

# Diamond Head Consulting Ltd. Arborist Report

For:

Gage South Student Housing and Bus Loop  
Exchange  
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To be submitted with Tree Retention and Removal  
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## 1.0 Introduction

Diamond Head Consulting Ltd. (DHC) was asked to complete an assessment of the trees on and the following proposed development occurring for Gage South Student Housing and Bus Loop Exchange.

The trees as within the scope of the proposed project and as specified by the client were assessed, including: species, diameter at breast height (dbh) measured to the nearest 1 cm at 1.4 m above natural grade (tree's base), estimated height and general health and defects. Critical root zones were calculated for each of the trees with the potential for development impacts. Tree hazards were assessed according to International Society of Arboriculture and WCB standards. **Due to the extent of the proposed development, all of the trees that have been inventoried are proposed for removal.** This report outlines the existing condition of the trees on and adjacent to the property and summarizes the proposed tree removals.

### 1.1 Limits of Assignment

- Our investigation is based solely on our visual inspection of the trees on January 29, 2016 (Trees 1-53). Trees 54-63 were assessed from Google Earth Street View. Detailed assessment will be required if these trees are to be retained.
- Our inspection was conducted from ground level. We did not conduct soil tests or below root examination to assess the condition of the root system of the trees.
- Only the three subject trees were assessed, no other trees have been assessed.

### 1.2 Purpose and Use of Report

- Provide documentation pertaining to only the three trees as directed by UBCPT within the limits of construction for this project.

## 2.0 Observations

### 2.1 Site Overview

The proposed development is adjacent the North Parkade, and this study focuses only three tree growing within a planting berm adjacent the Parkade. No other trees were assessed for this study. Subject tree attributes, critical root zones and recommendations for the trees are listed below in **Table 1**.

### 2.2 Tree Inventory

The following is an inventory of assessed trees: tree species, characteristics, comments, recommendations and required root protection zones have been suggested (Table 1). Their locations are illustrated on the accompanying map.

## Overall Health and Structure Rating

- **Excellent** = Tree of possible specimen quality, unique species or size with no discernible defects. Or a heritage tree.
- **Normal** = Trees are in fair to good condition, considering its growing environment and species.
- **Poor** = Trees have low vigour, with noted health and/or structural defects. This tree is starting to decline from its typical species growth habits.
- **Very poor** = Trees are in serious decline from its typical growth habits, with multiple very definable health and/or structural defects.
- **Dead/Dying** = Trees were found to be dead, and/or have severe defects and are in severe decline.
- **High Risk** = Trees have been deemed hazardous by a Certified Tree Risk Assessor utilizing CTRA methods. They have a probability of failure of 3 or higher with a total overall risk rating of 8 (Moderate 3) or above.

## 2.3 Photographs



Photo 1. Showing trees 51-53 – Japanese maples that can be relocated.



Photo 2. Looking at the mature hedge maples – trees 22-30.



Photo 3. Trees 40-47 oaks and beeches.



Photo 4. Trees 48-50. Japanese maples that can be relocated.



Photo 5. Trees 3-5A. Black cottonwoods and maples.



Photo 6. Trees . 31-34 Black Pines and maples.

## 2.4 Tree Inventory Table

Table 1. Tree Inventory.

Tag #	Common Name	Botanical Name	DBH (cm)	Ht (m)	Overall Condition	Comments	Retain/Remove	TPZ (m)
1	Shore Pine	<i>Pinus Ponderosa</i>	46	8	Normal	Located within a parking island. Roots exposed due to path over northern immediate root zone.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.8
2	Shore Pine	<i>Pinus Ponderosa</i>	46	8	Normal	Located within a parking island. On hummock. Normal growth habit.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.8
3	Black Cottonwood	<i>Populus balsimifera x trichnocarpa</i>	84	23	Normal	Large tree with recent scaffold breaks.	Remove. Within proposed development area	5.0
4	Black Cottonwood	<i>Populus balsimifera x trichnocarpa</i>	81	25	Normal	Close to roadway. Some of the larger branches can target the road. Large tree with recent scaffold breaks.	Remove. Within proposed development area	4.9
5	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	31	8	Poor	Tree is in decline. Dead top with decay in some of the upper limbs.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
5A	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	39	7	Poor	Tree is in decline. Dead top. By sidewalk .		2.3
6	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	28	7	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
7	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	33	7	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
8	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	27	7	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
9	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	26	7	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
10	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	20	7	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
11	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	22	7	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
12	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	23	7	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
13	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	21	7	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
14	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	24	7	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
15	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	20	7	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been	Remove. Within proposed	2.0

