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## PAVEMENT DESIGN REPORT

# Pavement Investigation and Design for Proposed Reconstruction and Rehabilitation Pukaskwa National Park Heron Bay, Ontario

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## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report presents the results of a pavement investigation carried out for the proposed improvements at the Pukaskwa National Park, near Heron Bay, Ontario. The pavement engineering components of the project include the reconstruction or rehabilitation of approximately 3.1 km of paved access roads and 2 km of gravel roads. In addition, there are two parking areas which require rehabilitation and one parking area proposed for expansion. The location of the site is shown on the Borehole Location Plans attached as Figures 1 to 3.

The purpose of the pavement investigation was to evaluate the existing pavement structure and the existing subsurface soil and shallow groundwater conditions at the site by advancing 30 shallow boreholes, and provide pavement design recommendations for the reconstruction or rehabilitation of the access roads and existing parking areas, as well as the expansion of one parking area.

The project scope also includes replacement and rehabilitation of the sewer infrastructure which is addressed in a separate report.

Golder Associated Ltd. (Golder) submitted the scope of work and cost estimate for this investigation to Parsons Corporation (Parsons) in a proposal dated November 17, 2015 (P1545167). Authorization to proceed with this investigation was provided by Mr. Jan Wiczorek of Parsons, in an email dated December 22, 2015, and in the signed agreement dated February 1, 2016.

The factual data, interpretations and recommendations contained in this report pertain to a specific project as described in the report and are not applicable to any other project or site location. If the project is modified in concept, location or elevation, or if the project is not initiated within eighteen (18) months of the date of the report, Golder should be given an opportunity to confirm that the recommendations are still valid. In addition, this report should be read in conjunction with the attached "Important Information and Limitations of This Report" included in Appendix A. The reader's attention is specifically drawn to this information, as it is essential for the proper use and interpretation of this report.

## 2.0 SITE DESCRIPTION

The following tables summarize the pavement design components in the study area:

EXISTING ROADS				
Section	Road	Starting Station	Ending Station	Approximate Length (km)
Primary Access Road	Pukaskwa Entrance Road	18+000	20+000	2.0
	Administration Building Access Road	6+000	6+621	0.6
Circulation Roads	Pukaskwa Entrance Road	17+664	18+000	0.3
	Visitor's Centre Access Road	5+000	5+244	0.2
	<b>Total Circulation Roads</b>			<b>1.1</b>



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## EXISTING ROADS

Section	Road	Starting Station	Ending Station	Approximate Length (km)
Area Roads	North Campground Loop	1+000	1+669	0.7
	South Campground Loop - South	3+000	3+298	0.3
	South Campground Loop - East	4+000	4+297	0.3
	South Campground Loop - West	2+000	2+325	0.3
	Lagoon Access Road	10+000	10+437	0.4
	<b>Total Area Roads</b>			

The two existing parking lots that require rehabilitation are as follows:

## EXISTING PARKING LOTS

Location	Approximate Area (sq.m)
Visitor Reception Centre	910
Administration Centre	1720
<b>Total</b>	<b>2630</b>

We understand that the parking lot adjacent to the Registration Kiosk at the entrance to the campground will be expanded to include seven additional parking spaces. The Beach Trail parking lot will include 4 spaces.

## 3.0 DESIGN CRITERIA

The following design standards are from the Design Criteria dated February 26, 2016.

### PRIMARY ACCESS ROAD, Pukaskwa Entrance Road

	Present Conditions	Design Standards	Proposed Standards
Functional Highway Classification	RU60	RU60	RU60
Min Stopping Sight Distance	n/a	85	85
Equivalent Minimum "K" Factor	Crest: 5	Crest: 15	Crest: 15
	Sag: 7	Sag: 18	Sag: 18
Grades Maximum (%)	8.9	12	8.9
Radius Minimum	160	130	160
Pavement Width (m)	6.0-7.0 (2 lanes)	6.0	6.5
Shoulder Width	1.0	1.0	1.0
Shoulder Rounding	n/a	0.5	0.5
Posted Speed	50	40	40
Design Vehicle	P, PT, B12, SU	P, PT, B12, SU	P, PT, B12, SU



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### CIRCULATION ROADS, Pukaskwa Entrance Road, Administration Building Access Road, Visitor's Centre Access Road

	Present Conditions	Design Standards	Proposed Standards
Functional Highway Classification	RU30	RU30	RU30
Min Stopping Sight Distance	n/a	45	45
Equivalent Minimum "K" Factor	Crest: 3	Crest: 4	Crest: 4
	Sag: 3	Sag: 8	Sag: 8
Grades Maximum (%)	3.3	12	3.3
Radius Minimum	24	55	55
Pavement Width (m)	6.5-7.0 (2 lanes)	5.5	6.5
Shoulder Width	none	1.0	1.0
Shoulder Rounding	n/a	0.5	0.5
Posted Speed	30	30	30
Design Vehicle	P, PT, B12, SU	P, PT, B12, SU	P, PT, B12, SU

### AREA ROADS, North Campground Loop, South Campground Loop, Lagoon Access Road

	Present Conditions	Design Standards	Proposed Standards
Functional Highway Classification	RU20	RU20	RU20
Min Stopping Sight Distance	n/a	20	20
Equivalent Minimum "K" Factor	Crest: 1.5	Crest: 1	Crest: 1.5
	Sag: 2	Sag: 3	Sag: 3
Grades Maximum (%)	6.9	12	6.9
Radius Minimum	20	14	14
Pavement Width (m)	2.5 -3.75 (1 lane)	3.6	3.75
Shoulder Width	none	0.0 – 0.3	0.0
Shoulder Rounding	-	-	0.5
Posted Speed	15	15	15
Design Vehicle	P, PT, SU	P, PT, SU	P, PT, SU

## 4.0 SOIL CONDITIONS

The Ontario Geologic Society's 1979 Northern Ontario Engineering Geology Terrain Study 60 for the Heron Bay Area (NTS 42D/NE) indicates that Pukaskwa Road and the various campground access roads lie within two different surficial geologic areas within the District of Thunder Bay.

According to the study, the northern portion of the site consisting of Pukaskwa Road near Pic River is within a glaciolacustrine plain, primarily consisting of sandy material, and some silty material. The glaciolacustrine plain has low relief and is characterized as dissected and gullied with mixed drainage conditions (both wet and dry).

The southern portion of the site, consisting of Pukaskwa Road approximately 800 to 900 m south of Pic River and the campground access roads, is within a surficial geologic area characterized with rock knobs consisting of either exposed bedrock or bedrock overlain by a thin veneer of glacial till. The area has higher relief and is characterized as jagged, rugged and cliffed.



## **5.0 GEOLOGY**

Based on the Ontario Geologic Society's digital data set for the Bedrock Geology of Ontario (MRD 126 – Revision 1), the bedrock at the site generally consists of felsic to intermediate metavolcanic rocks including tuffs and breccias with minor metasedimentary and intrusive rock.

## **6.0 FIELD INVESTIGATION**

### **6.1 Geotechnical Drilling Investigation**

The fieldwork for the investigation was carried out the week of January 19, 2016, during which time 30 boreholes (BH1 through BH30) were advanced to practical refusal or to a maximum depth of 2.2 m below ground surface (bgs) at the locations shown on the Borehole Location Plans attached as Figures 1 to 3.

Prior to commencing the investigation a private locator was retained and the borehole locations were cleared of underground infrastructure.

All the boreholes were drilled using a truck-mounted drill rig supplied and operated by KC Drilling Ltd. The fieldwork was carried out under the supervision of members of our engineering staff who directed the drilling operations, logged the boreholes, and obtained samples for further examination and testing. The shallow groundwater conditions were monitored in the open boreholes during drilling. All of the boreholes in the paved areas were backfilled and sealed with cold-mix asphalt at the surface, whereas the boreholes in the unpaved areas were backfilled with auger cuttings upon completion of drilling.

The borehole locations were marked out in the field based on stationing provided by a survey sub-consultant retained by PARSONS. Geodetic elevations of the borehole locations were provided by the survey sub-consultant. The locations of the boreholes as shown on the Borehole Location Plan should be considered as approximate.

All of the granular and soil samples obtained during this investigation were brought to our Whitby laboratory for further visual examination, and natural water content and classification testing on selected samples.

