192-3. Tablet set in east face of bridge carrying Lancaster Street West over Highway 86.

Elevation: 327.26 (metric)

The boreholes were advanced using continuous flight solid stem augers, powered by truck-mounted CME-55 and track-mounted CME-75 drillrigs, supplied and operated by a specialist drilling contractor, working under the full-time supervision of a member of our engineering staff.

Representative samples of the overburden were recovered at frequent depth intervals using a conventional split spoon sampler during drilling. Standard penetration tests were conducted simultaneously with the sampling operation to assess the strength characteristics of the substrata.

The groundwater conditions in the boreholes were closely monitored during the course of the fieldwork. A piezometer was installed in borehole 107 to monitor water levels. The water level in the piezometer was measured on September 29, 2000.

All of the recovered samples were returned to our laboratory for detailed visual examination, classification and routine moisture content determinations. Grain size distribution analyses and Atterberg Limit tests were carried out on selected samples.

#### **SUMMARIZED SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

Reference is made to the appended Log of Borehole sheets for details of the subsurface conditions including soil classifications, inferred stratigraphy, standard penetration test "N" values, groundwater observations, and the results of laboratory grain size distribution analyses and moisture content determinations.

The subsurface stratigraphy revealed in the boreholes generally comprised a surficial topsoil layer overlying discontinuous sand, sand and gravel, silt or clay layers, underlain by silty clay to silty sand till. Fill was revealed at one location. The strata encountered are summarized below:

#### Fill

Fill was identified surficially in borehole 106. The fill consisted of 200 mm of sandy silt topsoil over 250 mm of loose sand. All or a portion of the clayey silt topsoil revealed below the sand layer at this location may also be a fill. The topsoil/fill was penetrated at 1.2 m depth.

#### Topsoil

Topsoil was encountered as a fill in borehole 106 and as a surficial layer in the remaining boreholes. The surficial topsoil layer was typically 200 to 250 mm thick, locally 100 mm in borehole 104. The topsoil generally consisted of silty sand to sandy silt, becoming a clayey silt in borehole 108.

#### Discontinuous Layers of Sand, Silt and Clay

The topsoil was underlain by discontinuous layers of sand, silt and clay. The sand predominated and was encountered in each of the boreholes drilled at Wellington Street. The sand/silt layers were typically compact to dense, locally loose and possibly a fill to 2.6 m depth in borehole 105. Isolated cohesive layers encountered in boreholes 102 and 108 were stiff to very stiff.

The results of a grain size distribution analysis conducted on a sample of the sand are presented on Figure 1. Moisture contents ranged from 3 to 14% in the sand, 12 to 19% in the silt, and 22% in the clay.

The upper layers were penetrated at depths of 0.8 to 3.1 m.

#### Sand and Gravel

Very dense sand and gravel was encountered below the upper silt/sand layers in borehole 102 at 2.2 m depth. The sand and gravel layer was 0.5 m thick and was penetrated at 2.7 m depth.

A very dense layer of sand and gravel was contacted between depths of 2.2 to 2.6 m in borehole 108.

Moisture contents of about 3% were measured in the sand and gravel.

### Till

A major till deposit was encountered at depths of 0.8 to 3.1 m in all boreholes. In general the till consisted of cohesive clayey silt/silty clay with zones/layers grading to cohesionless sandy silt and silty sand. The consistency of the till was typically very stiff, ranging from stiff/compact to hard/very dense. Moisture contents varied from 8 to 27% and were typically 12 to 22%.

Hard clayey silt was contacted at 7.5 m depth in borehole 102. This stratum likely comprises the till deposit as well.

The results of the grain size distribution analyses conducted on the till are presented on Figures 2 and 3. The Atterberg Limits determined from selected cohesive samples of the till are plotted on the Plasticity Chart, Figure 4. For three samples, the liquid limit ranged from 18 to 23 and the plastic limit from 11 to 14, indicating a low plastic soil. Liquid limits of 38 and 45, and plastic limits of 19 and 20 determined on two other samples indicate a medium plastic clay.

The boreholes were terminated in the till at 8.1 m depth.

### Groundwater

Caving of wet borehole sidewalls and/or wetness of the sampler was observed during or upon completion of drilling in boreholes 101, 102, 106 and 107 at depths of 1.5 to 6.1 m. Upon completion of augering, free water was measured at depths of 2.4 and 3.2 m in boreholes 106 and 107, respectively.

Free water was not observed in boreholes 103, 104, 105 and 108 during the course of the fieldwork. The sidewalls of borehole 103 caved at 7.5 m depth upon completion.

On September 29, 2000, free water was detected at a depth of 0.7 m in the piezometer installed in borehole 107. However, this water level has likely been influenced by surface water infiltration into the borehole.

Observed groundwater levels are subject to seasonal variations and rainfall patterns.

### CLOSURE

The fieldwork was carried out under the supervision of Ms. D. Jotham and direction of Mr. G. Mitchell, P.Eng. The equipment was supplied by Geo-Environmental Drilling Inc.

The report was prepared by Mr. M.R. Anderson, P.Eng., Senior Engineer and reviewed by Mr. G. Mitchell, P.Eng., Manager of Geotechnical Engineering, Kitchener.



Yours very truly

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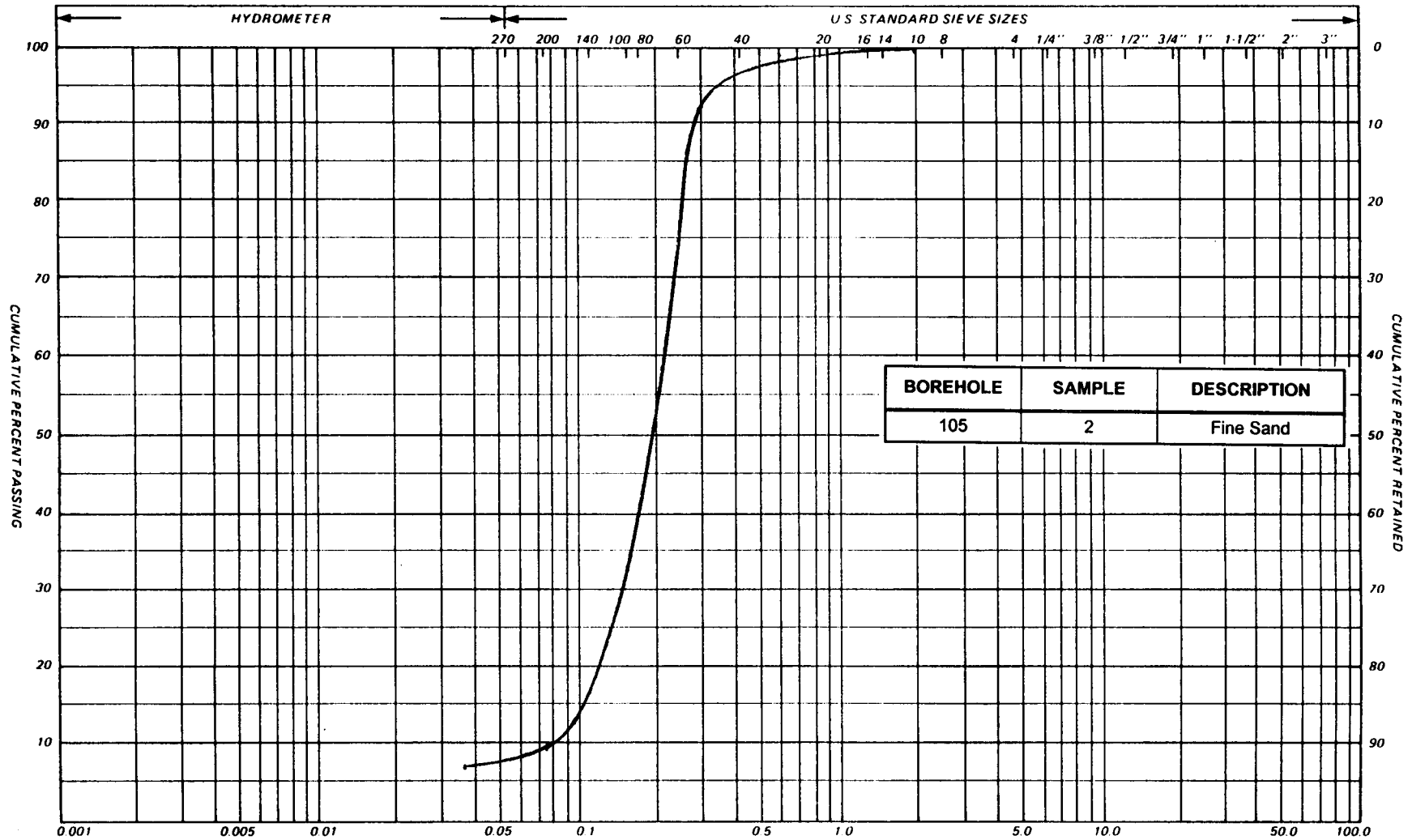


