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MAP 1877A
SURFICIAL GEOLOGY
VICTORIA ROCK
YUKON TERRITORY

Scale 1:100 000 - Échelle 1/100 000



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Mean magnetic declination 1997, 28°16' E, decreasing 11.9' annually. Readings vary from 28°11' E in the SE corner to 28°21' E in the NW corner of the map

Elevations in feet above mean sea level

115-913	115-914	115-915	115-916
115-917	115-918	115-919	115-920
115-921	115-922	115-923	115-924
115-925	115-926	115-927	115-928
115-929	115-930	115-931	115-932
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LEGEND

Coloured legend blocks indicate map units that appear on the map. This legend is common to maps 1876A-1879A

CENOZOIC

QUATERNARY

HOLOCENE - POST-McCONNELL GLACIATION

ORGANIC DEPOSITS: peat and muck formed predominantly by the accumulation of organic material in bogs, fens, and swamps located on valley bottoms and blanket bogs on hillside (see SYMBOLS below). Peat/muck is commonly enclosed within 1 m of the surface. Open system bogs are common in blanket bog and thermokarst collapse and peat growth are common in bogs, fens, and swamps

O Bog, fen, and swamp deposits: undivided; thickness < 1 m to 10 m

Ap Alluvial deposits: gravel to silt size sediments deposited by streams

At Alluvial terrace deposits: gravel, cobble to pebble with a sandy matrix; massive to thick bedded; capped by sands and silts; sediments are of flood plain origin now isolated from flooding by stream incision; thickness 1 m to 10 m or more

Af Alluvial fan sediments: gravel, sand, silt, and diamicton, poorly sorted; thick bedded to massive; sediments form fan-shaped landforms at the confluence of tributary streams with lower gradient trunk streams; subject to flooding accompanied by sudden stream migration and incision by debris flows or fans with gradients in excess of 4%; thickness up to 10 m or more

Au Alluvial sediments, undivided: sediments forming floodplains, fans, and terraces as above that cannot be subdivided at this map scale

PLEISTOCENE AND HOLOCENE (UNDIVIDED)

EoLan Eolian deposits: well sorted medium sand to coarse silt transported and deposited by wind action during the early postglacial and McConnell Glaciation. Thin deposits of very fine sand and coarse silt < 1 m thick are distributed discontinuously throughout low lying areas (see SYMBOLS below)

Eb Eolian sands: sand, well sorted, massive; forms crescent shape and linear dunes and hummocks or gently undulating inter-dune eolian plain; thickness 1 to 5 m

COLLUVIAL DEPOSITS: stony diamicton resulting from the physical and chemical breakdown of bedrock and reworking and transportation by creep, solifluction, debris flow, snow avalanching, and screefall. It also includes diamicton created by landsliding. Colluvial deposits may contain reworked glacial sediments within the limits of ice cover during the Reid and McConnell Glaciations. Colluvial deposits beyond the limits of the McConnell Glaciation ice cover are likely the product of continuous formation and reworking over a significant part of the Pleistocene

Cb Colluvial blanket sediments: diamicton, stony with a sandy matrix; massive; surface conforms to underlying bedrock or buried glacial deposit; thickness > 1 m to 50 m or more in large landforms

Cv Colluvial veneer sediments: diamicton, stony with a sandy matrix; massive; thickness < 1 m to discontinuous over bedrock

Ca Colluvial apron sediments: diamicton, bouldery diamicton and bouldery sandy gravel; moderately to well sorted and becomes finer downward; complex of small steep debris flow and avalanche-dominated fans and solifluction deposits; thickness < 1 m to 5 m and down slope limit up to 5 m or more in the thickest part of the apron

bCa Rockfall sediments: boulders, angular, massive; deposits form as rockfall accumulations along the bases of steep bedrock slopes; thickness ranges from < 1 m at margins to up to 10 m

LATE PLEISTOCENE (WISCONSINAN) - McCONNELL GLACIATION

GLACIOLACUSTRINE DEPOSITS: well stratified sand, silt, clay, deposited in lakes ponded by glacial ice. Glaciolacustrine sediments may have regular surfaces or have ridged, hummocky, or pitted surfaces caused by meltout of former supporting glacial ice. Glaciolacustrine silt and clay commonly contain extensive segregated ground ice. Consequently, they are widely affected by thermokarst collapse and retrogressive thaw landsliding along rivers