## **7.0 SUBSURFACE CONDITIONS**

The existing pavement structures, subgrade soil and shallow groundwater conditions encountered in the boreholes, as well as the results of the field and the geotechnical laboratory testing, are shown in detail on the Record of Pavement Borehole sheets (Table 1) and on Figures 4 through 7 following the text of this report. The Method of Soil Classification and Symbols and Terms Used on the Records of Pavement Boreholes sheets are provided to assist in the interpretation of the logs.

It should be noted that the boundaries between the strata on the borehole logs have been inferred from drilling observations and non-continuous samples. They generally represent a transition from one soil type to another and should not be inferred to represent an exact plane of geological change. Further, conditions will vary between and beyond the boreholes. The following is a summarized account of the subsurface conditions encountered in the boreholes drilled at the site, followed by more detailed descriptions of the existing pavement structures, major subgrade soil strata and shallow groundwater conditions.

Underlying the pavement structure, the subsurface soil conditions generally consists of sand or silty sand with occasional cobbles, boulders and bedrock. A layer of clayey silt was encountered in Borehole 9.



## 7.1 Pavement Structure and Subgrade Conditions

The pavement structure encountered at the borehole locations drilled along existing roads is summarized as follows:

LOCATION		THICKNESS OF PAVEMENT LAYERS AND SUBGRADE TYPE			
Road Classification	Borehole Numbers	Asphalt (mm)	Base (mm)	Subbase (mm)	Subgrade Type
Primary Access Road	6 – 13	65 (50-175)	280 (150-450)	790* (0-1880)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sand, Silty</li> <li>Sand,</li> <li>Boulders and Bedrock</li> <li>Localized Clayey Silt</li> </ul>
Circulation Roads	5, 15, 16 17, 26	55 (50-75)	200 (110-280)	1350 (370-2020)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sand</li> <li>Boulders</li> </ul>
Area Roads	1, 2, 18 – 23, 25	-	150 (50-340)	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sand</li> </ul>
Existing Parking Lot Visitor Reception Centre	27 - 30	50 (50-55)	250 (160-300)	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sand</li> </ul>
Existing Parking Lot – Administration Center	3, 4	70 (60-75)	180 (160-200)	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sand</li> </ul>
Proposed Parking Expansion - Campground Entrance Registration Kiosk	14		200	-	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bedrock</li> </ul>

\*An existing subbase thickness of 300 mm has been assumed for design.

The base material generally consists of a brown silty crushed gravelly sand and the subbase material consists of brown fine to coarse sand, trace to some silt, trace cobbles. The results of the gradation testing carried out on two granular base samples indicate that the material generally does not meet the OPSS 1010 specification for Granular A (too fine on multiple sieves and too silty). The gradations of the granular base samples tested are provided on Figure 4.

Two of the four granular subbase samples tested did not meet the OPSS 1010 specification for Granular B, Type I due to excessive fines. The results of the gradation testing carried out on the granular subbase samples are provided on Figure 5. In many of the boreholes, the subbase material and subgrade material were similar and the layer boundary between the two layers could not be delineated.

The subgrade and subbase materials encountered generally have low frost susceptibility. A localized deposit of highly frost susceptible clayey silt was encountered in Borehole 9 at a depth of 1.9 m; however, based on the pavement condition, it does not appear to be impacting pavement performance. The results of the particle size distribution tests carried out on selected subgrade soil samples are provided on Figures 6 and 7.



## 7.2 Groundwater Conditions

The groundwater conditions observed during our January 2016 investigations were as follows:

Observed Groundwater Conditions		
Area	Borehole Number	Water Level (m)
Pukaskwa Road	7	1.2
	9	0.85
North Campground gravel road (North Loop)	19	1.3
	20	1.5
South Campground gravel roads (South Loop)	21	1.2
	22	0.56
	23	1.5
	24	1.4
	25	1.3
Visitors Centre Parking Area	28	1.7

It should be noted that the groundwater levels are expected to fluctuate seasonally. Higher groundwater levels are expected during wet periods of the year, such as spring.

Rock was encountered in a number of boreholes. Details regarding depth to rock and potential impact on trenching for storm sewer/forecmain will be presented in the Supplemental Geotechnical Report.

## 8.0 DISCUSSION

This section of the report provides engineering information for the geotechnical and pavement design aspects of the project, based on our interpretation of the borehole data and on our understanding of the project requirements. The information in this portion of the report is provided for the guidance of the design engineers and technicians. Where comments are made on construction, they are provided only in order to highlight aspects of construction which could affect the design of the project. Contractors bidding on or undertaking any work at the site should examine the factual results of the investigation, satisfy themselves as to the adequacy of the information for construction and make their own interpretation of the factual data as it affects their proposed construction techniques, schedule, equipment capabilities, costs, sequencing and the like.

## 9.0 PAVEMENT DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

The AASHTO 93 method has been used for the design of the pavement structure.

Traffic within the Park's road network is limited to visitors and park staff and there is no through traffic. The park's entrance is located at the end of Highway 627. The vehicle types that utilize the road network include passenger cars, recreational vehicles and trailers, buses and single unit trucks (maintenance vehicles). Large commercial trucks are not anticipated within the park.

The number of visitors for the 2015 to 2017 period and the number of recreational vehicles, buses and light trucks are as follows:





<b>Visitor and Traffic Information</b>			
<b>Vehicle Type</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of Trips/Year</b>	<b>Average Truck Factor</b>
Passenger Cars	2015	4950	0
	2016	5050	0
	2017	5150	0
Recreational Vehicles	-	2205	1.1
Buses	-	15	1.1
Light Trucks	-	3650 (10 trips/day)	0.8 (FHWA Class 6)

For pavement design purposes, it is assumed that two visitors arrive in each vehicle. The traffic volume growth rate is approximately 2%.

Based on the above traffic information, the site conditions and material properties outlined in Section 7.0 of the report, the following design parameters are selected.

<b>Design Consideration</b>	<b>Parameter Selected</b>
Pukaskwa Primary Access Road 18 Year ESALs	140,000
Initial Serviceability	4.2
Terminal Serviceability	2.0
Reliability Level (%)	85
Overall Standard Deviation	0.49
Roadbed Soil Resilient Modulus (MPa)	40
Structural Coefficient of New Asphalt	0.42
Structural Coefficient of New Granular Base	0.14
Structural Coefficient of Existing Granular Base	0.11
Drainage Coefficient of Existing Granular Base	0.9
Structural Coefficient of New Granular Subbase	0.09
Structural Coefficient of Existing Granular Subbase	0.07
Drainage Coefficient of Existing Granular Subbase	0.9
<b>Required Structural Number</b>	<b>67</b>

The AASHTO design sheets are attached in Appendix B.

## **10.0 PAVEMENT DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS**

Parsons has provided a list of four Options (Options A to D) considering varying levels of serviceability levels and design lives. The four options from a pavement engineering perspective are as follows:

- Option A – Full Depth Reconstruction (18 Year Design Life)
- Option B and C – Major Rehabilitation (15 Year Design Life)



■ Option D – Minor Rehabilitation/Preservation/Holding Strategy (3-5 Year Design Life)

Based on the design analysis using AASHTO 93, the following pavement designs are recommended for the various project components. The selection of a reconstruction or rehabilitation strategy will be dependent on the location of the sewer/forcemain replacement locations. If the excavations for sewer/forcemain do not extend into the existing roadway, then a rehabilitation strategy should be selected.

**Option A – Primary Access Roads, Circulation Roads and Existing/Proposed Parking Lots – Reconstruction/Expansion**

- Excavate to a depth of 360 mm and place:
- 60 mm Superpave 12.5 or HL-3
- 300 mm Granular A

The backfill material placed in trenches for sewer/forcemain replacement should be compacted to 100% of the backfill material's Standard Proctor Density within 1 m of the bottom of the pavement. Specifications for backfill material will be provided in the supplemental report.

**Options B and C - Primary Access Roads and Circulation Roads and Existing Parking Lots – Rehabilitation**

- In-place process to a depth of 150 mm starting 15 m from Highway 627
- Pave with 60 mm of Superpave 12.5 or HL-3

Alternately, the asphalt can be removed full depth, the exposed granular materials re-graded and the grade brought to 60 mm below finished pavement grade using new Granular A base material prior to placing 60 mm of new asphalt. This option is recommended by Golder for Primary Access Roads, Circulation Roads and Existing Parking Lots and was selected by Parks Canada as the preferred strategy.

**Option A - Area Roads – Reconstruction**

Excavate to provide for:

- 300 mm Granular A

**Options B, C and D – Area Roads – Rehabilitation**

Add 200 mm of Granular A. This option is recommended by Golder for the Area Roads and was selected by Parks Canada as the preferred strategy.

