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**Attachments**

- Figure 1 – Site and Test Hole Location Plan
- Modified Unified Classification System for Soils
- Stratigraphic Test Hole Logs (2)

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

ENG-TECH Consulting Limited (ENG-TECH) completed the requested geotechnical investigation for the proposed comfort station for the bus loop on Corydon Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba as shown in Figure 1. ENG-TECH understands that proposed single storey building without a basement or crawlspace will be 15.6 square meters in plan and is to replace the existing comfort station. ENG-TECH was informed the preferred foundation to support the building would be a thickened edge slab. The purpose of the investigation was to assess the soil conditions within or close to the footprint of the proposed comfort station in order to determine if a thickened edge slab foundation would be suitable, and provide design recommendations for the foundation, drainage and concrete durability.

### **1.1 Scope of Work**

ENG-TECH completed the following scope of work:

- Clearance of public underground utilities.
- A test hole drilling and soil sampling program.
- A laboratory testing program.
- Survey of test hole UTM coordinates.
- An assessment and engineering report outlining the investigation and recommendations as outlined above.

## **2.0 TEST HOLE DRILLING, SOIL SAMPLING and LABORATORY TESTING**

ENG-TECH drilled two (2) test holes (TH1 and TH2) on October 25, 2013 at the locations shown on Figure 1. The test holes were drilled using a 75 mm diameter hand auger, and then backfilled with the auger cuttings and granular fill upon completion of drilling. TH1 was advanced to auger refusal at 0.8 m below existing grade, while TH2 was advanced to 1.5 m below existing grade.

The soil stratigraphy was visually classified at the time of drilling using the modified Unified Soil Classification System (USCS). Soil samples were collected off the auger at regular intervals and retained for testing in ENG-TECH's Winnipeg laboratory.

Moisture contents were determined on all soil samples collected (5), while one (1) atterberg limit test was completed on a selected sample. The results are shown on the test hole summary logs.

### **3.0 STRATIGRAPHY**

The stratigraphy in TH1 consisted of 100 mm of topsoil over clay fill, while the stratigraphy in TH2 consisted of 100 mm of topsoil over a 1 m thick highly plastic clay layer (first clay layer) underlain by a 100 mm thick silt layer followed by highly plastic clay (second clay layer) to the depth explored.

The topsoil was black, moist, soft, and contained with organics. The clay fill was medium brown to grey, damp, highly plastic, and contained trace to some silt, trace organics, gravel & cobbles. The first clay layer in TH2 was medium brown, moist, very stiff, highly plastic, contained trace to some silt, trace gravel, cobbles & rootlets, and with depth became dark brown to black.

The silt layer was tan, moist, soft, low plastic and contained trace clay & rootlets. The second clay layer was medium brown, moist, very stiff, highly plastic, and contained trace to some silt, trace rootlets.

Both test holes were dry and no sloughing was observed during drilling. Detailed stratigraphy descriptions are outlined on the test hole summary logs.

## **4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **4.1 General**

Based on the soil conditions and magnitude of the expected loads a thickened edge slab bearing on the stiff to very stiff native clay or clay fill would be a suitable foundation for the comfort station. The most current revision of the City of Winnipeg Standard Construction Specifications (Table CW 3110.2) shall be used for the base material recommended in this report.

### **4.2 Foundation**

#### **4.2.1 Thickened Edge Slab**

ENG-TECH cautions shallow foundations, such as thickened edge slab, are prone to vertical movements resulting from changes in moisture content and frost jacking however, these movements can be minimized with adequate sub-grade preparation, and site drainage.

Some movement of the thickened edge slab should be expected, although total and differential movements more than 35 and 20 mm, respectively, are not expected. As such, the thickened edge slab could be constructed as outlined below using a ultimate limit states (ULS) bearing pressure of 120 kPa, and a serviceability limit states (SLS) bearing pressure of 100 kPa to support the load of the proposed building entirely on the perimeter thickened edge of the foundation. The thickened edge should be at least 0.6 m wide and the sub-base being stiff to very stiff native clay or clay fill.

