

Part 1 GENERAL

1.1 RELATED SECTIONS

- .1 Section 31 23 10 – Excavating, Trenching and Backfilling
- .2 Section 32 11 16.01 – Granular Sub-Base
- .3 Section 32 11 23 – Aggregate Base Courses

1.2 REFERENCES

- .1 ASTM International
 - .1 ASTM D4791-[10], Standard Test Method for Flat Particles, Elongated Particles, or Flat and Elongated Particles in Coarse Aggregate.

1.3 ACTION AND INFORMATIONAL SUBMITTALS

- .1 Submit in accordance with Section 01 33 00- Submittal Procedures.
- .2 Samples:
 - .1 Allow continual sampling by Departmental Representative during production as requested.
 - .2 Provide Departmental Representative with access to source and processed material for sampling.

1.4 DELIVERY, STORAGE AND HANDLING

- .1 Deliver, store and handle materials in accordance with with manufacturer's written instructions.
- .2 Transportation and Handling: handle and transport aggregates to avoid segregation, contamination and degradation.
- .3 Storage: store washed materials or materials excavated from underwater 24 hours minimum to allow free water to drain and for materials to attain uniform water content.

Part 2 PRODUCTS

2.1 MATERIALS

- .1 Aggregate quality: sound, hard, durable material free from soft, thin, elongated or laminated particles, organic material, clay lumps or minerals, free from adherent coatings and injurious amounts of disintegrated pieces or other deleterious substances.
- .2 Flat and elongated particles of coarse aggregate: to ASTM D4791.
 - .1 Greatest dimension to exceed 5 times least dimension.

- .3 Fine aggregates satisfying requirements of applicable section to be one, or blend of following:
 - .1 Natural Sand or Manufactured Sand
 - .2 Screenings produced in crushing of quarried rock, boulders, gravel or slag.
- .4 Coarse aggregates satisfying requirements of applicable section to be one of or blend of following:
 - .1 Crushed rock.

2.2 SOURCE QUALITY CONTROL

- .1 Inform Departmental Representative of proposed source of aggregates and provide access for sampling 4 weeks minimum before starting production.
- .2 If materials from proposed source do not meet, or cannot reasonably be processed to meet, specified requirements, locate alternative source.
- .3 Advise Departmental Representative 4 weeks minimum in advance of proposed change of material source.
- .4 Acceptance of material at source does not preclude future rejection if it fails to conform to requirements specified, lacks uniformity, or if its field performance is found to be unsatisfactory.

Part 3 EXECUTION

3.1 PREPARATION

- .1 Aggregate source preparation:
 - .1 Prior to excavating materials for aggregate production, clear and grub area to be worked, and strip unsuitable surface materials. Dispose of cleared, grubbed and unsuitable materials as approved by authority having jurisdiction.
 - .2 Trim off and dress slopes of waste material piles and leave site in neat condition.
 - .3 Provide silt fence or other means to prevent contamination of existing watercourse or natural wetland features.
- .2 Processing:
 - .1 Process aggregate uniformly using methods that prevent contamination, segregation and degradation.
 - .2 Blend aggregates, as required, including reclaimed materials that meet physical requirements of specification is permitted in order to satisfy gradation requirements for material and, percentage of crushed particles, or particle shapes specified.

- .1 Use methods and equipment approved in writing by Departmental Representative.
- .3 When operating in stratified deposits use excavation equipment and methods that produce uniform, homogeneous aggregate gradation.
- .4 Where necessary, screen, crush, wash, classify and process aggregates with suitable equipment to meet requirements.
 - .1 Use only equipment approved in writing by Departmental Representative.
- .5 Stockpiling:
 - .1 Stockpile aggregates on site in locations as indicated unless directed otherwise by Departmental Representative. Do not stockpile on completed pavement surfaces.
 - .2 Stockpile aggregates in sufficient quantities to meet project schedules.
 - .3 Stockpiling sites to be level, well drained, and of adequate bearing capacity and stability to support stockpiled materials and handling equipment.
 - .4 Except where stockpiled on acceptably stabilized areas, provide compacted sand base not less than 300 mm in depth to prevent contamination of aggregate. Stockpile aggregates on ground but do not incorporate bottom 300 mm of pile into Work.
 - .5 Separate different aggregates by strong, full depth bulkheads, or stockpile far enough apart to prevent intermixing.
 - .6 Do not use intermixed or contaminated materials. Remove and dispose of rejected materials as directed by Departmental Representative within 48 hours of rejection.
 - .7 Stockpile materials in uniform layers of thickness as follows:
 - .1 Maximum 1.5 m for coarse aggregate and base course materials.
 - .2 Maximum 1.5 m for fine aggregate and sub-base materials.
 - .3 Maximum 1.5 m for other materials.
 - .8 Uniformly spot-dump aggregates delivered to stockpile in trucks and build up stockpile as specified.
 - .9 Do not cone piles or spill material over edges of piles.
 - .10 Do not use conveying stackers.
 - .11 During winter operations, prevent ice and snow from becoming mixed into stockpile or in material being removed from stockpile.

