

LEGEND AND NOTES TO ACCOMPANY SURFICIAL GEOLOGY AND GEOMORPHOLOGY MAPS 106 I. J. K. M. N. O

MAP UNIT	NAME	SURFICIAL DEPOSIT		LANDFORM		GROUND ICE	SOILS				VEGETATION		COMMENTS					
		Material	Estimated Thickness	Topography	Drainage Pattern		Texture U.S.D.A.	Unified Classification	Micro-relief	Depth of them cm	Drainage (deciles)	Stable		After Fire	% of Zone			
R0V	Organic veneer (supposed mainly to be secondary unit with R0)	Peat - typically woody sedge peat	20-60 cm	Shallow channels, runs and depressions; Slope 0-3° Relief to 1 m	Surface seepage in channels, depressions	Organic veneer lies mainly with the active layer; (for loe in mineral soil below, see associated map unit).	0											
R0	Organic (fenland)	Peat - typically woody sedge peat	2-3 m	Flat to very gently sloping; in part with reticulate network of low ridges; Slope 0-2° Relief to 1 m	No organized drainage; water at surface through-out summer months	Commonly unfrozen to 2+ m (see "Depth of Thaw" for respective zones) little data available on segregated ice content at greater depths	0											Poor drainage, plus high compressibility and low strength of the material make it unsuitable for any type of construction.
R0	Organic (peatland)	Peat - typically sedge and woody sedge peat overlain by sphagnum peat	2-4 m	Flat to very gently sloping, typically with numerous shallow steep-sided (2-3 m) depressions occupied by lakes, ponds and bogs	Depressions interconnected by seepage channels	Commonly up to 20% locally up to 60% segregated ice with thin segregated ice in mineral soil immediately below peat. Peat in wet depressions commonly thawed to 1 m + (Zones 1, 2) or unfrozen (Zones 2, 3).	0											Subsidence of up to 1 cm common, and subsidence up to 3 m possible when vegetation is removed; alternation of permanently frozen peat plateaus and thawed depressions and water bodies presents serious problems in construction of roads, pipelines, etc.; material highly compressible when thawed.
R0P	Alluvial floodplain of high energy streams	Sand, gravel, in part with silt veneer	1-5 m sand and/or gravel 0-2 m silt	Flood plain and low bordering terraces; low bordering terraces separated by braided channels; Slope 0-3° Relief to 2 m	Intermittent drainage through braided channels	Permafrost lacking in active unvegetated parts of floodplain; otherwise cement ice only, except in silt veneer which commonly has up to 10% segregated ice as thin (1 mm-2 cm) seams	0											Subject to periodic flooding; cement ice component (10%) should be avoided in construction of roads, pipelines, etc. Subject to periodic flooding; serious possibility of deleterious changes in stream course and downstream changes in stream regimen.
R1A	Alluvial floodplain of low energy streams	Silt, fine-grained sand	3-8 m	Flood plain and low bordering terraces; commonly with meander scars; Slope 0-3° Relief to 1 m	No integrated drainage system; impeded by meander scars; low ridges where present	Permafrost lacking in unvegetated part of floodplain; elsewhere cement ice only, except in silt veneer which commonly has up to 10% segregated ice as thin (1 mm-2 cm) seams. Ice wedges in polytonal pattern (diameters of polygons 6-25 m.) common in Zone 2.	0											Subject to periodic flooding; melting of ice wedges produced polygonal network of depressions when vegetation is removed.
R1Aa	Thermokarst alluvial floodplain (associated with low energy streams only)	Silt, fine-grained sand	3-8 m	Level floodplain, in part with meander scars, and with numerous channels and thermokarst ponds; Slope 0-3°, short steep slopes to 45° Relief to 5 m	Seepage to ponds and lakes, to adjacent streams by connecting channels	up to 10% segregated ice by vol. in upper 2-3 m active expansion of thermokarst lakes and ponds suggests massive segregated ice at depth	0											Thermokarst processes active around pond margins; melting of ice wedges produces polygonal network of depressions when vegetation is removed; subject to periodic flooding; highly unsuitable as construction sites.
R1Aa	Alluvial terrace of high energy streams	Sand, gravel, in part with silt veneer	1-5 m sand and/or gravel 0-2 m silt	Level to gently sloping terrace, in part with shallow channels and steep scarps; Slope 0-2° locally to 45° Relief to 5 m, greater at scarps	Surface drainage through integrated drainage system	Cement ice only except in silt veneer which commonly has up to 10% segregated ice as thin (1 mm-2 cm) seams	0											Offers good construction sites where silt veneer thin; potential aggregate source.
