

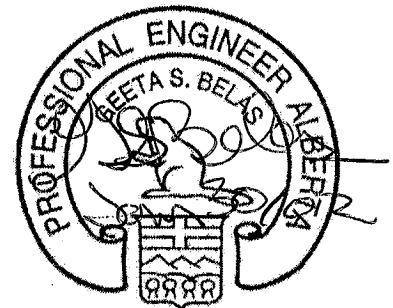
**SELKIRK HOTEL RECONSTRUCTION  
FORT EDMONTON PARK  
GEOTECHNICAL INVESTIGATION**

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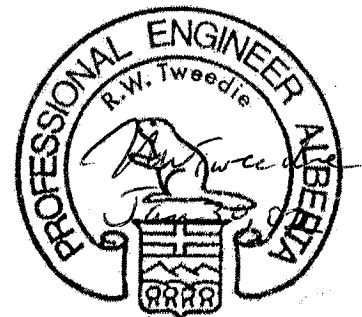
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## **1. INTRODUCTION**

This report presents the results of a geotechnical investigation for the proposed Selkirk Hotel Reconstruction to be located west of 1920 Street in Fort Edmonton Park in Edmonton, Alberta.

The scope of the investigation was outlined in our proposal submitted on November 28, 2001. Authorization to proceed with the study was provided by Mr. Adrian Whittaker of HIP Architects on behalf of the Fort Edmonton Historical Foundation by fax on December 4, 2001.

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## **2. PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT**

The location of the proposed building is shown on the site plan, Drawing No. 19-3694-0-1 in Appendix A. The proposed Selkirk Hotel has approximate dimensions of 60 feet X 150 feet in plan. We understand that construction will be floor slab-on-grade, without basement.

## **3. METHOD OF INVESTIGATION**

### **3.1 Field Program**

Three test holes (TH02-1, TH02-2, and TH02-3) were drilled on January 10, 2002, using a truck mounted auger drill rig at the approximate locations shown on Drawing No. 19-3694-0-1 in Appendix A. The test holes were drilled to depths of 8.1 m below existing ground surface.

Disturbed soil samples were obtained during drilling and Standard Penetration Tests were carried out at selected depths in the test holes. Water levels were noted during and after completion of the drilling. A standpipe piezometer was installed in TH02-1 to allow future ground water level monitoring.

### **3.2 Laboratory Testing**

Laboratory testing included a visual classification and the determination of the natural water content of all soil samples. Atterberg Limit and a water-soluble sulphate tests were also carried out on selected soil samples.

The results of the drilling and laboratory testing are summarized on the test hole logs in Appendix A. An explanation of the symbols and terms used to describe the test hole logs, and the Modified Unified Soils Classification are also provided in Appendix A.

## **4. SITE DESCRIPTION**

### **4.1 Surface Conditions**

The site had about 100 mm of snow cover at the time of investigation, and slopes to the south. The ground surface at the Selkirk Hotel site is relatively flat and is currently being used as a parking lot.

### **4.2 Subsurface Conditions**

Detailed descriptions of the subsurface conditions encountered in the test holes are provided on the individual logs in Appendix A.

The subsurface conditions generally consisted of clay fill (in test hole TH02-1) or clay followed by gravel to the completion of the test holes.

#### **Clay Fill**

Clay fill was found directly at ground surface in test hole TH02-1. The clay fill was generally dark brown, medium plastic, silty, with some organics, trace oxides and white silt pockets. Natural moisture contents in the clay fill ranged from 16% to 26%. The SPT blow count in the clay fill was 10 blows for 300 mm penetration. Undrained shear strength determined from the pocket penetrometer (C<sub>pen</sub>) was 190 kPa, indicating a very stiff consistency.

## Clay

Clay was found directly beneath the clay fill in test hole TH02-1 and at the surface in the remaining two test holes. The clay was generally brown, medium to low plastic, silty, some sand to sandy with white silt pockets and trace oxides. Natural moisture contents in the clay ranged from 11% to 31%, with the higher moisture content found just above the gravel layer. The SPT blow counts in the clay ranged from 7 to 17 blows for 300 mm penetration generally decreasing with depth.

Atterberg Limits tests were carried out a sample at a depth of 0.8 m in test hole TH02-2. The liquid limit is 36% and the plastic limit is 20%, indicating that the clay is medium plastic.

## Gravel

The underlying gravel was brown, sandy, with some clay, and traces of pebbles, coal, and oxides. Natural moisture contents in the gravel ranged from 6% to 14%. The SPT blow counts in the gravel were 46 to greater than 150 blows for 300 mm penetration, indicating a dense to very dense state.

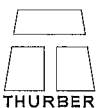
### 4.3 Groundwater

Water levels at the end of drilling were between 6.6 m and 6.9 m below ground surface which is just above the level of the gravel. A standpipe piezometer was installed in TH02-1 upon completion of drilling for further ground water level monitoring. This standpipe was read on January 29, 2002 when the groundwater was measured at 7.0 m below existing ground surface.

It should be noted that groundwater levels can vary in response to seasonal factors and precipitation; hence, the actual groundwater conditions at the time of construction could vary from those recorded during this investigation.

### 4.4 Frost Action

The expected depth of frost penetration has been estimated for the insitu materials for both the mean annual Air Freezing Index (AFI) and the 50 year return period AFI of 1400°C days and 2200°C days, respectively. The mean annual depth of



frost penetration for clay is estimated to be about 1.5 m, whereas the penetration in a 50 year return period is about 2.2 m. The mean annual depth of frost penetration could be used for short term construction cases with some risk; the 50 year return depth is usually chosen for long term design.

These depths of frost penetration are estimated assuming no insulation cover. If the area is covered with topsoil or significant snow cover, the depth of frost penetration will be less.