Lp Glaciolacustrine plain: sand, silt, and clay with minor drapstones; thinly bedded to laminated; thickness > 5 m

Lb Glaciolacustrine blanket: silt and clay with minor sand; thinly bedded to laminated; deposit conforms to underlying topography; thickness 1 to 5 m

Lv Glaciolacustrine veneer: silt and clay with minor sand; thinly bedded to laminated; deposit conforms to underlying topography; thickness < 1 m to discontinuous

Lx Ice-contact glaciolacustrine complex: sand, silt, and clay, laminated to medium bedded with up to 10 percent tabular beds of gravel and diamicton and drapstones; surface is hummocky, pitted, and ridged; thickness > 5 m

GLACIOFLUVIAL DEPOSITS: sands, gravels and minor silts > 1 m thick deposited by streams flowing away from, or in contact with glacial ice including debris grading from glacial lakes. Sorting ranges from good to poor and stratification from thin bedded to massive. Sediments commonly display evidence of syndepositional collapse due to meltout of buried or supporting ice

Gp Glaciolacustrine plain sediments: gravel and sand; massive to thick bedded; capped by sand and silt; planar surface; thickness 1 to > 10 m

Gt Glaciolacustrine terrace sediments: pebble to cobble gravel; massive to thick bedded; incised into flights of terraces by glacial streams; thickness 1 to > 10 m

Gd Glaciolacustrine delta sediments: sand, gravel, and minor silt and clay; moderately to well sorted; texture becomes finer downward; massive to thick bedded; deposit has a planar surface and delta form in plan view; thickness > 5 m

Gx Glaciolacustrine ice stagnation complex sediments: gravel, sand, diamicton, poorly to moderately sorted, and minor silt and clay; bedding thick to massive and commonly bedded and faulted from syndepositional ice meltout; surface consists of hummocks, ridges, esker and crevasse fill ridges with minor elements of units Gp, Gd, and Gt

Gu Discontinuous glaciolacustrine sediments: gravel and sand including elements of units Gp and Gx, discontinuously distributed in areas of units Mb and Mv

MORAINAL DEPOSITS (TILL): glacial diamicton, mainly silt, generally consisting of a matrix ranging from sand to clay that supports clasts ranging from boulders to pebbles in size, deposited either directly from glacial ice or by gravity flow from glacial ice

Mb Till blanket: diamicton, stony with a silty, sandy matrix; massive to crudely stratified; surface conforms to the underlying topography; thickness 1 to 5 m

Mv Till veneer: diamicton, stony with a silty, sandy matrix; massive to crudely stratified; surface conforms to the underlying topography; thickness < 1 m to patchy colluvium over bedrock

MIDDLE PLEISTOCENE - PRE-McCONNELL GLACIATION (UNDIVIDED)

ALUVIAL DEPOSITS: gravel and sand deposited by streams that were not fed by glacial meltwater. Sediments may represent several cycles of alluviation and erosion. Sediments are not presently correlative to past glaciations but presumably predate McConnell Glaciation due to the presence of McConnell age loess overlying them. Basal gravels within these sediments commonly contain placer gold in basins draining Cretaceous granitoids and andesite

A^M Alluvial fans: single fans or aprons of coalesced fans formed of gravel and sand, poorly to moderately sorted, thick bedded. Sediments disturbed by cryoturbation and clasts commonly wind sculpted. Thickness up to 10 m or more

A^{Mx} Alluvial complex sediments: gravel and sand, poorly to moderately sorted; thin to thick bedded, interstratified with colluvial diamicton, reworked loess, peat, and woody debris; sediments underlie the floors and margins of narrow alluvial valleys and grade laterally (up-slope) into colluvial blankets. They contain segregated ice lenses and ice wedges and are normally capped by blanket bog; sediments may represent several depositional cycles; thicknesses may exceed 10 m in mid-valley locations

MIDDLE PLEISTOCENE - REID GLACIATION

ALUVIAL DEPOSITS: complexes of nonglacial and fan sands and gravels deposited by streams that were not fed by glacial meltwater. Sediments are not presently correlative to past glaciations but presumably predate McConnell Glaciation due to the presence of McConnell age loess overlying them. Basal gravels within these sediments commonly contain placer gold in basins draining Cretaceous granitoids and andesite