**Option D – Primary Access Roads and Circulation Roads and Existing Parking Lots – Minor Rehabilitation/Preservation/Holding Strategy**

Micro-surfacing is a lower cost pavement preservation strategy that will extend the pavement service life by three to five years. The micro-surfacing mixture consists of a polymer modified asphalt emulsion, fine-medium graded high quality aggregate, filler, additives and water. A 10 mm lift of the material is applied to the existing asphalt surface. Micro-surfacing work should be completed in accordance with OPSS 336.



## 10.1 Asphalt Mix Type and Performance Graded Asphalt Cement

The SP12.5 surface course asphalt mix should be designed for Category B or higher. Performance graded PG 52-34 cement should be used on this project.

## 10.2 Pavement Distress Areas

A number of Pavement Distress Areas with moderate rutting were identified along Pukaskwa Road, from Sta. 18+900 to Sta. 19+000 and from Sta. 19+500 to Sta. 19+550. The following treatments should be completed depending on the Option selected.

- Option A – Full Depth Reconstruction – Raise grade by 200 mm by increasing the Granular A thickness to 500 mm
- Option B and C – Major Rehabilitation – Add 200 mm of Granular A after completion of IPP.
- Option D – Extend micro-surfacing through the distress area limits. Additional rutting is anticipated to form after the first spring-thaw if this option is selected.

## 10.3 Paved Shoulders or Bike Lanes

### Option A – Full Depth Reconstruction

Paved shoulder and bike lanes should be constructed using the same pavement structure recommended for the main lanes in Section 10. Bike lanes are proposed along Pukaskwa Road from Sta. 17+880 to Sta. 20+000, along the Visitor Centre Road from Sta. 0+000 to the existing parking lot, and along the Administrative Centre Road from Sta. 0+000 to Sta. 0+300.

## 10.4 Compaction Requirements

Adequate compaction of all granular and earth fill materials is essential to ensure an acceptable level of pavement performance. Compaction of all materials should be carried out in conformance with the procedures outlined in OPSS.PROV 501, dated November 2014.

## 10.5 Conversion Factors

For estimating purposes, the following granular and hot mix asphalt conversion factors may be used to convert from volume ( $m^3$ ) to mass (tonne):

- Granular A – 2.4 t/ $m^3$
- Granular B, Type I – 2.0 t/ $m^3$
- Superpave 12.5 or HL-3 – 2.46 t/ $m^3$
- Existing Hot Mix Asphalt for Removals – 2.46 t/ $m^3$



## 10.6 Pavement Transitions

The recommended pavement transition for the tie-in to existing Highway 627 is as follows:

Existing and Future Roadway, Tie-in Station and Proposed Asphalt Thickness	Existing Pavement Thickness (mm)	Recommended Pavement Transition Treatment
Highway 627 – Pukaskwa Road	175 mm HMA	- A transverse step joint 60 mm deep and 5 m long to key in the surface course of new pavement into the existing pavement on Highway 627.

## 10.7 Frost Penetration Depth

The depth of frost penetration for this project should be taken as 2.2 m. This depth should be used when designing frost tapers in accordance with the OPSD 803 series.

## 11.0 MONITORING AND TESTING

The geotechnical and pavement aspects of the final design drawings and specifications should be reviewed by this office prior to tendering and construction, to confirm that the intent of this report has been met. During construction, sufficient in-situ materials testing should be carried out to confirm that the conditions exposed are consistent with those encountered in the boreholes and to monitor conformance to the pertinent project specifications. Testing of the asphalt mixes and granular base materials should be carried out in a CCIL certified laboratory.

## 12.0 CLOSURE

We trust that this report provides sufficient geotechnical and pavement engineering information to facilitate the design of this project. If you have any questions regarding the contents of this report or require additional information, please do not hesitate to contact this office.



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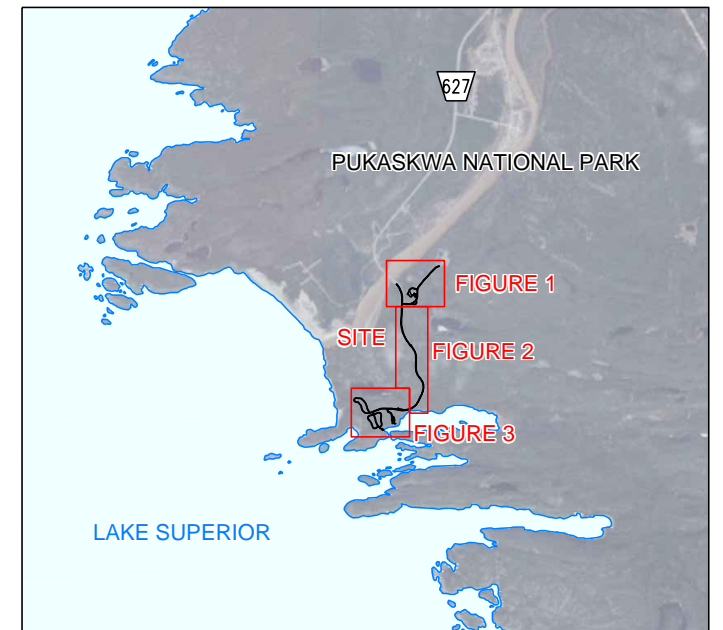
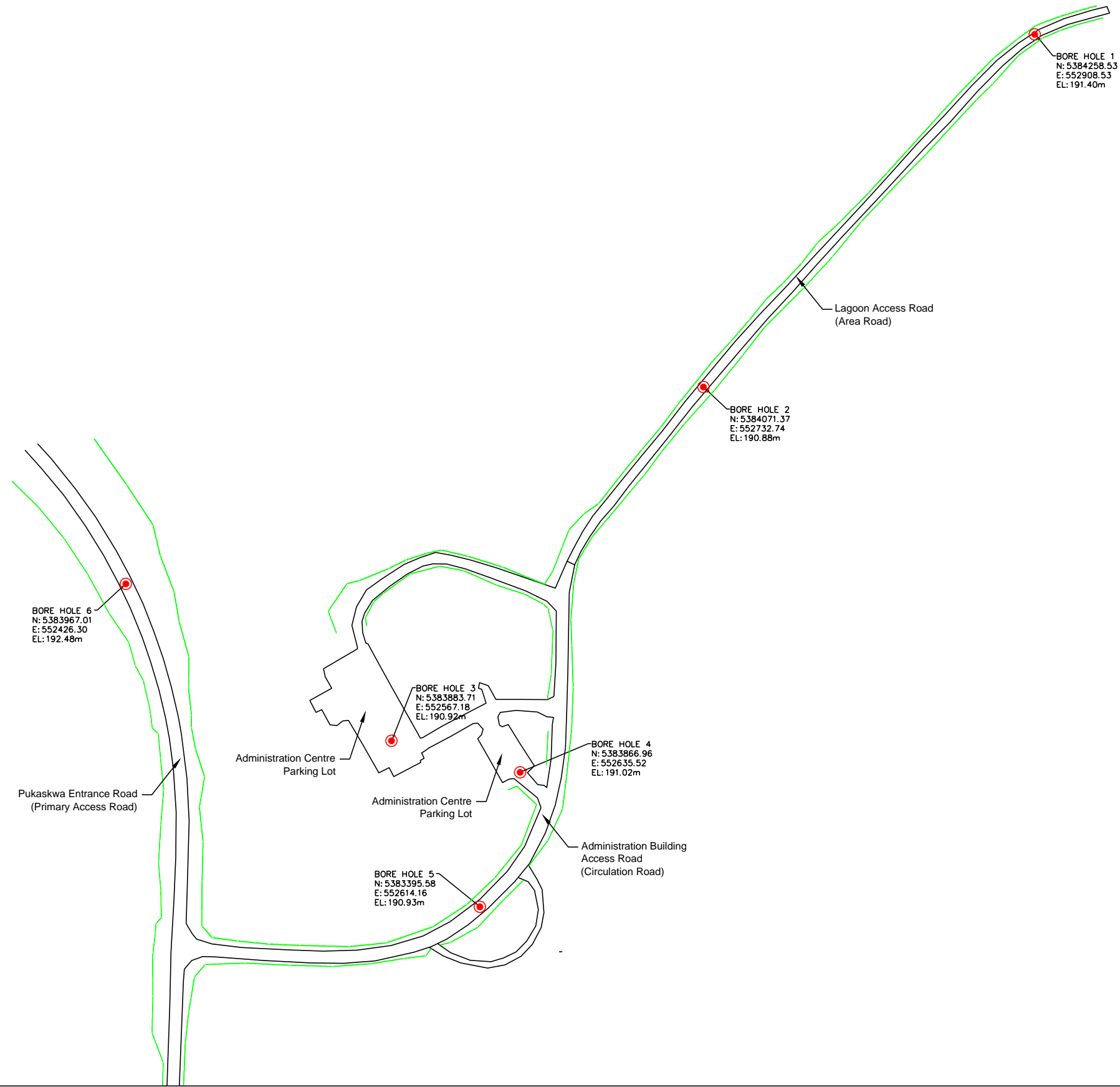
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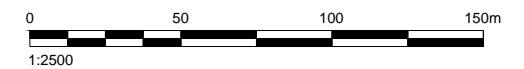
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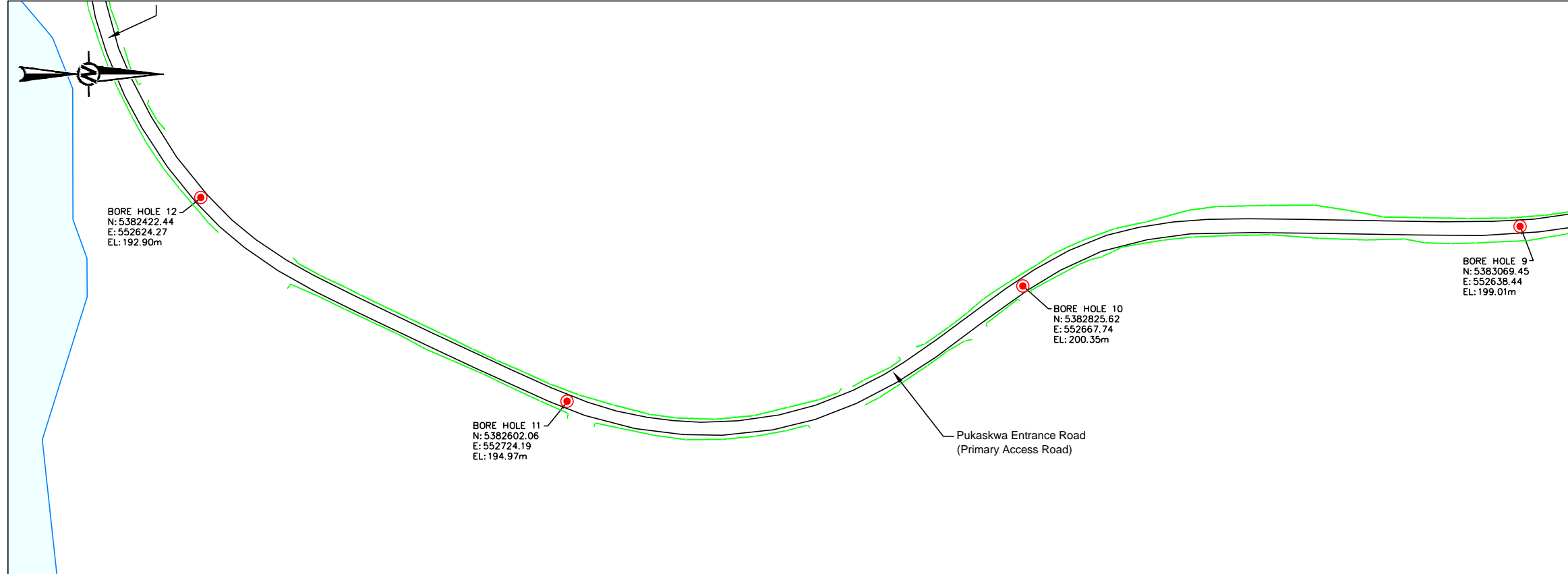