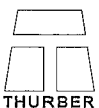
## **5. GEOTECHNICAL EVALUATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **5.1 Site Preparation - Building Areas**

All deleterious material should be stripped from the building footprint prior to site grading. In addition, any remaining organic material or soft areas should be excavated down to competent clay. Clay fill containing some organics has been noted in TH02-1 to a depth of approximately 2 m. It is recommended that the area be inspected during construction and any organic rich fill should be removed below the floor slabs. Proof rolling of the subgrade may be used to detect soft areas in the subgrade (see Appendix B). The excavated surface should be inspected by qualified geotechnical personnel to confirm that all deleterious material has been removed.

Fill should be placed and compacted to the following specifications:

- (a) All site raising fill under any building floor slab area should be placed in 150 mm maximum lifts compacted thickness and compacted to at least 98% of Standard Proctor maximum dry density within  $\pm 2\%$  of optimum moisture content.
- (b) General site grading fills outside the building footprint should be placed in 150 mm lifts compacted thickness and compacted to at least 95% of Standard Proctor maximum dry density within  $\pm 2\%$  of optimum moisture content.
- (c) All fill used for landscaping purposes needs only moderate compaction (i.e. 92% of Standard Proctor maximum dry density) to ensure future settlements do not adversely affect design drainage provisions.



Uniformity of compaction is essential to minimize the potential for differential settlement. It is recommended that fill placement be inspected and tested by qualified geotechnical personnel to ensure adequate compaction.

The on-site clay is generally suitable for site grading fill, however it will require significant moisture conditioning to achieve proper compaction.

Permanent site drainage should be developed at early stages of construction in order to control surface water and reduce future frost effects in the subgrade. The final site grade should be sloped to shed water away from the building.

## 5.2 Foundations

### 5.2.1 General

Cast-in-place concrete friction and end bearing piles, as well as spread footings are considered suitable foundation types for the Selkirk Hotel Reconstruction. Recommendations for each foundation type are provided in the following sections. In addition, recommended construction procedures are presented in Appendix B.

### 5.2.2 Cast-In-Place Concrete Friction Piles

Straight shaft concrete friction piles may be used in the support of light to medium loaded structures.

Cast-in-place concrete friction piles may be designed based on the following allowable skin friction values.

Depth Below Grade (m)	Allowable Skin Friction (kPa)
0 – 1.5	0
1.5 - bottom	22

The upper 1.5 m of shaft should be neglected in the load capacity calculation to account for the possible surface drying and shrinkage away from the shaft.

A minimum pile length of 5 m is recommended to provide adequate uplift resistance to frost heave. Piles should not be deeper than about 6.5 m to avoid

encountering the gravel layer, since extensive seepage and sloughing may be expected in the gravel.

Recommendations regarding minimum shaft diameter, reinforcing and casing are as follows:

- a) A minimum pile shaft diameter of 400 mm is recommended to prevent voids from forming during pouring of the concrete.
- b) A nominal percentage of longitudinal reinforcement (0.5% of the sectional area of the shaft) is required throughout the full length of the pile to resist potential uplift forces on the pile due to frost action and seasonal moisture variations. If piles are designed as tension elements, longitudinal reinforcing steel should be designed to resist the anticipated uplift stresses.
- c) Casing should be available and should be used if required to seal off water or prevent sloughing of the sides of the hole. The reinforcing steel and concrete should be on hand and placed as soon as the pile hole has been completed and approved in order to reduce the risk of groundwater seepage and sloughing soil. Although not encountered in the test holes drilled, boulders may be present in the clay and may affect pile installation.

### 5.2.3 Cast-in-Place Concrete End Bearing Piles

Bored cast-in-place concrete end bearing piles may be suitable for support of medium to heavily loaded structures.

The bells of the end bearing piles should be based in the firm clay at a suggested depth of 4 m below existing site grade. An allowable end bearing capacity of 140 kPa may be used for end bearing piles founded in the clay.

The following additional recommendations apply to design and installation of cast-in-place concrete end bearing piles:

- a) Shaft adhesion should not be considered in determining the allowable load for end bearing piles at this site.
- b) Belled or straight shaft piles may be used. For belled piles, the bell diameter



to shaft diameter ratio should not exceed 3:1, and the bell should not be sloped at more than 30° to the vertical.

- c) A minimum pile depth of 2.5 times the bell diameter has been assumed in calculating the above bearing capacity. If less cover is provided, the specified bearing capacity must be reduced.
- d) A minimum pile shaft diameter of 400 mm is recommended to prevent voids from forming during pouring of the concrete. If hand cleaning of the base is necessary, a minimum shaft diameter of 750 mm is required.
- e) All excavations for end bearing piles should be thoroughly cleaned and visually inspected by geotechnical personnel prior to pouring of the concrete to ensure a satisfactory base has been achieved. No slough or disturbed material should be allowed to remain in the pile excavations. Water should not be left ponded on the pile base.
- f) Casing should be available and should be used to seal off water or prevent sloughing of the sides of the hole. The reinforcing steel and concrete should be on hand and placed as soon as the pile hole has been completed and approved in order to reduce the risk of groundwater seepage and sloughing soil. Although not encountered in the test holes drilled, boulders may be present in the clay and may affect pile installation.

#### 5.2.4 Spread Footings

Spread footings should be designed and constructed according to the following recommendations.

- (a) Exterior spread footings should be founded at a minimum depth of 1.5 m below ground level for heated structures. Interior footings may be founded at a minimum depth of 1.0 m below site grade.
- (b) All footings should be founded on the firm native clay. Footings should not be placed on fill where fill or local soft zones are encountered in the footing trenches it may be necessary to deepen the footing (eg. TH02-1) or to remove the soft material or fill and replace with lean concrete. Disturbed soil should not be allowed to remain in the footing trenches.

