

- Coloured legend blocks indicate map units that appear on this map only.
- Notes regarding compound units: Where surficial geology types are interspersed in patches or patterns too small to be discerned at the scale of mapping, the proportion of each surficial geology component is given in descending order by a compound unit designator. The relationship between these components is represented by a symbol between the individual components as follows:  
 - overlying (i.e., stratigraphic relationship);  
 - approximately 50% cover for each surficial geology type in the label;  
 - approximately 70% to 30%;  
 - approximately 80% to 20%.  
 Example: TdR approximates 70% fill blanket and 30% rock coverage.
- Notes: When veneers form the dominant coverage, a hatched pattern (see legend below) is used to allow the user to clearly identify the underlying unit (e.g., TvR).
- QUATERNARY**
- Holocene**
- Ev: Snow: Snow cover visible on ca. 1958 aerial photographs such that surficial geology could not be distinguished. Thickness is greater than 50 cm.
  - Ev: Ice: Ice cover visible on ca. 1958 aerial photographs. Thickness is variable.
  - Eb: Eolian veneer: Thin, discontinuous sheets of well-sorted, massive silt and sand deposited by wind. Hatch fill is used when the veneer is the dominant proportion of a compound unit. Thickness is less than 1 m.
  - Av: Eolian blanket: Well-sorted, massive silt and sand deposited by wind. Typically forms gently rolling geomorphology marked by dunes. Thickness is less than 5 m.
  - Ap: Alluvial veneer: Thin, discontinuous deposit. Hatch fill is used when the veneer is the dominant proportion of a compound unit. Thickness is less than 1 m.
  - At: Alluvial plain: Typically forms a single level (i.e. a plain) within approximately 1 m of active stream channel. Thickness ranges from 1 to 5 m.
  - Al: Alluvial terrace: Deposits of alluvial origin and presently are isolated from flooding by stream incision. Thickness ranges from less than 1 to 10 m.
  - Af: Alluvial fan: Forms fan-shaped landforms with gentle slopes relative to colluvial fans) where streams enter larger valleys. Thickness can reach up to 10 m.
  - Ax: Alluvial complex: Consists primarily of alluvial units but may contain pockets of fill, glaciolacustrine, glacioluvial, glaciomarine, marine, colluvium and/or alluvium sediments, that are too small to be represented at the scale of mapping. Thickness is greater than 1 m.
  - Lv: Lacustrine veneer: Thin, discontinuous deposit. Hatch fill is used when the veneer is the dominant proportion of a compound unit. Thickness is less than 1 m.
  - Lp: Lacustrine plain: Assumed modern-day deposit that typically forms the substrate of existing major fresh-water systems. May also contain minor amounts of submerged rock, alluvium, colluvium, fill, and/or glacioluvial sediments. Thickness ranges from 1 to 3 m.
  - Ld: Lacustrine delta: Active sediment build-up from flowing water entering standing water. May have gently or steeply-dipping fronts. Thickness ranges from 3 m to greater than 5 m.
  - Lx: Lacustrine complex: Consists primarily of exposed lacustrine units but may contain pockets of fill, glaciolacustrine, glacioluvial, glaciomarine, marine, colluvium and/or alluvium sediments, that are too small to be represented at the scale of mapping. Thickness is greater than 1 m.
  - Cv: Colluvial veneer: Thin, discontinuous deposit. Hatch fill is used when the veneer is the dominant proportion of a compound unit. Thickness is less than 1 m.
  - Cb: Colluvial blanket: A mantle of sediment. Thickness is greater than 1 m.
  - Cs: Colluvial apron: Forms a slope deposit comprising debris flows, avalanche-dominated fans, and solifluction sediments derived from bedrock and glacial sediment sources. Thickness is up to 10 m, thinning at head and toe of the deposit.
  - Cf: Colluvial fan: Mass wasting debris that forms fairly steep (relative to alluvial fans) fan-shaped landforms. Thickness can reach up to 10 m.
  - Ch: Landslide Sediments: Forms a hummocky or ridged topography with ridges transverse to direction of movement. Thickness is highly variable, but may range up to 10 m (direction of movement indicated by symbol).