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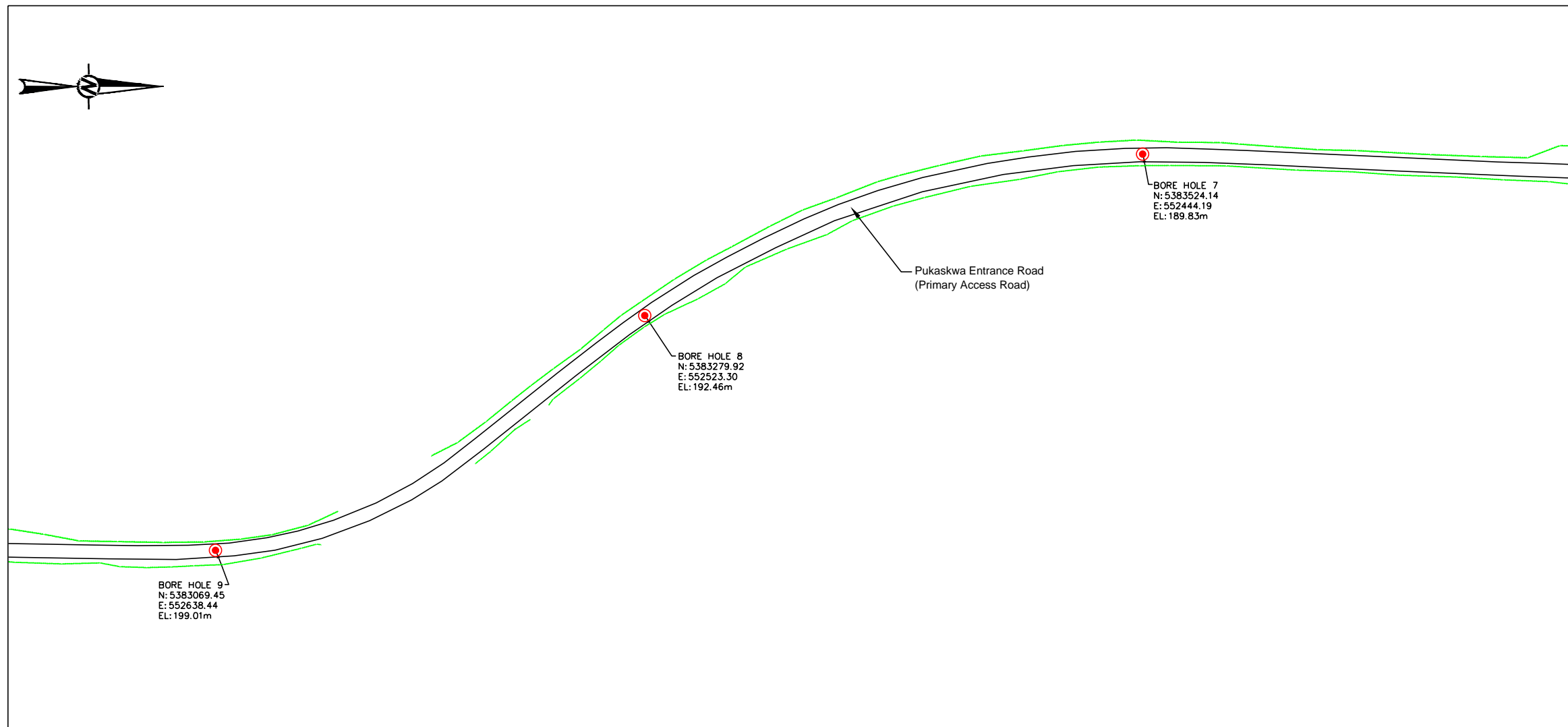
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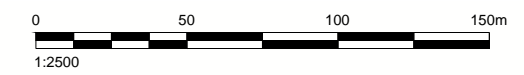
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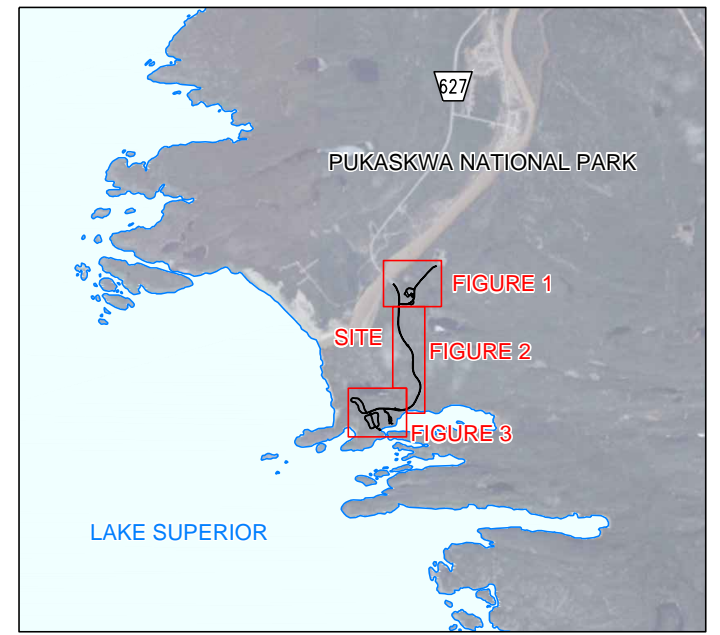
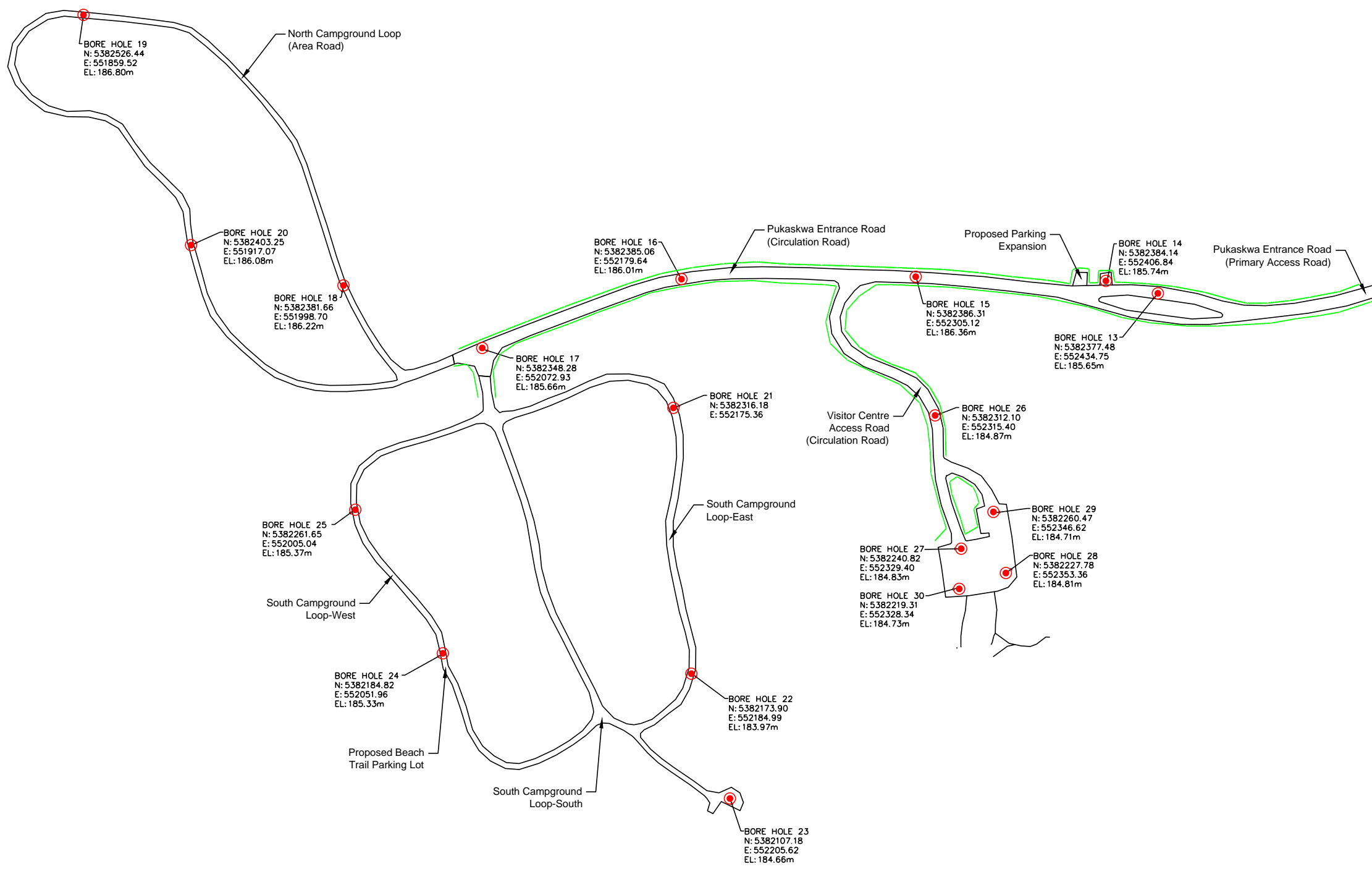