- (c) Footings may be designed using an allowable bearing capacity of 125 kPa and 150 kPa for strip and square footings respectively.
- (d) Footings should be inspected by qualified geotechnical personnel to ensure that the footings are located in the native clay.

### 5.3 Concrete Grade Beams

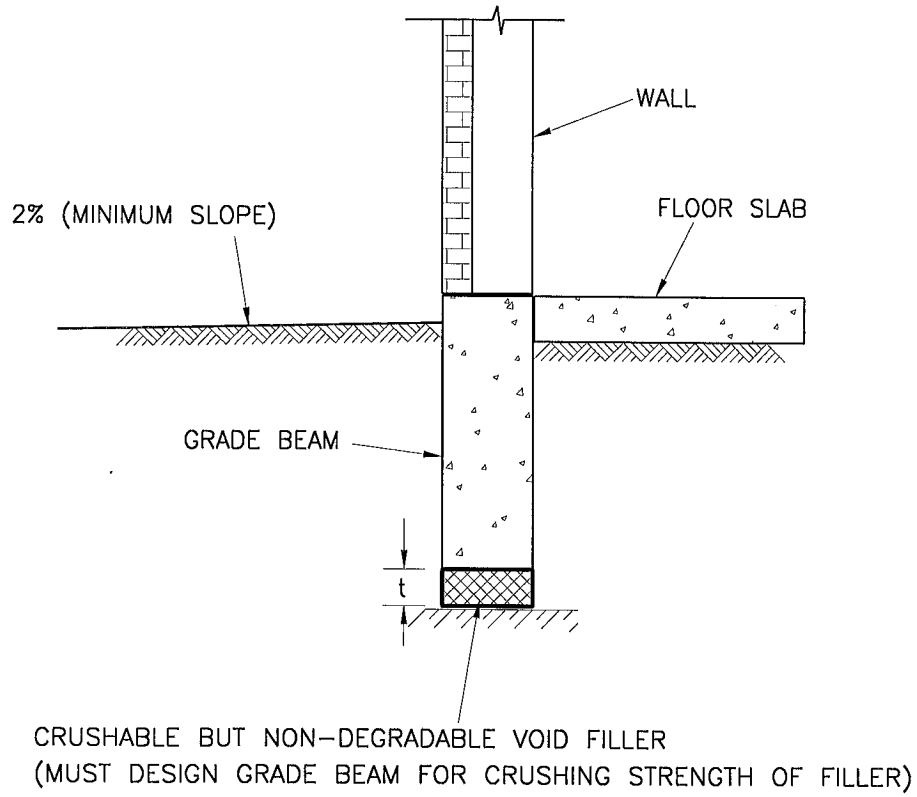
Where pile foundations are used grade beams are generally required to transfer wall loads onto the tops of the piles. Precautions should be taken to prevent heaving of the grade beams due to frost penetration, or swelling of the underlying soil. The recommended alternative construction procedures for preventing heave under the grade beam are shown in Figure 1, and consists of placing a layer of crushable non-degradable void form (e.g. Beaver Plastics Frost Cushion or equivalent) under the grade beams.

### 5.4 Concrete Slabs

Concrete slabs on grade subjected to light loads may be supported on the native soil or on engineered fill placed and compact as recommended in Section 5.1, providing that the following recommendations are followed:

- a) All organic soil and deleterious material should be removed from under the floor slab area as indicated in Section 5.1.
- b) A minimum of 150 mm of clean, well-graded sand or gravel is recommended beneath the slab on grade and along the outside of grade beams for leveling and drainage purposes. Coarse material greater than 50 mm in diameter should be avoided directly beneath the floor slab to prevent stress concentrations within the slab. The granular leveling course should be compacted to a uniform dry density of about 98% of Standard Proctor Maximum Dry Density.

A recommended typical gradation for free draining granular material for use under the floor slabs follows:



TYPICAL UNINSULATED GRADE BEAM

BASE OF GRADE BEAM ABOVE ZONE OF SEASONAL VOLUME CHANGE

SIEVE	% PASSING
1½ (38,000 µm)	100%
¾ (10,000 µm)	65 - 100
No. 4 ( 5,000 µm)	50 - 90
No. 10 ( 2,000 µm)	35 - 75
No. 40 ( 400 µm)	10 - 45
No. 100 ( 150 µm)	0 - 20
No. 200 ( 75 µm)	0 - 5

Other appropriate materials, which fall outside the above recommended gradation limits may be suitable. Alternate materials should however, be evaluated by a geotechnical engineer prior to use.

The near surface native soil is medium plastic and is moderately susceptible to swell and shrink in response to wetting and drying of the soil. Care should be taken to avoid excessive wetting and drying of the soil during construction. Any soil that has dried out or becomes very wet should be removed from below the floor slab.

Also the slabs-on-grade should be separate from the building structure and should be designed to accommodate movements due to soil moisture changes. Non-load bearing walls should have a gap of about 50 mm between the top plate and the ceiling to accommodate potential heave.

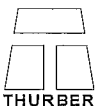
If floor movements cannot be tolerated, consideration should be given to a structural floor slab.

## 5.5 Cement Type

Two water soluble sulphate tests were carried out on selected soil samples from the site. The results indicate a negligible concentration of water soluble sulphate. Therefore, Type 10 normal Portland cement can be used for all concrete in contact with the soil at this site. The results of the sulphate tests are presented on the test hole logs in Appendix A.

