### **1.1 RELATED SECTIONS**

- .1 Section 01 33 00 Submittal Procedures.
- .2 Section 03 30 00 Cast-in-Place Concrete.
- .3 Section 32 11 19 Granular Sub-base.
- .4 Section 32 11 23 Granular Base.

#### **1.2 REFERENCES**

All reference standards shall be current issue or latest revision at the date of building permit issue. This specification refers to the following standards, specifications or publications:

- .1 American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)
  - .1 ASTM D 4791, Standard Test Method for Flat Particles, Elongated Particles, or Flat and Elongated Particles in Coarse Aggregate.

### 1.3 SAMPLES

- .1 If requested, submit samples in accordance with Section 01 33 00 Submittal Procedures.
- .2 Provide Contract Administrator with access to source and processed material for sampling.
- .3 Pay cost of sampling and testing of aggregates which fail to meet specified requirements.

#### **1.4 WASTE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL**

.1 Divert unused granular materials from landfill to local facility as approved by Contract Administrator.

# PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MATERIALS

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- .1 Aggregate quality: sound, hard, durable material free from soft, thin, elongated or laminated particles, organic material, clay lumps or minerals, or other substances that would act in deleterious manner for use intended.
- .2 Flat and elongated particles of coarse aggregate: to ASTM D 4791. .1 Greatest dimension to exceed five times least dimension.
  - Fine aggregates satisfying requirements of applicable section to be one, or blend of following:
    - .1 Natural sand.
    - .2 Manufactured sand.
    - .3 Screenings produced in crushing of quarried rock, boulders, gravel or slag.
- .4 Coarse aggregates satisfying requirements of applicable section to be one of, or blend of, following:
  - .1 Crushed rock.
  - .2 Gravel composed of naturally formed particles of stone.
  - .3 Light weight aggregate, including slag and expanded shale.

### PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### **3.1 PREPARATION**

- .1 Topsoil stripping
  - .1 Do not handle topsoil while in wet or frozen condition or in any manner in which soil structure is adversely affected.
  - .2 Begin topsoil stripping of areas as indicated after area has been cleared of brush, weeds and grasses and removed from site.
  - .3 Strip topsoil to depths as directed by Contract Administrator. Avoid mixing topsoil with subsoil.
  - .4 Stockpile in locations as Contract Administrator. Stockpile height not to exceed 3.0m.

- .2 Aggregate source preparation
  - .1 Prior to excavating materials for aggregate production, clear and grub area to be worked, and strip unsuitable surface materials. Dispose of cleared, grubbed and unsuitable materials as approved by authority having jurisdiction.
  - .2 Where clearing is required, leave screen of trees between cleared area and roadways as directed.
  - .3 Clear, grub and strip area ahead of quarrying or excavating operation sufficient to prevent contamination of aggregate by deleterious materials.
  - .4 When excavation is completed dress sides of excavation to nominal 1.5:1 slope, and provide drains or ditches as required to prevent surface standing water.
  - .5 Trim off and dress slopes of waste material piles and leave site in neat condition.

### .3 Processing

- .1 Process aggregate uniformly using methods that prevent contamination, segregation and degradation.
- .2 Blend aggregates, if required, to obtain gradation requirements, percentage of crushed particles, or particle shapes, as specified. Use methods and equipment approved by Contract Administrator.
- .3 Wash aggregates, if required to meet specifications. Use only equipment approved by Contract Administrator.
- .4 When operating in stratified deposits use excavation equipment and methods that produce uniform, homogeneous aggregate.