  - Cx: Colluvial complex: Consists primarily of colluvial materials but may contain pockets of fill, glaciolacustrine, glacioluvial, glaciomarine, marine and/or alluvium sediments, that are too small to be represented at the scale of mapping. Thickness is greater than 1 m.
  - Cu: Colluvium - undifferentiated: Comprises colluvial sediments with mixed surface morphologies (overcases unit label designator). Thickness is greater than 1 m.
- Lacustrine**
- L<sup>o</sup>v: Glaciolacustrine veneer: Thin, discontinuous deposit. Hatch fill is used when the veneer is the dominant proportion of a compound unit. Thickness is less than 1 m.
  - L<sup>o</sup>b: Glaciolacustrine blanket: A mantle of material. Thickness ranges from 1 to 5 m.
  - L<sup>o</sup>p: Glaciolacustrine plain: Local relief is less than 1 m (plain). Thickness ranges from 1 m to greater than 20 m.
  - L<sup>o</sup>d: Glaciolacustrine delta: Sediment build-up from flowing glacially derived water entering a glacial lake. The feature may have gently or steeply-dipping fronts. Thickness ranges from 3 m to greater than 10 m.
  - L<sup>o</sup>r: Glaciolacustrine ridged: Consists primarily of glaciolacustrine materials, but also includes cross-valley (DeGee) moraines. Local relief varies from 1 m to greater than 20 m, composed of sand and gravel. Deposits between ridges are more typical of glaciolacustrine deposits (silt-fine sands). Thickness ranges from 1 m to greater than 20 m.
  - L<sup>o</sup>x: Glaciolacustrine complex: Consists primarily of glaciolacustrine materials but may contain pockets of fill, glacioluvial, glaciomarine, marine, colluvium and/or alluvium sediments, that are too small to be represented at the scale of mapping. Thickness is greater than 1 m. In upper slopes of valleys with cross-valley (DeGee) moraines, more fill is present and is intended to represent the wearing zone of a paleo-lake. Thickness is greater than 1 m.
- GLACIOLACUSTRINE**: Lacustrine deposits in, or along the margins of, glacial lakes. May have been ice-dammed, or formed as a result of elevated water levels due to glacial melt. Typically well stratified silt and sand, deltas are composed of cross-stratified sand and gravels, and may include lenses of finer material.
- GLACIOLUVIAL**: Well to poorly stratified gravel, sand and silt; minor diamictite; deposited behind, at, or in front of the ice margin by glacial meltwater.
- GLACIOLUVIAL VENEER**: Thin to discontinuous deposit. Hatch fill is used when the veneer is the dominant proportion of a compound unit. Thickness is less than 1 m.
- GLACIOLUVIAL PLAIN**: Typically forms a single level (i.e. a plain). Thickness ranges from 1 m to greater than 5 m.
- GLACIOLUVIAL TERRACE**: Typically forms terraces separated by scarps. Patches of colluvium that are too small to be represented at the scale of mapping may be present along the scarps. Thickness ranges from 1 to 20 m.
- ICE CONTACT GLACIOLUVIAL**: Complex arrangement of surface slope steepness and aspects often forming kettles and kame topography and including esker ridges. Thickness ranges from less than 5 m to greater than 15 m.
- GLACIOLUVIAL COMPLEX**: Consists primarily of glacioluvial materials but may contain pockets of fill, glaciolacustrine, glaciomarine, marine, colluvium and/or alluvium sediments, that are too small to be represented at the scale of mapping. Thickness is greater than 1 m.
- GLACIOLUVIAL - UNDIFFERENTIATED**: Consists of glacioluvial materials with mixed surface morphologies (overcases unit label designator). Thickness is greater than 1 m.
- TILL**: Diamictite deposited directly by or from glacier ice; sandy to silty matrix (with minor clay) with assorted clasts of various lithologies.
- Tv**: Till veneer: Thin, discontinuous deposit. Hatch fill is used when the veneer is the dominant proportion of a compound unit. Thickness is less than 1 m.