## 6. CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION

The performance of the building structure(s) will depend upon the quality of workmanship during construction. This is particularly important in regard to foundation installations where variations in foundation soil conditions could occur. Therefore, it is recommended that inspection be provided by a qualified geotechnical personnel during foundation installation to confirm that the spread footings and/ or piles are installed in competent bearing material and that the stratigraphy is similar to those that have been assumed for the design. Compaction testing for backfill will also be required.



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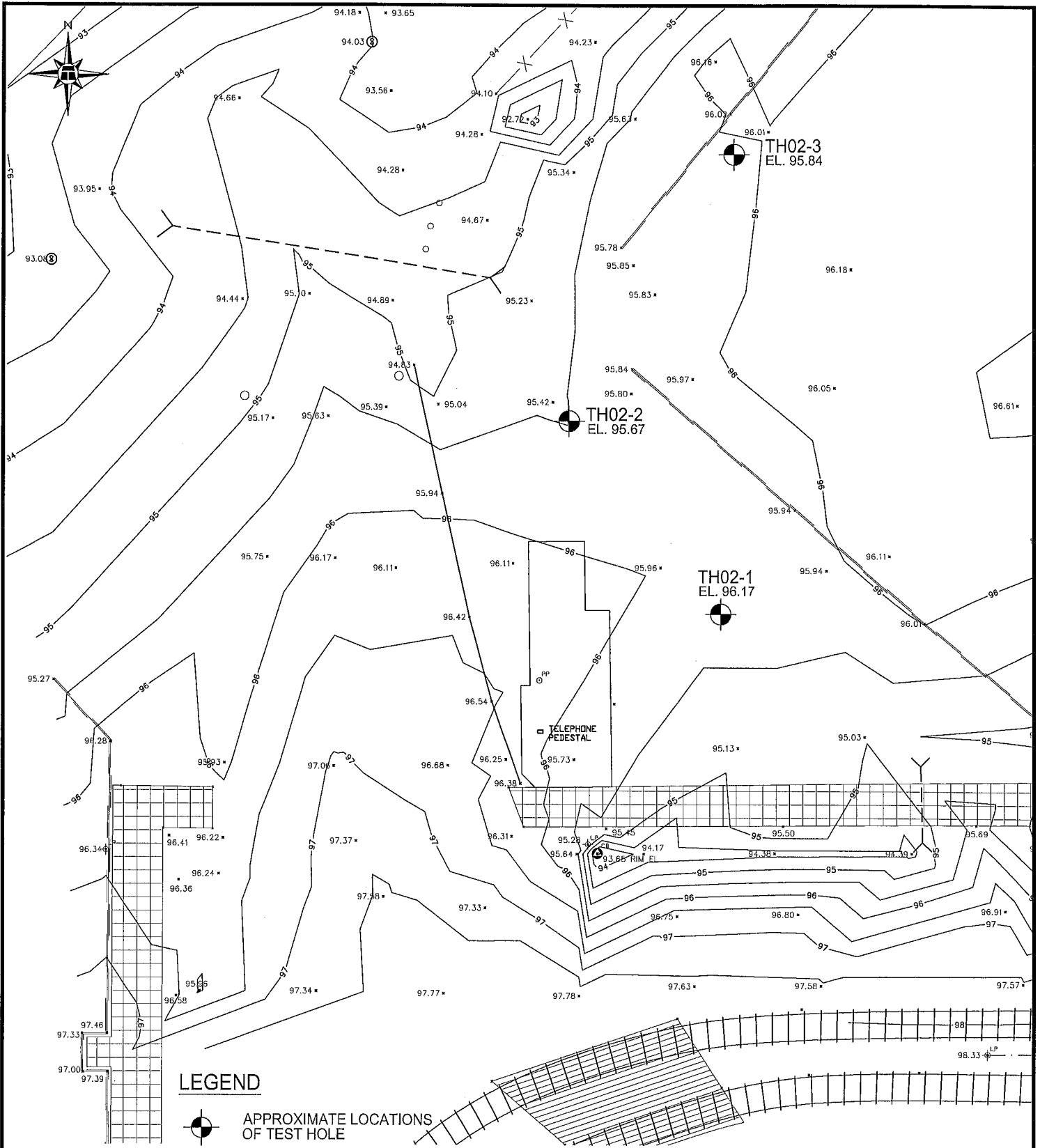
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**SITE PLAN SHOWING  
TEST HOLE LOCATIONS**

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DRAWING No.  
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**SYMBOLS AND TERMS USED ON TEST HOLE LOGS**

**1. VISUAL TEXTURAL CLASSIFICATION OF MINERAL SOILS**

<u>CLASSIFICATION</u>	<u>APPARENT PARTICLE SIZE</u>
Boulders	Greater than 200 mm
Cobbles	75 mm to 200 mm
Gravel	5 mm to 75 mm
Sand	Not visible to 5 mm
Silt	Non-Plastic particles, not visible to the naked eye
Clay	Plastic particles, not visible to the naked eye

**2. TERMS DESCRIBING CONSISTENCY (COHESIVE SOILS ONLY)**

<u>DESCRIPTIVE TERM</u>	<u>APPROXIMATE UNDRAINED SHEAR STRENGTH</u>
Very Soft	Less than 10 kPa
Soft	10 - 25 kPa
Firm	25 - 50 kPa
Stiff	50 - 100 kPa
Very Stiff	100 - 200 kPa
Hard	200 - 300 kPa
Very Hard	Greater than 300 kPa

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**3. TERMS DESCRIBING DENSITY (COHESIONLESS SOILS ONLY)**

<u>DESCRIPTIVE TERM</u>	<u>STANDARD PENETRATION TEST (SPT)</u> (Number of Blows per 300 mm)
Very Loose	0 - 4
Loose	4 - 10
Compact	10 - 30
Dense	30 - 50
Very Dense	Over 50

