# ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GRMP NORTH CENTRAL (ATHABASCA AND FORT McMURRAY DISTRICTS) INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING- Fall 2024



Site Number	Location	Name	Hwy	km
NC090	HWY 2:42 C1 17.72	Baptiste Creek	2:42	km 17.2
Legal Description: 5-6-67-23 W4		UTM Co-ordinates	•	•
		12U E 338297	N 6	071816

<b>Current Monitoring:</b>	17-Sep-2024	Previous Monitoring	14-Jun-2024				
Instruments Read By:	Mr. Niraj Regmi, G.	Mr. Niraj Regmi, G.I.T and Mr. Nixson Mationg, of Thurber					

Instruments Read During This Site Visit								
Slope Inclinometers (SIs): SI19-1	Pneumatic Piezometers (PN): N/A	Vibration Wire Piezometers (VW): VW19-1A and VW19- 1B	Standpipe Piezometers (SP): N/A					
Load Cell (LC): VC2130 to VC2136	Strain Gauges: three vibrating wire strain gauges	SAAs: N/A	Others:					

Readout Equipment Used									
Slope Inclinometers: RST Digital Inclinometer probe with a 2 ft wheelbase and an RST Pocket PC readout	Pneumatic Piezometers:	Vibration Wire Piezometers: Campbell Scientific CR6 datalogger	Standpipe Piezometers:						
Load Cell: Campbell Scientific CR6 datalogger Note:	Strain Gauges: Campbell Scientific CR6 datalogger	SAAs:	Others:						

	Discussion
Zones of New Movement:	None
	Slope inclinometer SI19-1, installed upslope of the cantilever sheet pile wall, showed no discernible movement over 0.4 m to 1.7 m depth since the spring of 2024 readings.
Interpretation of Monitoring Results:	Vibrating wire piezometers VW19-1A and VW19-1B showed decreases in groundwater level of 0.77 m and 0.30 m, respectively, since the spring of 2024 reading. Both vibrating wire piezometers have shown a pattern of seasonable variation in groundwater level, with the highest groundwater levels typically recorded between the months of April and June. The seasonal variation in groundwater level is more pronounced in VW19-1A, which is installed closer to the ground surface at 5 m depth.
	Load cells VC2135, VC2132, VC2131, VC2134, and VC2130 showed decreases in measured load, ranging from 0.11 kN in load cell VC2131 to 5.82 kN in VC2135 since the spring of 2024 readings. Load cells VC2136 and VC2133 showed increases in measured load of 0.55 kN and 0.25 kN, respectively, since the spring of 2024 readings. The measured loads in the load cells have remained relatively stable since

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	the spring of 2024 readings. The load cells have generally shown a pattern of seasonal variation in loads, with the highest loads typically recorded during the winter months. VC2135, VC2131, and VC2136 are currently above their design load by 1.21 kN, 7.54 kN, and 0.85 kN, respectively.
	The upper, middle, and lower strain gauges showed increases in total micro-strain of 4.87 $\mu$ E, 3.06 $\mu$ E and 3.25 $\mu$ E, respectively, since the spring of 2024 readings. In general, the strain gauge readings continue to reflect minimal bending stresses in the tied-back sheet pile wall.
	The instrumentation readings indicate that the pile walls have performed well since construction completion.
Future Work:	The instruments should be read again in the spring of 2025.
Instrumentation Repairs:	No instrument repairs are required at this time.
Additional Comments:	