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						stressed.	development area	
16	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	24	7	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
17	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	18	7	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
18	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	19	7	Poor	Dead top. Damage by vehicle at base.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
19	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	18	7	Poor	Previously topped or dead top with decay.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
20	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	18	7	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
21	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	20	7	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
22	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	43	7	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.6
23	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	42	8	Poor	Dead top	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.5
24	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	43	10	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.6
25	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	42	10	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.5
26	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	43	10	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.6
27	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	31	10	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
28	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	33	10	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
29	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	46	10	Normal	Normal structure and form. Little increment in growth. Tree has been stressed.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.8
30	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	39	7	Poor	Dead top. Form has grown out since dead top.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.3
31	Black pine	<i>Pinus Nigra</i>	31	9	Normal	Good form and health. Single stem.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
32	Sycamore maple	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	19	7	Normal	Street tree, in good health and form.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
33	Black pine	<i>Pinus Nigra</i>	22	8	Normal	Slight kink and windswept form	Remove. Within proposed	2.0

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							development area	
34	Sycamore maple	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	17	7	Normal	Good health and form. Relatively recent planting.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
35	Black pine	<i>Pinus Nigra</i>	18	10	Normal	Codominant stem with U-union at 2m.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
36	Black pine	<i>Pinus Nigra</i>	21	9	Normal	Kink in stem at 2.0m. Good foliage growth.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
37	Sycamore maple	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	21	8	Normal	Good health and form. Relatively recent planting.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
38	Black pine	<i>Pinus Nigra</i>	21	9	Normal	Kink in stem at 1.5m with codominant stem at 6m. Minor inclusion.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
39	London plane	<i>Platanus x acerifolia</i>	46	13	Normal	In parking island. Slight dieback in crown.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.8
40	Fastigate Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica Dawyck</i>	32	9	Normal	In parking island. Slight dieback in crown.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
41	Oak	<i>Quercus spp.</i>	43	10	Normal	In parking island.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.6
42	Fastigate Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica Dawyck</i>	24	8	Normal	In parking island.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
43	Oak	<i>Quercus spp.</i>	42	9	Normal	In parking island.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.5
44	Fastigate Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica Dawyck</i>	28	9	Normal	In parking island.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
45	Fastigate Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica Dawyck</i>	27,11	9	Normal	In parking island.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
46	Fastigate Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica Dawyck</i>	29	9	Normal	In parking island.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
47	Fastigate Beech	<i>Fagus sylvatica Dawyck</i>	33	11	Normal	In parking island.	Remove. Within proposed development area	2.0
48	Japanese maple	<i>Acer palmatum</i>	28	4	Normal	4 stems. Treat as 28cm. Minor branch dieback.	Relocate or Remove	2.0
49	Japanese maple	<i>Acer palmatum</i>	24			4 stems. Treat as 24cm. Minor branch dieback.	Relocate or Remove	2.0
50	Japanese maple	<i>Acer palmatum</i>	22			3 stems treat as 22cm	Relocate or Remove	2.0
51	Japanese maple	<i>Acer palmatum</i>	26			4 stems treat as 26cm. By stairs - boxed on 3 sides	Relocate or Remove	2.0
52	Japanese maple	<i>Acer palmatum</i>	25			3 stems, treat as 25cm. By stairs - boxed in on 3 sides	Relocate or Remove	2.0
53	Japanese maple	<i>Acer palmatum</i>	21			3 stems, treat as 21cm. By stairs - boxed in on 3 sides	Relocate or Remove	2.0

Tag #	Common Name	Botanical Name	DBH (cm)	Ht (m)	Overall Condition	Comments	Retain/Remove	TPZ (m)
54	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	23	10	Normal	Healthy young tree, sidewalk and road within 1m of tree. Thinning crown as a result.	Remove	2.0
55	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	26	9	Normal	Healthy young tree. Good soil volume and the spread of limbs is significant given its height.	Remove	2.0
56	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	28	8	Normal	Has a sign with large cement footing to the west of tree. Some dieback in upper crown.	Remove	2.0
57	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	24	8	Normal	Has a sign with large cement footing to the west of tree. Some dieback in upper crown.	Remove	2.0
58	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	30	8	Normal	Some dieback in crown due to the sign placement in its root zone.	Remove	2.0
59	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	33	8	Normal	Large crown spread – healthy foliage and sufficient soil volume.	Remove	2.0
60	Hedge maple	<i>Acer campestre</i>	20	8	Normal	Has the intersection of the two roads to the east of this tree – 2m. Thinning crown as a result of the lack of soil.	Remove	2.0
61	Sycamore maple	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	26		Normal	Street tree in normal health and form. Minor dieback in upper crown.	Remove	2.0
62	Sycamore maple	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	32		Normal	Street tree in normal health and form. Minor dieback in upper crown.	Remove	2.0
63	Sycamore maple	<i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	30		Normal	Street tree in normal health and form. Minor dieback in upper crown.	Remove	2.0

## 3.0 Summary

This study inventoried 52 subject trees in relation to the proposed development. 46 of the trees are recommended to be removed to accommodate the development, and six trees are recommended for relocation.

