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Attention: Mr. Max Shannon

ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS GRMP (CON0022165)
PEACE REGION (GRANDE PRAIRIE DISTRICT – NORTH)
INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING RESULTS – FALL 2023

#### **SECTION C**

SITE GP014: HWY 733:04, BAD HEART RIVER

Dear Mr. Shannon:

This report provides the results of the bi-annual geotechnical instrumentation monitoring for the above-mentioned site as part of Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors' Geohazard Risk Management Program for Peace Region Grande Prairie District – North (CON0022165).

It is a condition of this letter report that Thurber's performance of its professional services will be subject to the attached Statement of Limitations and Conditions.

#### 1. FIELD PROGRAM AND INSTRUMENTATION STATUS

One slope inclinometer (SI98-7) and three pneumatic piezometers (PN-11A, PN-11B and PN-11C) were read at the Hwy 733:04 Bad Heart River site on October 15, 2023, by Mr. Niraj Regmi, G.I.T. and Mr. Nixson Mationg, both of Thurber Engineering Ltd.

The SI was read using an RST Digital Inclinometer probe with a 2 ft. wheelbase and a RST Pocket PC readout. Inclinometer reading depths were defined as per cable markings with respect to the top of the inclinometer casing. The pneumatic piezometers were read using a RST C108 pneumatic piezometer readout.



## 2. DATA PRESENTATION

## 2.1 General

SI plots for A and B directions are included in Appendix A. Pneumatic piezometer plots are also provided in Appendix A.

Slope inclinometer and piezometer reading summary tables are provided below.

## 2.2 Zones of Movement

Zones of new movement were not observed in SI98-7 since the previous readings in the spring of 2023.

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## Table GP014-1: Fall 2023 – HWY 733:04, Bad Heart River Slope Inclinometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: October 15, 2023

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)
SI98-7	October 4, 1998	No discernible movement	N/A	Operational	June 26, 2023	N/A	N/A	N/A

Drawing 32123-GP014 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site

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## Table GP014-2: Fall 2023 – HWY 733:04, Bad Heart River Pneumatic Piezometer Instrumentation Reading Summary

Date Monitored: October 15, 2023

INSTRUMENT #	DATE INITIALIZED	TIP ELEV. (m)	GROUND ELEV. (m)	CURRENT STATUS	HIGHEST MEASURED WATER ELEVATION (m)	MEASURED PORE PRESSURE (kPa)	CURRENT WATER ELEVATION (m)	PREVIOUS WATER ELEVATION (m)	CHANGE IN WATER LEVEL SINCE PREVIOUS READING (m)
PN-11A	December 6, 2003	622.19	629.79	Operational	626.13 in May 2011	0	Dry	622.27	N/A
PN-11B	December 6, 2003	614.59	629.79	Operational	623.23 in May 2011	31.9	617.84	617.89	-0.05
PN-11C	December 6, 2003	603.59	629.79	Operational	614.50 in August 2009	98.7	613.65	613.35	0.30

Drawing 32123-GP014 in Appendix A provides a sketch of the approximate location of the monitoring instrumentation for this site

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## 3. INTERPRETATION OF MONITORING RESULTS

Slope inclinometer SI98-7 continued to show no discernible movement. It is possible that this SI is not deep enough to measure the slip surface related to the observed cracks in the pavement uphill from its location.

Pneumatic piezometer PN-11A was dry during the spring of 2023 readings. PN-11B showed a decrease in groundwater level of 0.05 m since the spring of 2023 readings. PN-11C showed an increase in groundwater level of 0.30 m since the spring of 2023 readings. Pneumatic piezometer results are summarized in Table GP014-2 and are plotted in Figures GP014-1 (by elevation) and GP014-2 (by depth) in Appendix A.

## 4. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

## 4.1 Future Work

Since the instrumentation readings at this site show relatively minimum changes over several years of monitoring, we recommend reading the instrumentation at this site every two years; thus, the next set of readings should be in 2025.

## 4.2 Instrumentation Repairs

No instrument repairs are required at this time.

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## 5. CLOSURE

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

Yours very truly, Thurber Engineering Ltd. Don Proudfoot, M.Eng., P.Eng. Partner | Senior Geotechnical Engineer

Niels Rasmussen, P.Geo. Geologist

## Attachments:

- Statement of Limitations and Conditions
- Appendix A
  - Field Inspector's report
  - Site Plan Showing Approximate Instrument Locations (Drawing No. 32123-GP014)
  - SI Reading Plots
  - Figure GP014-1 (Piezometric Elevations)
  - Figure GP014-2 (Piezometric Depths)

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APPENDIX A DATA PRESENTATION