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# PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION CHART

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FIGURE NO. 1



BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	DESCRIPTION
105	2	Fine Sand

SILT & CLAY				GRAIN SIZE IN MILLIMETERS			UNIFIED	
				FINE	MEDIUM SAND	COARSE		
CLAY	FINE	MEDIUM SILT	COARSE	FINE	MEDIUM SAND	COARSE	GRAVEL	COBBLES
CLAY	SILT			V. FINE	FINE	MED. COARSE	GRAVEL	

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

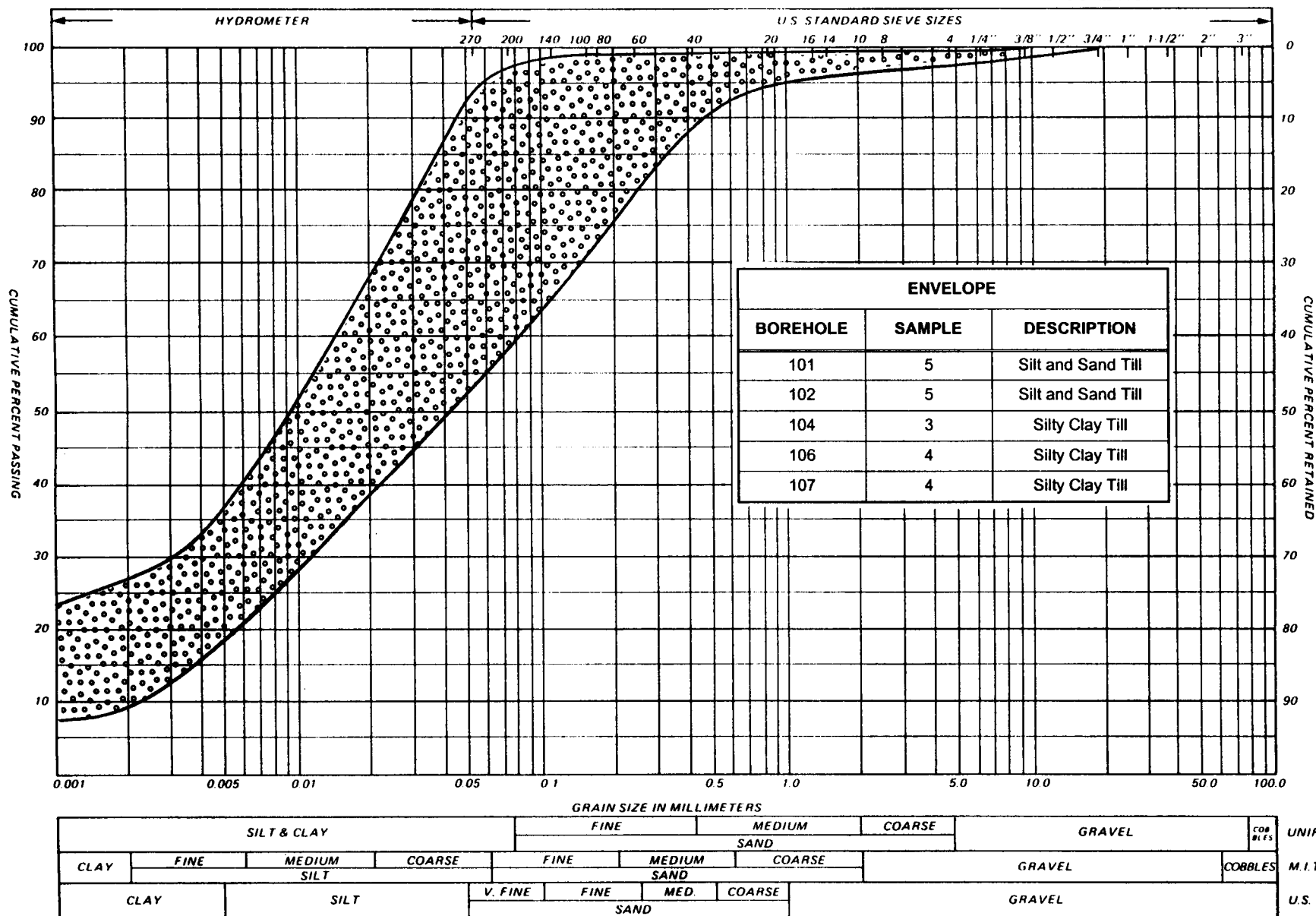
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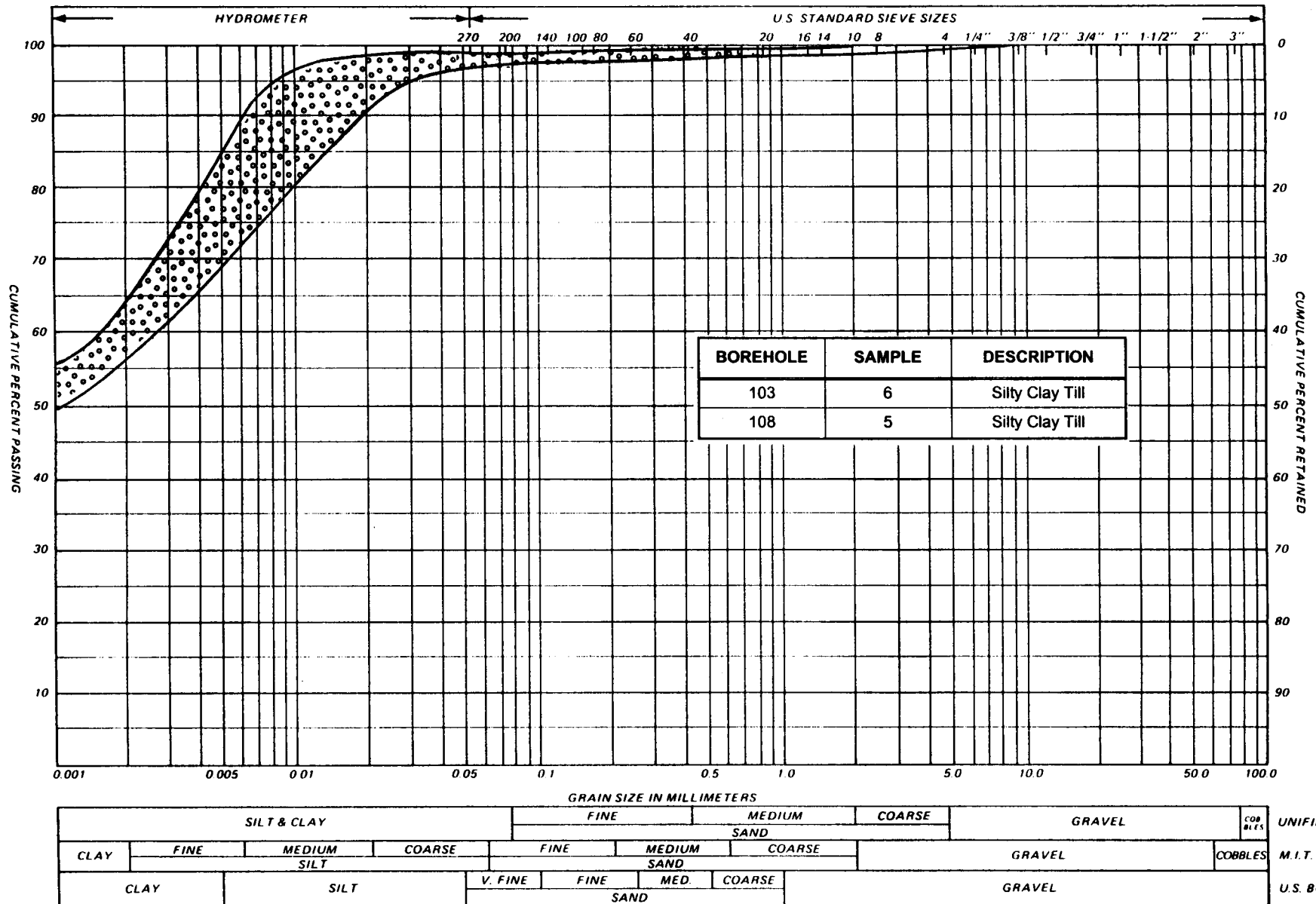
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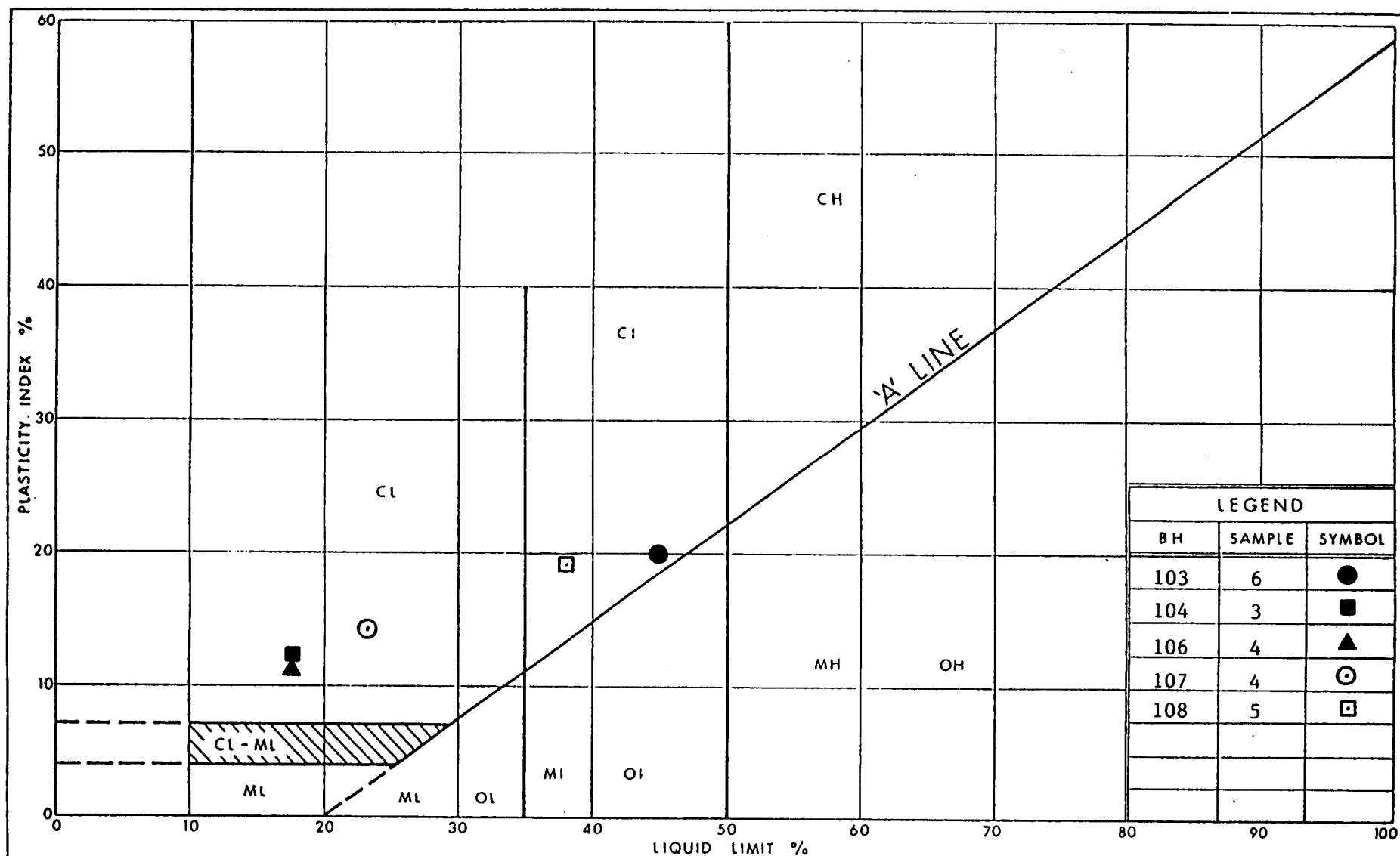
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FIGURE NO. 2



# PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION CHART

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FIGURE NO. 3





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## PLASTICITY CHART

FIG No 4

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

PENETRATION RESISTANCE

STANDARD PENETRATION RESISTANCE 'N', - THE NUMBER OF BLOWS REQUIRED TO ADVANCE A STANDARD SPLIT SPOON SAMPLER 0.3m INTO THE SUBSOIL. DRIVEN BY MEANS OF A 63.5kg HAMMER FALLING FREELY A DISTANCE OF 0.76m.

DYNAMIC PENETRATION RESISTANCE: - THE NUMBER OF BLOWS REQUIRED TO ADVANCE A 51mm, 60 DEGREE CONE, FITTED TO THE END OF DRILL RODS. 0.3m INTO THE SUBSOIL. THE DRIVING ENERGY BEING 475J PER BLOW.

DESCRIPTION OF SOIL

THE CONSISTENCY OF COHESIVE SOILS AND THE RELATIVE DENSITY OR DENSENESS OF COHESIONLESS SOILS ARE DESCRIBED IN THE FOLLOWING TERMS:-

<u>CONSISTENCY</u>	<u>'N' BLOWS/0.3m</u>	<u>c kPa</u>	<u>DENSENESS</u>	<u>'N' BLOWS/0.3m</u>
VERY SOFT	0 - 2	0 - 12	VERY LOOSE	0 - 4
SOFT	2 - 4	12 - 25	LOOSE	4 - 10
FIRM	4 - 8	25 - 50	COMPACT	10 - 30
STIFF	8 - 15	50 - 100	DENSE	30 - 50
VERY STIFF	15 - 30	100 - 200	VERY DENSE	> 50
HARD	> 30	> 200		
W.T.P.L. WETTER THAN PLASTIC LIMIT			D.T.P.L. DRIER THAN PLASTIC LIMIT	
		A.P.L. ABOUT PLASTIC LIMIT		

TYPE OF SAMPLE

S.S. SPLIT SPOON	T.W. THINWALL OPEN
W.S. WASHED SAMPLE	T.P. THINWALL PISTON
S.B. SCRAPER BUCKET SAMPLE	O.S. OESTERBERG SAMPLE
A.S. AUGER SAMPLE	F.S. FOIL SAMPLE
C.S. CHUNK SAMPLE	R.C. ROCK CORE
S.T. SLOTTED TUBE SAMPLE	
P.H. SAMPLE ADVANCED HYDRAULICALLY	
P.M. SAMPLE ADVANCED MANUALLY	

SOIL TESTS

Qu UNCONFINED COMPRESSION	L.V. LABORATORY VANE
Q UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL	F.V. FIELD VANE
Qcu CONSOLIDATED UNDRAINED TRIAXIAL	C CONSOLIDATION
Qd DRAINED TRIAXIAL	



# memorandum

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Date: November 23, 2000

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**Re:** **Highway 86 Underpasses at  
Wellington Street and Lancaster Street  
Kitchener  
High Mast Light Foundations  
Review of Foundation Investigation and Design Report**

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We have reviewed the Foundation Investigation Report for the above project prepared by PetoMacCallum Ltd. and dated October 2000. The report was reviewed to determine the consultant's performance in providing the deliverables as would be required by MTO for similar consultant's assignments. The accuracy of the subsurface information, the adequacy and technical aspects of the recommendations remain the responsibility of the consultant. The ministry assumes no responsibility or liability for these aspects of the report. These aspects will be reviewed in order to assess the consultant's performance in this assignment upon implementation of the recommendations in the design, and upon review of the performance of the foundations for the completed project.

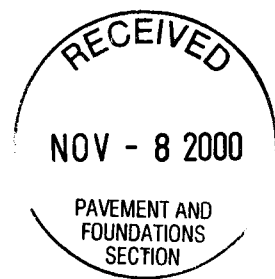
We have no comments with respect to the content of the report, except for the format of the attached Record of Borehole sheets, which does not comply with the MTO standards.

If you have any questions regarding the above review, please contact us.

  
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# MEMORANDUM



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**Re: Foundation Investigation and Design Report, High Mast Light Foundations,  
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Attached is the Foundation Investigation and Design Report for the above noted project for your review and files. If you have any comments regarding the proposed design, please forward them to my attention by November 20, 2000.