3.2 CLEANING

- .1 Progress Cleaning: Leave Work area clean at end of each day.
- .2 Final Cleaning: upon completion remove surplus materials, rubbish, tools and equipment.

END OF SECTION

Part 1 GENERAL

1.1 RELATED SECTIONS

- .1 Section 01 33 00 – Submittal Procedures
- .2 Section 31 05 16 – Aggregate Materials

1.2 REFERENCE STANDARDS

- .1 American Society for Testing and Materials International (ASTM)
 - .1 ASTM C117-17, Standard Test Method for Material Finer than 0.075 mm (No.200) Sieve in Mineral Aggregates by Washing.
 - .2 ASTM C136-14, Standard Test Method for Sieve Analysis of Fine and Coarse Aggregates.
 - .3 ASTM D422-63 2007 e2, Standard Test Method for Particle-Size Analysis of Soils.
 - .4 ASTM D698-12e2, Standard Test Methods for Laboratory Compaction Characteristics of Soil Using Standard Effort (12,400 ft-lbf/ft³) (600 kN-m/m³).
 - .5 ASTM D4318-17 Standard Test Methods for Liquid Limit, Plastic Limit, and Plasticity Index of Soils.
- .2 Canadian General Standards Board (CGSB)
 - .1 CAN/CGSB-8.2-M88, Sieves, Testing, Woven Wire, Metric.
- .3 Canadian Standards Association (CSA International)
 - .1 CAN/CSA-A3000-03, Cementitious Materials Compendium (Consists of A3001, A3002, A3003, A3004 and A3005).
 - .1 CSA-A3001-03, Cementitious Materials for Use in Concrete.
 - .2 CSA-A23.1/A23.2-04, Concrete Materials and Methods of Concrete Construction/Methods of Test and Standard Practices for Concrete.
- .4 Nova Scotia Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal
 - .1 Standard Specification for Highway Construction and Maintenance (latest edition)

1.3 DEFINITIONS

- .1 Excavation classes: two classes of excavation will be recognized; common excavation and rock excavation.
 - .1 Rock: solid material in excess of 1.00m³ and which cannot be removed by means of heavy duty mechanical excavating equipment. Frozen material not classified as rock.

- .2 Common excavation: excavation of materials of whatever nature, which are not included under definitions of rock excavation.
- .2 Topsoil:
 - .1 Material capable of supporting good vegetative growth and suitable for use in top dressing, landscaping and seeding.
 - .2 Material reasonably free from subsoil, clay lumps, brush, objectionable weeds, and other litter, and free from cobbles, stumps, roots, and other objectionable material larger than 25 millimeters in any dimension.
- .3 Waste material: excavated material unsuitable for use in Work or surplus to requirements.
- .4 Borrow material: material obtained from locations outside area to be graded, and required for construction of fill areas or for other portions of Work.
- .5 Recycled fill material: material, considered inert, obtained from alternate sources and engineered to meet requirements of fill areas.
- .6 Unsuitable materials:
 - .1 Weak, chemically unstable, and compressible materials.
 - .2 Frost susceptible materials:
 - .1 Fine grained soils with plasticity index less than 10 when tested to ASTM D4318, and gradation within limits specified when tested to ASTM C136, ASTM D422: Sieve sizes to CAN/CGSB-8.2.
 - .2 Table:

Sieve Designation	% Passing
2.00 mm	100
0.10 mm	45 - 100
0.02 mm	10 - 80
0.005 mm	0 - 45
 - .3 Coarse grained soils containing more than 20% by mass passing 0.075 mm sieve.
- .7 Unshrinkable fill: very weak mixture of cement, concrete aggregates and water that resists settlement when placed in utility trenches, and capable of being readily excavated.