The top of the thickened edge slab should be located at or above existing grade for drainage, and the base shaped to ensure a uniform base layer below the thickened edge slab. The base preparation for the proposed thickened edge slab shall extend 150 mm beyond the perimeter edge and be prepared as outlined below:

- Excavate all top soil and continue to excavate as required in order to obtain a minimum depth of 150 mm below the base of the thickened edge slab design elevation. The materials at sub-grade design elevation should consist of stiff to very stiff native clay or clay fill.
- Shape the subgrade via cut and fill as required then hard compact the surface to 98% Maximum Dry Density (MDD) at  $\pm 2\%$  of optimum moisture content (ASTM D 698) to remove any voids created during excavation.
- If silty or soft spots are encountered, sub-excavate 300 mm and backfill in 2 equal lifts using medium to highly plastic clay compacted to 98% MDD.
- Place a 150 mm thick lift of crushed limestone base and compact it to 100% of MDD immediately below the base of the thickened edge slab.

- Place a vapour barrier consisting of 6 mil poly (minimum) between the crushed limestone base and underside of the thickened edge slab.

### 4.3 Drainage

Proper surface drainage is essential to reduce the potential of frost action, and to reduce excess moisture from migrating under the thickened edge slab. Surface drainage should be controlled by ensuring a minimum grade away from the building of 5% for well compacted surface soils and 2% for paved surfaces for a minimum distance of 2 m. Runoff from the roof should be directed a minimum distance of 1.5 m from the perimeter of the comfort station to reduce the potential of excessive moisture near the slab.

### 4.4 Foundation Concrete

#### General

All concrete should be designed, specified, and constructed in accordance with CSA standard A23.1-09, Concrete Materials and Methods of Concrete Construction using the Performance Specification Alternative as outlined in Table 5 of CSA A23.1-09.

Under the performance alternative, the concrete supplier shall assume responsibility for the performance of the concrete as delivered and the contractor shall assume responsibility for the concrete in place. The owner shall specify performance requirements including: the required structural criteria and concrete strength at age, the concrete exposure class for durability, and any other properties that may be required to meet the owner's performance requirements such as colour, architectural requirements, and special surface finishes. The owner reserves the right to request the supplier provide satisfactory documentation that the proposed mix design will achieve the strength, durability, and performance requirements specified by the owner, and that the mix design satisfies the requirements of CSA A23.1-09. In addition, the owner may request the contractor submit documentation demonstrating the owner's performance requirements have been met during construction and placement.

Based on Tables 1, 2, 3, and 4 of CSA A23.1-09, the concrete in contact with the local soils can be classified as a C-2 exposure class for the thickened edge slab, which may be exposed to chlorides with freezing and thawing. The concrete design can be selected as structurally required by design however ENG-TECH recommends the concrete be designed to meet the minimum specifications outlined below for durability.

#### Thickened Edge Slabs (C-2)

28 day minimum compressive strength of 32 MPa  
Maximum water/cementing materials ratio of 0.45  
Maximum nominal aggregate size of 20 mm  
Type Gu or Gub cement  
Air content of 5-8%

## 5.0 CLOSURE

ENG-TECH trusts this is all the information you require. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact the undersigned.

Sincerely,  
ENG-TECH Consulting Limited



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Principal, Geotechnical Engineer

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**LEGEND**



TEST HOLE

ECS = EXISTING COMFORT STATION  
 EBS = EXISTING BUS SHELTER  
 (TO BE REPLACED)

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PROJECT:  
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DWG DESCRIPTION:

SITE AND TEST HOLE LOCATION PLAN

SCALE:  
 AS SHOWN

DRAWN BY:  
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DATE:  
 NOVEMBER 2013