A^R Alluvial terrace sediments: gravelly micaceous sand and gravel, moderately sorted, clasts angular to subangular; bedding is thin to massive and tabular; gravel clasts are commonly from shattered and wind sculpted; sediments have been incised into flights of terraces. Sediments are commonly cut by wedge shaped pseudomorphs over their upper 2 m includes terrace gravels along Klaza River possibly deposited by outlet waters from a lake dammed by a glacial margin during Reid Glaciation; thickness 1 to 15 m

A^{Rf} Alluvial fans: single fans or aprons of coalesced fans formed of gravel and sand, poorly to moderately sorted, thick bedded. Sediments disturbed by cryoturbation and clasts commonly wind sculpted. Thickness up to 10 m or more

A^{Rx} Alluvial complex sediments: gravel and sand, poorly to moderately sorted; thin to thick bedded, interstratified with colluvial diamicton, reworked loess, peat, and woody debris; sediments underlie the floors and margins of narrow alluvial valleys and grade laterally (up-slope) into colluvial blankets. They contain segregated ice lenses and ice wedges and are normally capped by blanket bog; sediments may represent several depositional cycles; thicknesses may exceed 10 m in mid-valley locations

GLACIOLACUSTRINE DEPOSITS: well stratified sand, silt, clay, and minor gravel and diamicton deposited in lakes ponded by glacial ice. Glaciolacustrine silt and clay commonly contain segregated ground ice and are affected by cryoturbation and retrogressive thaw landsliding

L^{Rp} Glaciolacustrine plain: sand, silt, and clay, with minor drapstones; thinly bedded to laminated; thickness 1 to > 5 m

GLACIOFLUVIAL DEPOSITS: gravel and sand deposited by streams flowing away from, or in contact with glacial ice

G^{Rp} Glaciolacustrine plain sediments: gravel and sand, moderately to well sorted; thick bedded to massive; planar surface; thickness 1 to 10 m or more

G^{Rt} Glaciolacustrine terrace sediments: pebble to cobble gravel; massive to thick bedded; incised into flights of terraces by glacial streams; thickness 1 to > 10 m

GRd Glaciolacustrine delta sediments: sand, gravel and minor silt and clay; moderately to well sorted and becomes finer downward; massive to thick bedded; planar surface; deposit is delta form in plan view; thickness > 5 m

G^{Rx} Glaciolacustrine ice stagnation complex sediments: gravel, sand, diamicton, poorly to moderately sorted, and minor silt and clay; bedding thick to massive and commonly bedded and faulted from syndepositional ice meltout; surface consists of hummocks, ridges, esker and crevasse fill ridges with minor elements of units G^{Rp}, GRd, and G^{Rt}

MORAINAL DEPOSITS (TILL): glacial diamicton, mainly silt, generally consisting of a matrix ranging from sand to clay that supports clasts ranging from boulders to pebbles in size, deposited either directly from glacial ice or by gravity flow from glacial ice

M^{Rb} Till blanket: diamicton, stony, silty, sandy matrix; massive; conforms to underlying topography; thickness 1 to 5 m

M^{Rv} Till veneer: diamicton, stony, silty, sandy matrix; massive; discontinuous to well sorted and becomes finer downward; patchy colluvium over bedrock

EARLY PLEISTOCENE - YOUNGER PRE-REID GLACIATION

GLACIOFLUVIAL DEPOSITS: gravel and sand deposited by streams flowing away from glacial ice in meltwater channels and outwash plains. Thick bedded to massive; clasts, except for quartz, andesite, and chert are disorganized or weathered to clay over the upper 2 m of the sediments where they underlie the surface; clasts near the surface of the unit are intensely wind sculpted and this interval is cut by ice wedge pseudomorphs and sand wedges; thickness 1 m to > 5 m

G^{Ep} Glaciolacustrine plain sediments: gravel and sand, deeply weathered; incised into flights of terraces

G^{Et} Glaciolacustrine terrace sediments: gravel and sand, deeply weathered; incised into flights of terraces

MORAINAL DEPOSITS (TILL): glacial diamicton, mainly silt, generally consisting of a matrix ranging from sand to clay that supports clasts ranging from boulders to pebbles in size, deposited either directly from glacial ice or by gravity flow from glacial ice

M^{Ev} Till veneer: patchy, deeply weathered diamicton; matrix silty, sandy clay. Formerly feldspar-rich stones are weathered to clay