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**4. LEGEND FOR TEST HOLE LOGS**

SYMBOL FOR SAMPLE TYPE

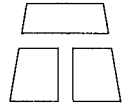
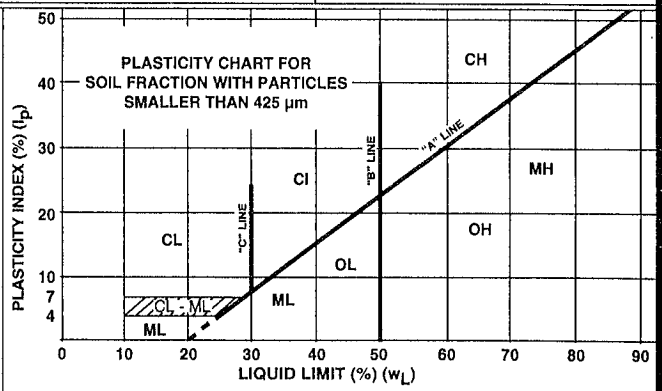
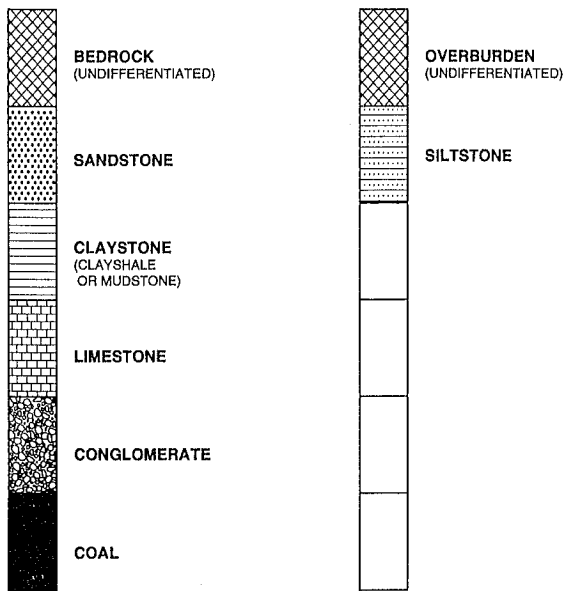
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|  | SPT   |  | Grab     |
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| ▼   | Water Level   |   |          |
| CPen -  | Shear Strength determined by pocket penetrometer                    |   |          |
| CVane -   | Shear Strength determined by pocket vane.                           |   |          |
| Cu -  | Undrained Shear Strength determined by unconfined compression test. |   |          |

# MODIFIED UNIFIED CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR SOILS

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MAJOR DIVISION		GROUP SYMBOL	THURBER LOG SYMBOL	TYPICAL DESCRIPTION	LABORATORY CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA	
<b>COARSE-GRAINED SOILS</b> (MORE THAN HALF BY WEIGHT LARGER THAN 75µm)	<b>GRAVELS</b> MORE THAN HALF COARSE GRAINS LARGER THAN 4.75 mm	GW		WELL GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL - SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES	Determine percentages of gravel and sand from grain size curve. Depending on percentages of gravel and sand, soils are classified as follows: Less than 5% GW, GP, SW, SP More than 5% GM, GC, SM, SC More than 12% Borderline cases requiring use of dual symbols	
		GP		POORLY GRADED GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND MIXTURES, LITTLE OR NO FINES		
		<b>GRAVELS WITH FINES</b> (APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF FINES)	GM			SILTY GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND-SILT MIXTURES
			GC			CLAYEY GRAVELS, GRAVEL-SAND-CLAY MIXTURES
	<b>SANDS</b> MORE THAN HALF COARSE GRAINS SMALLER THAN 4.75 mm	SW		WELL GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SANDS, LITTLE OR NO FINES		
		SP		POORLY GRADED SANDS, GRAVELLY SANDS, LITTLE OR NO FINES		
		<b>SAND WITH FINES</b> (APPRECIABLE AMOUNT OF FINES)	SM			SILTY SANDS, SAND-SILT MIXTURES
			SC			CLAYEY SANDS, SAND-CLAY MIXTURES
		<b>SILTS</b> BELOW "A" LINE NEGLIGIBLE ORGANIC CONTENT	$w_L < 50\%$	ML		INORGANIC SILTS AND VERY FINE SANDS, ROCK FLOUR, SILTY OR CLAYEY FINE SANDS OR CLAYEY SILTS WITH SLIGHT PLASTICITY
			$w_L > 50\%$	MH		INORGANIC SILTS, MICACEOUS OR DIATOMACEOUS, FINE SANDY OR SILTY SOILS
<b>CLAYS</b> ABOVE "A" LINE NEGLIGIBLE ORGANIC CONTENT	$w_L < 30\%$	CL	INORGANIC CLAYS OF LOW PLASTICITY, GRAVELLY, SANDY, OR SILTY CLAYS, LEAN CLAYS			
	$30\% < w_L < 50\%$	CI	INORGANIC CLAYS OF MEDIUM PLASTICITY, GRAVELLY CLAYS, SANDY CLAYS, SILTY CLAYS			
	$w_L > 50\%$	CH	INORGANIC CLAYS OF HIGH PLASTICITY, FAT CLAYS			
	<b>ORGANIC SILTS &amp; CLAYS</b> BELOW "A" LINE	$w_L < 50\%$	OL	ORGANIC SILTS AND ORGANIC SILTY CLAYS OF LOW AND MEDIUM PLASTICITY		
		$w_L > 50\%$	OH	ORGANIC CLAYS OF HIGH PLASTICITY, ORGANIC SILTS		
<b>HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS</b>		Pt	PEAT AND OTHER HIGHLY ORGANIC SOILS	STRONG COLOR OR ODOR, AND OFTEN FIBROUS TEXTURE		