#### .4 Handling

- .1 Handle and transport aggregates to avoid segregation, contamination and degradation.
- .5 Stockpiling
  - .1 Stockpile aggregates on site in locations as indicated unless directed otherwise by Contract Administrator. Do not stockpile on completed pavement surfaces.
  - .2 Stockpile aggregates in sufficient quantities to meet Project schedules.
  - .3 Stockpiling sites to be level, well drained, and of adequate bearing capacity and stability to support stockpiled materials and handling equipment.
  - .4 Except where stockpiled on acceptably stabilized areas, provide compacted sand base not less than 300 mm in depth to prevent contamination of aggregate. Stockpile aggregates on ground but do not incorporate bottom 100 mm of pile into Work.
  - .5 Separate different aggregates by strong, full depth bulkheads, or stockpile far enough apart to prevent intermixing.
  - .6 Do not use intermixed or contaminated materials. Remove and dispose of rejected materials as directed by Contract Administrator within 48 h of rejection.
  - .7 Stockpile materials in uniform layers of thickness as follows:
    - .1 Max 1.5 m for coarse aggregate and base course materials.
    - .2 Max 1.5 m for fine aggregate and sub-base materials.
    - .3 Max 1.5 m for other materials.
  - .8 Uniformly spot-dump aggregates delivered to stockpile in trucks and build up stockpile as specified.
  - .9 During winter operations, prevent ice and snow from becoming mixed into stockpile or in material being removed from stockpile.

### 3.2 CLEANING

- .1 Leave aggregate stockpile site in tidy, well drained condition, free of standing surface water.
- .2 Leave any unused aggregates in neat compact stockpiles as directed by Contract Administrator.
- .3 For temporary or permanent abandonment of aggregate source, restore source to condition meeting requirements of authority having jurisdiction.

### **1.1 RELATED SECTIONS**

.1 Section 31 23 10 - Excavation, Trenching and Backfill.

### **1.2 DEFINITIONS**

- .1 Clearing consists of cutting off trees and brush vegetative growth to not more than a specified height above ground and disposing of felled trees, previously uprooted trees and stumps, and surface debris.
- .2 Close-cut clearing consists of cutting off standing trees, brush, scrub, roots, stumps and embedded logs, removing at, or close to, existing grade and disposing of fallen timber and surface debris.
- .3 Clearing isolated trees consists of cutting off to not more than specified height above ground of designated trees, and disposing of felled trees and debris.
- .4 Underbrush clearing consists of removal from treed areas of undergrowth, deadwood, and trees smaller than 50 mm trunk diameter and disposing of all fallen timber and surface debris.
- .5 Grubbing consists of excavation and disposal of stumps and roots and boulders and rock fragments to not less than a specified depth below existing ground surface.

### **1.3 STORAGE AND PROTECTION**

- .1 Prevent damage to fencing, trees, landscaping, natural features, bench marks, existing buildings, existing paved areas, utility lines, site appurtenances, root systems of trees, which are to remain.
  - .1 Repair any damaged items to approval of Contract Administrator.
  - .2 Replace any trees designated to remain, if damaged, as directed by Contract Administrator.

### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

#### 2.1 MATERIALS

.1 not applicable

### PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### **3.1 PREPARATION**

- .1 Inspect site and verify with Contract Administrator, items designated to remain.
- .2 Locate and protect utility lines. Preserve in operating condition active utilities traversing site.
- .3 Notify utility authorities before starting clearing and grubbing.

#### **3.2 CLEARING**

- .1 Clear as indicated by Contract Administrator, by cutting at a height of not more than 300 mm above ground. In areas to be subsequently grubbed, height of stumps left from clearing operations to be not more than 1000 mm above ground surface.
- .2 Cut off branches and cut down trees overhanging area cleared as directed by Contract Administrator.

#### **3.3 CLOSE CUT CLEARING**

- .1 Close cut clearing to within 100 mm of ground surface.
- .2 Cut off branches overhanging area cleared as directed by Contract Administrator.

#### **3.4 UNDERBRUSH CLEARING**

.1 Clear underbrush from areas as indicated to within 300 mm of ground surface.

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### 3.5 GRUBBING

- .1 Grub out stumps and roots from areas indicated to not less than 200 mm below ground surface.
- .2 Grub out visible rock fragments and boulders, greater than 300 mm in greatest dimension.

### **3.6 REMOVAL AND DISPOSAL**

.1 Remove cleared and grubbed materials off site.

### **3.7 FINISHED SURFACE**

.1 Leave ground surface in condition suitable for stripping of topsoil to approval of Contract Administrator.

# PART 1 - GENERAL

### **1.1 REFERENCES**

All reference standards shall be current issue or latest revision at the date of building permit issue. This specification refers to the following standards, specifications or publications:

- .1 Canadian Standard Association (CSA)
  - .1 CAN/CSA-A23.1, Concrete Materials and Methods of Concrete Construction.