R1A	Alluvial fans and fan aprons	Highly variable silt, sand, gravel, peat	50+ m	Gently to moderately sloping fans and aprons; Slope 1-15° Relief to 50 m (from head of fan to toe)	One or more shifting streams usually present; down-slope seepage in poorly defined runs	Highly variable; low in gravel, elsewhere up to 10% segregated ice (the more common case). Thin seams in upper 2-3 thick layers to 50+ cm depth. Ice content generally lower in coarser sediments at head of fan than in finer sediments at outer margin.	0											Fans composed of sand and gravel offer good building sites, but sudden and damaging shifts of streams on the fans are common; fans with high silt content are unsuitable for construction. Fans gravelly (rare) are good sources of aggregate.
R1A	Colluvial complex	Colluvium derived from entire range of surficial deposits plus bedrock detritus	1-5 m	Steeply sloping fans and aprons; Slope 15 to 45° Relief to 40 m	One or more shifting streams usually present; down-slope seepage in poorly defined runs	Highly variable; low in gravel, elsewhere up to 10% segregated ice (the more common case). Thin seams in upper 2-3 thick layers to 50+ cm depth. Ice content generally lower in coarser sediments at head of fan than in finer sediments at outer margin.	0											Active stream erosion, slumping, flow-sideways; irregularity of topography and slope instability present; major problems for any kind of construction; see comments re map unit on which colluvium is developed.
R1A	Soil deposits	Sand, mainly fine to medium grained	1-20 m	This veneer or thin ridges within or adjacent to areas of CP, GLP; slope to 20° Relief to 10 m	Mainly sub-surface seepage; no organized drainage	No data; probably cement ice only beneath active layer; segregated ice highly probable in subjacent glaciolacustrine silt where silt deposits occur within areas of GLK	0											Offers restricted well-drained sites within large areas of poorly drained units GL, GLK; subject to wind erosion when vegetation mat is removed.
R1A	Glaciolacustrine plain	Glaciolacustrine silt and clay; discontinuous organic cover	1-30 m silt and clay	Flat to gently sloping; Slope 0-2° Relief to 3 m	Surface seepage through fen-filled depressions	No data; should be treated as LK until data available	0											Detachment slides, followed by development of retrogressive flow slides common on colluvial slopes (C) developed on this unit (and on lesser areas of steep slope not developed as C); especially following fire or other disturbance of vegetation.
R1A	Glaciolacustrine thermokarst plain	Glaciolacustrine silt and clay; discontinuous organic cover	1-30 m silt and clay	Flat to gently sloping, numerous shallow thermokarst lakes and ponds; Slope 0-5° Relief to 6 m	Seepage centripetal to ponds and lakes, intermittent seepage through fen-filled depressions between ponds and lakes	Commonly up to 10% segregated ice as thin (1 mm-2 cm) seams in upper 1-3 m; segregated ice as a reticulate network to 40% by volume, or block tabular bodies of nearly pure ice at greater depth.	0											Thermokarst processes active around pond margins; detachment slides, followed by development of retrogressive flow slides, common on colluvial slopes (C) developed on this unit (and on lesser areas of steep slope not developed as C); especially following fire or other disturbance of vegetation.
R1A	Glaciolacustrine plain	Glaciolacustrine silt and clay; discontinuous organic cover	1-30 m silt and clay	Flat to gently sloping; Slope 0-2° Relief to 3 m	Drainage mainly subsurface	No data; should be treated as GLK until data available	0											Detachment slides, followed by development of retrogressive flow slides common on colluvial slopes (C) developed on this unit (and on lesser areas of steep slope not developed as C); especially following fire or other disturbance of vegetation.