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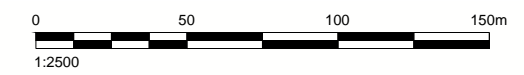
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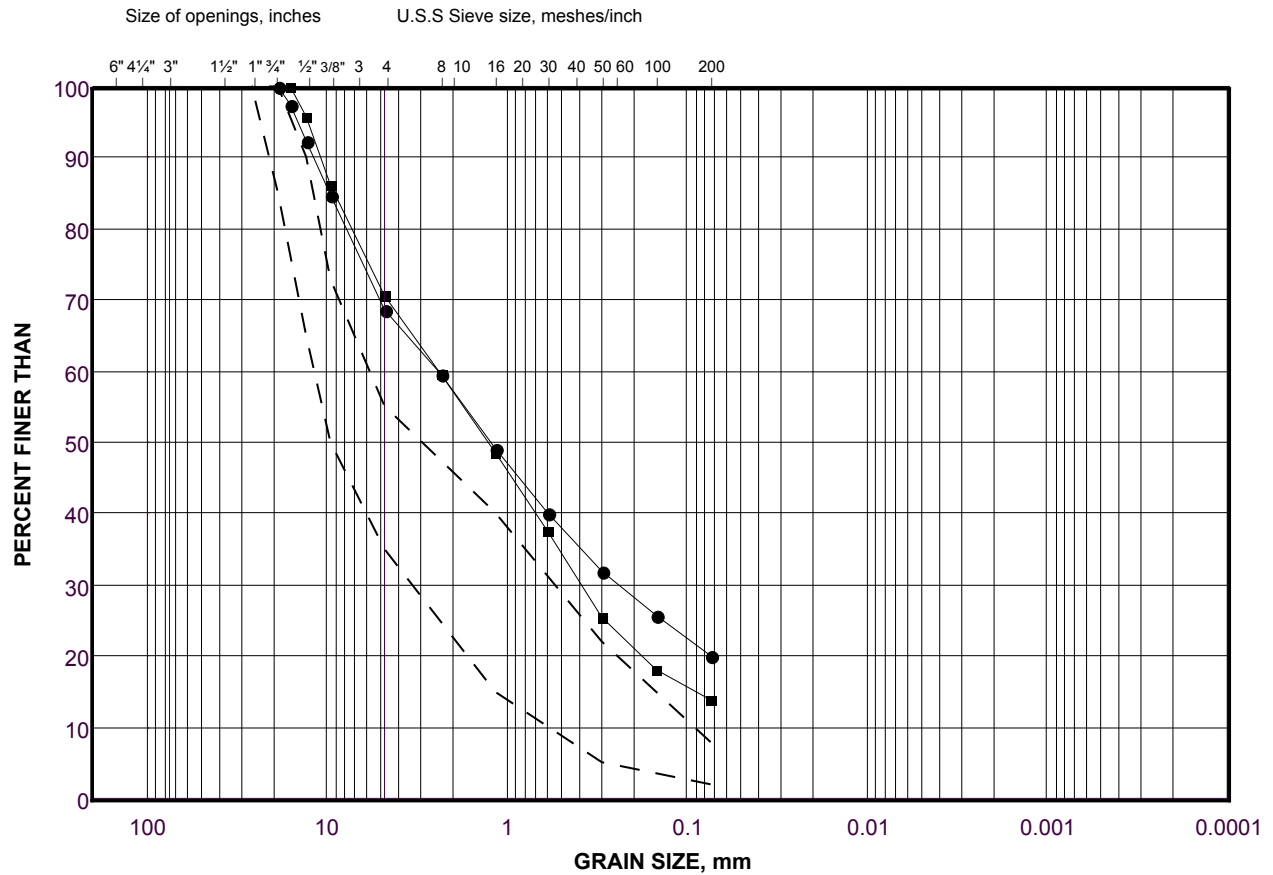
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# GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Granular A