### Removal of logs from sites

Private timber marks are required for the transporting logs from private-owned land in the province of BC. It is the owner of the properties responsibility to apply for a timber mark prior to the removal of any merchantable timber from the site. Additional information can be found at:

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/hth/private-timber-marks.htm>

### Regulation of Soil Moisture and Drainage

The excavation and construction activities adjacent to the RPZs can influence the moisture availability to the subject trees. This is due to a reduction in the total rooting mass, changes in drainage conditions and changes in exposure including reflected heat from adjacent hard surfaces. To mitigate these concerns the following guidelines should be followed:

- Soil moisture conditions within the tree protection zones should be monitored during hot and dry weather. When soil moisture conditions are dry, supplemental irrigation should be provided. Irrigation should wet the soil to the depth of the root system (approximately 30 cm deep).
- Any planned changes to the surface grades within the RPZ, including the placement of mulch, should be designed so that the water will flow away from the tree trunks.
- Excavation adjacent to trees can alter the soils hydrological processes by draining the water faster than it had naturally. It is recommended that when excavating within 6 m of any tree, the site be irrigated more frequently to account for this.

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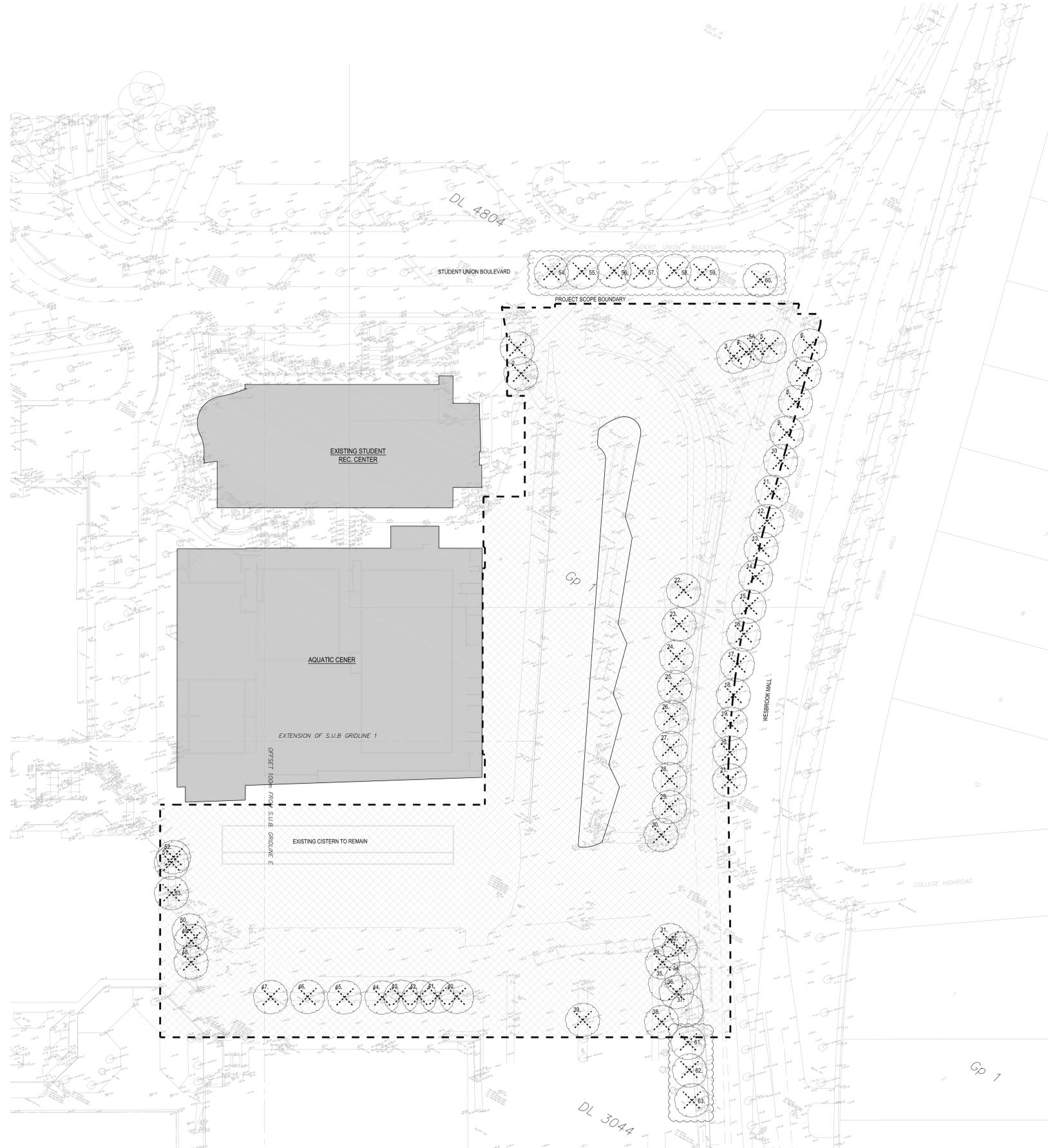
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1 PLAN VIEW  
SCALE: 1:500