### SPECIAL SYMBOLS

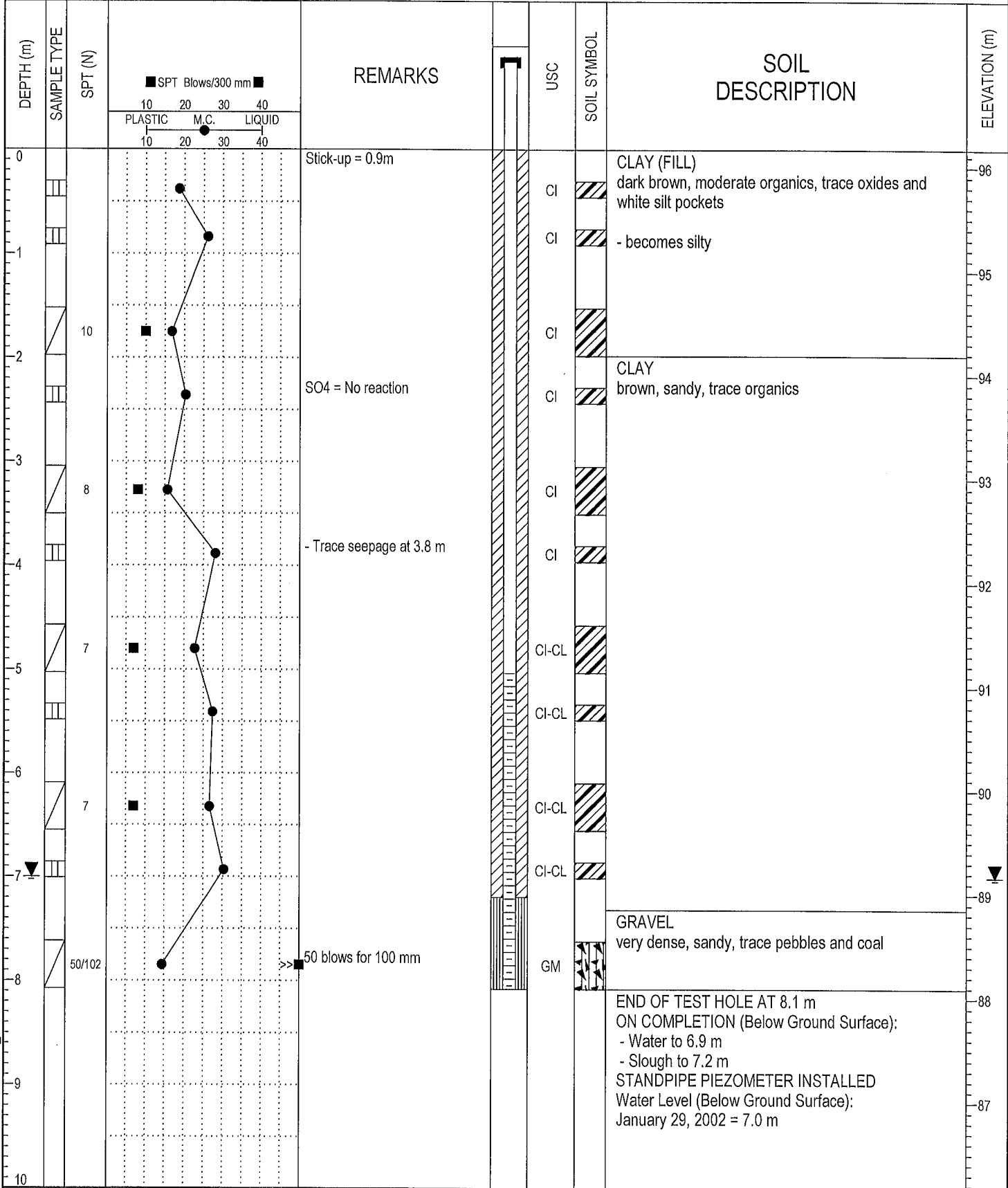


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CLIENT: Fort Edmonton Historical Society c/o HIP Architects	PROJECT: Selkirk Hotel Reconstruction	BOREHOLE NO: TH02-1
DRILLING COMPANY: SPT Drilling Ltd.	DATE DRILLED: January 10, 2002	PROJECT NO: 19-3694-0
DRILL/METHOD: B47/ Solid Stem Auger	LOCATION: See Drawing No. 19-3694-0-1	ELEVATION: 96.17 (m)

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BACKFILL TYPE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DRILL CUTTINGS	<input type="checkbox"/> SLOUGH