EARLY PLEISTOCENE

VOLCANIC ROCK AND INTERSTRATIFIED SEDIMENTS

V Pleistocene volcanics (undivided): basalt, breccia, volcanic ejecta and hyaloclastite of the Selkirk volcanics erupted during the early and late Pleistocene or early Holocene epochs in the Fort Selkirk area. Cumulative basalt flow thicknesses exceed 100 m where they have filled valleys. Deposits of the two younger pre-Reid glaciations and at least one nonglacial period are locally interstratified with the volcanics and are exposed only in sections

PALEOZOIC AND MESOZOIC

R Pre-Quaternary bedrock: basalt, andesite, gneiss, schist, gneiss, gneiss, granodiorite and monzonite; includes areas of thin colluvial cover, blockfields, sorted stone polygons in slope areas

R-A Avalanche modified pre-Quaternary bedrock: bedrock areas subject to rapid mass wasting processes (rockfall and snow avalanches)

SYMBOLS

Note: pH - pre-Reid glaciation, R - Reid Glaciation, pM - pre-McConnell Glaciation, pM (designator, assume McConnell Glaciation)

Geological boundary

Blanket bog covering generally less than 1 m thick

Discontinuous eolian sands or silts, thickness locally up to 2 m

Open system pingo, collapsed open system pingo

Thermokarst collapse actively

Landslide, arrow(s) indicate direction of movement

Cirque: degraded cirque active prior to McConnell Glaciation

Arête: degraded arête active prior to McConnell Glaciation

Streamlined glacial bedforms: ice flow direction known, unknown

Meltwater channel, large, small, ice-walled channel, arrow indicates flow direction

Esker: flow direction defined, unknown

End moraine

Recessional moraine

Ice-contact face in stratified drift (beach on ice side)

Ice limit

Cryoplanation terrace

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Vertebrate fossil locality

Stratigraphic section

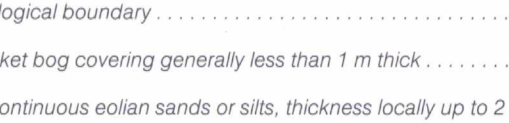
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LEGEND FOR STRATIGRAPHIC SECTIONS

QUATERNARY

EARLY TO MIDDLE PLEISTOCENE

Paleosol developed between the younger pre-Reid glaciation and Reid Glaciation

Till, younger pre-Reid glaciation

Glaciolacustrine sediments, younger pre-Reid glaciation

Nonglacial predominantly lacustrine sediments deposited during an interglacial between pre-Reid glaciations

Eolian sands and silts deposited during an interglacial between pre-Reid glaciations

Till, older pre-Reid glaciation

Glaciolacustrine sediments, older pre-Reid glaciation

Basalt, volcanic ejecta, and hyaloclastite of the Selkirk volcanics

Possible pre-glacial fluvial sediments

Paleozoic and Mesozoic bedrock

Basalt flows

Sandy gravel, largely covered by colluvium

35 m of columnar and pillow basalt

Imbricated gravel

Pillow breccia, locally has incorporated rips of sand and gravel

Fine breccia or lapilli

Massive very fine sand

Finely bedded sand and Fort Selkirk Tephra. Faulted and partly folded due to loading of overlying basalts

Fine, massive sand

Sandy gravel (older pre-Reid glaciation outwash)

Approximately 60 m of basalt flows erupted during the younger pre-Reid glaciation

Flow breccia

Lapilli

Stratified sand and gravel (older pre-Reid glaciation outwash)

Stony and extremely indurated till (older pre-Reid glaciation)

Greenstone

Massive lapilli with fragments of carbonized wood

Thinly bedded and laminated silt commonly disturbed by small syndepositional soil sediment deformation. Thin bed of reworked tephra near the top of unit. Contains recent teeth. Silty sand containing degraded peat fragments and iron concretions

Massive to very fine silty sand

Fine to medium graded to crossbedded sand, silty intracasts

Fort Selkirk Tephra and thin beds of reworked tephra, disturbed by syndepositional load structures

Massive to very fine silty sand

Stratified sand and gravel

Approximately 60 m of basalt flows equivalent in age to the younger pre-Reid glaciation

Clay-rich bouldery diamicton (pre-Reid till?)

Folded and contorted clay and silty sand. Clay sheared and indurated. Basalt boulder present in these beds from above

Stony highly indurated sand. Dip 38° to the south

Deeply weathered gravels (outwash, younger pre-Reid glaciation). Gravels cut by sand wedges. Upper metre is the Wounded Muskie paleosol. Clasts have thin clay skins. Reddish-yellow (5 YR 6/8)