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**LOG OF BOREHOLE NO. 101**

PROJECT HIGH MAST LIGHT POLES

LOCATION Wellington Ramps at Highway 86

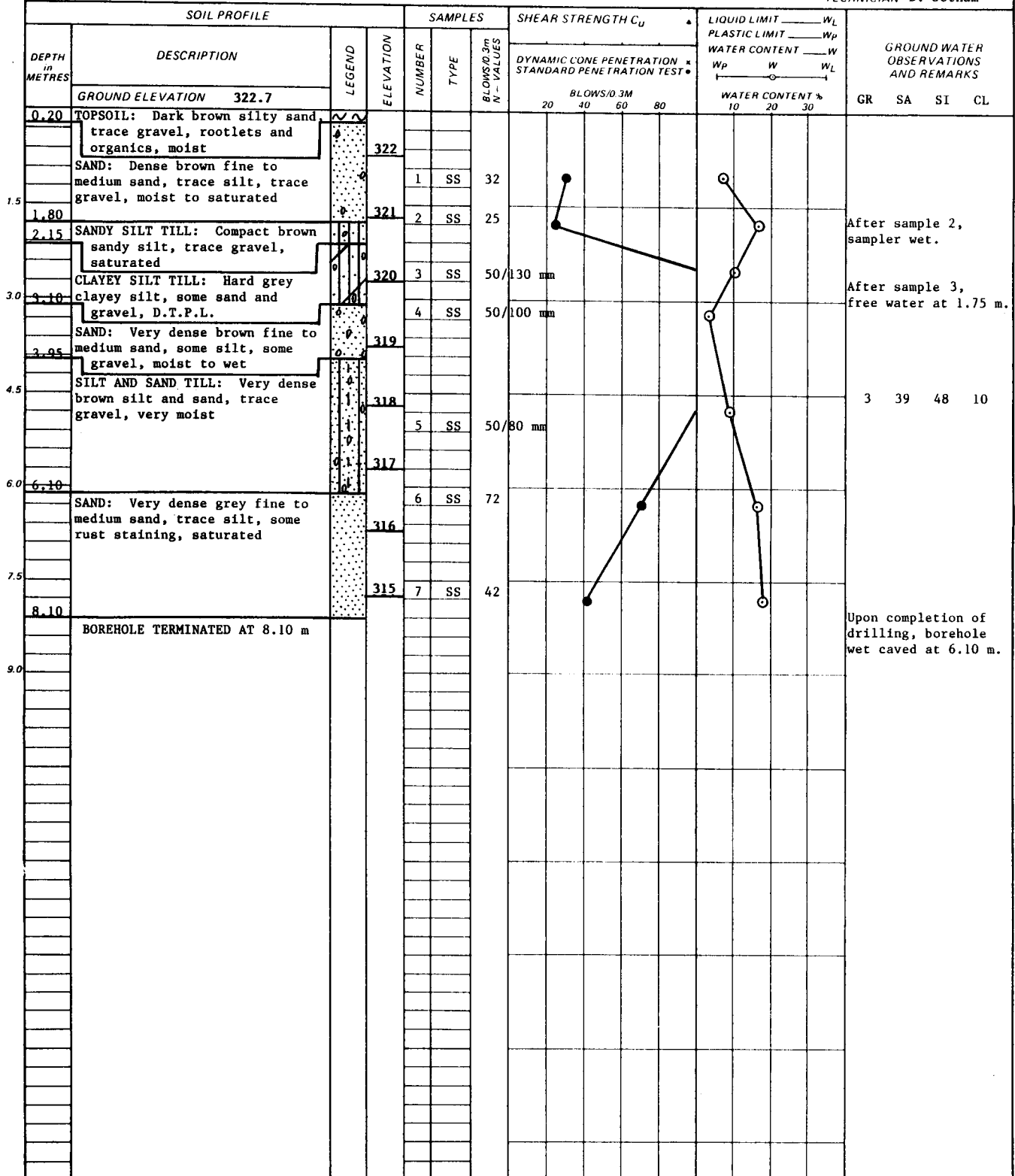
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**LOG OF BOREHOLE NO. 102**

PROJECT HIGH MAST LIGHT POLES

LOCATION Wellington Street Ramps at Highway 86

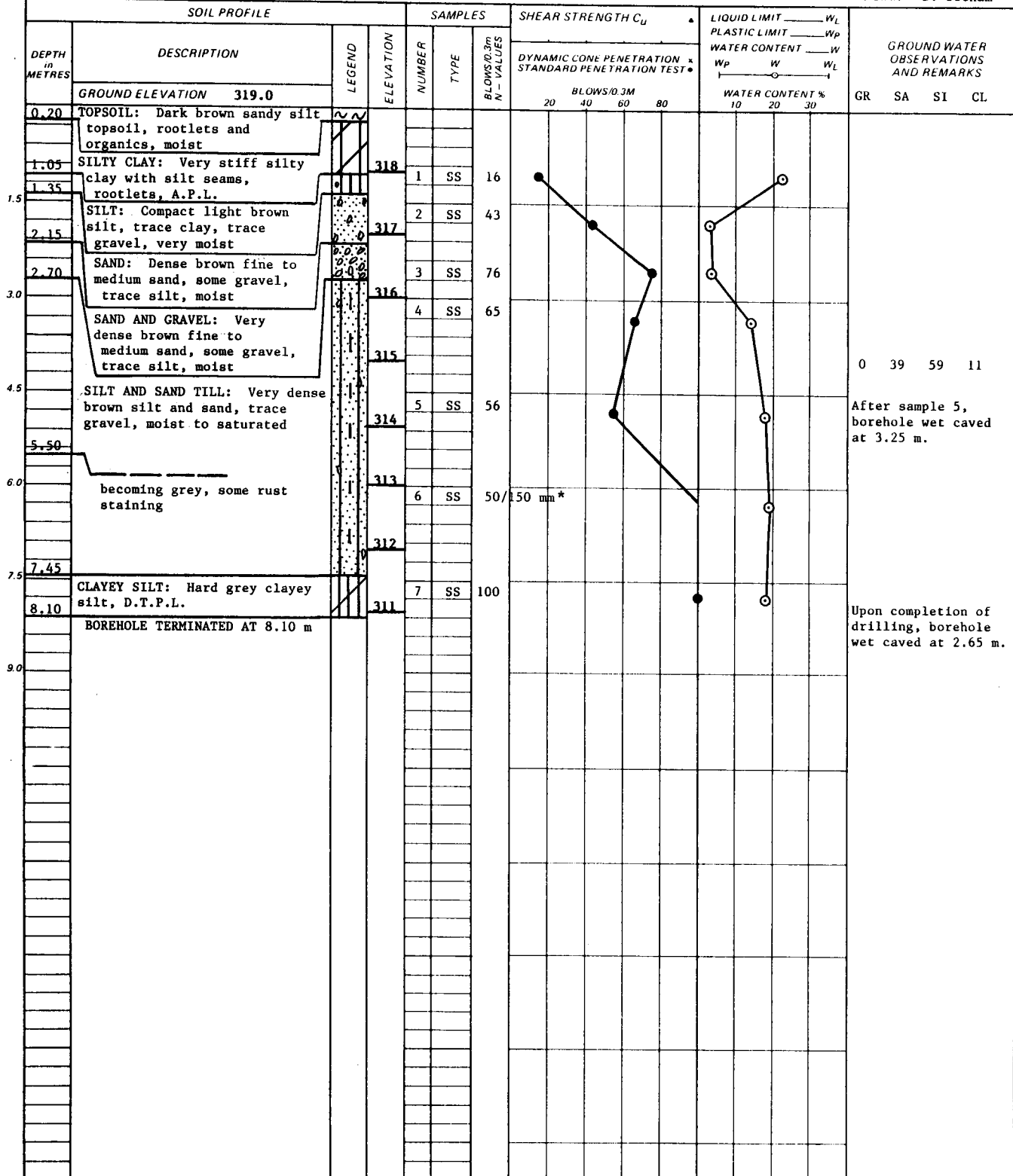
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**LOG OF BOREHOLE NO. 103**

