



LEGEND

QUATERNARY

HOLOCENE

NONGLACIAL ENVIRONMENTS

O-ORGANIC DEPOSITS: peat and muck up to 2 m thick; formed predominantly by the accumulation of vegetative material in bogs; occur in depressions and along valley bottoms; permafrost is commonly present; the unit contains small palsas, ice wedge polygons, and thermokarst collapse structures. Small unmapped organic deposits occur in most terrain units.

Ap-ALLUVIAL FLOODPLAIN DEPOSITS: gravel to silt size sediment deposited by the modern streams and rivers; deposits generally are stratified and moderately sorted and range from 1 to 5 m thick; can include lacustrine deposits from small ponds; commonly covered with an organic veneer.

PLEISTOCENE (WISCONSIN GLACIATION)

GLACIAL ENVIRONMENTS

GLACIOFLUVIAL DEPOSITS: sand, gravel and minor silt more than 1 m thick; sorting ranges from good to poor and stratification from massive or cross-stratified to planar bedded; deposited by water flowing from, or in contact with, glacier ice.

G2-Outwash: rounded gravel and sand; massive to cross-stratified; probably less than 5 m thick; occurs as braided fans.

G1-Esker sediments: sand, silt, and gravel; in planar, cross-stratified and massive beds; 1 to 40 m thick; form ridges with both sharp-crested and flat-topped segments, mounds, and flanking aprons; deposited at or behind the ice margin; formed subglacially or in subaerially exposed ice-walled channels; zones of washed rock, isolated kame deposits, small transverse gravel ridges, and circular rim ridges associated with this unit are shown by symbols.

TILL DEPOSITS: unsorted glacial debris (diamiction), consisting of a silty sand matrix containing pebbles, cobbles, and boulders, with minor lenses of sorted sediments; deposited beneath, or along the margin of, glaciers as lodgement till, meltout till, and gravity flow deposits

T3-Hummocky Till: from 5 to 30 m thick; forms irregular to rolling terrain with relief up to 15 m; some areas have abundant small meltwater channels and lag concentrations of boulders in depressions.

T2-Till Blanket: from 2 to 10 m thick; occurs as till plains mimicking bedrock topography or as drumlinoids. Small rock outcrops in this unit are shown by symbols.

T1-Till Veneer: less than 2 m thick; rock structure is generally visible on airphotos; unit includes patches of bedrock and till blanket.

PRE-QUATERNARY

R-Bedrock: Precambrian granitic, gneissic, metasedimentary and metavolcanic rocks, mafic dikes and minor, younger (Tertiary?) kimberlite; may include patches of till veneer or glaciofluvial deposits; areas of shattered and frost-heaved rock, particularly on metasediments, are designated by symbols. R1-volcanic rocks; R2-metasedimentary rocks; R3-granitoid rocks.

SYMBOLS

- Sample site
- ⊕ Fossil locality
- ⬢ Ice wedge polygons
- ⚡ Thermokarst
- ⬢ Frost heaved and shattered rock
- Raised beach
- ⊙ Lag concentration of glacially abraded boulders
- ⊙ Area of meltwater scour
- Subglacial or proglacial meltwater channel
- >>><< Esker (direction of flow known, unknown)
- * Kames and gravelly transverse ridges
- ⊕ Rim ridges and till plateaus
- Moraine
- Drumlinoid till form
- Rock crag and till tail form
- Roche moutonnée
- Striation (ice flow direction known, unknown),
- ⊙ Gossan
- x Small rock outcrop
- Geological boundary

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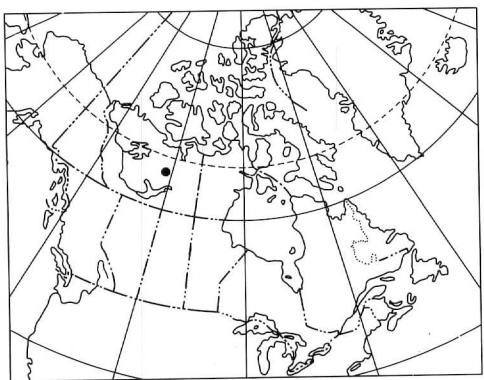
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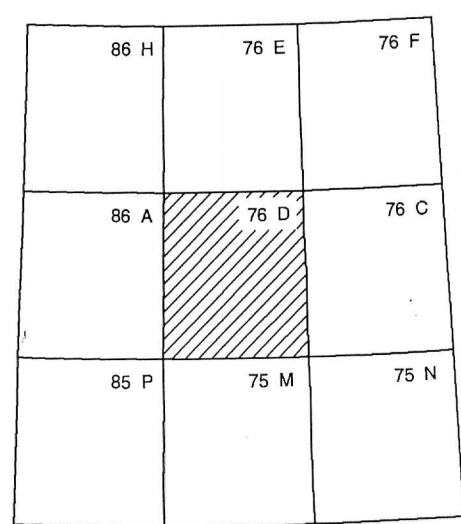
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