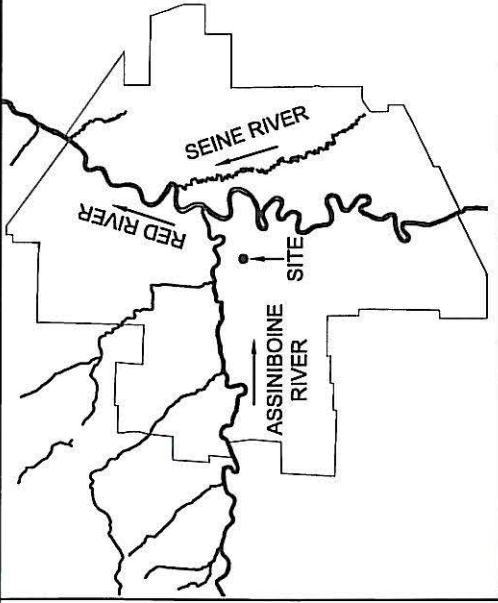
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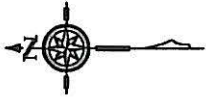
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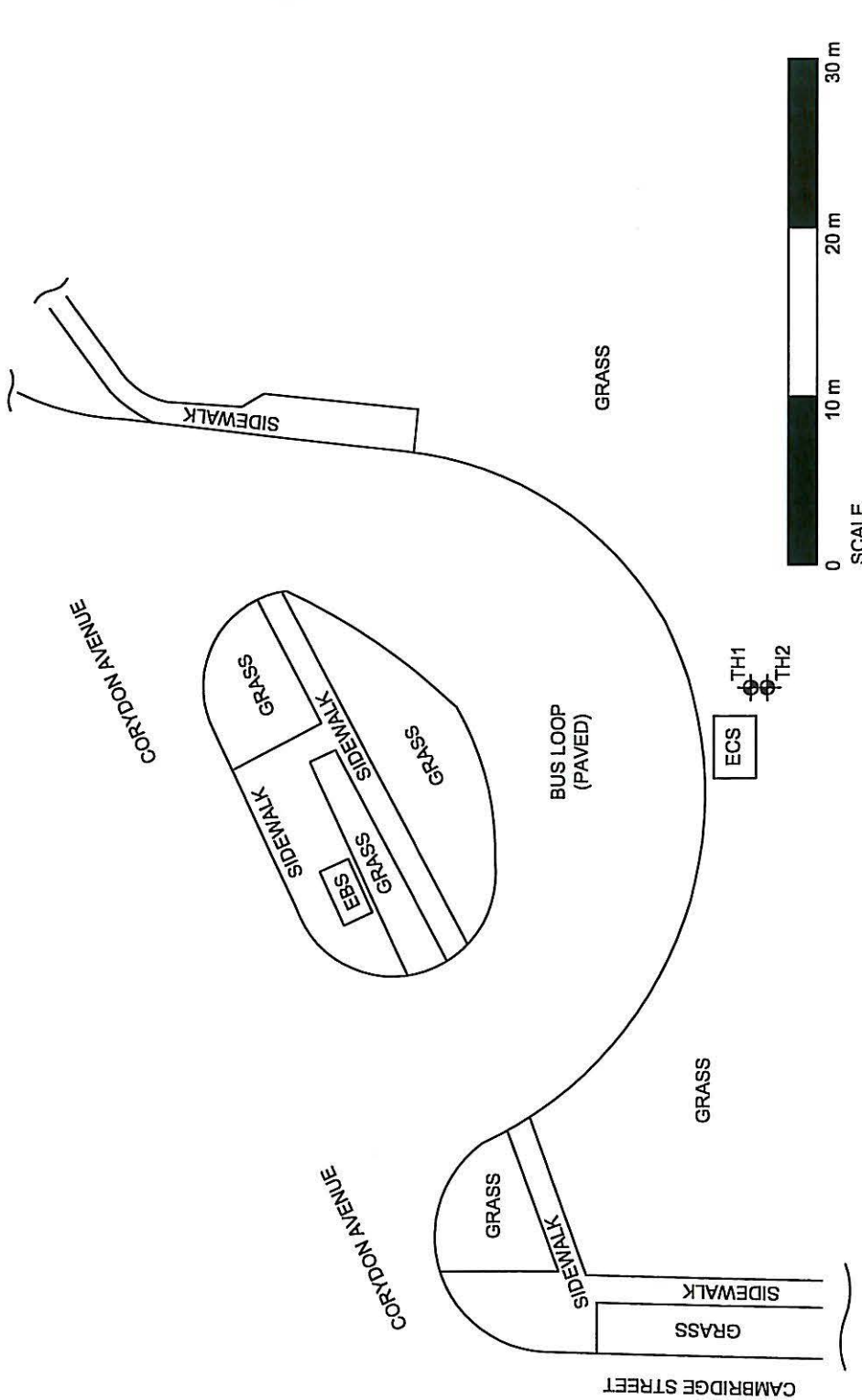
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**KEYMAP**