### **1.2 SOIL REPORT**

.1 Examine soil report attached to this specification document.

# **1.3 REGULATIONS**

.1 Shore and brace excavations, protect slopes and banks and perform all work in accordance with Provincial and Municipal regulations whichever is more stringent.

### **1.4 TESTS AND INSPECTIONS**

- .1 Testing of materials and compaction of backfill and fill will be carried out by testing laboratory designated by Contract Administrator.
- .2 Do not begin backfilling or filling operations until material has been approved for use by Contract Administrator.
- .3 Not later than 48 hours before backfilling or filling with approved material, notify Contract Administrator so that compaction tests can be carried out by designated testing agency.
- .4 Before commencing work, conduct, with Contract Administrator, condition survey of existing structures, trees and other plants, lawns, fencing, service poles, wires, rail tracks and paving, survey bench marks and monuments which may be affected by work.

### **1.5 BURIED SERVICES**

- .1 Before commencing work establish the location of all buried services on and adjacent to the site.
- .2 Arrange with appropriate authority for relocation of buried services that interfere with execution of work. Pay costs of relocating services.
- .3 Remove obsolete buried services within 2 m of foundations. Cap cut-offs.

### **1.6 PROTECTION**

- .1 Protect excavations from freezing.
- .2 Keep excavations clean, free of standing water, and loose soil.
- .3 Where soil is subject to significant volume change due to change in moisture content, cover and protect to Contract Administrator's approval.
- .4 Protect natural and man-made features required to remain undisturbed. Unless otherwise indicated or located in an area to be occupied by new construction, protect existing trees from damage.
- .5 Protect buried services that are required to remain undisturbed.

### PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MATERIALS

.1 Granular A.

# PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### 3.1 CLEARING AND GRUBBING

.1 Remove trees, stumps, logs, brush, shrubs, bushes, vines, undergrowth, rotten wood, dead plant material, exposed boulders and debris within areas designated on drawings.

- .2 Remove stumps and tree roots below slabs, and paving, and to 600 mm below finished grade elsewhere.
- .3 Dispose of cleared and grubbed material off site daily to disposal areas acceptable to authority having jurisdiction.

# **3.2 EXCAVATION**

- .1 Strip topsoil over areas to be covered by new construction, over areas where grade changes are required, and so that excavated material may be stockpiled without covering topsoil. Stockpile topsoil on site for later use.
- .2 Excavate as required to carry out work, in all materials met. Do not disturb soil or rock below bearing surfaces. Notify Contract Administrator when excavations are complete.
- .3 Excavate trenches to provide uniform continuous bearing and support for 150mm thickness of pipe bedding material on solid and undisturbed ground. Trench widths below point 150mm above pipe not to exceed diameter of pipe plus 600 mm.
- .4 Excavate for slabs and paving to subgrade levels. In addition, remove all topsoil, organic matter, debris and other loose and harmful matter encountered at subgrade level.

### 3.3 BACKFILLING

- .1 Inspection: do not commence backfilling until fill material and spaces to be filled have been inspected and approved by Contract Administrator.
- .2 Remove snow, ice, construction debris, organic soil and standing water from spaces to be filled.
- .3 Lateral support: maintain even levels of backfill around structures as work progresses, to equalize earth pressures.
- .4 Compaction of subgrade: compact existing subgrade under walks, paving, and slabs on grade, to same compaction as specified for fill. Fill excavated areas with gravel and sand compacted as specified for fill.
- .5 Placing:
  - .1 Place backfill, fill and basecourse material in 150 mm lifts. Add water as required to achieve specified density.
- .6 Compaction: compact each layer of material to following densities for material to ASTM D 698:
  - .1 To underside of basecourses: 95%.
  - .2 Basecourses: 100%.
  - .3 Elsewhere: 90%.
- .7 Under slabs and paving:
  - .1 Use 150 mm up to bottom of granular base courses.
  - .2 Use 150 mm for base courses.
- .8 In trenches:
  - .1 Up to 300 mm above pipe or conduit: sand placed by hand.
  - .2 Over 300 mm above pipe or conduit: native material approved by Contract Administrator.
- .9 Under seeded and sodded areas: use site excavated material to bottom of topsoil except in trenches and within 600 mm of foundations.
- .10 Against foundations (except as applicable to trenches and under slabs and paving): excavated material or imported material with no stones larger than 200 mm diameter within 600 mm of structures.