SITE DEMOLITION LEGEND

- [Hatched Box] SITE AREA TO BE DEMOLISHED

SITE DEMOLITION NOTES

1. PLAN BASED ON SURVEY CONDUCTED BY MURRAY & ASSOCIATES, SURREY, BC AND SUPPLIED BY UBC.
2. ALL EXISTING HARDSCAPE AND SOFTSCAPE WITHIN PROJECT BOUNDARY TO BE DEMOLISHED.
3. REMOVE AND STOCKPILE ANY EXISTING SITE FURNISHINGS WITHIN HATCHED AREAS. COORDINATE STORAGE WITH UBC PLANT OPERATIONS.
4. REMOVE AND RETAIN ANY MEMORIAL OR HISTORIC LANDSCAPE ITEMS, PLAQUES, BENCHES, TREES, ETC. AND RETURN TO OWNER.
5. LOCATION OF AT-GRADE SERVICES SHOWN ON DRAWINGS ARE INDICATIVE ONLY. CONTRACTOR TO VERIFY LOCATION AND PROTECT ALL SITE SERVICES WITHIN SCOPE OF WORK PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF EXCAVATION. REFER TO CIVIL FOR SUB SURFACE UTILITY LOCATIONS.
6. REFER TO CIVIL FOR UTILITY DEMOLITION AND PROTECTION MEASURES.
7. REFER TO CIVIL FOR EROSION CONTROL MEASURES.
8. CONTRACTOR TO MAKE GOOD ANY DAMAGE DONE DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PERIOD TO EXISTING FEATURES TO BE RETAINED.
9. ANY BLUE PHONES IN CONFLICT WITH PROPOSED DESIGN TO BE EVALUATED FOR REMOVAL AND RELOCATION BY CLIENT IN COORDINATION WITH TELECOM PROVIDER.

TREE PROTECTION LEGEND

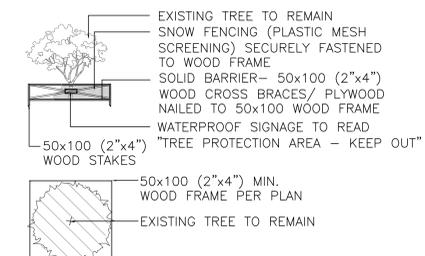
- [Circle with X] TREE TO BE REMOVED
- [Circle with X and Dashed Line] TREE TO BE REMOVED (OUTSIDE SCOPE - SEE NOTE #9)
- [Circle with X and Box] TREE TO BE RELOCATED
- [Rectangle with Dashed Line] TREE PROTECTION FENCE
- [Circle with Dotted Line] EXISTING TREE TO REMAIN

TREE REMOVAL SCHEDULE

1. 460mm, PINE	26. 430mm, MAPLE	52. 250mm, MAPLE*
2. 460mm, PINE	27. 310mm, MAPLE	53. 210mm, MAPLE*
3. 840mm, COTTONWOOD	28. 330mm, MAPLE	54. 230mm, MAPLE
4. 810mm, COTTONWOOD	29. 460mm, MAPLE	55. 260mm, MAPLE
5. 310mm, MAPLE	30. 390mm, MAPLE	56. 280mm, MAPLE
5A. 390mm, MAPLE	31. 310mm, PINE	57. 240mm, MAPLE
6. 280mm, MAPLE	32. 190mm, DECIDUOUS	58. 300mm, MAPLE
7. 330mm, MAPLE	33. 220mm, PINE	59. 330mm, MAPLE
8. 270mm, MAPLE	34. 170mm, DECIDUOUS	60. 200mm, MAPLE
9. 260mm, MAPLE	35. 180mm, PINE	61. 260mm, MAPLE
10. 200mm, MAPLE	36. 210mm, PINE	62. 320mm, MAPLE
11. 220mm, MAPLE	37. 210mm, MAPLE	63. 300mm, MAPLE
12. 230mm, MAPLE	38. 210mm, PINE	
13. 210mm, MAPLE	39. 460mm, PLATANUS	
14. 240mm, MAPLE	40. 320mm, BEECH	
15. 200mm, MAPLE	41. 230mm, OAK	
16. 240mm, MAPLE	42. 240mm, BEECH	
17. 180mm, MAPLE	43. 420mm, OAK	
18. 190mm, MAPLE	44. 280mm, BEECH	
19. 180mm, DECIDUOUS	45. 270mm/110mm, BEECH	
20. 180mm, DECIDUOUS	46. 290mm, BEECH	
21. 180mm, DECIDUOUS	47. 330mm, BEECH	
22. 430mm, MAPLE	48. 280mm, MAPLE*	
23. 420mm, MAPLE	49. 240mm, MAPLE*	
24. 430mm, MAPLE	50. 220mm, MAPLE*	
25. 420mm, MAPLE	51. 260mm, MAPLE*	