FIGURE 4



COBBLE SIZE	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	SILT AND CLAY SIZES FINE GRAINED
	GRAVEL SIZE		SAND SIZE			

## LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	DEPTH(m)
●	12	10	50.0 - 370.0
■	19	2	0.0 - 300.0

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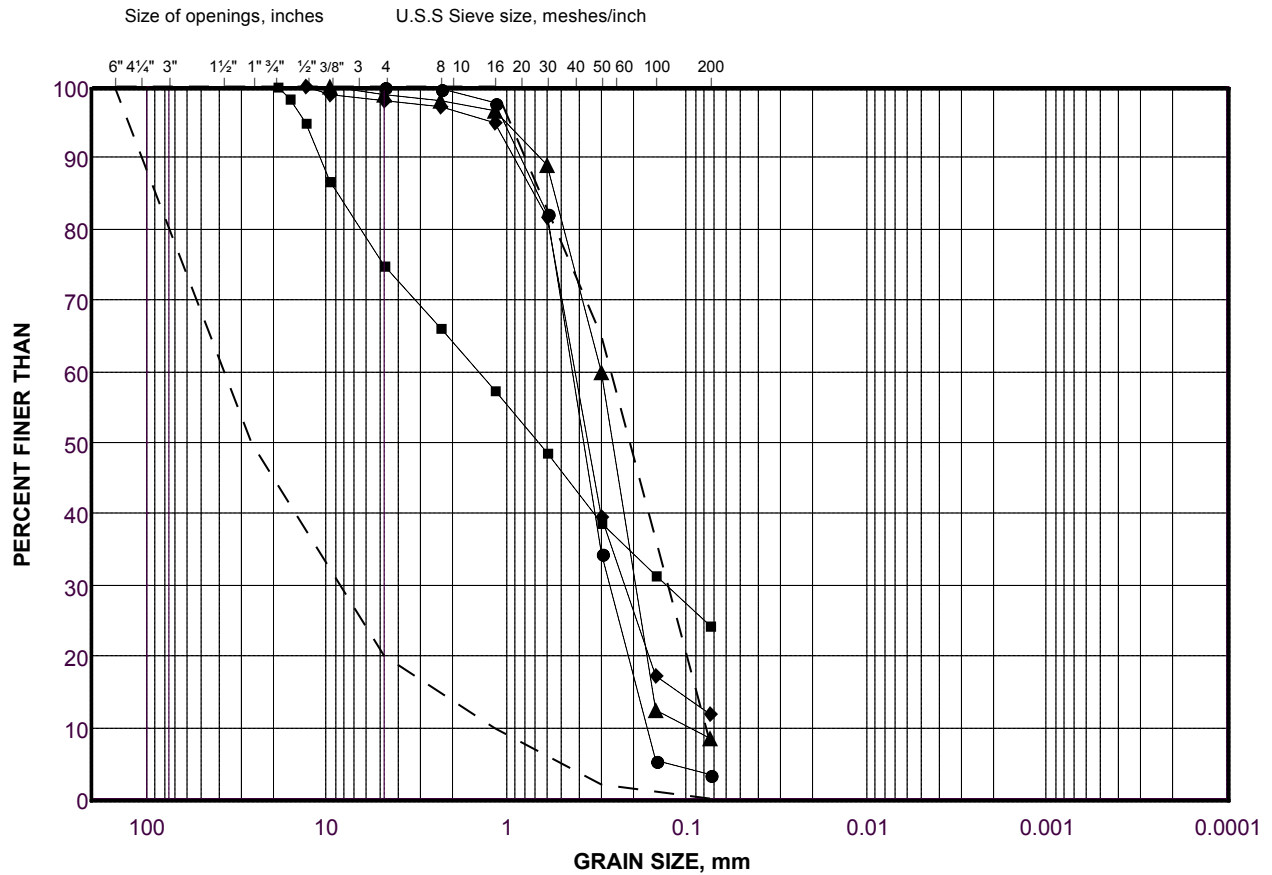
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# GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Granular B Type 1

FIGURE 5



## LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	DEPTH(m)
●	18	1	1.80 - 2.10
■	8	13	300.0 - 600.0
◆	23	4	500.0 - 800.0
▲	27	8	1.50 - 1.80

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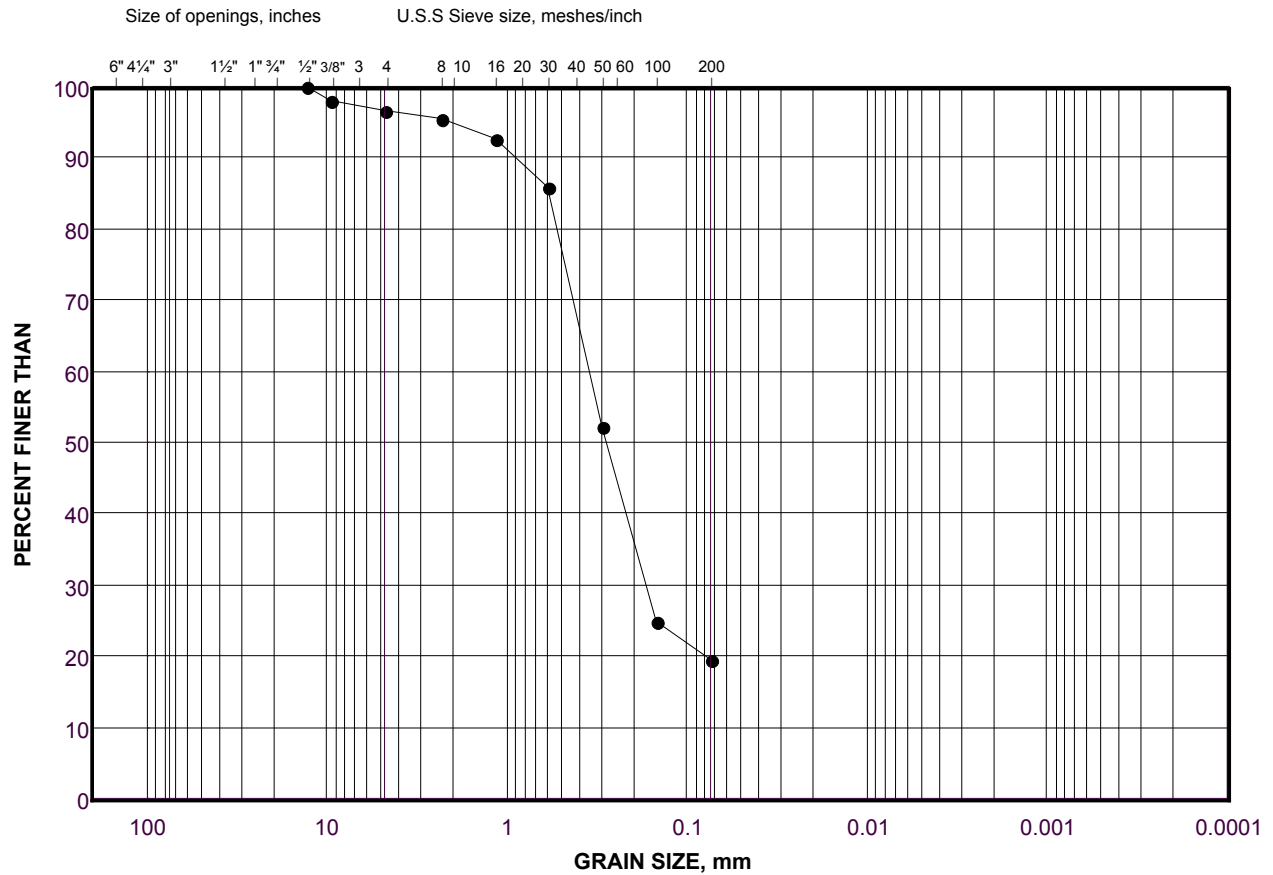
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# GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Silty Sand

FIGURE 6



COBBLE SIZE	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	SILT AND CLAY SIZES FINE GRAINED
	GRAVEL SIZE		SAND SIZE			

## LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	DEPTH(m)
•	9	12	700.0 - 1.0

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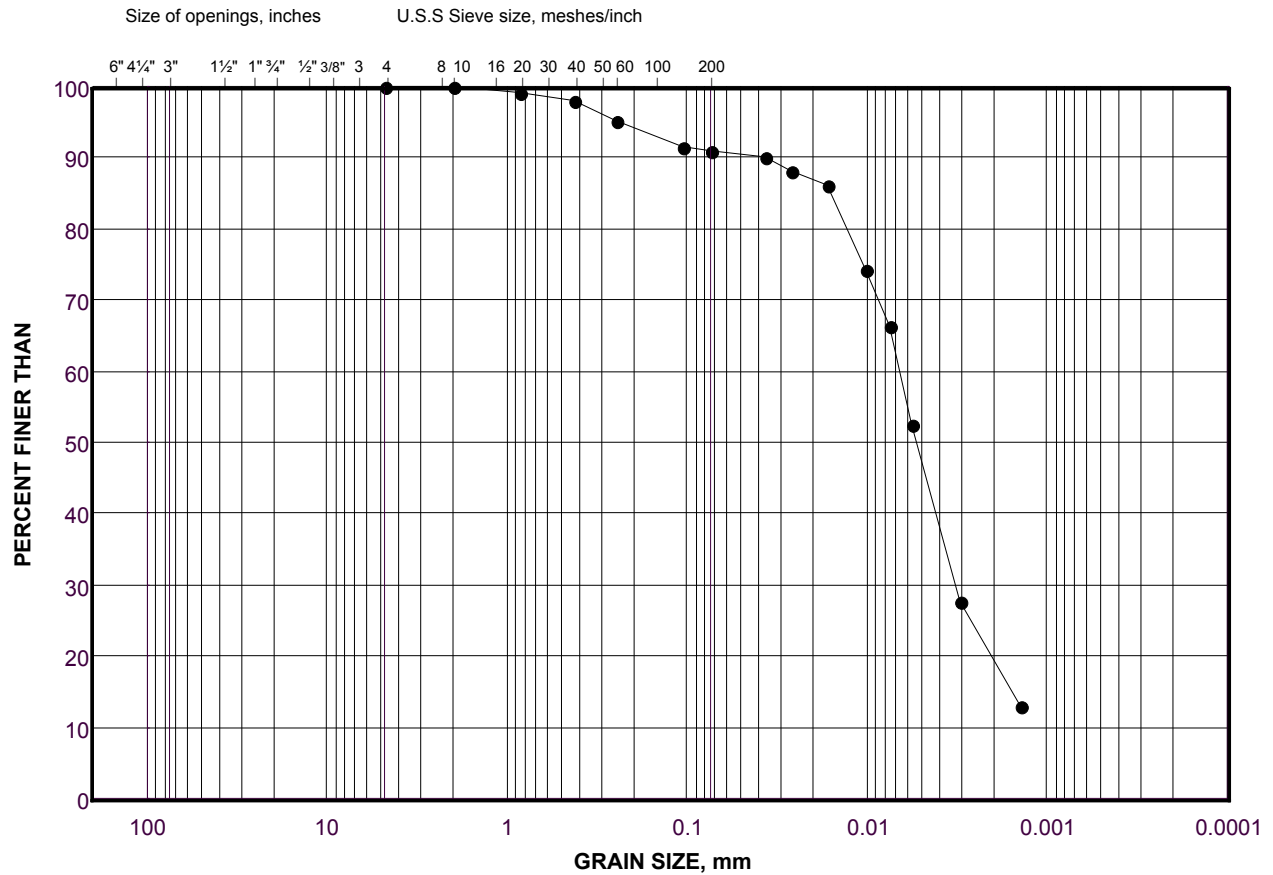
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# GRAIN SIZE DISTRIBUTION

Clayey Silt

FIGURE 7



COBBLE	COARSE	FINE	COARSE	MEDIUM	FINE	SILT AND CLAY SIZES
	GRAVEL SIZE		SAND SIZE			

## LEGEND

SYMBOL	BOREHOLE	SAMPLE	DEPTH(m)
●	9	18	1.90 - 2.20

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**TABLE 1  
RECORD OF PAVEMENT BOREHOLES**

Borehole No.	BOREHOLE LOG				LABORATORY TESTING		
	Depth (mm/m)		Sample Depth (mm)	Frost Susceptibility	K Factor (Erodability)	Water Content (%)	Gradation
Location	See borehole plan						
BH1	0 - 50 50 - 2.2	Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, moist, compact					
Location	See borehole plan						
BH2	0 - 80 80 - 2.2	Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, moist, compact					
Location	See borehole plan						
BH3	0 - 60 60 - 220 220 - 2.2	Asphalt Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, moist, compact					
Location	See borehole plan						
BH4	0 - 75 75 - 270 270 - 2.2	Asphalt Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, moist, compact					
Location	See borehole plan						
BH5	0 - 55 55 - 240 240 - 760 760 - 2.2	Asphalt Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown SAND with gravel, with silt, moist, compact Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, moist, wet @ 1.5 m, compact					
Location	See borehole plan						
BH6	0 - 175 175 - 330 330 - 2.2	Asphalt Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown SAND trace gravel, trace silt, moist, compact					
Location	See borehole plan						
BH7	0 - 50 50 - 320 320 - 2.2	Asphalt Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, trace cobbles, moist, free water @ 1.2 m, saturated, compact					
Location	See borehole plan						
BH8	0 - 50 50 - 280 280 - 1.1 - 1.1	Asphalt Brown Crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown gravelly SILTY SAND, trace cobbles, moist, compact NFP Boulders	300 - 600	LSFH	0.05	5	Figure 5, Unacceptable Granular B Type I, too silty
Location	See borehole plan						
BH9	0 - 50 50 - 300 300 - 690 690 - 1.9 1.9 - 2.2	Asphalt Brown Crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, trace cobbles, moist, compact Brown SILTY SAND, trace gravel, wet, free water @ 850 mm, saturated, compact Grey CLAYEY SILT, some sand, wet, firm	700 - 1.0 1.9 - 2.2	LSFH HSFH	0.1 0.35	13 23	Figure 6 Figure 7
Location	See borehole plan						
BH10	0 - 50 50 - 350 350 - 1.7 - 1.7	Asphalt Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, trace cobbles, moist, compact NFP Boulders					

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Borehole No.	BOREHOLE LOG					LABORATORY TESTING		
	Depth (mm/m)		Sample Depth (mm)	Frost Susceptibility	K Factor (Erodability)	Water Content (%)	Gradation	
Location	See borehole plan							
BH11	0 - 50 50 - 500 - 500	Asphalt Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND NFP Shattered Rock over Bedrock						
Location	See borehole plan							
BH12	0 - 50 50 - 370 - 370	Asphalt Brown crushed silty GRAVELLY SAND NFP Bedrock	50 - 370	LSFH	0.04	4.5	Figure 4, Unacceptable Granular A, too fine on multiple sieves & too silty	
Location	See borehole plan							
BH13	0 - 60 0 - 60 60 - 400 - 400	Asphalt Asphalt Brown GRAVELLY SAND NFP Bedrock						
Location	See borehole plan							
BH14	0 - 200 - 200	Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND NFP Bedrock						
Location	See borehole plan							
BH15	0 - 50 50 - 230 230 - 600 - 600	Asphalt Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND with gravel, trace silt, trace cobbles, moist, compact NFP Probable Bedrock						
Location	See borehole plan							
BH16	0 - 50 50 - 310 310 - 2.2	Asphalt Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, moist, compact						
Location	See borehole plan							
BH17	0 - 70 70 - 180 180 - 2.2	Asphalt Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, trace cobbles, moist, wet @ 1.7 m, compact						
Location	See borehole plan							
BH18	0 - 170 170 - 2.2	Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace silt, moist, wet @ 1.8 m, compact	1.8 - 2.1	LSFH	0.05	18	Figure 5, Acceptable Granular B Type I	
BH19	0 - 340 340 - 2.2	Brown crushed silty GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, trace cobbles, moist, free water @ 1.3 m, saturated, compact	0 - 300	LSFH	0.05	9	Figure 4, Unacceptable Granular A, too fine on multiple sieves & too silty	
Location	See borehole plan							
BH20	0 - 50 50 - 2.2	Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, trace cobbles, moist, free water @ 1.5 m, saturated, compact						

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RECORD OF PAVEMENT BOREHOLES**