1.4 ACTION AND INFORMATIONAL SUBMITTALS

- .1 Make submittals in accordance with Section 01 33 00- Submittal Procedures.
- .2 Quality Control: in accordance with Section 01 45 00- Testing and Quality Control:
 - .1 Submit condition survey of existing conditions as described in EXISTING CONDITIONS article of this Section.

- .2 Submit for review by Departmental Representative proposed dewatering, heave prevention methods as described in PART 3 of this Section.
- .3 Submit to Departmental Representative written notice at least 7 days prior to excavation work, to ensure cross sections are taken.
- .4 Submit to Departmental Representative written notice when bottom of excavation is reached.
- .5 Submit to Departmental Representative results and report as described in PART 3 of this Section.
- .3 Preconstruction Submittals:
 - .1 Submit construction equipment list for major equipment to be used in this section prior to start of Work.
 - .2 Submit records of underground utility locates, indicating: location plan of relocated and abandoned services, as required, location plan of existing utilities as found in field, and clearance record from utility authority.
- .4 Samples:
 - .1 Submit samples when in accordance with Section 01 33 00- Submittal Procedures.
 - .2 Inform Departmental Representative at least 4 weeks prior to beginning Work, of proposed source of materials and provide access for sampling.

1.5 QUALITY ASSURANCE

- .1 Submit design and supporting data at least 2 weeks prior to beginning Work.
- .2 Design and supporting data submitted to bear stamp and signature of qualified professional engineer registered or licensed in Nova Scotia, Canada.
- .3 Keep design and supporting data on site.
- .4 Engage services of qualified professional Engineer who is registered or licensed in Nova Scotia, Canada in which Work is to be carried out to design and inspect cofferdams, shoring, bracing and underpinning required for Work.
- .5 Do not use soil material until written report of soil test results are approved by Departmental Representative.
- .6 Health and Safety Requirements:
 - .1 Do construction occupational health and safety in accordance with Section 01 35 29 - Health and Safety Requirements.

1.6 EXISTING CONDITIONS

- .1 Buried services:
 - .1 Before commencing work, verify location of buried services on and adjacent to site.

- .2 This contractor shall carry out the cost for surveying area of work to determine all underground service exact locations including and not limited to: power, telecommunication, waterline, sewer, etc. perform the survey before starting the work and submit a copy to the departmental representative.
- .3 Arrange with appropriate authority for relocation of buried services that interfere with execution of work: pay costs of relocating services.
- .4 Remove obsolete buried services within 2 m of foundations: cap cut-offs.
- .5 Size, depth and location of existing utilities and structures as indicated are for guidance only. Completeness and accuracy are not guaranteed.
- .6 Prior to beginning excavation Work, notify applicable Departmental Representative and authorities having jurisdiction and establish location and state of use of buried utilities and structures. Authorities having jurisdiction and Departmental Representative to clearly mark such locations to prevent disturbance during Work.
- .7 Confirm locations of buried utilities by careful soil hydrovac methods or test excavations as required.
- .8 Maintain and protect from damage, water, sewer, gas, electric, telephone and other utilities and structures encountered.
- .9 Where utility lines or structures exist in area of excavation, obtain direction of Departmental Representative before removing or re-routing.
- .10 Record location of maintained, re-routed and abandoned underground lines.
- .11 Confirm locations of recent excavations adjacent to area of excavation.
- .2 Existing buildings and surface features:
 - .1 Conduct, with Departmental Representative, condition survey of existing buildings, trees and other plants, lawns, fencing, service poles, wires, rail tracks, pavement, survey bench marks and monuments which may be affected by Work.
 - .2 Protect existing buildings and surface features from damage while Work is in progress. In event of damage, immediately make repair as directed by Departmental Representative.
 - .3 Where required for excavation, cut roots or branches as directed by Departmental Representative.