TREE PROTECTION NOTES (TREES TO BE PROTECTED OR RELOCATED TBD IN COORDINATION WITH CLIENT)

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2. NO STORAGE OF BUILDING /CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS WITHIN PROTECTED AREAS OR AGAINST PROTECTION BARRIER.
3. ANY PRUNING OF BRANCHES OR ROOTS MUST BE DONE BY THE PROJECT ARBORIST.
4. CONTRACTOR TO UNDERTAKE TREE PROTECTION MEASURES TO UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA STANDARDS.
5. HAND EXCAVATE ONLY WITHIN DRIPLINE OF TREES TO BE RETAINED. SEVER ROOTS CLEANLY. CONTACT PROJECT ARBORIST FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO SEVERING ROOTS IN EXCESS OF 100mm DIA.
6. TREE PROTECTION FENCE IS NOT TO BE LIFTED OR REMOVED AT ANY TIME FOR VEHICULAR ACCESS. VEHICLES AND HEAVY EQUIPMENT CAN CAUSE SOIL COMPACTION IN THE ROOT ZONE DEPLETING THE AIR SPACE THAT IS ESSENTIAL TO THE TREE'S HEALTH.
7. LOCATION OF TREE PROTECTION FENCING AND LIMIT OF ACCESS FENCING TO BE VERIFIED WITH CONSULTANT AND PROJECT ARBORIST PRIOR TO INSTALLATION.
8. BASED ON CONTRACTOR'S STAGING AND ACCESS REQUIREMENTS, ADDITIONAL TREE PROTECTION FENCING MAY BE REQUIRED.
9. TREES IDENTIFIED TO BE RELOCATED (\*) REQUIRE ASSESSMENT AND COORDINATION WITH THE PROJECT ARBORIST AND CAMPUS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT. RELOCATION TO BE DETERMINED BY CAMPUS LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT.



2 TREE PROTECTION FENCE  
SCALE: N.T.S.

DIALOG

PFS STUDIO  
PLANNERS • URBAN DESIGN • LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE

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UBC Properties Trust  
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December 14, 2015  
File: 12970

Attention: Dave Poettcker

**Re: Geotechnical Report: UBC Exchange Project – Proposed Bus Loop,  
Wesbrook Mall & Student Union Boulevard, UBC Campus, Vancouver, BC**

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION**

As requested, GeoPacific Consultants Ltd. (GeoPacific) has carried out a geotechnical site investigation for the proposed bus loop which forms part of the UBC Exchange development located on the UBC campus.

The area investigated is located between the adjacent to the new Aquatic Centre and the War Memorial buildings. Our investigation did not include the main bus terminal and the future road realignment along Wesbrook Mall due to access restrictions as these areas are part of the operational bus terminal. We have referenced preliminary design drawings prepared by Dialog dated April 28, 2015, in preparation of this report.

The new bus loop includes new roads, sidewalks, curbs, a vegetated boulevard and departure platforms on both sides of the road. Due to the heavy regular loads induced by the busses, we understand that a robust road structure is required.

This report presents the results of our geotechnical investigation and makes geotechnical recommendations for the design and construction of the proposed improvements.

## **2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION**

The portion of the site investigated is currently a parking lot accessed from Wesbrook Mall. The site is bounded by the new Aquatic Centre to the west, the existing bus loop to the north, Wesbrook Mall to the south, the War Memorial Gymnasium to the east. The site is relatively flat.

At the time of our investigation existing site improvement included a paved parking lot and access roads, concrete sidewalks, curbs, and concrete islands. Along the southwest side of the site a boulevard with large trees separates the War Memorial Gymnasium parking lot and the access road leading to the old Aquatic Centre. There is a small grass covered mound, with a row of large trees, located south of the bus terminal.

### **3.0 SITE INVESTIGATION**

GeoPacific carried out a geotechnical investigation on June 10 and November 5, 2015. Two test holes and four test pits were advanced to depths ranging from 0.7 m to 3.0 m below site grades.

In general, the soil conditions encountered consist of 50 mm of asphalt, underlain by fill materials comprised of compact sand and gravel, sand, and silty sand. A layer of organics was identified within the fill materials in all of our test pits, however, organic materials were not encountered in our test holes TH15-3 and TH15-4. The fill materials extended to depths ranging from 0.6 m to 1.8 m where they are underlain by dense glacial till.