PROJECT HIGH MAST LIGHT POLES

LOCATION Wellington Ramps at Highway 86

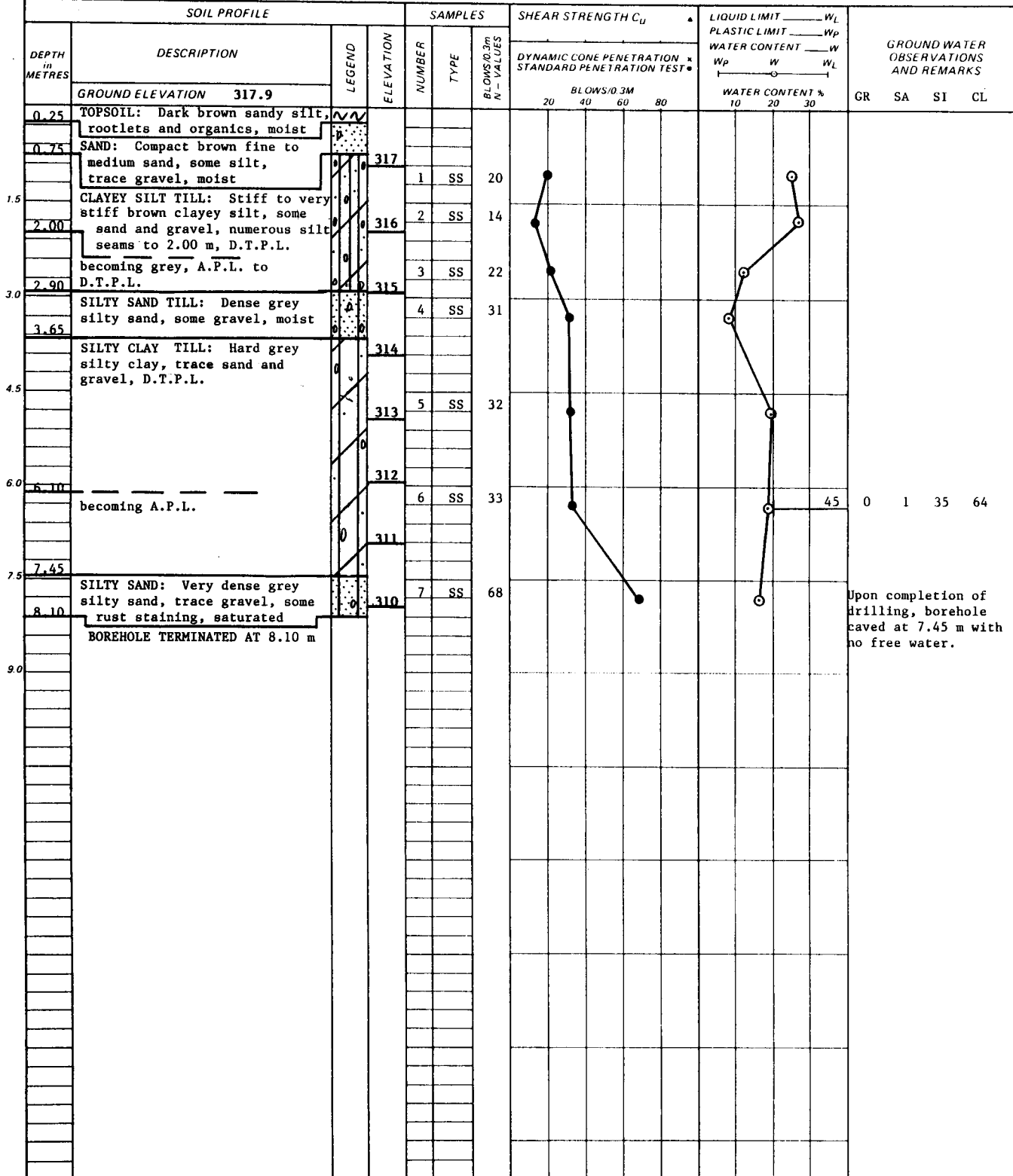
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**LOG OF BOREHOLE NO. 104**

PROJECT HIGH MAST LIGHT POLES

LOCATION Wellington Ramps at Highway 86

BORING METHOD Continuous Flight Solid Stem Augers

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SOIL PROFILE				SAMPLES		SHEAR STRENGTH $C_u$		LIQUID LIMIT $W_L$		PLASTIC LIMIT $W_P$		WATER CONTENT $W$		GROUND WATER OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS
DEPTH IN METRES	DESCRIPTION	LEGEND	ELEVATION	NUMBER	TYPE	BLOWS/0.3M N-VALUES	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION * STANDARD PENETRATION TEST *	Wp	W	WL	Wp	W	WL	
0.10	GROUND ELEVATION 321.5													GR SA SI CL
0.10	TOPSOIL: Dark brown sandy silt, rootlets and organics, moist		321											
0.85	SAND: Compact reddish brown to brown fine to medium sand, trace silt, moist			1	SS	12								
1.50	SILT: Compact light brown silt, trace sand and clay, moist		320	2	SS	12								
3.0	SILTY CLAY TILL: Stiff to very stiff grey silty clay, some sand and gravel, occasional wet sand seams, A.P.L. to D.T.P.L.		319	3	SS	24								2 20 54 24
			318	4	SS	21								
			317											
			316	5	SS	26								
			315	6	SS	26								
			314	7	SS	20								
7.60	becoming A.P.L.													
8.10	BOREHOLE TERMINATED AT 8.10 m													Upon completion of drilling, borehole open with no free water.

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**LOG OF BOREHOLE NO. 105**

PROJECT HIGH MAST LIGHT POLES

LOCATION Wellington Ramps at Highway 86

BORING METHOD Continuous Flight Solid Stem Augers

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SOIL PROFILE				SAMPLES			SHEAR STRENGTH $C_u$		LIQUID LIMIT $W_L$			GROUND WATER OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS			
DEPTH in METRES	DESCRIPTION	LEGEND	ELEVATION	NUMBER	TYPE	BLOWS/0.3m N - VALUES	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION * STANDARD PENETRATION TEST •	PLASTIC LIMIT $W_p$	WATER CONTENT $W$	WATER CONTENT %					
											BLOWS/0.3M		Wp	W	WL
GROUND ELEVATION 323.3											GR	SA	SI	CL	
0.20	TOPSOIL: Dark brown sandy silt, rootlets and organics, moist		323												
	SAND: Loose reddish brown fine to medium sand, trace silt, moist (Possible Fill)		322	1	SS	4									
			321	2	SS	1									
2.60	becoming compact, light brown		320	3	SS	17									
3.05	SILT TILL: Compact light brown silt, little sand and gravel, very moist		319	4	SS	16									
			318	5	SS	23									
4.55	CLAYEY SILT TILL: Very stiff grey clayey silt, some sand and gravel, D.T.P.L.		317	6	SS	27									
			316	7	SS	23									
7.60	occasional silt seams														
8.10	BOREHOLE TERMINATED AT 8.10 m														Upon completion of drilling, borehole open with no free water.
9.0															

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## LOG OF BOREHOLE NO. 106

PROJECT HIGH MAST LIGHT POLES

LOCATION Wellington Ramps at Highway 86

BORING METHOD Continuous Flight Solid Stem Augers

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SOIL PROFILE				SAMPLES		SHEAR STRENGTH $C_u$		LIQUID LIMIT $W_L$			GROUND WATER OBSERVATIONS AND REMARKS							
DEPTH in METRES	DESCRIPTION	LEGEND	ELEVATION	NUMBER	TYPE	BLOWS/0.3m N - VALUES	DYNAMIC CONE PENETRATION * STANDARD PENETRATION TEST *	PLASTIC LIMIT $W_p$										
								WATER CONTENT $W$										
								$W_p$	$W$	$W_L$								
GROUND ELEVATION 322.9								BLOWS/0.3M										
0.20	TOPSOIL: Dark brown sandy silt, rootlets and organics, moist							20	40	60	80	10	20	30	GR	SA	SI	CL
0.45	SAND: Loose brown fine to medium sand, some gravel, trace silt, moist (fill)		322	1	SS	7												
1.20	TOPSOIL: Dark brown and black clayey silt, some peat, rootlets and organics, moist		321	2	SS	11												After sample 2, sampler wet.
2.55	SILTY SAND: Compact grey silty sand, trace gravel, some rust staining, very moist to saturated		320	3	SS	11												0 37 43 20
3.05	SAND: Compact brown fine to coarse sand, trace to some gravel, trace silt, saturated		319	4	SS	15												
4.55	SILTY CLAY TILL: Very stiff light brown silty clay, some sand and gravel, A.P.L. to D.T.P.L.		318	5	SS	33												
6.10	becoming grey		317															
7.15	becoming hard		316	6	SS	25												
8.10	SILTY SAND TILL: Very dense grey silty sand, trace gravel, occasional silt seams, saturated		315	7	SS	53												Upon completion of drilling, borehole caved at 4.25 m with free water at 2.45 m.
	BOREHOLE TERMINATED AT 8.10 m																	