### 3.4 GRADING

.1 Grade so that water will drain away from buildings, walls and paved areas, to catch basins and other disposal areas approved by the Contract Administrator. Grade to be gradual between finished spot elevations shown on drawings.

# **3.5 SHORTAGE AND SURPLUS**

- .1 Supply all necessary fill to meet backfilling and grading requirements and with minimum and maximum rough grade variance.
- .2 Dispose of surplus material off site.

# PART 1 - GENERAL

#### 1.1 NOT USED

.1 Not Used.

# PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 NOT USED

.1 Not Used.

# PART 3 - EXECUTION

### **3.1 STRIPPING OF TOPSOIL**

- .1 Remove topsoil before any construction procedures commence to avoid compaction of topsoil.
- .2 Handle topsoil only when it is dry and warm.
- .3 Remove vegetation from targeted areas by non-chemical means and dispose of stripped vegetation by alternative disposal.
- .4 Remove brush from targeted area by non-chemical means and dispose of through mulching.
- .5 Strip topsoil to depths as directed by Contract Administrator. Avoid mixing topsoil with subsoil.
- .6 Pile topsoil by mechanical hoe in berms in locations as directed by Contract Administrator. Stockpile height not to exceed 3.0m.
- .7 Dispose of unused topsoil in location as indicated by Contract Administrator for later use.
- .8 Protect stockpiles from contamination and compaction.
- .9 Topsoil that has been piled for long term storage will be covered with trefoil or grass to maintain agricultural potential of soil.

### **3.2 PREPARATION OF GRADE**

- .1 Verify that grades are correct. If discrepancies occur, notify Contract Administrator and do not commence work until instructed by Contract Administrator.
  - .1 Grade area only when soil is dry to lessen soil compaction.
  - .2 Grade soil establishing natural contours and eliminating uneven areas and low spots, ensuring positive drainage.

#### **1.1 RELATED SECTIONS**

- .1 Section 01 33 00 Submittal Procedures.
- .2 Section 01 56 00 Temporary Barriers and Enclosures.
- .3 Section 01 71 00 Examination & Preparation.
- .4 Section 31 05 17 Aggregate Materials.

#### **1.2 REFERENCES**

All reference standards shall be current issue or latest revision at the date of building permit issue. This specification refers to the following standards, specifications or publications:

- .1 American Society for Testing and Materials International (ASTM)
  - .1 ASTM C 117, Standard Test Method for Material Finer Than 0.075 mm (No.200) Sieve in Mineral Aggregates by Washing.
  - .2 ASTM C 136, Standard Test Method for Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates.
  - .3 ASTM D 422-63, Standard Test Method for Particle-Size Analysis of Soils.
  - .4 ASTM D 4318, Standard Test Methods for Liquid Limit, Plastic Limit, and Plasticity Index of Soils.
- .2 Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB)
  - .1 CAN/CGSB-8.1, Sieves, Testing, Woven Wire, Inch Series.
  - .2 CAN/CGSB-8.2, Sieves, Testing, Woven Wire, Metric.

### **1.3 DEFINITIONS**

- .1 Excavation classes: two classes of excavation will be recognized; common excavation and rock excavation.
  - .1 Rock: any solid material in excess of 0.25m and which cannot be removed by means of heavy duty mechanical excavating equipment with 0.95 to 1.15 m<sup>3</sup> bucket. Frozen material not classified as rock.
  - .2 Common excavation: excavation of materials of whatever nature, which are not included under definitions of rock excavation.
- .2 Unclassified excavation: excavation of deposits of whatever character encountered in Work.
- .3 Topsoil:
  - .1 Material capable of supporting good vegetative growth and suitable for use in top dressing, landscaping and seeding.
  - .2 Material reasonably free from subsoil, clay lumps, brush, objectionable weeds, and other litter, and free from cobbles, stumps, roots, and other objectionable material larger than 25mm in any dimension.
- .4 Waste material: excavated material unsuitable for use in Work or surplus to requirements.
- .5 Borrow material: material obtained from locations outside area to be graded, and required for construction of fill areas or for other portions of Work.
- .6 Unsuitable materials:
  - .1 Weak, chemically unstable, and compressible materials.
  - .2 Frost susceptible materials:
    - .1 Fine grained soils with plasticity index less than 10 when tested to ASTM D 4318, and gradation within limits specified when tested to ASTM D 422 and ASTM C 136: Sieve sizes to CAN/CGSB-8.2.