The groundwater table was not encountered at our test locations and is expected to be well below excavation depths for this project. However, perched groundwater may be encountered within the fill materials.

Please refer to the attached test pit and test hole logs for detailed soil description. The test locations are shown on our drawing 12970-1 included with this report.

### **4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **4.1 Site Stripping**

Site stripping for the proposed improvements includes the removal of any topsoil, organics, fill materials, debris, asphalt, loose/soft or otherwise disturbed soil to expose a subgrade of dense glacial till. These materials should be removed to allow for placement of new engineered fill on the proposed subgrade in its natural undisturbed state. We note that up to 1.2 m of poor quality fill materials were identified at our test locations, however, actual stripping depth could be greater or lesser at other locations.

Some of the surficial fills could potentially be reused as engineered fill provided that they are found to be primarily granular and free of organics. GeoPacific should be asked to review the suitability of these materials for re-use at the time of excavation.

Stripping should extend beyond the outer edge of the pavement, sidewalk and/or curbs a distance equal to the total thickness of fill required including all engineered subgrade fill, sub-base and base materials. For example, if 1 m of fill is to be placed beneath the new asphalt, then stripping should extend a minimum distance of 1 m beyond the outer edge of the asphalt.

#### **4.2 Site Filling**

Where grade reinstatement is required to meet the underside of the recommended road structure, engineered fill should be used. In the context of this report “engineered fill” is defined as clean sand to sand and gravel fill, compacted in 300 mm loose lifts to a minimum standard of 95% of its Modified Proctor Maximum Dry Density (ASTM D1557) while at moisture content that is within 2% of its optimum for compaction.

### 4.3 Road Structures

Following the site preparation described above, we are of the opinion that the subgrade will be suitable to support the proposed road structure provided by Coast Mountain Bus Company (CMBC) and shown in Table 1 below.

<b>Minimum Pavement Structure From CMBC, UBC Exchange – Proposed Bus Loop</b>	
<b>Material</b>	<b>Thickness (mm)</b>
Reinforced concrete slab (Surface Course)	200
19 mm minus CBC (Crushed Base Course)	150
75 mm minus SGSB (Select Granular Sub-base)	300

All base and sub-base materials and any required grading fill should be compacted to a minimum of 95% of their Modified Proctor (ASTM D1557) dry density (MPDD) at a moisture content within 2% of optimum for compaction.

We recommend that sidewalks be supported on a minimum of 150 mm of 19 mm minus crushed granular over a prepared subgrade as described above

In-situ density testing should be conducted during the site filling to ensure that the specified level of compaction is being achieved.

### 5.0 FIELD REVIEWS

The preceding sections make recommendations for the design and construction of the improvement at the new bus loop. We have recommended the review of certain aspects of the construction within this report. It is the responsibility of the contractors carrying out the work to contact GeoPacific at least 24 hours in advance of construction to arrange for field reviews. Field reviews are recommended at the following stages of construction.

1. Stripping - Review stripped subgrade in pavement, sidewalk and curb areas
2. Materials - Review of materials for road subgrade, sub-base and base
3. Compaction - Review compaction of road subgrade, sub-base and base materials

It is critical that these reviews are carried out to ensure that our recommendations have been adequately communicated and that any contractors working on this project review this report prior to commencing their work.

## 6.0 CLOSURE

This report has been prepared exclusively for UBC Properties Trust, and for the use of others within their design and construction team, for the purpose of providing geotechnical recommendations for the project. This report remains the property of GeoPacific Consultants Ltd. and any unauthorized use or duplication of this report is prohibited.

If you would like further details or clarification please contact the undersigned.