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	<ul> <li>Table NC090-1 Fall 2024 – HWY 2:42 Baptiste Creek Bridge NW Approach Fill Landslide (BF7055), Slope Inclinometer Instrumentation Reading Summary</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Table NC090-2 Fall 2024 – HWY 2:42 Baptiste Creek Bridge NW Approach Fill Landslide (BF7055), Vibrating Wire and Standpipe Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Table NC090-3 Fall 2024 – HWY 2:42 Baptiste Creek Bridge NW Approach Fill Landslide (BF7055), Vibrating Wire Load Cell Instrumentation Reading Summary</li> </ul>
Attachments:	<ul> <li>Table NC090-4 Fall 2024 – HWY 2:42 Baptiste Creek Bridge NW Approach Fill Landslide (BF7055), Vibrating Wire Strain Gauge Instrumentation Reading Summary</li> </ul>
	Statement of Limitations and Conditions
	<ul> <li>APPENDIX A – NC090-1 FALL 2024         <ul> <li>Field Inspector's report</li> <li>Site Plan and Cross Section Showing Approximate Instrument Locations (Drawings Nos. 32122-NC090 1 and 32122-NC090-2)</li> <li>SI Reading Plots</li> <li>Figure NC090-1 (Piezometric Data Plot)</li> <li>Figure NC090-2 (Load Cell Data Plot)</li> <li>Figure NC090-3 (Strain Gauge Data Plot)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

We trust this report meets your requirements at present. If you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at your convenience.

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### Table NC090-1 Fall 2024 - Hwy 2:42 Baptiste Creek Bridge NW Approach Fill Landslide (BF7055) Slope Inclinometer Instrumentation **Reading Summary**Date Monitored: September 17, 2024

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TOTAL CUMULATIVE RESULTANT MOVEMENT AND DEPTH OF MOVEMENT TO DATE (mm)	MAXIMUM RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)	CURRENT STATUS OF SI	DATE OF PREVIOUS READING	INCREMENTAL MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm)	CURRENT RATE OF MOVEMENT (mm/yr)	CHANGE IN RATE OF MOVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS READING (mm/yr)
SI19-1	August 21, 2019	25.7 mm over 0.4 to 1.7 m depth in 126° direction	365 on Sep. 14, 2019	Operational	June 14, 2024	No Discernible Movement	N/A	-12.6

Drawings 32122-NC090-1 and NC090-2 in Appendix A show approximate locations of the monitoring instrumentation at this site.



## Table NC090-2: Spring 2024 – Hwy 2:42 Baptiste Creek Bridge NW Approach Fill Landslide (BF7055) Vibrating Wire Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: September 17, 2024

INSTRUMENT#	DATE INITIALIZED	TIP DEPTH (m)	CURRENT STATUS	MAXIMUM GROUNDWATER DEPTH (m)	CURRENT GROUNDWATER DEPTH (m)	PREVIOUS GROUNDWATER DEPTH (m)	CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)
VW19-1A <sup>(1)</sup> (4060)	August 21, 2019	5.0	Operational	1.98 on September 10, 2019	3.31	2.54	-0.77
VW19-1B <sup>(1)</sup> (4061)	August 21, 2019	10.0	Operational	1.00 on June 18, 2020	2.51	2.21	-0.30

Drawings 32122-NC090-1 and NC090-2 in Appendix A show approximate locations of the monitoring instrumentation at this site.

#### Notes:

(1) Vibrating wire piezometer data is recorded daily through on-site datalogger and is downloaded twice annually during the instrumentation readings.



Table NC090-3: Spring 2024 – Hwy 2:42 Baptiste Creek Bridge NW Approach Fill Landslide (BF7055) Vibrating Wire Load Cell Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: September 17, 2024

LOAD CELL SERIAL #	ANCHOR NUMBER	DESIGN LOAD / LOCK-OFF LOAD (kN)	MAXIMUM RECORDED LOAD (kN)	RECORDED LOAD <sup>(1)</sup> (SEPTEMBER 17, 2024) (kN)	PREVIOUS RECORDED LOAD <sup>(1)</sup> (JUNE 14, 2024) (kN)	CHANGE IN LOAD SINCE PREVIOUS READING (kN)
VC2135	8	140/140	169.00 on January 30, 2022		141.40	-0.19
VC2132	12	210/210	221.59 on January 31, 2022	188.02	193.84	-5.82
VC2131	13	140/140	158.37 on January 30, 2022	147.54	147.65	-0.11
VC2136	19	140/140	151.31 on January 29, 2022	140.85	140.30	0.55
VC2134	24	210/210	231.75 on March 5, 2023	188.83	192.63	-3.80
VC2133	29	140/140	129.34 on February 18, 2021	117.37	117.12	0.25
VC2130	34	210/210	189.61 on March 5, 2023	177.70	178.73	-1.03

Drawings 32122-NC090-1 and NC090-2 in Appendix A show approximate locations of the monitoring instrumentation at this site.