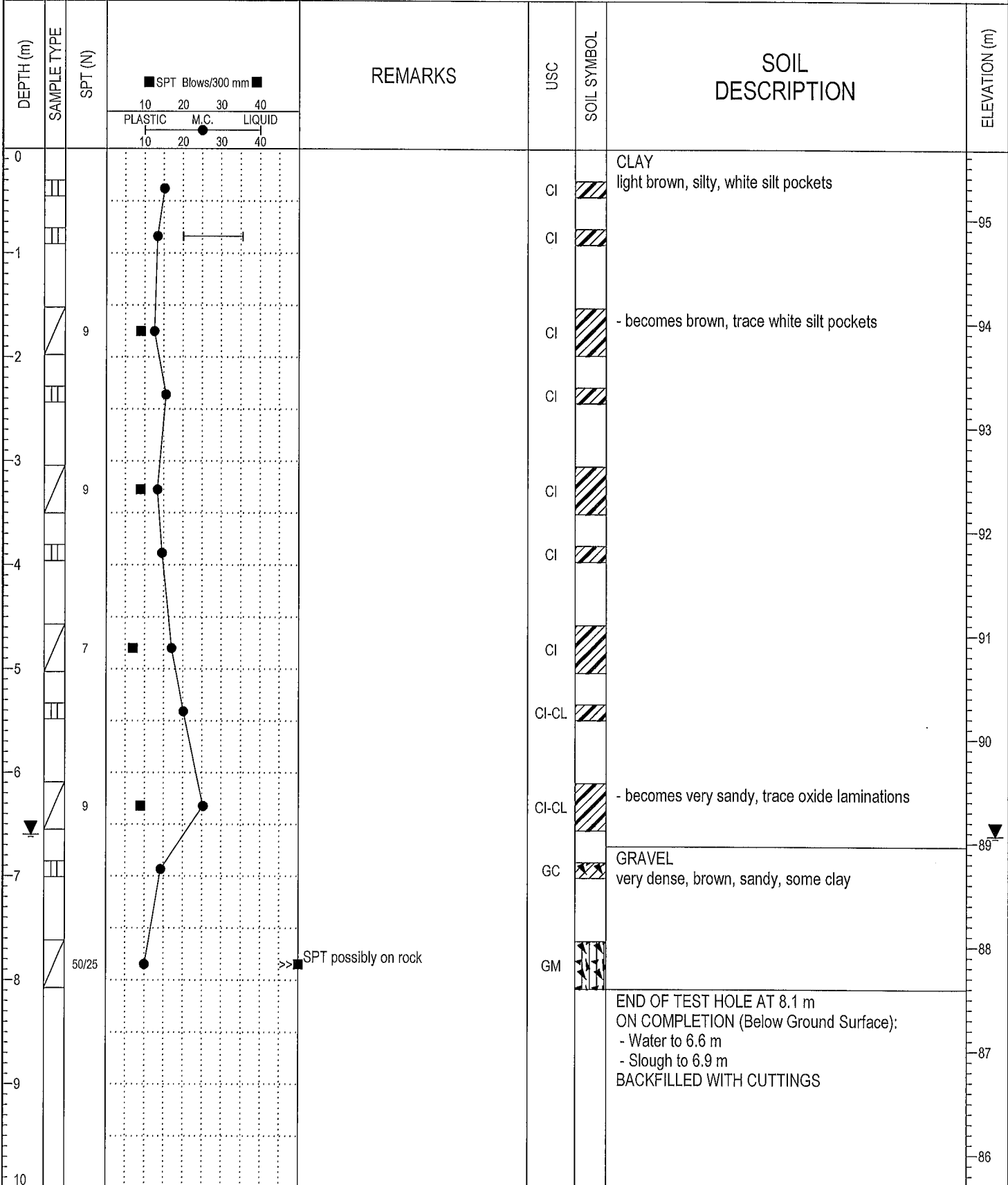


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CLIENT: Fort Edmonton Historical Society c/o HIP Architects	PROJECT: Selkirk Hotel Reconstruction	BOREHOLE NO: TH02-2
DRILLING COMPANY: SPT Drilling Ltd.	DATE DRILLED: January 10, 2002	PROJECT NO: 19-3694-0
DRILL/METHOD: B47/ Solid Stem Auger	LOCATION: See Drawing No. 19-3694-0-1	ELEVATION: 95.671 (m)

SAMPLE TYPE  GRAB SAMPLE  SPT



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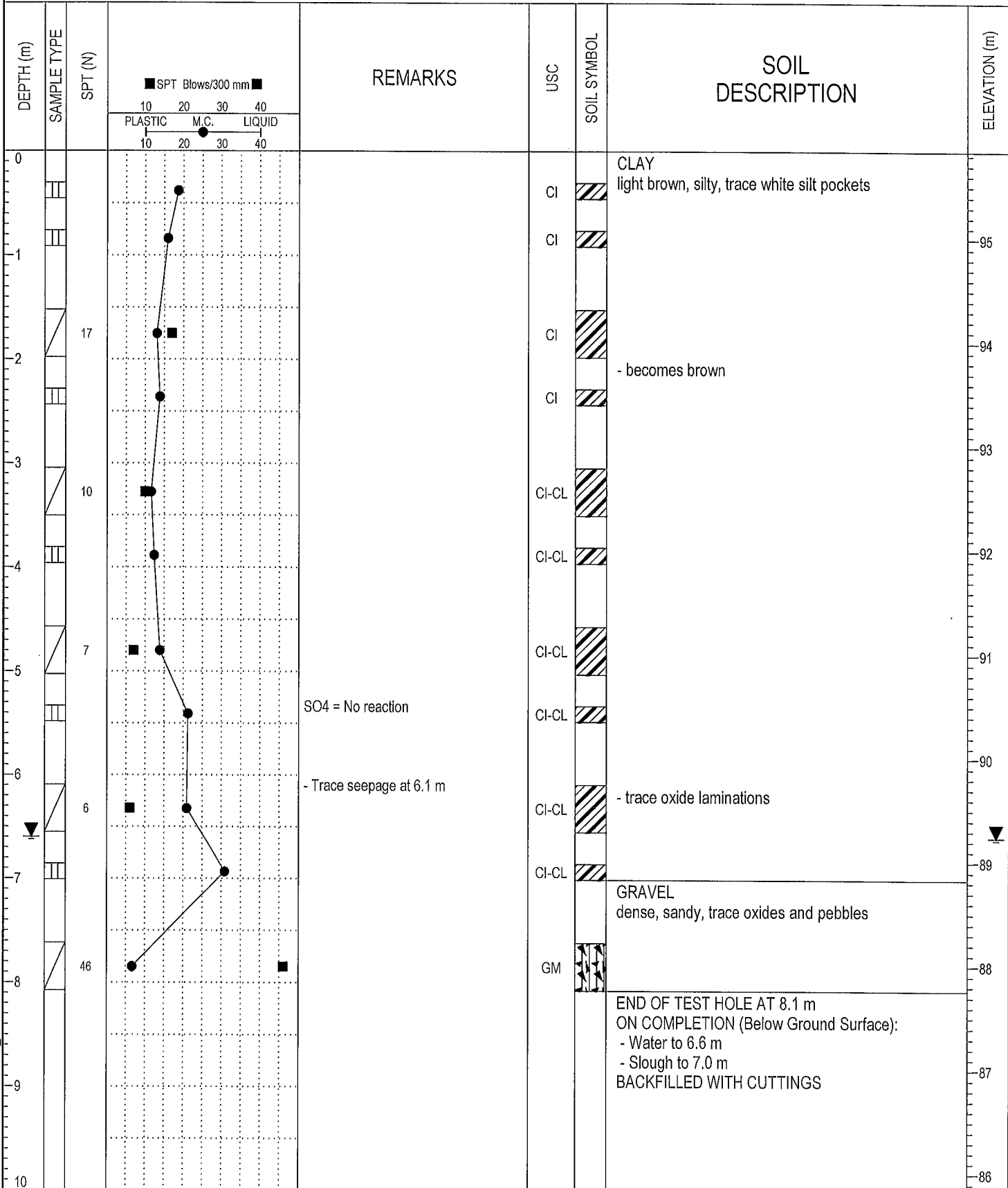