SITE GP014: HWY 733:04, BAD HEART RIVER

# ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS PEACE REGION (GRANDE PRAIRIE - NORTH DISTRICT) INSTRUMENTATION MONITORING FIELD SUMMARY (GP014) FALL 2023

Readout: RST PN C108 Unit 4

Location: Bad Heart River (HWY 733:04 C1 7.530)

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Cable: RST SI Set 8R Read by: NKR/NRM

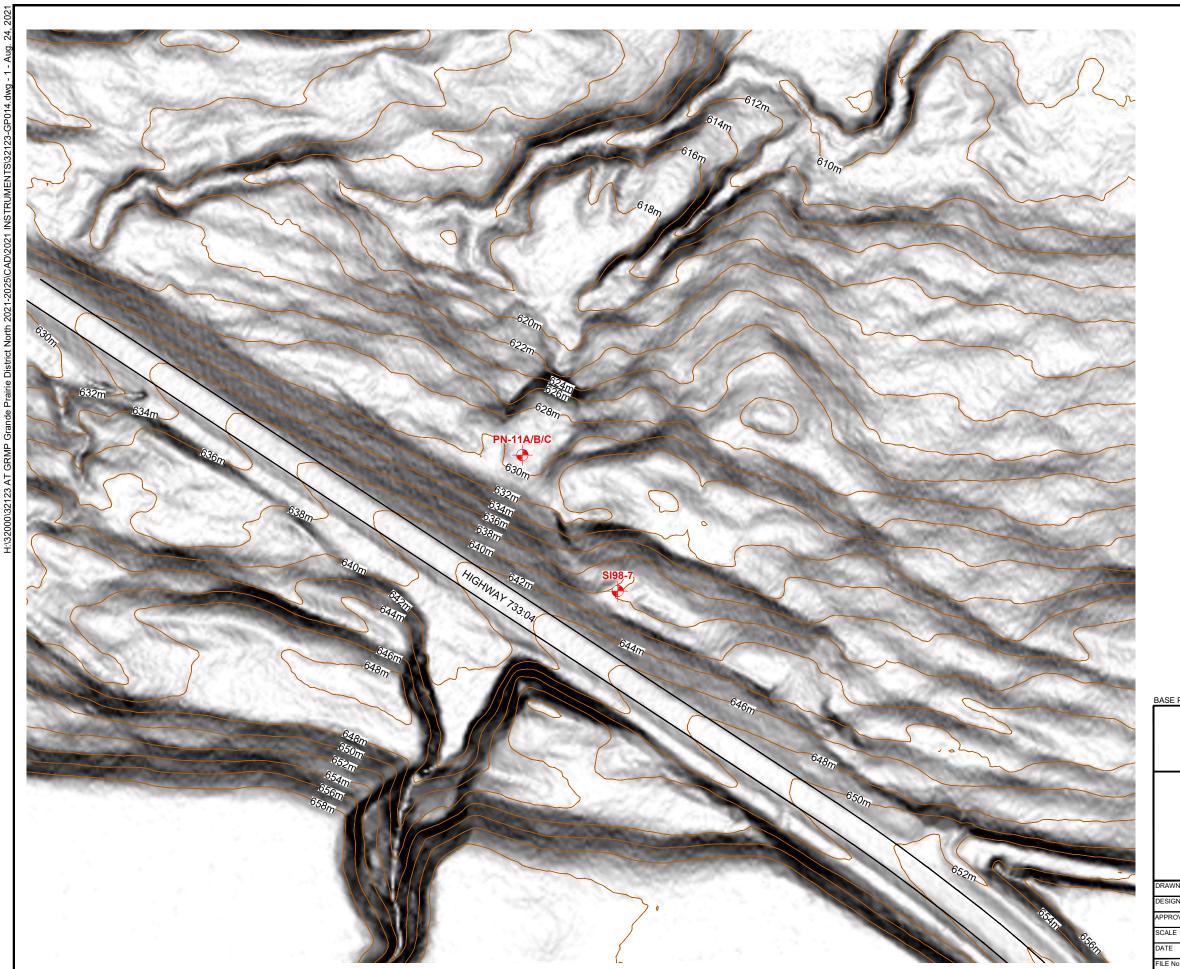
## SLOPE INCLINOMETER (SI) READINGS

	SI#	GPS Location		Date	Stickup	Depth from top	Azimuth of	Current Bottom		Probe/	Remarks		
		(UTM 11)			(m)	of casing (ft)	A+ Groove		Depth Readings		Reel		
		Easting (m)	Northing (m)					A+	A-	B+	B-	#	
I	SI98-7	412075.66	6154418.07	15-Oct-23	0.72	68 to 2	10	-299	314	-604	600	8R/8R	

## PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER (PN) READINGS

PN#	GPS Location	on (UTM 11)	Date	Reading	Identification
	Easting (m)	Northing (m)		(kPa)	Number
PN-11A	412014.36	6154422.40	15-Oct-23	0	28832
PN-11B	412014.36	6154422.40	15-Oct-23	31.9	28897
PN-11C	412014.36	6154422.40	15-Oct-23	98.7	28898

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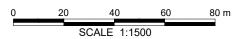


APPROXIMATE INSTRUMENT LOCATION

SI SLOPE INCLINOMETER

PNEUMATIC PIEZOMETER

GROUND SURFACE CONTOUR (2m INTERVAL)



BASE PLAN PROVIDED BY ALBERTA TRANSPORTATION



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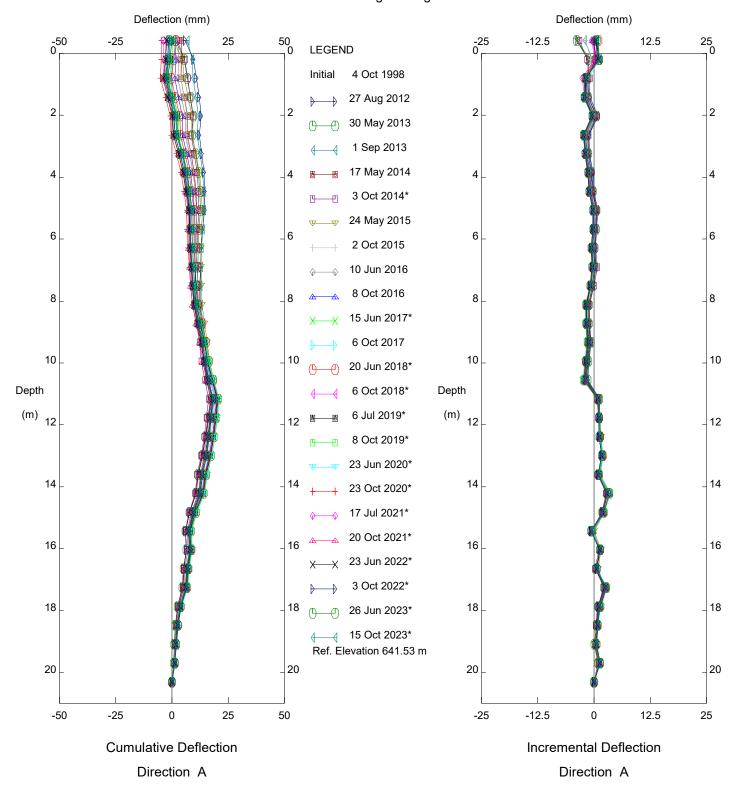
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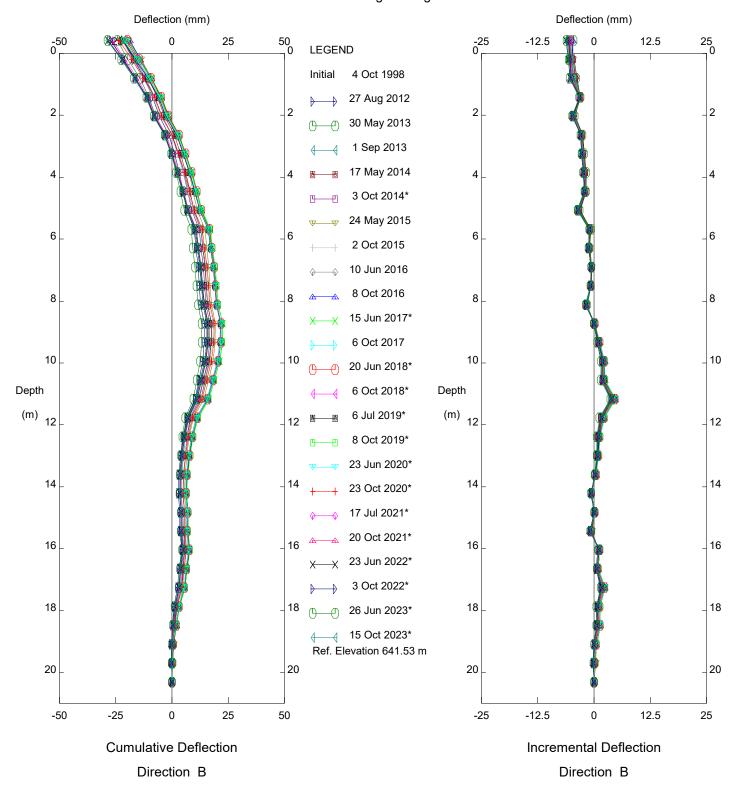


GP014 Bad Heart River South Slide, Inclinometer SI98-7

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FIGURE GP014-2
PIEZOMETRIC DEPTHS FOR HWY 733:04, BAD HEART RIVER