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**LOG OF BOREHOLE NO. 107**

PROJECT HIGH MAST LIGHT POLES

LOCATION Lancaster Ramps at Highway 86

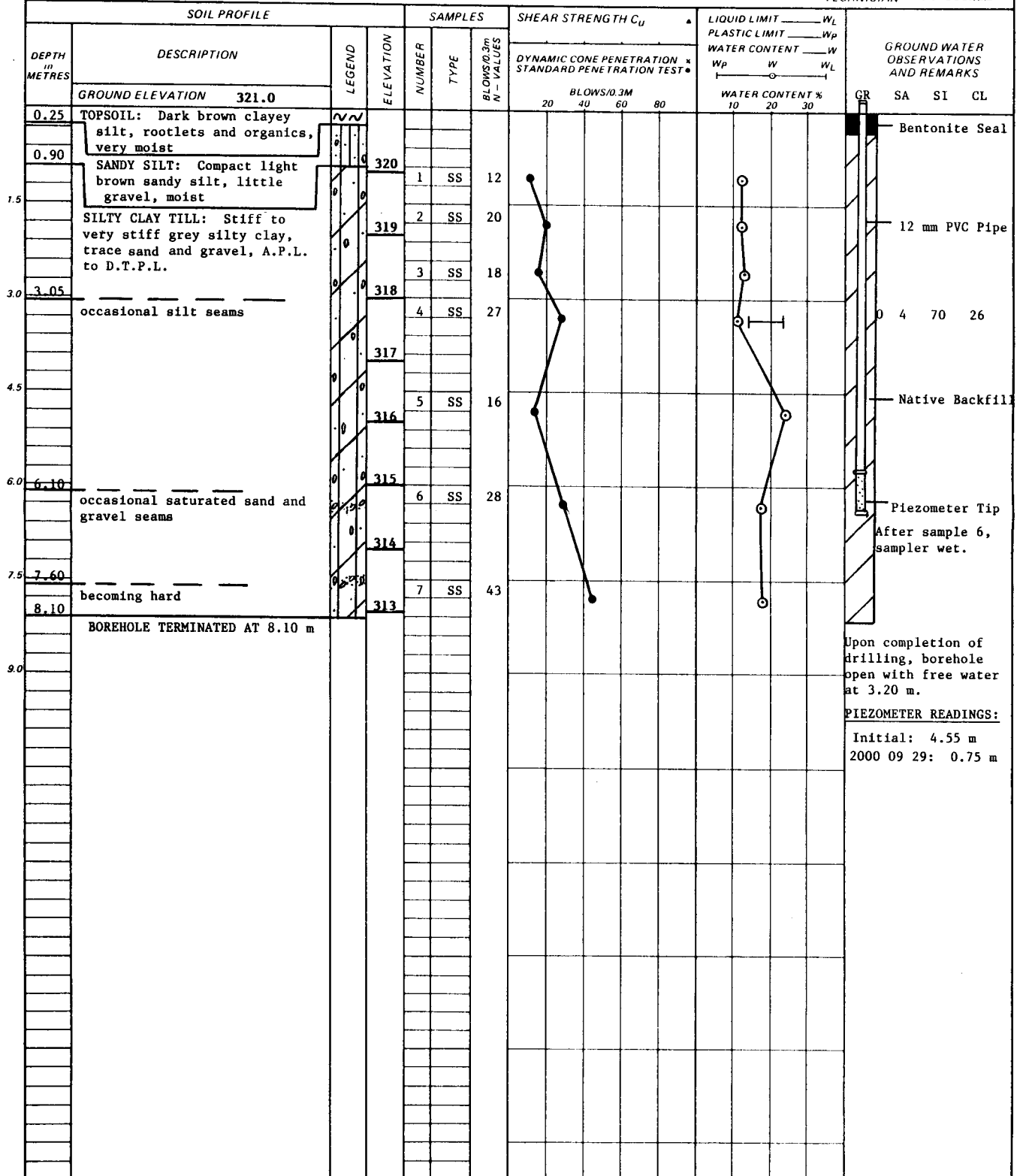
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**LOG OF BOREHOLE NO. 108**

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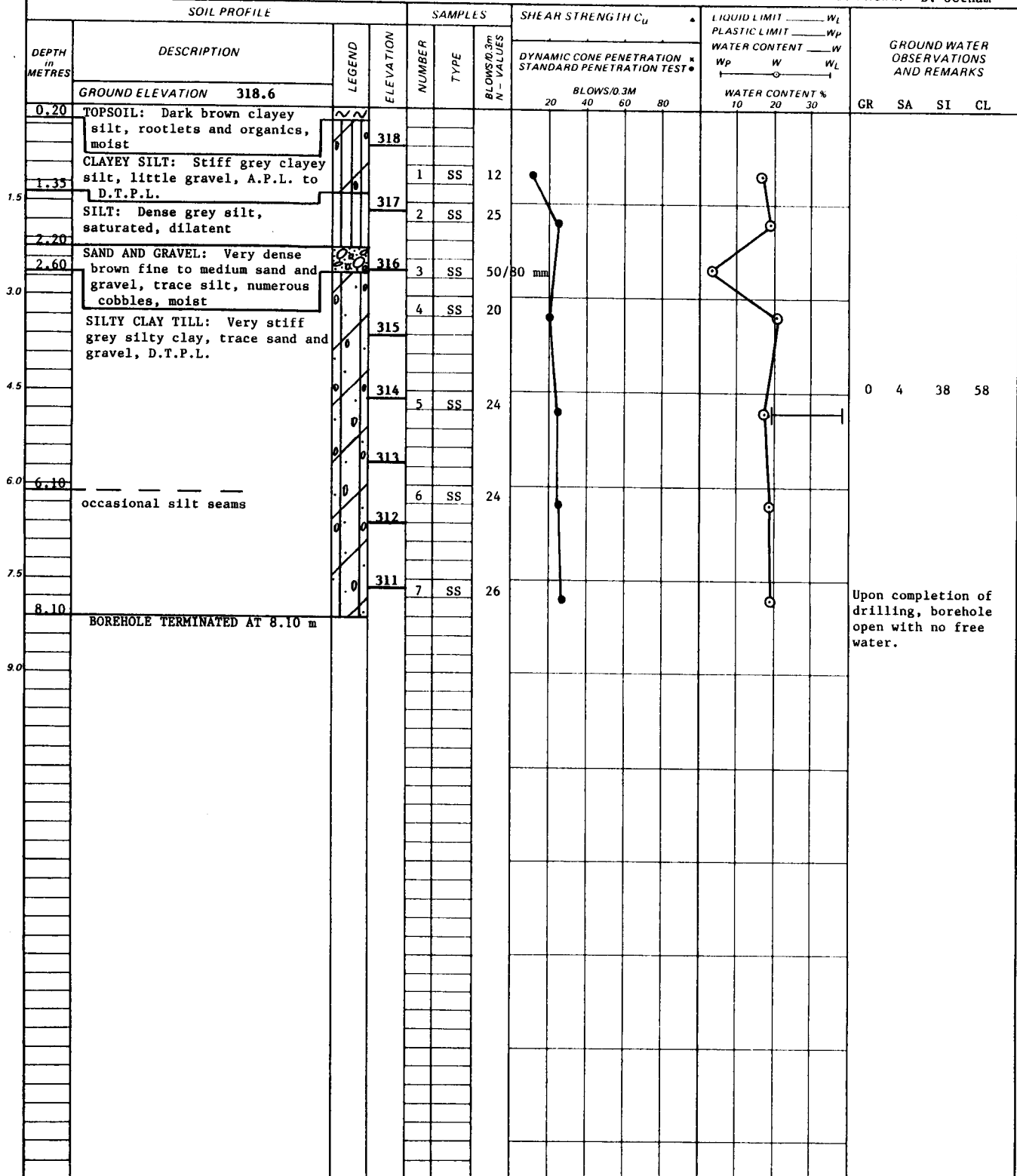
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BOREHOLE



TEMPORARY BENCH MARK NO. 1 (T.B.M. 1): TOP OF BRIDGE CURB AT NORTHWEST CORNER OF WESTBOUND WELLINGTON STREET STRUCTURE OVER HIGHWAY 86, TAKEN FROM DRAWING PROVIDED.

ELEVATION: 324.3 (METRIC, GEODETIC)



TEMPORARY BENCH MARK NO. 2 (T.B.M. 2): TOP OF BRIDGE CURB AT NORTHEAST CORNER OF WESTBOUND WELLINGTON STREET STRUCTURE OVER HIGHWAY 86, TAKEN FROM DRAWING PROVIDED.