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 Table:

 Sieve Designation
 % Passing

 2.00 mm
 100

 0.10 mm
 45 - 100

 0.02 mm
 10 - 80

 0.005 mm
 0 - 45

.3 Coarse grained soils containing more than 20% by mass passing 0.075 mm sieve.

## **1.4 SUBMITTALS**

- .1 Make submittals in accordance with Section 01 33 00 Submittal Procedures.
- .2 Preconstruction Submittals:
  - .1 Submit records of underground utility locates, indicating: location plan of existing utilities as found in field, clearance record from utility authority, location plan of relocated and abandoned services, as required.
- .3 Samples:
  - .1 Submit samples in accordance with Section 01 33 00 Submittal Procedures.
  - .2 Inform Contract Administrator at least two (2) weeks prior to beginning Work, of proposed source of fill materials and provide access for sampling.
  - .3 Submit ten (10) kg samples of type of fill specified including representative samples of excavated material upon request of Contract Administrator.
  - .4 Ship samples prepaid to Contract Administrator, in tightly closed containers to prevent contamination and exposure to elements.

# **1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE**

.1 Qualification Statement: submit proof of insurance coverage for professional liability.

# **1.6 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING**

- .1 Storage and Protection:
  - .1 Protect existing features in accordance with Section 01 56 00 Temporary Barriers and Enclosures and applicable local regulations.
    - .2 Existing buried utilities and structures:
      - .1 Size, depth and location of existing utilities and structures as indicated are for guidance only. Completeness and accuracy are not guaranteed.
        - .2 Prior to beginning excavation Work, notify City and applicable authorities having jurisdiction, establish location and state of use of buried utilities and structures. City and authorities having jurisdiction to clearly mark such locations to prevent disturbance during Work.
        - .3 Confirm locations of buried utilities by careful test excavations.
        - .4 Maintain and protect from damage, water, sewer, gas, electric, telephone and other utilities and structures encountered.
        - .5 Where utility lines or structures exist in area of excavation, obtain direction of utility before removing or re-routing.
      - .6 Record location of maintained, re-routed and abandoned underground lines.
    - .3 Existing buildings and surface features:
      - .1 Conduct, with Contract Administrator, condition survey of existing service poles, wires and survey bench marks which may be affected by Work.
      - .2 Protect existing buildings and surface features on adjacent properties from damage while Work is in progress. In event of damage, inform Contract Administrator immediately.

# PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 MATERIALS

- .1 Type 1 and Type 2 fill: properties to Section 31 05 17 Aggregate Materials and the following requirements:
  - .1 Crushed, pit run or screened stone, gravel or sand.
  - .2 Gradations to be within limits specified when tested to ASTM C 136 and ASTM C 117. Sieve sizes to CAN/CGSB-8.1.

#### .3 Table:

| Sieve Designation | % Passing |        | Sieve Designation | % Passing |        |
|-------------------|-----------|--------|-------------------|-----------|--------|
|                   | Type 1    | Type 2 |                   | Type 1    | Type 2 |
| 75mm              | -         | 100    | 9.5mm             | 50-100    | -      |
| 50mm              | -         | -      | 4.75mm            | 30-70     | 22-85  |

| 37.5mm | -      | - | 2.00mm  | 20-45 | -    |
|--------|--------|---|---------|-------|------|
| 25mm   | 100    | - | 0.425mm | 10-25 | 5-30 |
| 19mm   | 75-100 | - | 0.180mm | -     | -    |
| 12.5mm | -      | - | 0.075mm | 3-8   | 0-10 |

- .2 Type 3 fill: selected material from excavation or other sources, approved by Contract Administrator for use intended, unfrozen and free from rocks larger than 75 mm, cinders, ashes, sods, refuse or other deleterious materials.
- .3 Shearmat: honeycomb type bio-degradable cardboard 150mm thick, treated to provide sufficient structural support for poured concrete until concrete cured.
- .4 Polyethylene: 0.254mm thick
- .5 Void form: Aerofoam Type I insulation.
- .6 Pea Gravel: clean, round stone of uniform 9.5mm size.