#### Notes:

1) Load cell data is recorded daily through existing datalogger on site. Datalogger data is downloaded twice annually during instrumentation readings.



## Table NC090-4: Spring 2024 – Hwy 2:42 Baptiste Creek Bridge NW Approach Fill Landslide (BF7055) Vibrating Wire Strain Gauge Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: September 17, 2024

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STRAIN GAUGE	ELEVATION	TOTAL MICROSTRAIN <sup>(1)</sup> (SEPTEMBER 17, 2024) (με)	PREVIOUS TOTAL MICROSTRAIN <sup>(1)</sup> (JUNE 14, 2023) (με)	CHANGE IN MICROSTRAIN SINCE PREVIOUS READING (με)
Upper	585.5	29.05	24.18	4.87
Middle	584.0	42.15	39.09	3.06
Lower	582.5	46.78	43.53	3.25

Drawings 32122-NC090-1 and NC090-2 in Appendix A show approximate locations of the monitoring instrumentation at this site.

#### Notes:

(1) Strain Gauge data is recorded daily through existing datalogger on site. Datalogger data is downloaded twice annually during instrumentation readings.



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# ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GRMP (CON0022163) NORTH CENTRAL (ATHABASCA AND FORT McMURRAY DISTRICTS) INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING RESULTS

**FALL 2024** 

APPENDIX A
DATA PRESENTATION AND DRAWINGS

SITE NC090: HWY 2:42 BAPTISTE CREEK BRIDGE NW APPROACH FILL LANDSLIDE (BF7055)

# ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS NORTH CENTRAL REGION - ATHABASCA AND FORT McMURRAY DISTRICTS INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING FIELD SUMMARY (NC090) FALL 2024

Location: Baptiste Creek (HWY 2:42 C1 17.723)

Readout:

File Number: 32122

Casing Diameter: 2.75"

Probe: RST SET 8R Cable: RST SET 8R Temp: 18 Read by: NRM

#### SLOPE INCLINOMETER (SI) READINGS

SI#	GPS 1	Location	Date	Stickup	Depth from top	Azimuth of	Current Bottom		Probe/				
	(UT	M 12)		m	of casing (ft)	A+ Groove		Depth Readings		Reel			
	Easting (m)	Northing (m)					A+	A-	B+	B-	#	Size(")	Remarks
SI19-1	338297	6071816	17-Sep-24	1.09	52 to 2	107	-2	13	80	-72	8R/8R	2.75	

#### VIBRATING WIRE LOAD CELL (VC) READINGS

VC#	Datalogger GPS Location		Datalogger Serial #	Date	Comment
	(UTM 12)				
	Easting (m)	Northing (m)			
VC2130 to VC2136	338298	6071815	Campbell Scientific 10671	17-Sep-24	Downloaded