- Tb**: Till blanket: Surface morphology conforms to underlying bedrock topography. May exhibit creep-and-falls and/or flutings; occasionally exhibits roches moutonnées in areas of thin till blankets (e.g., 1 to 2 m). Thicknesses range from 1 m to 5 m.
- Tp**: Till plain: Surface morphology is a single level or gently sloping, low relief plain; a result of overlying fill masking the underlying topography. Thickness ranges from 1 to 20 m.
- Tm**: Rolling till plain: Surface morphology forms gently rolling plains with 1 to 2 m relief; may exhibit flutings and/or other drumfield forms. Generally masks underlying topography. Thickness is greater than 5 m.
- Tr**: Ridged till complex: Surface morphology forms parallel ridges (i.e. moraines) less than 15 m high and less than 50 m apart. Moraines are composed of fill; intervening areas may be fill and/or ice-marginal glacioluvial deposits. Thickness is variable, but is usually less than 10 m.
- Th**: Hummocky till: Forms hummocky surface morphology (i.e. kame and kettle topography); in places the unit may exhibit prominent ridges marking seasonal ice margins, or diffuse zones marking boundaries between glacial ice regimes. Thickness is highly variable, but is usually less than 20 m.
- Tx**: Till complex: Consists primarily of fill but may contain pockets of glacioluvial, glaciolacustrine, glacioluvial, lacustrine, marine, colluvium and/or alluvium sediments, that are too small to be represented at the scale of mapping. Thickness is greater than 1 m.
- Tu**: Till - undifferentiated: Consists of fill deposits with mixed surface morphologies (overcases unit label designator). Thickness is greater than 1 m.
- Polygon undefined, missing label**
- PRE-PLEISTOCENE BEDROCK**
- R**: Bedrock: outcrops of bedrock, may have thin mantle (<10 cm) of unconsolidated or organic material.
- Ri**: Bedrock - Feilsennær: Frost-heaved, angular blocks of bedrock.
- Geological contact**
- Limit of mapping: Dashed line
  - Observation point: Triangle with dot
  - Glaciolacustrine delta: Wavy line with triangles
  - Roches moutonnées (defined, assumed): Wavy line with circles
  - Flute: Wavy line with vertical bars
  - Esker (flow direction known, unknown): Dashed line with triangles
  - Moraine, major: Wavy line with circles
  - Moraine, lateral: Wavy line with circles
  - Moraine, minor: Wavy line with circles
  - Ice contact: Wavy line with circles
  - Meltwater channel, major (arrow indicates flow direction): Dashed line with triangles
  - Meltwater channel, minor (flow direction known, unknown): Dashed line with triangles
  - Meltwater channel, lateral: Dashed line with triangles
  - Escarpment: Dashed line with triangles
  - Kettle: Circle with dot
  - Marine shorelines: Dashed line with triangles
  - Uncoded line work: Dashed line
  - Surficial beach: Dashed line
  - Mega-polygon: Area exhibits a hexagonal polygon network where polygon diameter ranges from 20 to 50 m. May indicate the presence of buried glacial ice depth.

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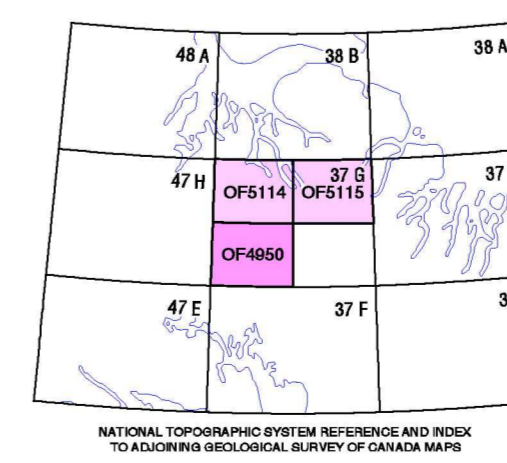
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Proximity to the North Magnetic Pole causes the magnetic compass to be erratic in this area. Mean magnetic declination 2006, 42°59'W, decreasing 5.54' annually. Readings vary from 44°26'W in the NE corner to 41°15'W in the SW corner of the map.



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