R1A	Glaciolacustrine thermokarst plain	Glaciolacustrine silt and clay; discontinuous organic cover	1-30 m silt and clay	Flat to gently sloping, numerous shallow thermokarst lakes and ponds; Slope 0-5° Relief to 6 m	Seepage centripetal to ponds and lakes, intermittent seepage through fen-filled depressions between ponds and lakes	Commonly up to 10% segregated ice as thin (1 mm-2 cm) seams in upper 2-3 m; massive segregated ice rare in the sand; very high ice content (to 75% by vol.) as reticulate network in underlying silt and clay	0											Thermokarst processes active around pond margins; detachment slides, followed by development of retrogressive flow slides, common on colluvial slopes (C) developed on this unit (and on lesser areas of steep slope not developed as C); especially following fire or other disturbance of vegetation. Rotational slope failures common along banks of larger streams.
R1A	Glaciolacustrine terrace	Sand, gravel, locally with veneer of silt and clay	2-15 m	Flat to gently sloping; Slope 0-2° Relief to 3 m	Drainage mainly subsurface	Typically cement ice only, polytonal pattern on some areas of unit in Zone 0, 1 suggests possible wedge ice.	0											Offers good construction sites; major source of aggregate where material is gravel rather than sand.
R1A	Glaciolacustrine plain	Sand, gravel; peat in channels	1-30 m	Flat to gently sloping; Slope 0-2° Relief to 3 m	Drainage mainly subsurface with seepage along channels	As Gp, but with locally high segregated ice within silt and below peat in channels	0											Same as Gp, Gt (above) except in channels which may contain peat and ice-rich silt. Where unit grades into units CL, GLK, the surface deposit is typically sand rather than gravel and may be underlain by ice-rich silt.
R1A	Hummocky ridged glaciolacustrine deposits (includes silt and silt complexes)	Sand, gravel	40 m	Hummocks and ridges, relief to 40 m; Slope 1-15°	Drainage mainly subsurface	Typically no segregated ice in well drained sites, but segregated ice may be present in subjacent glaciolacustrine silt where silt lies beneath depressions.	0											Offers good construction sites; major source of aggregate where material is gravel rather than sand.
R1A	Moraine plain	Glacial till - typically clay, silt, minor sand and gravel. Locally up to 3 m.	Up to 20 m	Flat to gently sloping (0-3°) except as indicated by the slope superscript; relief to 5 m	Downslope seepage in shallow sub-parallel runs	Commonly up to 10% segregated ice as thin (1 mm-2 cm) irregular discontinuous seams in upper 2-3 m. Thicker (8 cm to 3 m) ice lenses at depth occasionally in Zone 0, 1 rare in Zone 3.	0											Potential subsidence on removal of vegetation typically less than 1 m (but note that unit may have up to 10% unsegregated ice content at depth may be high); because of drainage by numerous subparallel runs or berms normal to slope direction require numerous culverts to avoid impoundment of surface water.
R1A	Moraine plain	Glacial till	Up to 20 m	Slope 1-3°	Downslope seepage in shallow sub-parallel runs	As Mp	0											Potential subsidence on removal of vegetation typically less than 1 m; potential for creep of active layer, especially in slope category 2. Because of drainage by numerous subparallel runs or berms normal to slope direction require numerous culverts to avoid impoundment of surface water.
R1A	Moraine plain	Glacial till	Up to 20 m	Slope 1-12°	Downslope seepage in shallow sub-parallel runs	As Mp	0											Potential subsidence on removal of vegetation typically less than 1 m; potential for creep of active layer, especially in slope category 2. Because of drainage by numerous subparallel runs or berms normal to slope direction require numerous culverts to avoid impoundment of surface water.
R1A	Drumlin moraine plain	Glacial till	2-20 m	Moraine plain with individual drumlins, to fluted moraine plain; Slope 2-10° Relief to 20 m	Parallel seepage or stream in fluted moraine, to trellis pattern or deranged drainage in moraine plain with drumlins	As Mp	0											Similar to Mp; crests of drumlins and ridges typically well-drained, intervening depressions poorly drained; construction sites, except parallel to than normal to orientation of drumlins.