#### VIBRATING WIRE STRAIN GAUGE (SG) READINGS

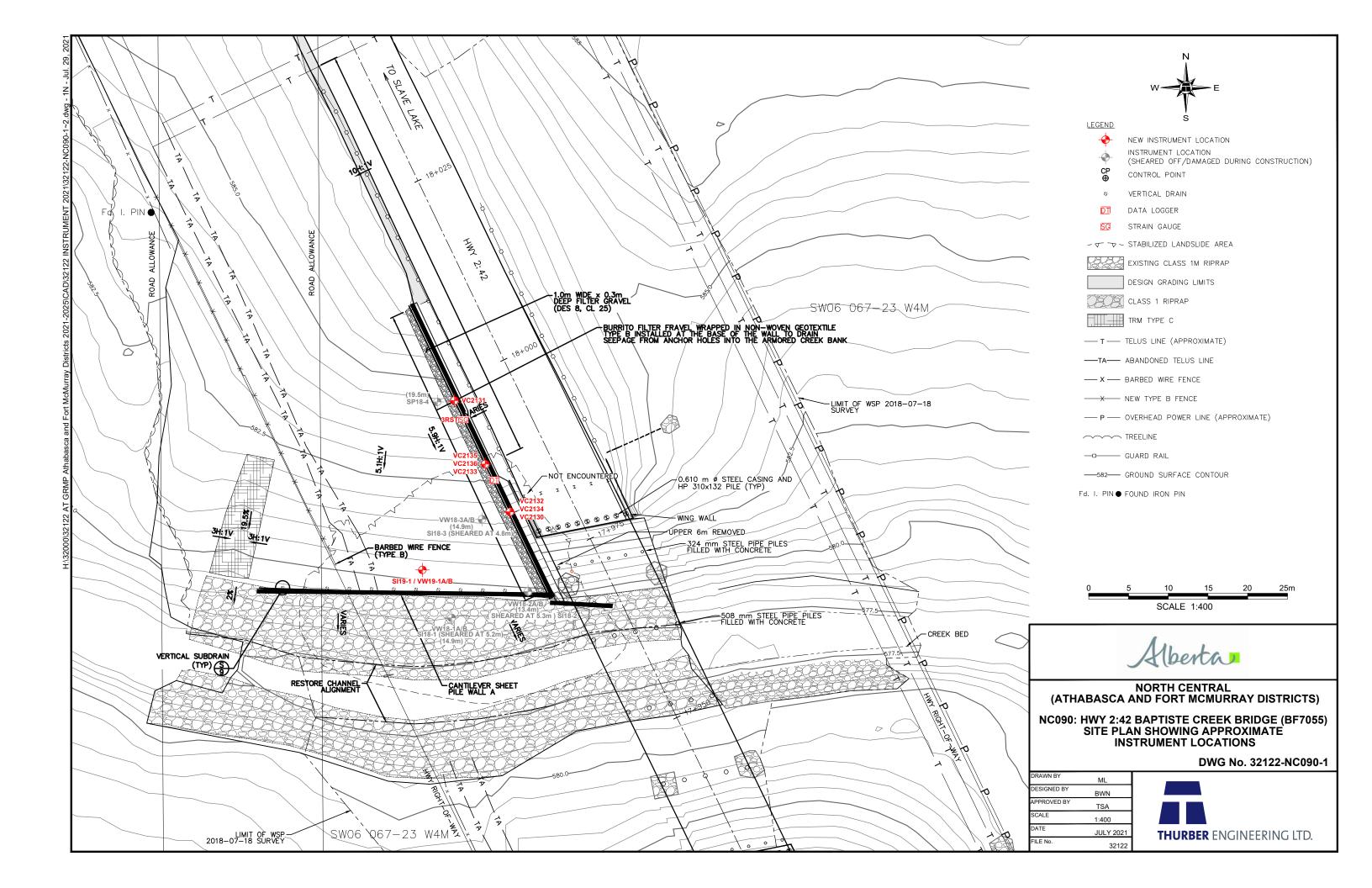
SG#	Datalogger GPS Location (UTM 12)		Datalogger Serial #	Date	Comment
	Easting (m)	Northing (m)			
3 RST strain gauges	338298	6071815	Campbell Scientific 10671	17-Sep-24	Downloaded