Part 2 Products

2.1 MATERIALS

- .1 All granular materials shall be non-ore bearing.
- .2 Type 1 granular material: Type 1 gravel in accordance with NSTIR's Standard Specification for Highway Construction and Maintenance.

- .3 Type 2 granular material: Type 2 gravel in accordance with NSTIR's Standard Specification for Highway Construction and Maintenance.
- .4 Foundation Backfill: Type 1 or Type 2 granular as indicated.
- .5 Select Backfill Material: Selected material approved by Departmental Representative for use intended, unfrozen and free from rocks larger than 75mm cinders, ashes, sods, refuse or other deleterious materials.
- .6 Unshrinkable fill: proportioned and mixed to provide:
 - .1 Maximum compressive strength of 0.4 MPa at 28 days.
 - .2 Maximum cement content of 25 kg/m³ with 40% by volume fly ash replacement: to CSA-A3001, Type GU.
 - .3 Minimum strength of 0.07 MPa at 24 h.
 - .4 Concrete aggregates: to CSA-A23.1/A23.2.
 - .5 Cement: Type GU.
 - .6 Slump: 160 to 200 mm.

Part 3 EXECUTION

3.1 TEMPORARY EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL

- .1 Provide temporary erosion and sedimentation control measures to prevent soil erosion and discharge of soil-bearing water runoff or airborne dust to adjacent properties and waterways, according to requirements of authorities having jurisdiction and the specific requirements of the site.
- .2 Inspect, repair, and maintain erosion and sedimentation control measures during construction until permanent vegetation has been established.
- .3 Remove erosion and sedimentation controls and restore and stabilize areas disturbed during removal.

3.2 SITE PREPARATION

- .1 Notify Departmental Representative 24 hours in advance of any excavation, trenching or backfilling activity.
- .2 Remove obstructions, ice and snow, from surfaces to be excavated within limits indicated.
- .3 Cut pavement or sidewalk neatly along limits of proposed excavation in order that surface may break evenly and cleanly.

3.3 PREPARATION/PROTECTION

- .1 Protect existing features in accordance with Section 01 50 00- Temporary Barriers and Enclosures and applicable local regulations.
- .2 Keep excavations clean, free of standing water, and loose soil.

- .3 Where soil is subject to significant volume change due to change in moisture content, cover and protect to Departmental Representative approval.
- .4 Protect natural and man-made features required to remain undisturbed. Unless otherwise indicated or located in an area to be occupied by new construction, protect existing trees from damage.
- .5 Protect buried services that are required to remain undisturbed.

3.4 STRIPPING OF TOPSOIL

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

3.5 STOCKPILING

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

3.6 COFFERDAMS, SHORING, BRACING AND UNDERPINNING

- .1 Maintain sides and slopes of excavations in safe condition by appropriate methods and in accordance with Section 01 35 29 - Health and Safety Requirements.
 - .1 Where conditions are unstable, Departmental Representative to verify and advise methods.

3.7 DEWATERING AND HEAVE PREVENTION

- .1 Keep excavations free of water while Work is in progress.
- .2 Provide for Departmental Representative review and approval of details of proposed dewatering or heave prevention methods, including dikes, well points, and sheet pile cut-offs.
- .3 Avoid excavation below groundwater table if quick condition or heave is likely to occur.

- .1 Prevent piping or bottom heave of excavations by groundwater lowering, sheet pile cut-offs, or other means.
- .4 Protect open excavations against flooding and damage due to surface run-off.
- .5 Dispose of water in accordance with Section 01 35 44 - Environmental Protection Procedures for Marine Work to approved runoff areas and in manner not detrimental to public and private property, or portion of Work completed or under construction.
 - .1 Provide and maintain temporary drainage ditches and other diversions outside of excavation limits.

