

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY OF CANADA

SURFICIAL GEOLOGY

QUATERNARY NONGLACIAL ENVIRONMENT

- ORGANIC DEPOSITS: lichen-moss, sedge, and woody peat; thickness variable; includes both bog pear and fen peat; occupies most topographic lows within the landscape.

 ALLUVIAL DEPOSITS: silt, sand and rounded gravel, commonly terraced; thickness variable, ranging from a thin veneer, up to several metres; deposited by streams within active drainage systems.
- NONGLACIAL AND GLACIAL ENVIRONMENT

 MARINE/GLACIOMARINE DEPOSITS: well sorted sand, stratified sand
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 *5b Nearshore Sediments: well sorted silt, sand and gravel; up to 3 m thick; occurs as a series of ridges in the form of beaches, bars, spits, and ice-pushed ridges, or as a
- #5a Offshore Sediments: poorly sorted clayey silt, stony silt, and sand with pockets of nearshore sand and gravel and windblown sand; probably a till plain levelled by filling of degressions and plantion by wave action; thicknesses of up to 2 m near marine limit and increasing towards Hudson Bay; may contain marine fossils and is commonly overlain by organic materials
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 GLACIOLACUSTRINE DEPOSITS: massive to laminated sand, silt and clay, commonly overlain by a veneer of sand; deposited in glacial Lake Agassiz; thickness variable; deposits may form a thin veneer mimicking underlying glacial and bedrock topography; thick sequences mask underlying topography and form planar surfaces commonly mantled with peat.
- Nearshore and littoral sediments: nearshore sediments comprise well sorted sand, gravel and cobbles, occurring as one or a series of ridges, 1 to 4 metres in height; includes beaches, bars and spits; commonly well developed on wave washed glaciofluvial deposits; littoral sediments comprise a blanket of sand grading basinward into undifferentiated silt and clay.
- 4a Offshore sediments: laminated sand, silt and clay; thickness variable, ranging from a thin veneer to tens of metres in thickness; thick accumulations form planar surfaces commonly characterized by extensive peat cover.

 GLACIAL ENVIRONMENT
- GLACIOFLUVIAL DEPOSITS: water sorted, stratified sand and gravelly sand and cobbles, deposited in, around, or near a glacier as a result of meltwater flow.
- *3 Outwash sediments: well rounded, cross-stratified sands and gravels, 3 m to 20 m thick, characterized by braided channels and kettle depressions; may form valley trains or outwash fans; surfaces are commonly terraced and hummocky.
- 2 <u>Ice-contact stratified drift:</u> composed of interstratified sand, gravel, cobbles and diamicton, deposited by meltwater flowing in contact with, or proximal to glacier ice; thickness variable, ranging from 5 to 50 metres; commonly forms positive relief features including eskers, kames, crevasse fillings, ice-contact deltas and recessional, end or interlobate moraines.
- GLACIAL DEPOSITS: till and related sediments, comprising unsorted to poorly sorted debris deposited at the front of or beneath glaciers, or under ice shelves. Glacial deposits in the western part of the study area (NTS 63N, 64C and the study area (NTS 63N, 64C and the study area (NTS 63N, 64C).
- 64F) are sandy and contain a large proportion of debris derived from crystalline shield lithologies. Farther east (NTS 64B and 64G), glacial deposits are silty and contain a large proportion of calcareous debris derived from Paleozoic carbonate lithologies flooring Hudson Bay and adjacent lowlands.

 1b Till Blanket: forms a continuous cover, 1 to several metres in thickness, masking underlying bedrock topography; surface commonly fluted, and may be covered by a veneer of Lake Agassiz clay.
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 1a Till Veneer forms a discontinuous cover, ranging from 0 to 3 metres in thickness; thicker deposits may fill isolated bedrock depressions; surface morphology reflects.

underlying bedrock structure;

- PRE-QUATERNARY

 *R2 PALEOZOIC ROCK: sedimentary carbonate rocks; dolomitic linestone and
- R1 PRECAMBRIAN ROCK: east/west trending belts of metasedimentary and metavolcanic rocks and associated felsic to mafic intrusive lithologies.
 - SYMBOLS

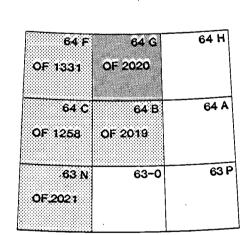
 × small bedrock outcrop
 - striae (ice flow direction known, unknown ill defined)

 crossed striae (1 = oldest)
 - fluting
- * crag and tail (direction of ice flow known)
 crevasse filling
- * kettle hole
- recessional, end or interlobate moraine esker (direction of flow known, unknown)
- meltwater channel (large, small)
 beach ridge
- thermokarst depression

 duncs
- ice-contact delta
 flooded area
- * unit or symbol does not appear on this map sheet

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SURFICIAL GEOLOGY BIG SAND LAKE MANITOBA

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Universal Transverse Mercator Projection

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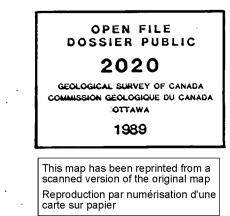
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