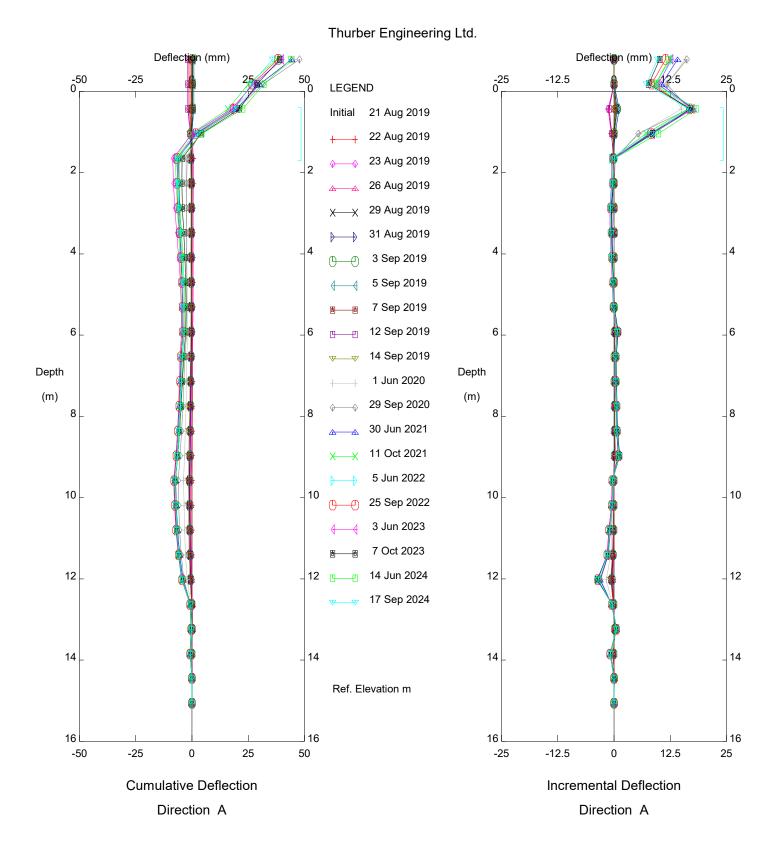
#### VIBRATING WIRE PIEZOMETER (VW) READINGS

VW#	Serial #	GPS Location (UTM 12)		Datalogger	Date	Comment
		Easting (m)	Northing (m)	Serial #		
VW19-1A	4060	338298	6071815	CS 10671	17-Sep-24	Downloaded
VW19-1B	4061	336296	00/1813	CS 106/1	17-Sep-24	Downloaded

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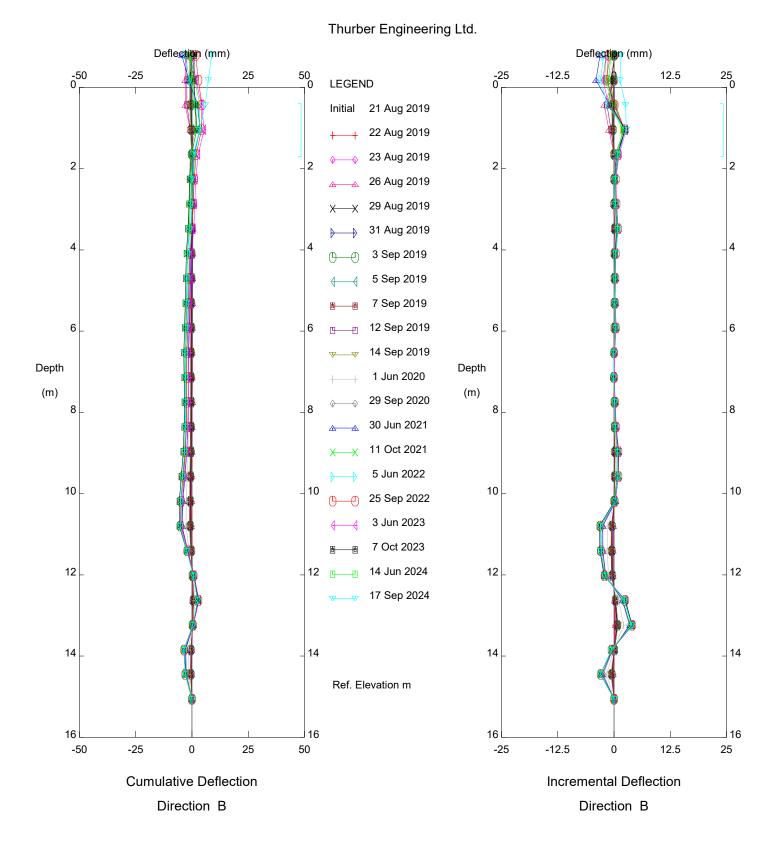
7 load cells, 3 VW strain gauges and 2 VW Piezometers are wired to a Campbell Scientific CR6 datalogger mounted on the west face of the sheet pile wall			