TEST HOLE LOCATION TABLE	
GPS COORDINATES OF TEST HOLES OCTOBER 25, 2013	
HOLE #	UTM
TH 1	5524752 0631241
TH 2	5524751 0631241



MODIFIED UNIFIED CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR SOILS

MAJOR DIVISION		GROUP SYMBOL	GRAPH SYMBOL	TYPICAL DESCRIPTION	LABORATORY CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA			
COARSE GRAINED SOILS (MORE THAN HALF BY WEIGHT LARGER THAN 75 µm)	GRAVELS MORE THAN HALF THE COARSE FRACTION LARGER THAN 4.75 mm	CLEAN GRAVELS (TRACE OR NO FINES)	GW	[Symbol]	WELL GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES	$C_u = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}} > 4$ ; $C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}} = 1 \text{ TO } 3$		
			GP	[Symbol]	POORLY GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL- SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES	NOT MEETING ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		
		DIRTY GRAVELS (WITH SOME OR MORE FINES)	GM	[Symbol]	SILTY GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND-SILT MIXTURES	ATTERBERG LIMITS BELOW "A" LINE OR P.I. LESS THAN 4		
			GC	[Symbol]	CLAYEY GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND-CLAY MIXTURES	ATTERBERG LIMITS ABOVE "A" LINE AND P.I. MORE THAN 7		
	SANDS MORE THAN HALF THE COARSE FRACTION SMALLER THAN 4.75 mm	CLEAN SANDS (TRACE OR NO FINES)	SW	[Symbol]	WELL GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SANDS, LITTLE OR NO FINES	$C_u = \frac{D_{60}}{D_{10}} > 6$ ; $C_c = \frac{(D_{30})^2}{D_{10} \times D_{60}} = 1 \text{ TO } 3$		
			SP	[Symbol]	POORLY GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SANDS, LITTLE OR NO FINES	NOT MEETING ABOVE REQUIREMENTS		
		DIRTY SANDS (WITH SOME OR MORE FINES)	SM	[Symbol]	SILTY SANDS, SAND-SILT MIXTURES	ATTERBERG LIMITS BELOW "A" LINE OR P.I. LESS THAN 4		
			SC	[Symbol]	CLAYEY SANDS, SAND-CLAY MIXTURES	ATTERBERG LIMITS ABOVE "A" LINE AND P.I. MORE THAN 7		
		FINE GRAINED SOILS (MORE THAN HALF BY WEIGHT SMALLER THAN 75 µm)	SILTS BELOW "A" LINE NEGLECTIBLE ORGANIC CONTENT	LL ≤ 50%	ML	[Symbol]	INORGANIC SILTS AND VERY FINE SANDS, ROCK FLOUR, SILTY SANDS OF SLIGHTY PLASTICITY	CLASSIFICATION IS BASED UPON PLASTICITY CHART (SEE BELOW)
				LL > 50%	MH	[Symbol]	INORGANIC SILTS, MICACEOUS OR DIATOMACEOUS, FINE SANDY OR SILTY SOILS	
CLAYS ABOVE "A" LINE NEGLECTIBLE ORGANIC CONTENT	LL ≤ 30%		CL	[Symbol]	INORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW PLASTICITY, GRAVELLY, SANDY OR SILTY CLAYS, LEAN CLAYS			
	30% < LL ≤ 50%		CI	[Symbol]	INORGANIC CLAYS OF MEDIUM PLASTICITY, SILTY CLAYS			
	LL > 50%		CH	[Symbol]	INORGANIC CLAYS OF HIGH PLASTICITY, FAT CLAYS			
ORGANIC SILTS & CLAYS BELOW "A" LINE	LL < 50%		OL	[Symbol]	ORGANIC SILTS AND ORGANIC SILTY CLAYS OF LOW PLASTICITY			
	LL > 50%		OH	[Symbol]	ORGANIC CLAYS OF HIGH PLASTICITY			
HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	PI		[Symbol]	PEAT AND OTHER HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	STRONG COLOUR OR ODOUR, AND OFTEN FIBROUS TEXTURE			