# PART 3 - EXECUTION

### **3.1 SITE PREPARATION**

.1 Remove obstructions, ice and snow, from surfaces to be excavated within limits indicated.

### **3.2 STRIPPING OF TOPSOIL**

- .1 Begin topsoil stripping of areas as indicated after area has been cleared of brush, weeds, and grasses and removed from site.
- .2 Strip topsoil to depths as indicated as indicated. Do not mix topsoil with subsoil.
- .3 Stockpile in locations as directed by Contract Administrator. Stockpile height not to exceed 3.0 m and should be protected from erosion.
- .4 Dispose of unused topsoil off site.

### 3.3 STOCKPILING

- .1 Stockpile fill materials in areas designated by Contract Administrator. Stockpile granular materials in manner to prevent segregation.
- .2 Protect fill materials from contamination.
- .3 Implement sufficient erosion and sediment control measures to prevent sediment release off construction boundaries and into water bodies.

### **3.4 DEWATERING AND HEAVE PREVENTION**

.1 Keep excavations free of water while Work is in progress.

### **3.5 EXCAVATION**

- .1 Excavate to lines, grades, elevations and dimensions as indicated.
- .2 Remove concrete, masonry, paving, walks, demolished foundations and rubble and other obstructions encountered during excavation.
- .3 For trench excavation, unless otherwise authorized by Contract Administrator in writing, do not excavate more than 30m of trench in advance of installation operations and do not leave open more than 15m at end of day's operation.
- .4 Keep excavated and stockpiled materials safe distance away from edge of trench as directed by Contract Administrator.
- .5 Restrict vehicle operations directly adjacent to open trenches.
- .6 Dispose of surplus and unsuitable excavated material off site.

- .7 Do not obstruct flow of surface drainage or natural watercourses.
- .8 Earth bottoms of excavations to be undisturbed soil, level, free from loose, soft or organic matter.
- .9 Notify Contract Administrator when bottom of excavation is reached.
- .10 Obtain Contract Administrator approval of completed excavation.
- .11 Remove unsuitable material from trench bottom including those that extend below required elevations to extent and depth as directed by Contract Administrator.
- .12 Correct unauthorized over-excavation as follows:
  - .1 Fill under bearing surfaces and footings with concrete specified for footings.
  - .2 Fill under other areas with Type 2 fill compacted to not less than 95 % of corrected Standard Proctor maximum dry density.
- .13 Hand trim, make firm and remove loose material and debris from excavations.
  - .1 Where material at bottom of excavation is disturbed, compact foundation soil to density at least equal to undisturbed soil.

# **3.6 FILL TYPES AND COMPACTION**

- .1 Use types of fill as indicated or specified below. Compaction densities are percentages of maximum densities obtained from ASTM D 698.
  - .1 Exterior side of perimeter walls: use Type 3 fill to subgrade level. Compact to 95% of corrected maximum dry density.
  - .2 Within building area: use Type 2 to underside of base course for floor slabs. Compact to 100% of corrected maximum dry density.
  - .3 Under concrete slabs: provide 150mm compacted thickness base course of Type 1 fill to underside of slab. Compact base course to 100%.
  - .4 Retaining walls: use Type 3 fill to subgrade level on high side for minimum 500mm from wall and compact to 85%.

## 3.7 BEDDING AND SURROUND OF UNDERGROUND SERVICES

- .1 Place and compact granular material for bedding and surround of underground services as indicated.
- .2 Place bedding and surround material in unfrozen condition.