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CLIENT: Fort Edmonton Historical Society c/o HIP Architects	PROJECT: Selkirk Hotel Reconstruction	BOREHOLE NO: TH02-3
DRILLING COMPANY: SPT Drilling Ltd.	DATE DRILLED: January 10, 2002	PROJECT NO: 19-3694-0
DRILL/METHOD: B47/ Solid Stem Auger	LOCATION: See Drawing No. 19-3694-0-1	ELEVATION: 95.841 (m)

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## APPENDIX B

### Recommended Construction Procedures

## RECOMMENDED CONSTRUCTION PROCEDURES

The following construction procedures are considered to represent good practice and are to be read in conjunction with the text of this report.

### 1. EXCAVATED FOUNDATIONS

- 1.1 Excavation close to foundation level should be done carefully to avoid disturbance of the soil. It is essential to prevent the soil at foundation level from deterioration due to excessive drying or becoming wet from surface or seepage water. Good drainage both during and after construction is essential.
- 1.2 Sumps, if required, should be located well away from the foundation area. Softened or overdried soil must be removed and replaced by lean mix concrete or by extending the foundations.
- 1.3 The foundation must be kept from freezing both during and after construction. Foundation concrete should not be placed on or against frozen soil.

### 2. PROOF ROLLING

- 2.1 Proof rolling is a method of detecting soft areas in a subgrade for fill, pavement, floors or foundations. The intent is to detect softened areas not revealed by the test holes or visual examination of the site surface, and is used where normal scarification and compacting procedures would not be successful in detecting and eliminating soft areas. It is usually accomplished with the use of heavy 130 to 220 kN (15-25 ton) compaction equipment with high contact wheel pressures on independent axles, although heavily loaded single axle trucks will provide the equivalent result.
- 2.2 The procedure requires 2 complete passes with the heavy equipment in one direction and then a second series of 2 passes made at right angles to the first series.



- 2.3 While the passes are being made, any softened, rutted or displaced areas detected should be examined and either recompacted with additional fill or the existing material removed and replaced with better quality material.

### **3. BACKFILLING**

- 3.1 Backfill around foundations should be placed in such a manner so as to prevent settlement and to be relatively impervious near the surface so that water does not pond against foundations nor be allowed to seep into the soil.
- 3.2 Backfill should not be placed until the structure has sufficient strength to withstand the earth pressures resulting from placement and compaction.
- 3.3 All backfill around grade beams, foundation walls, etc. must be carefully and uniformly compacted. The backfill should be placed in even layers and no frozen nor organic material should be incorporated into the fill. All lumps of material must be broken down or squeezed together during placing and compaction.
- 3.4 The final grade (allowing for some settlement of the backfill) should shed water away from the structure.
- 3.5 During construction, precautions should be taken to prevent water ponding in grade beam excavations thereby acting as a source of water to soften the soil under the floor slab area or providing a source of water for frost action if the building is not heated during freezing weather.

### **4. BORED CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE PILES**

- 4.1 If there is evidence of water bearing and/or sloughing soil, casing should be used to seal off the water or prevent the sloughing of the sides of the hole. The concrete and reinforcing steel should be on hand and placed as soon as the pile hole has been completed and approved.
- 4.2 Pile bells, if used, should be formed entirely in self-supporting soil and it may be necessary in some cases to extend the pile bell if caving occurs at the location of the bell.

- 4.3 Water should not be left ponded on the pile base and should be removed, or dried by the use of dry cement when permitted by the engineer.
- 4.4 Concrete should be placed without segregation and carefully vibrated throughout the full length of the pile to ensure that voids do not exist in the pile shaft. The concrete slump should be between 75 and 125 mm with a minimum compressive strength at 28 days of 21 MPa (3000 psi). Higher compressive strengths may be required for structural or durability reasons, and higher slumps may be necessary for closely spaced reinforcing bars or where concrete is to be tremied under water.
- 4.5 Steel reinforcing should be tied into the grade beam reinforcing steel. This recommendation is important where the soil below grade beam can swell from a change in moisture content or by frost action before the building is heated.