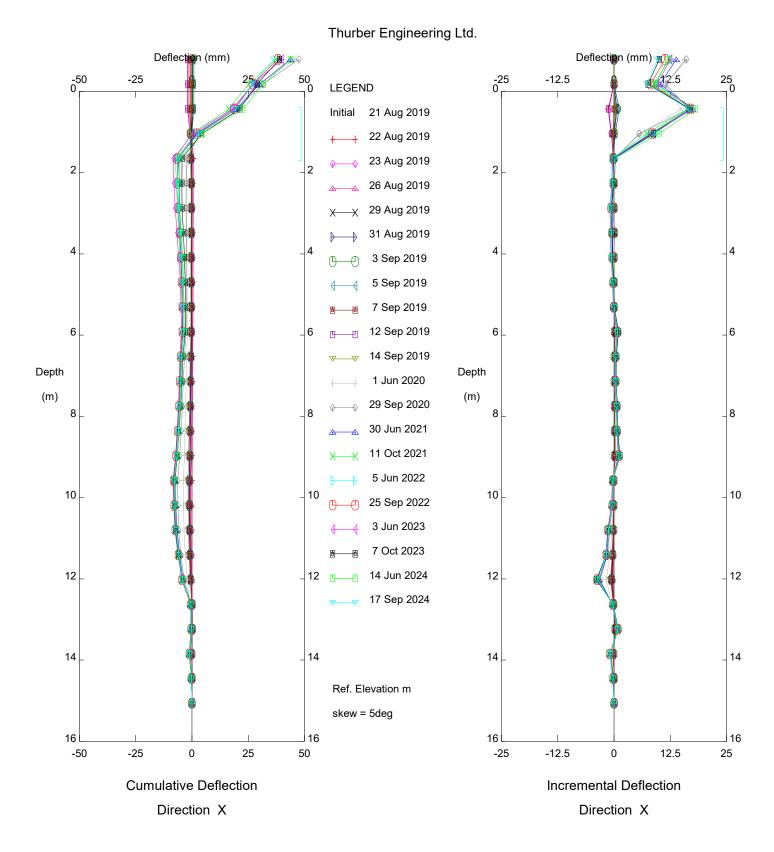
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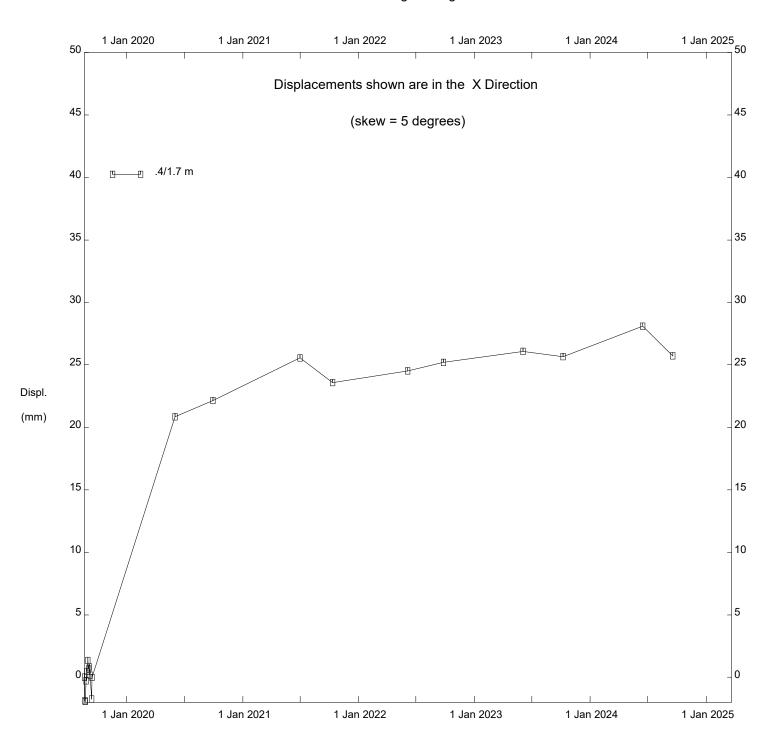
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FIGURE NC090-1
PIEZOMETER DATA FOR HWY 2:42 BAPTISTE CREEK