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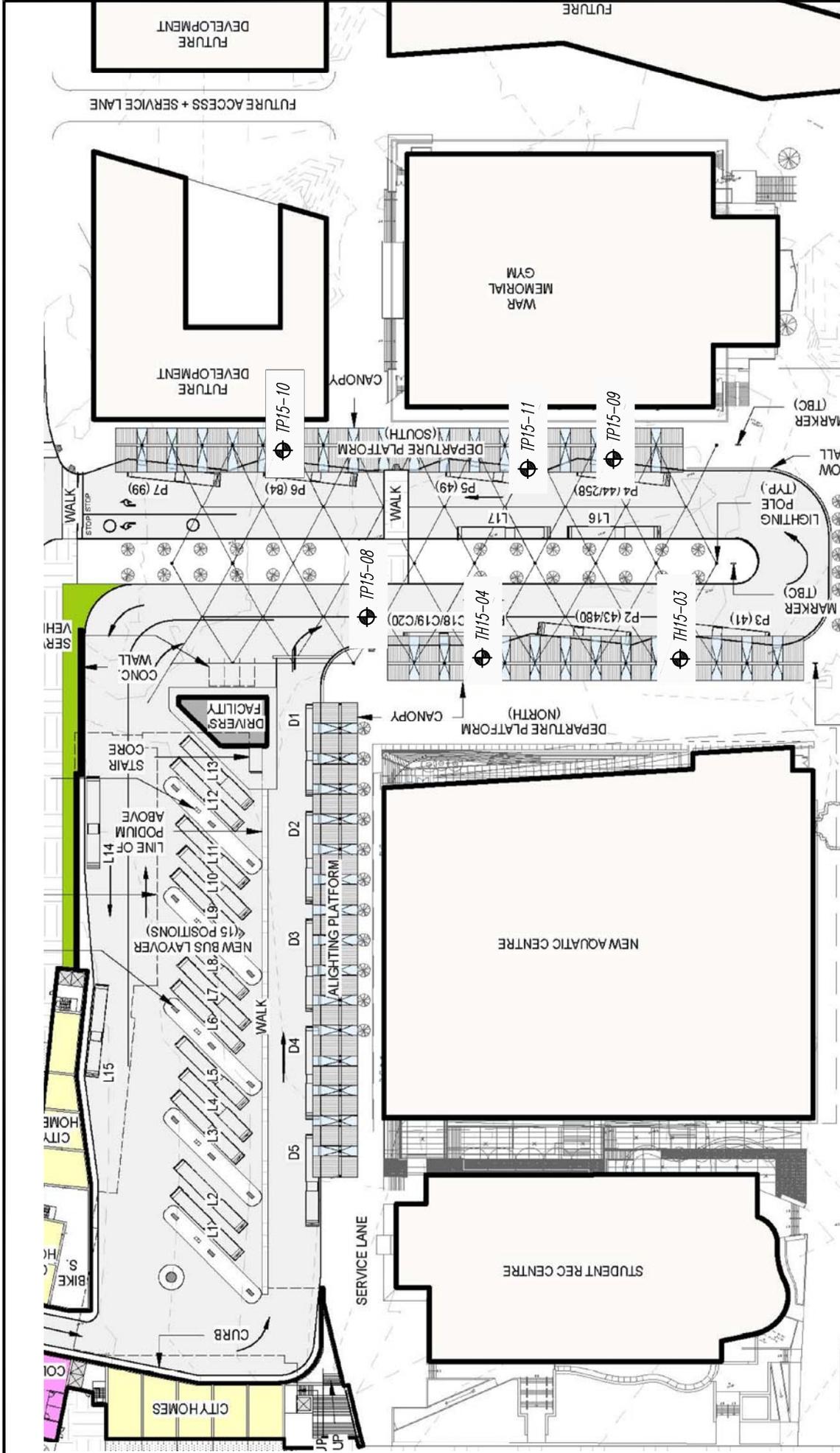
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**LEGEND:**

● TP15 & TH15-# - TEST PIT (TP) & TEST HOLE (TH) LOCATIONS

**SITE PLAN**  
SCALE = NTS



REFERENCE:

 <b>GEO PACIFIC</b> VANCOUVER KALHOOPS CALGARY	#215-1200 West 73rd Ave. Vancouver, B.C. V6P 6G5 P 604.439.0922 F 604.439.9189	DATE: June 10 & November 5, 2015 DRAWN BY: AL APPROVED BY: SMF REVIEWED BY: SCALE: SEE ABOVE	<b>UBC EXCHANGE-PROPOSED BUS LOOP</b> WESBROOK MALL, VANCOUVER, BC TEST PIT LOCATIONS	REVISIONS: A. B. C.
	FILE NO.: <b>12970</b> DWG. NO.: <b>12970-2</b>	REFERENCE:	SCALE = NTS	DATE: June 10 & November 5, 2015 DRAWN BY: AL APPROVED BY: SMF REVIEWED BY: SCALE: SEE ABOVE

# Test Hole Log: TH15-03

File: 12970

Project: Gage South - Bus Terminal & Residential Development

Client: UBC Properties Trust

Site Location: Wesbrook Mall at Student Union Blvd, Vancouver, BC



215 - 1200 West 73rd Avenue, Vancouver, BC, V6P 6G5  
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INFERRED PROFILE				Moisture Content (%)	DCPT (blows per foot) 10 20 30 40	Groundwater / Well	Remarks
Depth	Symbol	SOIL DESCRIPTION	Depth/Elev (ft)				
0		Ground Surface					
0		<b>Asphalt</b>	0.0		9		
1		<b>Sand and Gravel (FILL)</b> Compact, moist, brown to dark brown, trace to some organics			14		
2					13		
3		<b>Sand (TILL FILL)</b> Compact, some silt, trace fine gravel, moist, brown to grey	3.0		14		
4					17		
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6		<b>Sand (TILL)</b> Dense to very dense, trace silt, some fine sub-angular gravel, moist, grey	6.0		39		Effective DCPT Refusal at 6'
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10		End of Borehole	10.0				
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# Test Hole Log: TH15-04