Borehole No.	BOREHOLE LOG				LABORATORY TESTING		
	Depth (mm/m)		Sample Depth (mm)	Frost Susceptibility	K Factor (Erodability)	Water Content (%)	Gradation
Location	See borehole plan						
BH21	0 - 120 120 - 2.2	Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, trace cobbles, moist, free water @ 1.2 m, saturated, compact					
Location	See borehole plan						
BH22	0 - 150 150 - 2.2	Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, trace cobbles, wet, free water @ 560 mm, saturated, compact					
Location	See borehole plan						
BH23	0 - 250 250 - 2.2	Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, some silt, moist, free water @ 1.5 m, saturated, compact	500 - 800	LSFH	0.05	10	Figure 5, Unacceptable Granular B Type I, too silty
Location	See borehole plan						
BH24	0 - 160 160 - 2.2	Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, moist, free water @ 1.4 m, saturated, compact					
Location	See borehole plan						
BH25	0 - 140 140 - 2.2	Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, trace cobbles, moist, free water @ 1.3 m, saturated, compact					
Location	See borehole plan						
BH26	0 - 55 55 - 330 330 - 2.2	Asphalt Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, trace cobbles, moist, compact					
Location	See borehole plan						
BH27	0 - 50 50 - 350 350 - 2.2	Asphalt Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, some silt, trace cobbles, moist, wet @ 1.5 m, compact	1.5 - 1.8	LSFH	0.05	17	Figure 5, Acceptable Granular B Type I
Location	See borehole plan						
BH28	0 - 50 50 - 210 210 - 2.2	Asphalt Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, trace cobbles, moist, free water @ 1.7 m, saturated, compact					
Location	See borehole plan						
BH29	0 - 55 55 - 310 310 - 2.2	Asphalt Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, moist, wet @ 1.8 m, compact					
Location	See borehole plan						
BH30	0 - 50 50 - 330 330 - 2.2	Asphalt Brown crushed GRAVELLY SAND Brown fine to coarse SAND, trace gravel, trace silt, trace cobbles, moist, wet @ 1.6 m, compact					





# **APPENDIX A**

## **Important Information and Limitations of This Report**



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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS REPORT

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Unless otherwise stated, the suggestions, recommendations and opinions given in this report are intended only for the guidance of the Client in the design of the specific project. The extent and detail of investigations, including the number of test holes, necessary to determine all of the relevant conditions which may affect construction costs would normally be greater than has been carried out for design purposes. Contractors bidding on, or undertaking the work, should rely on their own investigations, as well as their own interpretations of the factual data presented in the report, as to how subsurface conditions may affect their work, including but not limited to proposed construction techniques, schedule, safety and equipment capabilities.

**Soil, Rock and Ground water Conditions:** Classification and identification of soils, rocks, and geologic units have been based on commonly accepted methods employed in the practice of geotechnical engineering and related disciplines. Classification and identification of the type and condition of these materials or units involves judgment, and boundaries between different soil, rock or geologic types or units may be transitional rather than abrupt. Accordingly, Golder does not warrant or guarantee the exactness of the descriptions.



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Special risks occur whenever engineering or related disciplines are applied to identify subsurface conditions and even a comprehensive investigation, sampling and testing program may fail to detect all or certain subsurface conditions. The environmental, geologic, geotechnical, geochemical and hydrogeologic conditions that Golder interprets to exist between and beyond sampling points may differ from those that actually exist. In addition to soil variability, fill of variable physical and chemical composition can be present over portions of the site or on adjacent properties. The professional services retained for this project include only the geotechnical aspects of the subsurface conditions at the site, unless otherwise specifically stated and identified in the report. The presence or implication(s) of possible surface and/or subsurface contamination resulting from previous activities or uses of the site and/or resulting from the introduction onto the site of materials from off-site sources are outside the terms of reference for this project and have not been investigated or addressed.

Soil and groundwater conditions shown in the factual data and described in the report are the observed conditions at the time of their determination or measurement. Unless otherwise noted, those conditions form the basis of the recommendations in the report. Groundwater conditions may vary between and beyond reported locations and can be affected by annual, seasonal and meteorological conditions. The condition of the soil, rock and groundwater may be significantly altered by construction activities (traffic, excavation, groundwater level lowering, pile driving, blasting, etc.) on the site or on adjacent sites. Excavation may expose the soils to changes due to wetting, drying or frost. Unless otherwise indicated the soil must be protected from these changes during construction.

**Sample Disposal:** Golder will dispose of all uncontaminated soil and/or rock samples 90 days following issue of this report or, upon written request of the Client, will store uncontaminated samples and materials at the Client's expense. In the event that actual contaminated soils, fills or groundwater are encountered or are inferred to be present, all contaminated samples shall remain the property and responsibility of the Client for proper disposal.

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**Changed Conditions and Drainage:** Where conditions encountered at the site differ significantly from those anticipated in this report, either due to natural variability of subsurface conditions or construction activities, it is a condition of this report that Golder be notified of any changes and be provided with an opportunity to review or revise the recommendations within this report. Recognition of changed soil and rock conditions requires experience and it is recommended that Golder be employed to visit the site with sufficient frequency to detect if conditions have changed significantly.

Drainage of subsurface water is commonly required either for temporary or permanent installations for the project. Improper design or construction of drainage or dewatering can have serious consequences. Golder takes no responsibility for the effects of drainage unless specifically involved in the detailed design and construction monitoring of the system.



# **APPENDIX B**

## **Pavement Design Analysis**

**Table B1**  
**PAVEMENT DESIGN AND ANALYSIS - FLEXIBLE STRUCTURAL DESIGN MODULE**

PUKASKWA ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT  
Option A - 18 YEAR DESIGN FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF PUKASKWA ACCESS ROAD

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**Flexible Structural Design**

80-kN ESALs Over Initial Performance Period	140,000
Initial Serviceability	4.0
Terminal Serviceability	2.0
Reliability Level (%)	85
Overall Standard Deviation	0.49
Roadbed Soil Resilient Modulus	40,000 kPa
Stage Construction	1.0
 Calculated Design Structural Number	 67

**Specified Layer Design**

<u>Layer</u>	<u>Material Description</u>	Struct Coef. <u>(Ai)</u>	Drain Coef. <u>(Mi)</u>	Thickness <u>(Di) (mm)</u>	Required Thickness <u>(mm)</u>	Calculated <u>SN (mm)</u>
1	New Hot Mix Asphalt	0.42	1.00	60	60	25
2	New Granular A Base	0.14	1.00	300	300	42
Total -		-	-	360	360	67

**Layered Thickness Design**

Thickness precision

<u>Layer</u>	<u>Material Description</u>	Struct Coef. <u>(Ai)</u>	Drain Coef. <u>(Mi)</u>	Actual Spec Thickness <u>(Di) (mm)</u>	Actual Min Thickness <u>(Di) (mm)</u>	Elastic Modulus <u>(kPa)</u>	Calculated Thickness <u>(mm)</u>	Calculated <u>SN (mm)</u>
1	New Hot Mix Asphalt	0.42	1.00	-	-	2,750,000	84	35
2	New Granular A Base	0.14	1.00	-	-	210,000	231	32
Total -		-	-	-	-	-	314	67

**Table B2**  
**PAVEMENT DESIGN AND ANALYSIS - FLEXIBLE STRUCTURAL DESIGN MODULE**

PUKASKWA ROAD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT  
Option B and C - 18 YEAR DESIGN FOR REHABILITATION OF PUKASKWA ACCESS ROAD

**Flexible Structural Design**

80-kN ESALs Over Initial Performance Period	140,000
Initial Serviceability	4.0
Terminal Serviceability	2.0
Reliability Level (%)	85
Overall Standard Deviation	0.49
Roadbed Soil Resilient Modulus	40,000 kPa
Stage Construction	1.0
Calculated Design Structural Number	67

**Specified Layer Design**

Layer	Material Description	Struct Coef. (Ai)	Drain Coef. (Mi)	Required		Calculated SN (mm)
				Thickness (Di) (mm)	Thickness (mm)	
1	New Hot Mix Asphalt	0.42	1.00	60	60	25
2	Pulverized Base	0.13	1.00	150	150	20
3	Existing Granular Base	0.11	0.90	195	195	19
4	Existing Granular Subbase	0.07	0.90	300	300	19
Total	-	-	-	705	705	83

**Layered Thickness Design**

Layer	Material Description	Struct Coef. (Ai)	Drain Coef. (Mi)	Actual		Elastic Modulus (kPa)	Calculated Thickness (mm)	Calculated SN (mm)
				Spec Thickness (Di) (mm)	Min Thickness (Di) (mm)			
1	New Hot Mix Asphalt	0.42	1.00	-	-	2,750,000	84	35
2	Pulverized Base	0.13	1.00	-	-	210,000	0	0
3	Existing Granular Base	0.11	0.90	-	-	210,000	117	12
4	Existing Granular Subbase	0.07	0.90	-	-	105,000	328	21
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	529	68

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