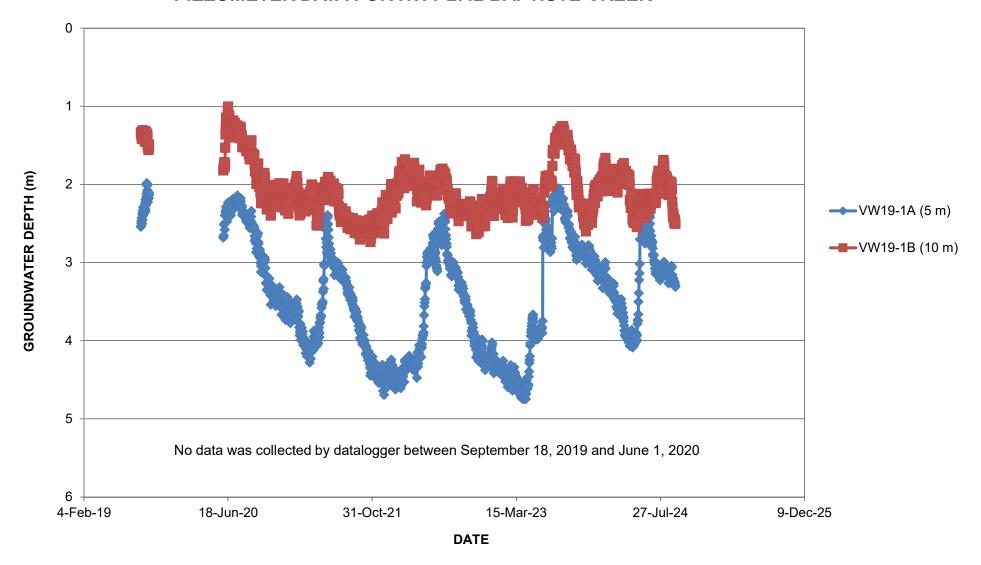


FIGURE NC090-2 LOAD CELL DATA FOR HWY 2:42 BAPTISTE CREEK 250 50 40 30 200 Temperature oC -Anchor 8 (VC2135) 20 -Anchor 12 (VC2132) -Anchor 13 (VC2131) Average Load (kN) 150 Temperature (oC) -Anchor 19 (VC2136) -Anchor 24 (VC2134) -Anchor 29 (VC2133) Anchor 34 (VC2130) -10 100 -20 -30 50 -40 No load cell data collected between June 12, 2019 and July 8, 2019 or between September 28, 2019 and June 1, 2020 -50 04-Feb-19 18-Jun-20 31-Oct-21 27-Jul-24 15-Mar-23 09-Dec-25

Date

FIGURE NC090-3 STRAIN GAUGE DATA FOR HWY 2:42 BAPTISTE CREEK