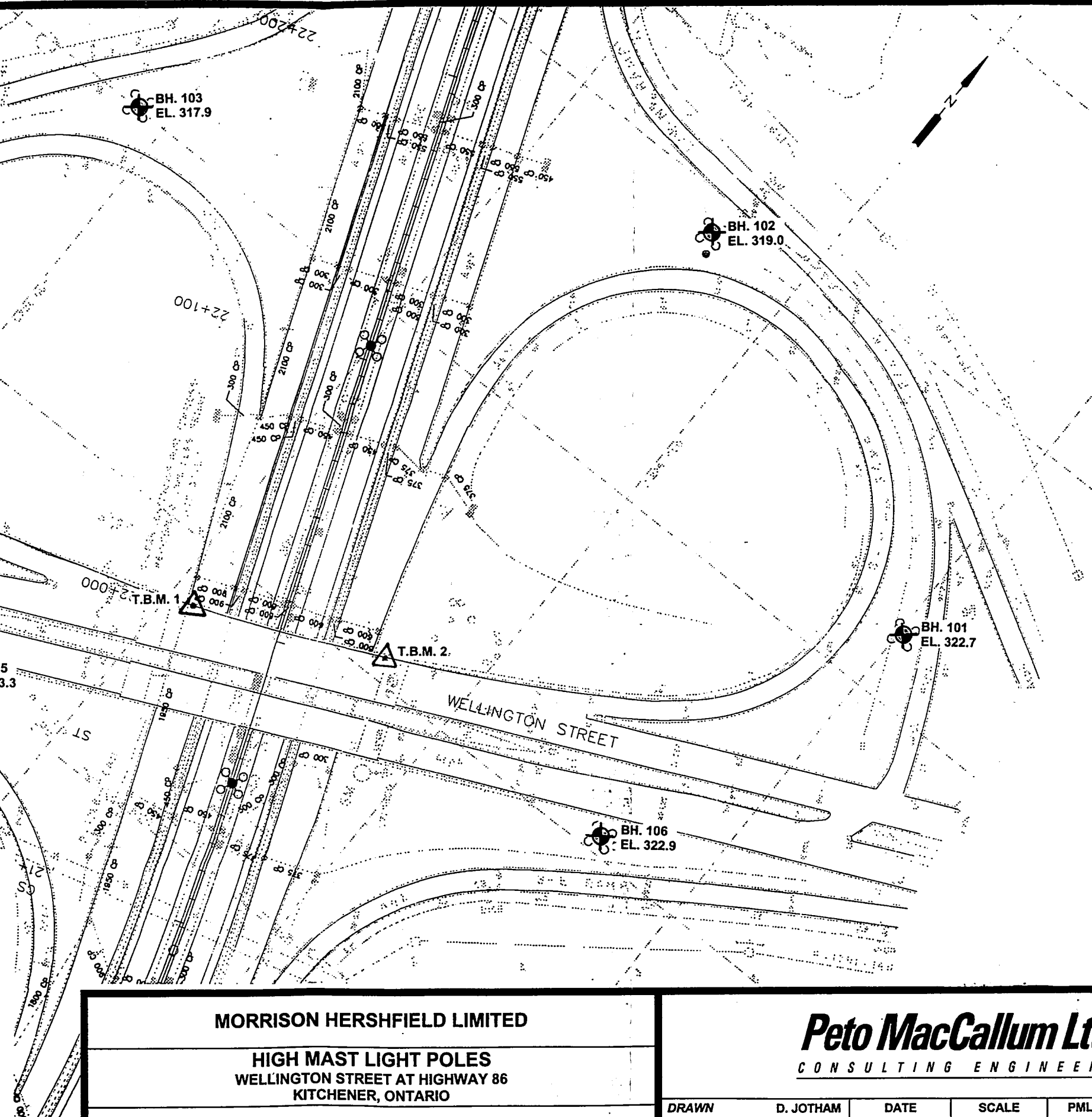
ELEVATION: 323.9 (METRIC, GEODETIC)

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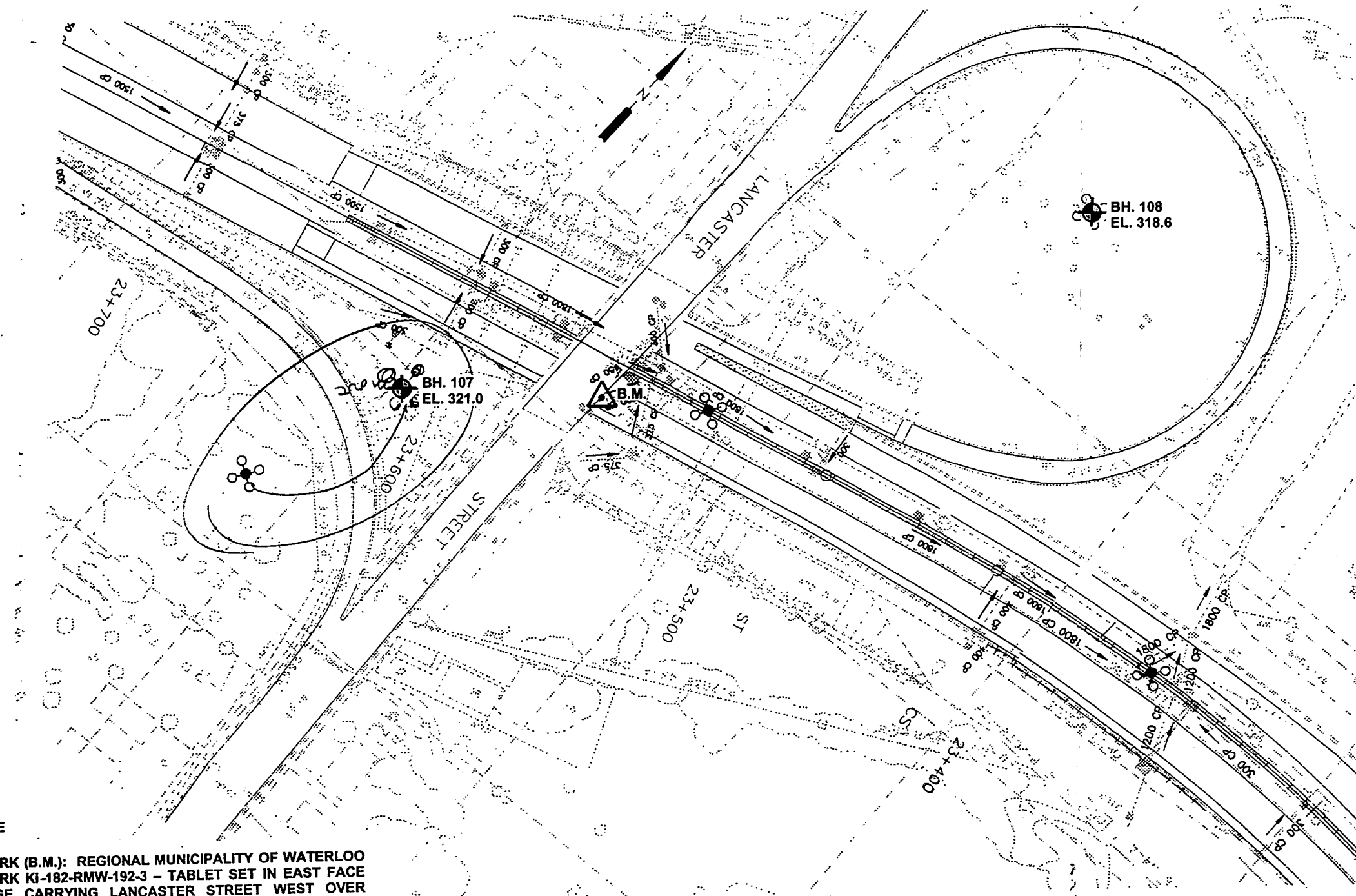
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WELLINGTON STREET AT HIGHWAY 86  
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BOREHOLE PLAN

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BOREHOLE

BENCHMARK (B.M.): REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF WATERLOO  
BENCHMARK KJ-182-RMW-192-3 - TABLET SET IN EAST FACE  
OF BRIDGE CARRYING LANCASTER STREET WEST OVER  
HIGHWAY 86.

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## **INTRODUCTION**

Installation of six High Mast Light (HML) poles at the Wellington Street interchange and two HML poles at the Lancaster Street ramps along Highway 86 in Kitchener, Ontario is planned.

This report provides geotechnical parameters for design of the HML pole foundations as well as comments and recommendations regarding construction of the foundations.

The subsurface stratigraphy revealed in boreholes drilled at the pole locations generally comprised a surficial topsoil layer overlying discontinuous sand, sand and gravel, silt or clay layers, underlain by silt clay to silty sand till. Fill was revealed at one location.

## **ENGINEERING DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

The borehole information indicates that the HML pole foundations will generally extend through a topsoil layer, sand, silt or clay layers, and into silty clay to silty sand till.

Geotechnical parameters governing the design of HML pole foundations are as follows:

### **For Cohesive Soil:**

$q_u$  = unconfined compressive strength (kPa)

### **For Cohesionless Soil:**

$\phi$  = angle of internal friction (degree)

$n_h$  = coefficient of horizontal subgrade reaction (kN/m<sup>3</sup>)

$\gamma$  = unit weight of soil (kN/m<sup>3</sup>); use submerged unit weight below the water table (submerged unit weight equals unit weight minus 9.8 kN/m<sup>3</sup>)

The geotechnical parameters recommended for design of the proposed foundation units are provided on Table I, appended. A design groundwater table level inferred from the borehole observations, soil colouring, and moisture content profile are also provided on Table I.

The caissons should be designed in accordance with the MTO "Procedures for the Design of High Mast Pole Foundations", June 1994. The lateral earth pressure,  $p$ , developed along the length of caisson, may be computed using the equations provided below. A resistance factor of 0.5 should be applied to the computed earth pressure to calculate the ULS resistance.

For Cohesive Soil

$$p = 4.5 q_u D$$

where  $D$  = caisson diameter (m)

\* resistance to a depth of  $1.5 D$  or the frost depth, whichever is greater is to be ignored

For Cohesionless Soil

$$p = 2K_p \gamma z D$$

where  $K_p$  = lateral earth pressure coefficient  
=  $\frac{1 + \sin \phi}{1 - \sin \phi}$  for horizontal ground surface, or  
=  $\left[ \frac{\cos \phi}{1 - \sqrt{\sin \phi (\sin \phi - \cos \phi \tan \beta)}} \right]^2$  for sloping ground surface

$z$  = depth below grade (m)

$\beta$  = slope inclination

\* resistance to frost depth is to be ignored

For HML pole foundations on or near slopes in cohesive soil or fill, use the attached Figure 1 to determine the percentage of calculated lateral resistance.