## **3.8 BACKFILLING**

- .1 No machine tracks or vehicular tires are allowed within 1.8m of foundation walls. All backfill within 1.8m of foundation wall shall be placed in maximum 300mm lifts and compacted to maximum 95% Standard Proctor density with light duty, hand-operated plate compactors.
- .2 Do not proceed with backfilling operations until completion of following:
  - .1 Contract Administrator has inspected and approved installations.
  - .2 Contract Administrator has inspected and approved of construction below finish grade.
  - .3 Inspection, testing, approval, and recording location of underground utilities.
  - .4 Removal of concrete formwork.
  - .5 Removal of shoring and bracing; backfilling of voids with satisfactory soil material.
- .3 Areas to be backfilled to be free from debris, snow, ice, water and frozen ground.
- .4 Do not use backfill material which is frozen or contains ice, snow or debris.
- .5 Place backfill material in uniform layers not exceeding 150mm compacted thickness up to grades indicated. Compact each layer before placing succeeding layer.
- .6 Backfilling around installations.
  - .1 Place bedding and surround material as specified elsewhere.
  - .2 Do not backfill around or over cast-in-place concrete within 72 hours after placing of concrete.
  - .3 Place layers simultaneously on both sides of installed Work to equalize loading. Difference not to exceed 0.6 m.

- .4 Where temporary unbalanced earth pressures are liable to develop on walls or other structures:
  - .1 Permit concrete to cure for minimum 14 days or until it has sufficient strength to withstand earth and compaction pressure and approval obtained from Contract Administrator or:
  - .2 If approved by Contract Administrator, erect bracing or shoring to counteract unbalance, and leave in place until removal is approved by Contract Administrator.
- .7 Install drainage filter system in backfill as indicated.

### 3.9 RESTORATION

- .1 Replace topsoil as indicated.
- .2 Reinstate lawns to elevation which existed before excavation.
- .3 Reinstate pavements and sidewalks disturbed by excavation to thickness, structure and elevation which existed before excavation.
- .4 Clean and reinstate areas affected by Work as directed by Contract Administrator.
- .5 Protect newly graded areas from traffic and erosion and maintain free of trash or debris.

### **1.1 RELATED SECTIONS**

- .1 Section 31 11 00 Clearing and Grubbing.
- .2 Section 31 23 10 Excavation, Trenching and Backfill.

#### **1.2 REFERENCES**

All reference standards shall be current issue or latest revision at the date of building permit issue. This specification refers to the following standards, specifications or publications:

- .1 American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)
  - .1 ASTM D 698, Test Method for Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Standard Effort (600 kN-m/m<sup>3</sup>).

#### **1.3 EXISTING CONDITIONS**

- .1 Examine subsurface investigation report which is bound into this specification document.
- .2 Known underground and surface utility lines and buried objects are as indicated on site plan.
- .3 Refer to dewatering in Section 31 23 10 Excavating, Trenching and Backfill.

### **1.4 PROTECTION**

- .1 Protect and/or transplant existing fencing, trees, landscaping, natural features, bench marks, buildings, pavement, surface or underground utility lines which are to remain as directed by Contract Administrator. If damaged, restore to original or better condition unless directed otherwise.
- .2 Maintain access roads to prevent accumulation of construction related debris on roads.

## PART 2 - PRODUCTS

### 2.1 NOT USED

.1 not used.

### PART 3 - EXECUTION

#### **3.1 STRIPPING OF TOPSOIL**

- .1 Do not handle topsoil while in wet or frozen condition or in any manner in which soil structure is adversely affected as determined by Contract Administrator.
- .2 Commence topsoil stripping of areas as indicated after area has been cleared of brush, weeds and grasses and removed from site.
- .3 Rototill weeds and grasses in stripped topsoil and retain as topsoil on site. Avoid mixing topsoil with subsoil.
- .4 Dispose of unused topsoil off site.

#### 3.2 GRADING

- .1 Rough grade to levels, profiles, and contours allowing for surface treatment as indicated.
- .2 Rough grade to following depths below finish grades:
  - .1 150 mm for grassed areas.
  - .2 375 mm for asphalt paving.
  - .3 250 mm for concrete walks.
- .3 Slope rough grade away from building 1:50 minimum.
- .4 Grade ditches to depth as indicated.
- .5 Prior to placing fill over existing ground, scarify surface to depth of 150 mm. Maintain fill and

existing surface at approximately same moisture content to facilitate bonding.

.6 Compact filled and disturbed areas to maximum dry density to ASTM D 698, as per recommendations in soils report attached to this specification document.

### **3.3 SURPLUS MATERIAL**

.1 Remove surplus material and material unsuitable for fill, grading or landscaping off site.