3.8 EXCAVATION

- .1 Excavate to lines, grades, elevations and dimensions as indicated.
- .2 For trenching in asphalt areas, make vertical saw cut to full depth of asphalt in straight lines. Cut back 300 mm minimum from edge of excavation or beyond to eliminate tension cracks.
- .3 Remove walks, demolished foundations and rubble, paving, masonry, concrete and other obstructions encountered during excavation.
- .4 Excavation must not interfere with bearing capacity of adjacent foundations.
- .5 Do not disturb soil within branch spread of trees or shrubs that are to remain.
 - .1 If excavating through roots, excavate by hand and cut roots with sharp axe or saw.
- .6 For trench excavation, unless otherwise authorized by Departmental Representative in writing, do not excavate more than 30 m of trench in advance of installation operations and do not leave open more than 15 m at end of day's operation.
- .7 Keep excavated and stockpiled materials safe distance away from edge of trench as directed by Departmental Representative.
- .8 Restrict vehicle operations directly adjacent to open trenches.
- .9 Dispose of surplus and unsuitable excavated material off site.
- .10 Do not obstruct flow of surface drainage or natural watercourses.
- .11 Earth bottoms of excavations to be undisturbed soil, level, free from loose, soft or organic matter.
- .12 Notify Departmental Representative when bottom of excavation is reached.
- .13 Obtain Departmental Representative approval of completed excavation.
- .14 Remove unsuitable material from trench bottom including those that extend below required elevations to extent and depth as directed by Departmental Representative.

- .15 Replacement of unsuitable material, build-up of subgrade to desired elevation and correction of unauthorized over-excavation as follows and to satisfaction of Departmental Representative:
 - .1 Fill under bearing surfaces and footings with Type 2 granular compacted to not less than 100% of corrected Standard Proctor maximum dry density.
 - .2 Fill under other areas with Select Backfill Material compacted to not less than 95% of corrected Standard Proctor maximum dry density.
- .16 Hand trim, make firm and remove loose material and debris from excavations.
 - .1 Where material at bottom of excavation is disturbed, compact foundation soil to density at least equal to undisturbed soil.

3.9 FILL TYPES AND COMPACTION

- .1 Use types of fill as indicated and specified below. Compaction densities are percentages of maximum densities obtained from ASTM D698.
 - .1 Under concrete slabs: provide compacted thickness of sub-base (Type 2 Granular) and base course (Type 1 granular) as indicated to underside of slab. Compact sub-base and base course to 100% of maximum dry density.
 - .2 Under exterior asphalt surfaces use Select Backfill Material to subgrade level. Compact to 98% of maximum dry density. Above subgrade level, restore existing pavement structure. Compaction of granular and asphalt in accordance with NSTIR standards.

3.10 BEDDING AND SURROUND OF UNDERGROUND SERVICES

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

3.11 BACKFILLING

- .1 Do not proceed with backfilling operations until completion of following:
 - .1 Departmental Representative has inspected and approved installations.
 - .2 Departmental Representative has inspected and approved of construction below finish grade.
 - .3 Inspection, testing, approval, and recording location of underground utilities.
 - .4 Removal of concrete formwork.
 - .5 Removal of shoring and bracing; backfilling of voids with satisfactory soil material.

- .2 Areas to be backfilled to be free from debris, snow, ice, water and frozen ground.
- .3 Do not use backfill material which is frozen or contains ice, snow or debris.
- .4 Place backfill material in uniform layers not exceeding 150mm compacted thickness up to grades indicated. Compact each layer before placing succeeding layer.
- .5 Backfilling around installations:
 - .1 Place bedding and surround material as indicated or specified elsewhere.
 - .2 Do not backfill around or over cast-in-place concrete within 24 hours after placing of concrete.
 - .3 Place layers simultaneously on both sides of installed Work to equalize loading.

3.12 RESTORATION

- .1 Upon completion of Work, remove waste materials and debris, trim slopes, and correct defects as directed by Departmental Representative.
- .2 Replace topsoil as directed by Departmental Representative.
- .3 Reinstate lawns to elevation which existed before excavation.
- .4 Reinstate pavements and sidewalks disturbed by excavation to thickness, structure and elevation which existed before excavation. Clean contact surface and apply tack coat prior to placing asphalt concrete. Place and compact hot mix, hot placed asphalt concrete to Province of Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal Standard Specification – Highway Construction and Maintenance. Mix design and to be reviewed and approved by Departmental Representative
- .5 Clean and reinstate areas affected by Work as directed by Departmental Representative.
- .6 Use temporary plating to support traffic loads over unshrinkable fill for initial 24 hours.
- .7 Protect newly graded areas from traffic and erosion and maintain free of trash or debris.

END OF SECTION