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MEMORANDUM

Attention:	Brady Harris, McElhanney	Date:	June 11, 2025
cc:	Valentino Tjia, McElhanney Fraser Peterson, McElhanney Winnie Miao, McElhanney	From:	John Carter, P.Eng.
Project:	University of British Columbia (UBC) South Campus Works Yard, Nurseries Road and Wesbrook Mall, Vancouver, BC	File: Sent Via:	GA23-1294-01 Email
Subject:	Pavement Design Review		

Further to the email received from McElhanney on May 21, 2025, GeoWest Engineering Ltd. (GeoWest) has been requested to review the pavement recommendations provided by GeoWest in the following documents:

- Geotechnical Site Assessment Report UBC South Campus Works Yard, Onsite Works, Phase 1, Nurseries Road, Vancouver, BC dated March 1, 2024 (GeoWest Onsite Report)
- Geotechnical Assessment Report UBC South Campus, Widening of Nurseries Road, Vancouver, BC dated March 1, 2024 (GeoWest Offsite Report)

In addition to the above referenced GeoWest reports, McElhanney has provided us with a geotechnical investigation report prepared by Phillips Engineering Ltd. (Phillips) dated September 5, 2012 for the new BC Integrated Research Library Facility, Nurseries Road, Vancouver, BC. The test hole information contained in the Phillips geotechnical investigation report has been used by GeoWest for general reference purposes.

The pavement recommendations provided by GeoWest are to be reviewed in conjunction with the current UBC South Campus Works Yard Removals drawing (Drawing Number C002, Revision A) prepared by McElhanney and dated May 16, 2025 which is attached to this memorandum. Specific review of the pavement recommendations for Nurseries Road, the Warehouse Yard, and the Material Recovery Facility (MRF) is required.

Our review of the McElhanney drawing indicates that the on-site design has changed significantly since the above referenced GeoWest reports were issued. The previously contemplated location of development is no longer within the proposed development area. Therefore, none of the current GeoWest test hole locations are within the proposed development area. Furthermore, the test hole locations shown in the Phillips report are not within the proposed development area.

The following on-site traffic volume information has been provided to us by McElhanney:

- Vehicle traffic for both the Warehouse Yard and MRF is expected to be low, at approximately 20
 vehicle movements per day.
- The largest anticipated vehicle for the Warehouse Yard is a 53 ft truck.
- The largest anticipated vehicle for the MRF is a tandem dump truck.

Presuming that similar soil conditions are present in the Warehouse Yard and MRF areas, the same site preparations measured outlined in the GeoWest Onsite Report are employed during construction, and the limited traffic volumes summarized above are realized, it is our considered opinion that the following pavement structure could be utilized in the Warehouse Yard and MRF areas:

- 65 mm of asphalt course underlain by,
- . 150 mm of 19 mm minus crushed gravel base course, underlain by,
- 200 mm of 75 mm minus crushed sand and gravel subbase course, underlain by,
- Geotechnical Engineer-approved subgrade or compacted engineered fill placed over Geotechnical Engineer-approved subgrade.

Based on our review of the Nurseries Road portion of the McElhanney design, we do not see an opportunity to reduce the currently recommended pavement structure provided in the GeoWest Off-site Report.

We understand that McElhanney will also require geotechnical design recommendations for concrete slabs including bearing resistances, frost depth, and modulus of subgrade reaction. A supplementary geotechnical investigation of the proposed new development areas in the Warehouse Yard and MRF will be required to assess the soil conditions to provide these recommendations. The supplementary geotechnical investigation will also allow for assessment of the feasibility of the reduced on-site pavement structure in these same two areas. GeoWest will provide a scope and budget for a supplementary geotechnical investigation under separate cover.

We trust that the information provided in this memorandum meets your immediate needs. Should you require further assistance, please contact the undersigned.

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REVIEWED BY:

Per: John Carter, M.Eng., P.Eng.

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Attachment: McElhanney UBC South Campus Works Yard Removals Drawing