File: 12970

Project: Gage South - Bus Terminal & Residential Development

Client: UBC Properties Trust

Site Location: Wesbrook Mall at Student Union Blvd, Vancouver, BC



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INFERRED PROFILE				Moisture Content (%)	DCPT (blows per foot) 10 20 30 40	Groundwater / Well	Remarks
Depth	Symbol	SOIL DESCRIPTION	Depth/Elev (ft)				
0		Ground Surface					
0		<b>Asphalt</b>	0.0				
1		<b>Sand and Gravel (FILL)</b> Compact, angular gravel, brown, moist	1.5				
2		<b>Sand (TILL FILL)</b> Compact, some fine gravel, trace to some silt, dense to very dense, brown grey to dark brown, moist					
3		<b>Sand (TILL)</b> Dense to very dense, fine to medium sand, some fine sub-angular gravel, moist, grey	6.0				
4		End of Borehole	10.0				
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# Test Hole Log: TP15-8

File: 12970

Project: UBC Exchange - Proposed Bus Loop

Client: UBC Properties Trust

Site Location: Wesbrook Mall at Student Union Blvd, Vancouver, BC



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INFERRED PROFILE				Fines content (%)	DCPT (blows per foot) 10 20 30 40	Groundwater / Well	Remarks
Depth	Symbol	SOIL DESCRIPTION	Depth (m)/Elev (m)				
0		Ground Surface	0.0				50mm of asphalt
		<b>Asphalt</b>	0.1				
		<b>Sand and Gravel (FILL)</b> Compact, angular, medium sand, moist, brown	0.3				
		<b>Silty Sand and Gravel (Till Fill)</b> Compact, trace organics, trace construction debris, brown, moist	0.6				
		<b>Silty Sand (Till)</b> Dense, some gravel, medium grained sand, brown-grey, moist	0.8				
		End of Borehole					
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# Test Hole Log: TP15-9

File: 12970

Project: UBC Exchange - Proposed Bus Loop

Client: UBC Properties Trust

Site Location: Wesbrook Mall at Student Union Blvd, Vancouver, BC



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INFERRED PROFILE				Fines content (%)	DCPT (blows per foot) 10 20 30 40	Groundwater / Well	Remarks
Depth	Symbol	SOIL DESCRIPTION	Depth (m)/Elev (m)				
0		Ground Surface	0.0				50mm of asphalt
		<b>Asphalt</b>	0.1				
		<b>Sand and Gravel (FILL)</b> Compact, angular, medium sand, moist, brown	0.3				
1		<b>Sand (Fill)</b> Compact, some silt, some gravel, medium grained sand, rusty brown, moist to wet	0.8				
2		<b>Sand (Fill)</b> Compact, some organics, trace to some gravel, trace silt, dark brown, moist to wet	1.1				
3		<b>Sand (Till)</b> Dense, trace silt and gravel, medium grained sand, golden-brown, moist	1.2				
4		End of Borehole					
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# Test Hole Log: TP15-10

File: 12970

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Depth	Symbol	SOIL DESCRIPTION	Depth (m)/Elev (m)				
0		Ground Surface	0.0				50mm of asphalt
		<b>Asphalt</b>	0.1				
		<b>Silty Sand (Fill)</b> Compact, some gravel, grey-brown, moist	0.3				
		<b>Sand (Fill)</b> Compact, some organics, trace to some gravel, trace silt, dark brown, moist to wet	1.1				
		<b>Sand (Till)</b> Dense, trace silt and gravel, medium grained sand, golden-brown, moist	1.2				
		End of Borehole					
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# Test Hole Log: TP15-11

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INFERRED PROFILE				Fines content (%)	DCPT (blows per foot) 10 20 30 40	Groundwater / Well	Remarks
Depth	Symbol	SOIL DESCRIPTION	Depth (m)/Elev (m)				
0		Ground Surface	0.0				50mm of asphalt
		<b>Asphalt</b>	0.1				
		<b>Sand and gravel (Fill)</b> Compact, trace silt, angular, brown, moist	0.5				
		<b>Sand (Till Fill)</b> Compact, trace silt, trace gravel, rustybrown, moist	0.9				
		<b>Silty Sand (Fill)</b> Compact, some organics, trace gravel, trace roots and branches, dark brown, wet	1.2				
		<b>Sand (Till)</b> Dense, some silt, some gravel, brown-grey, moist	1.4				
		End of Borehole					
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