R1A	Subsided hummocky moraine	Glacial till	5-30 m	Broad hummocks 10 to 30 m thick; 100 to 500 m across; slopes to 10°	Deranged; centripetal to local depressions	Commonly up to 10%, locally up to 40% ice as thin (1 mm to 2 cm) irregular discontinuous seams in upper 2-3 m. Thicker (8 cm to 3 m) ice lenses at depth common in Zone 0, 1, occasional in Zone 2.	0											Summits of broad hummocks typically poorly drained; ridges typically well-drained, intervening depressions may have high ice content, with potential for subsidence of several meters on removal of vegetation; retrogressive flow slides occur on colluvial slopes (C) developed on this unit west of Pelee River.
R1A	Hummocky moraine	Glacial till, minor gravel	15-50 m	Individual to coalescent hummocks 15 to 50+ m thick; slopes to 20°; exceptionally 30°	Deranged, centripetal to local depressions	Highly variable depending upon topographic position; crests of prominent ridges and hummocks well-drained and ice-free to depths of 2-8 m, lower slopes as for Mm.	0											Crests of prominent ridges and hummocks offer restricted good construction sites. Ice content and potential for subsidence may be high in depressions.
R1A	Ridged moraine	Glacial till	15-50 m	Individual and coalescent hummocks 15 to 50+ m thick; slopes to 20°; exceptionally 30°	Deranged, centripetal to local depressions	Highly variable depending upon topographic position; crests of prominent ridges and hummocks well-drained and ice-free to depths of 2-8 m, lower slopes as for Mm.	0											Crests of prominent ridges and hummocks offer restricted good construction sites. Ice content and potential for subsidence may be high in depressions.
R1A	Upland, glaciated	Glacial till - minor glaciolacustrine sand and gravel, glaciolacustrine silt and clay, peat	3-5 m	Rolling bedrock control (0-3°) topography with relief to 15 m; slopes to 15°	Downslope seepage in shallow sub-parallel runs; permeable streams in valleys	As Mp, Mm on hilltops and gentle slopes with locally very abundant (up to 40% by vol.) segregated ice in silt and clay filled depressions	0											Potential subsidence on removal of vegetation typically less than 1 m; potential for creep of active layer, especially in slope category 2. Because of drainage by numerous subparallel runs or berms normal to slope direction require numerous culverts to avoid impoundment of surface water.
R1A	Piedmont, glaciated	Mainly glacial till; widely distributed glaciolacustrine silt and clay in valleys	1-15 m	Broadly rolling piedmont slopes on east flank of Richardson Mts.	Dendritic (to east) with major streams deeply incised	As Mp in upper 1-3 m; massive segregated ice common in both till and lacustrine sediments at greater depth	0											Detachment slides and subsequent retrogressive flow slides common on colluvial slopes (C) developed on this unit.
R1A	Colluvial veneer	Rock detritus, minor glaciolacustrine material	0-2 m	Veneer conform to local topography; Slope 0-2°	Generally freely drained	Probably cement ice only.	0											Sorted polygons, stone stripes, in part active, suggest cryoturbation; soil surface lobes on high slopes (elev. 800m) of Richardson Mountains indicate active creep of colluvial veneer.
R1A	Bedrock	Cretaceous sandstones, shales, Paleozoic sandstones, shales, quartzites, carbonates		Mainly prominent ridges, scarps and hills developed on resistant sandstones, quartzites and carbonates	Generally freely drained	No records of segregated ice, but possibility of ice in joints and in future coasts.	0											Carbonate rocks of Paleozoic age provide suitable material for riprap and crushed aggregate; sandstone and quartzite are highly resistant to weathering and provide firm riprap to provide fill; shales, especially metamorphic shales of Cretaceous age subject to massive slides.

1. MAP UNIT DESIGNATION

2. INDEX MAP OF LAND ZONES (Similar vegetation and ground ice content) Compiled by W. Pettapiece and S.C. Zoltau

3. SOILS Data compiled by N. Pettapiece

4. VEGETATION Data compiled by S.C. Zoltau

5. MAP SYMBOLS

Geological boundary: defined, approximate, assumed or transitional

Encryptions: channel, unconfined

Watercourse: major, minor

Stream ridge: major, minor

Drumlin, drumlin ridge

Plain, drumlin ridge

Flow slide: prominent hummocks (between gravel)

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Microrelief is estimated on the mineral surfaces.

Drainage is estimated on a combination of topographical, vegetational and soil features.

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