ADDITIONAL SYMBOLS

TILL	[Symbol]	SANDSTONE	[Symbol]
FILL	[Symbol]	GRANITE	[Symbol]
TOPSOIL	[Symbol]		
CONCRETE	[Symbol]		
SHALE	[Symbol]		
LIMESTONE	[Symbol]		

PLASTIC SOILS

MOISTURE	PLASTICITY	INTRUSIONS	CONSISTENCY	POCKET PEN (TSF)	(N)
DRY	LOW	ROOTLETS	VERY SOFT		< 2
DAMP	MEDIUM	OXIDES	SOFT	0 - 0.5	2 - 4
MOIST	HIGH	MICA	FIRM	0.5 - 1.0	4 - 8
WET		GYPSUM	STIFF	1.0 - 2.0	8 - 15
		ETC.	VERY STIFF	2.0 - 4.0	15 - 30
			HARD	> 4.0	> 30

$TSF \times 95.8 = kPa (q_u)$       $S_u = \frac{1}{2} \times q_u$

SOIL DESCRIPTIONS

TRACE: 0 - 10%	BOULDERS: > 200 mm	COARSE SAND: 2 - 4.75 mm
SOME: 10 - 20%	COBBLES: 75 - 200 mm	MEDIUM SAND: 0.425 - 2 mm
WITH: 20 - 35%	COURSE GRAVEL: 19 - 75 mm	FINE SAND: 0.075 - 0.425 mm
AND: 35 - 50%	FINE GRAVEL 4.75 - 75 mm	FINES: < 0.075 mm

GRANULAR SOILS

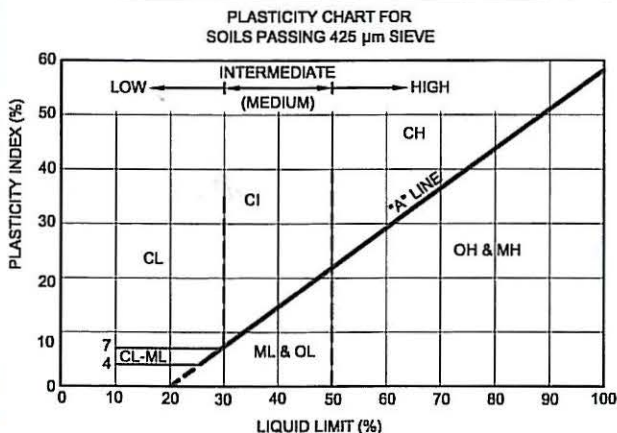
MOISTURE	DENSITY	GRADATION	INTRUSIONS	SPT (N)
DRY	VERY LOOSE	POORLY	ROOTLETS	0 - 4
DAMP	LOOSE	WELL	OXIDES	4 - 10
MOIST	MED. DENSE		MICA	10 - 30
WET	DENSE		FINES	30 - 50
	VERY DENSE		ETC.	> 50