A frost penetration depth in soil of 1.4 m is recommended for design.

If required, the following soil parameters should be used for design of HML poles constructed in well compacted engineered fill:

Cohesive Fill

$$\begin{aligned} q_u &= 100 \text{ kPa} \\ \gamma &= 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

Non-Cohesive Fill

$$\begin{aligned} \phi &= 30 \text{ degrees} \\ n_h &= 3.0 \text{ MN/m}^3 \\ \gamma &= 18 \text{ kN/m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

The foundations for high mast lighting poles are expected to comprise drilled cast-in place concrete caissons. The manual specifies the minimum caisson diameter as listed in the following table:

Minimum Allowable Foundation Diameters

POLE HEIGHT	DIAMETER
(m)	(m)
25	1.22
30	1.22
35	1.37
40	1.52
45	1.52

These values are the minimum sizes, allowing for the size of the base plate, anchorage and foundation reinforcement. Larger available caisson sizes are 1.83 m and 2.13 m, which should be used only if the smaller sizes are not adequate.

In general, installation of the foundations is expected to be relatively straightforward using conventional augering procedures and sump pumping techniques. Comments regarding potential construction concerns at each borehole location are presented on Table I.

The following potential construction concerns are noted:

- The groundwater level was interpreted to range from 1.7 to 7.4 m depth in boreholes 101, 102, 103, 106 and 107. Free water was not observed in boreholes 104, 105 and 108 during drilling. Considering the relatively low permeability of the predominant clayey silt / silty clay till as well as the typically very dense nature of the non-cohesive soils, pumping should be adequate to handle seepage which enters the excavation, subject to subsequent comments regarding cave.
- Cave of the sidewalls of boreholes 101, 102, 103 and 106 was observed at depths of 2.7 to 7.4 m. A suitable caisson liner should be available on-site to support the sidewalls of the auger hole where required and minimize the potential for sloughing and groundwater inflow.
- Cobbles were encountered in the sand and gravel layer revealed in borehole 108. The rate of auger advance may decrease or rock coring methods may be required if numerous or large cobbles are encountered during foundation installation at this and other locations.

All foundation excavation operations should be observed by qualified geotechnical personnel to verify that soil conditions at the pole locations are consistent with the recommended parameters and ensure that the geotechnical requirements presented in this report are properly implemented.

All work should be carried out in accordance with the Occupational Health and Safety Act (Ontario Regulation 213/91) and with local regulations.

**CLOSURE**

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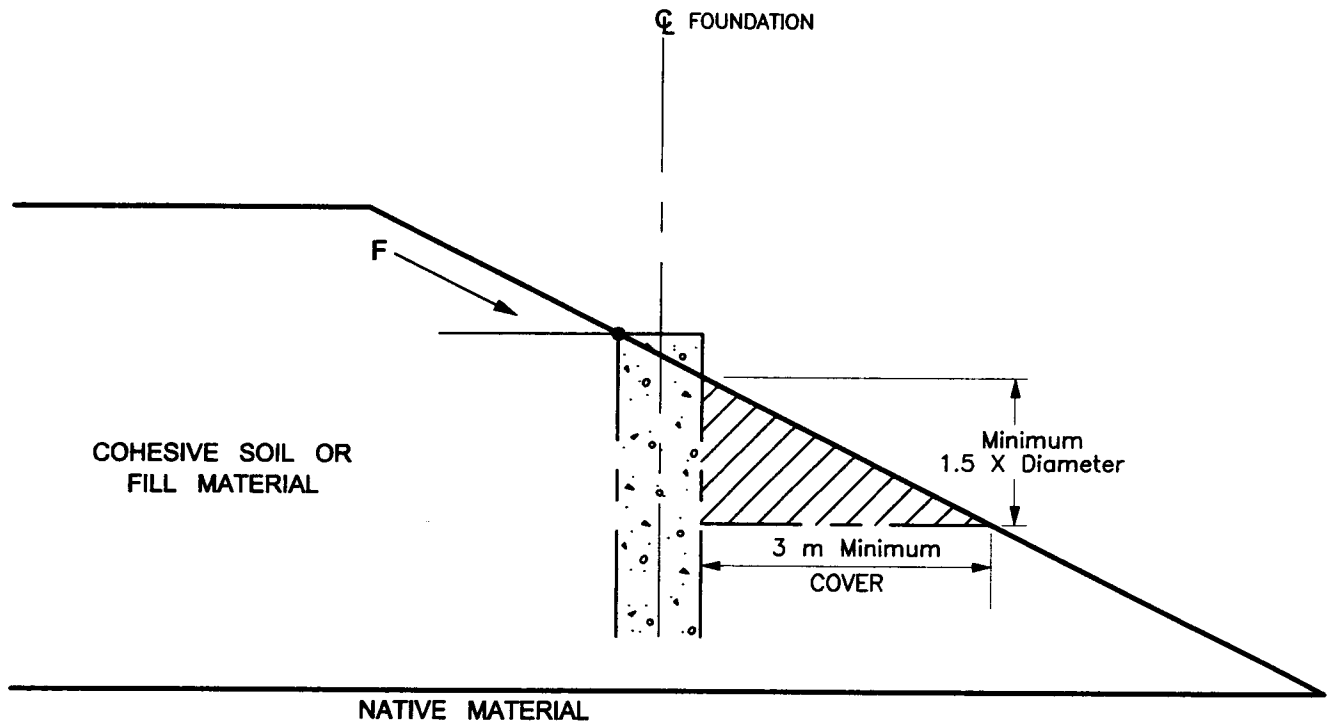
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**TABLE I**  
**SUMMARY OF GEOTECHNICAL CONDITIONS AND DESIGN PARAMETERS**  
HIGH MAST LIGHT FOUNDATIONS  
WELLINGTON STREET AND LANCASTER STREET INTERCHANGES  
HIGHWAY 86  
KITCHENER, ONTARIO

Pole No.	BOREHOLE		SUMMARIZED STRATIGRAPHY							Design Water table Level (m)	Comments
	No.	Elevation	Depth (m)	Soil Type	Consistency or Denseness	q <sub>u</sub> (kPa)	φ°	n <sub>h</sub> (MN/m <sup>3</sup> )	γ (kN/m <sup>3</sup> )		
P13	101	322.7	0.2 – 2.2 2.2 – 3.1 3.1 – 8.1	Non Cohesive Sand/Till Cohesive Silt Till Non Cohesive Sand/Till	Compact to Dense Hard V. Dense	- 400 -	35 - 38	6 - 10	21 21 21	1.7	Potential for cave in augerhole.
P12	102	319.0	0.2 – 1.4 1.4 – 8.1	Cohesive Clay/Silt Non Cohesive Sand/Till	V. Stiff/Compact V. Dense	200 -	- 38	- 10	20 21	3.3	Potential for cave in augerhole.
P10	103	317.9	0.3 – 2.9 2.9 – 8.1	Cohesive Silt Till Cohesive Clay Till	Stiff to V. Stiff Hard	200 400	- -	- -	20 21	3.5	-
P8	104	321.5	0.1 – 1.5 1.5 – 8.1	Non Cohesive Sand/Silt Cohesive Clay Till	Compact V. Stiff	- 300	30 -	3 -	20 21	3.0	-
P7	105	323.3	0.2 – 2.6 2.6 – 4.6 4.6 – 8.1	Non Cohesive Sand Non Cohesive Sand/Silt Till Cohesive Silt Till	Loose Compact V. Stiff	- - 300	28 32 -	1.5 5 -	19 20 20	4.0	Potential for cave in upper loose sand.
P11	106	322.9	1.2 – 2.6 2.6 – 4.6 4.6 – 7.2 7.2 – 8.1	Non Cohesive Sand Cohesive Clay Till Cohesive Clay Till Non Cohesive Sand Till	Compact V. Stiff Hard V Dense	- 200 350 -	32 - - 38	3 - - 10	20 20 21 21	1.9	Potential for cave in augerhole.
-	107	321.0	0.3 – 0.9 0.9 – 8.1	Non Cohesive Silt Cohesive Clay Till	Compact V. Stiff	- 250	30 -	3 -	20 20	3.0	Potential for cave in augerhole.
P23	108	318.6	0.2 – 1.4 1.4 – 2.6 2.6 – 8.1	Cohesive Silt Non Cohesive Silt to Gravel Cohesive Clay Till	Stiff Dense to V. Dense V. Stiff	150 - 300	- 35 -	- 10 -	20 21 20	3.0	Cobbles in sand and gravel layer.



## HIGH MAST POLE FOUNDATION ON SLOPE



### LEGEND

F      ADDITIONAL EARTH PRESSURE  
         FROM SLOPING SURFACE



ASSUME NO PASSIVE RESISTANCE  
DEVELOPED IN THIS ZONE

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