**DEFINITIONS**  
 LL = LIQUID LIMIT  
 P.I. = PLASTICITY INDEX  
 C<sub>u</sub> = COEFFICIENT OF UNIFORMITY  
 q<sub>u</sub> = UNCONFINED COMPRESSIVE STRENGTH  
 S<sub>u</sub> = UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH

C<sub>c</sub> = COMPRESSION INDEX  
 PL = PLASTIC LIMIT



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**Test Hole #: TH1**

**Client:** Victor Suen Architect

**Site:** See Figure 1

**Location:** Winnipeg, Manitoba

**Project:** Geotechnical Investigation - Corydon Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

**File No.:** 13-166-90

**Date Drilled:** October 25, 2013

**Grade Elevation:** 100.0 m

**Water Elevation:** -

SUBSURFACE PROFILE				SAMPLE DATA				SHEAR STRENGTH (kPa)				
Depth (m)	Soil Symbol	Description	Elevation (m)	Sample No.	Sample Type	Moisture Content (%)	Blows/300 mm	Moisture Content (%)				
								PL	X	LL	P. Pen	Torvane
0.0		Ground Surface	100.0									
		<b>Topsoil (100 mm)</b> - black, moist, soft, with organics..										
		<b>Clay Fill (CH)</b> - medium brown to grey, damp, highly plastic, trace to some silt, trace organics, gravel & cobbles.										
				S1		11.2						
1.0		<b>End of Test Hole</b> - auger refusal at 0.8 m below grade on suspected rubble / cobbles. - test hole dry and no sloughing during drilling. - test hole backfilled with auger cuttings and granular fill upon completion of drilling.	99.0									
2.0			98.0									

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Drill Rig: Hand Auger

Auger Size: 75 mm

Completion Depth: 0.8 m

Completion Elevation: 91.2 m

Sheet: 1 of 1

SAMPLE TYPE



SPLIT BARREL



SHELBY TUBE



AUGER CUTTINGS



SPLIT SPOON



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**Test Hole #: TH2**

**Client:** Victor Suen Architect

**Site:** See Figure 1

**Location:** Winnipeg, Manitoba

**Project:** Geotechnical Investigation - Corydon Avenue, Winnipeg, Manitoba

**File No.:** 13-166-90

**Date Drilled:** October 25, 2013

**Grade Elevation:** 100.0 m

**Water Elevation:** -

SUBSURFACE PROFILE				SAMPLE DATA				SHEAR STRENGTH (kPa)				
Depth (m)	Soil Symbol	Description	Elevation (m)	Sample No.	Sample Type	Moisture Content (%)	Blows/300 mm	Moisture Content (%)				
								PL	X	LL	P. Pen	Torvane
0.0		Ground Surface	100.0									
		<b>Topsail (100 mm)</b> - black, moist, soft, with organics..										
		<b>Clay (CH)</b> - medium brown, moist, very stiff, highly plastic, trace to some silt, trace gravel, cobbles, & rootlets.		S1		24.8				120		
		- below 0.8 m, dark brown to black.		S2		23.0				144		
1.0			99.0									
		<b>Silt (ML)</b> - tan, moist, soft, low plastic, trace clay & rootlets.		S3		17.3						
		<b>Clay (CH)</b> - medium brown, moist, very stiff, highly plastic, trace to some silt, trace rootlets.		S4		18.5				144		
2.0		<b>End of Test Hole</b> - end of test hole at 1.5 m below grade. - test hole dry and no sloughing during drilling. - test hole backfilled with auger cuttings and granular fill upon completion of drilling.	98.0									

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Drilled By: Eng-Tech Consulting Ltd.

Drill Rig: Hand Auger

Auger Size: 75 mm

Completion Depth: 1.5 m

Completion Elevation: 98.5 m

Sheet: 1 of 1

SAMPLE TYPE



SPLIT BARREL



SHELBY TUBE



AUGER CUTTINGS



SPLIT SPOON