

NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Scale 1:100 000/Échelle 1/100 000

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peat and muck, occurring as flat to gently sloping plains

FENLAND: woody sedge peat; 1-2 m thick

PEATLAND: sphagnum peat generally underlain by woody sedge peat; 0.5-2 m thick

PEATLAND: contains thermokarst depressions

PEATLAND (> 50%) AND FENLAND

Colluvial and landslide deposits

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Alluvial deposits sand, silt and minor gravel in association with modern drainage regime

ALLUVIAL PLAIN: coarse sand and gravel with silt and fine sand occurring as channel and overbank floodplain sediments or in-channel bars; 3-5 m thick

ALLUVIAL FAN: mainly sand and silt with minor gravel and discontinuous layers of peat occurring as fan deposits

ALLUVIAL COMPLEX: floodplain and fan deposits; may contain small areas of

diamicton and rubble derived from bedrock and/or surficial material through a variety of colluvial and landslide processes COLLUVIAL VENEER: discontinuous veneer of diamicton and rubble that conforms to

local topography; < 2 m thick

COLLUVIAL COMPLEX: slope complex consisting of diamicton and rubble; may

LANDSLIDE: bedrock, rubble and/or diamicton occurring as stepped or fan-shaped deposits; formed by rotational slumping, retrogressive thaw flow, debris flows, rock topple and translational slides in surficial sediments and/or bedrock; they are

prominent along former meltwater channels

include minor landslides (Cz) and/or alluvial fan (Af) units; > 2 m thick

Late Pleistocene **Eolian deposits** 

fine to medium sand, minor silt derived from deltaic or glaciolacustrine deposits in association with deglacial wind direction

EOLIAN VENEER: discontinuous cover of mainly fine sand and silt over other surficial units and bedrock; < 1 m thick

EOLIAN COMPLEX: veneer to blanket deposited over other surficial materials particularly lacustrine and till plains; may include parabolic dunes

PARABOLIC DUNES: sand; < 15 m thick

Glaciolacustrine deposits

silt and clay with minor sand and diamicton; sediments deposited in a glacial lake LACUSTRINE PLAIN: flat to gently sloping cover; locally overlain by eolian sand,

LACUSTRINE PLAIN WITH THERMOKARST DEPRESSIONS: flat to gently sloping cover; locally overlain by eolian sand, commonly associated with glacial Lake

commonly associated with glacial Lake Mackenzie; 1-10 m thick

Mackenzie; 1-10 m thick LACUSTRINE BLANKET: deposit conforms to local topography up to 25 m of relief; locally overlain by eolian sand, commonly associated with glacial Lake Mackenzie;

LACUSTRINE BLANKET TO VENEER; locally overlain by eolian sand, commonly associated with glacial Lake Mackenzie; < 3 m thick

LACUSTRINE PLAIN, ROLLING: rolling, occurring as low ridges; locally overlain by

SHORELINE DEPOSITS: low, ridged beach deposits of sand and gravel; the deposits maybe intercalated with till deposits, commonly deposited locally along the margins of glacial Lake Mackenzie; < 5 m thick

LACUSTRINE COMPLEX: deltaic sediments transitional between glaciofluvial and glaciolacustrine deposits with upper 0-5 m consisting of sand; locally overlain by eolian sand: < 20 m thick

Glaciofluvial deposits, outwash sand and gravel locally with a veneer of eolian silt and/or sand; deposited as proglacial

GLACIOFLUVIAL PLAIN: flat to gently sloping; 2-20 m thick

sediment by glacial meltwater

GLACIOFLUVIAL PLAIN WITH THERMOKARST DEPRESSIONS: flat to gently

GLACIOFLUVIAL PLAIN TO TERRACE: glaciofluvial plain dominant; flat to gently sloping, with no visible boundaries between them; these units occur only along major rivers or interbedded with other drift types; < 10 m thick

GLACIOFLUVIAL TERRACE TO PLAIN: glaciofluvial terrace dominant; flat to gently sloping, with no visible boundaries between them; these units occur only along major

rivers or interbedded with other drift types; < 10 m thick

GLACIOFLUVIAL TERRACE; 10-50 m thick

GLACIOFLUVIAL DELTA: gently sloping, deposited in a glacial lake; 5-15 m thick

GLACIOFLUVIAL FAN: mainly coarse gravel with minor sand, locally with mudflow deposits; commonly deposited in a meltwater channel or lake where no sudden water level changes had occurred; 5-7 m thick

Glaciofluvial deposits, ice contact sand and gravel locally with a veneer of eolian silt and/or sand; deposited as ice-contact sediment by glacial meltwater

GLACIOFLUVIAL COMPLEX: includes eskers, kames and plains, commonly with thermokarst ponds in places; 2-30 m thick

GLACIOFLUVIAL COMPLEX, GULLIED: containing ridges, hummocks and kettled plains, affected by Holocene gullying; 2-50 m thick

unsorted silt, sand, and clay with clasts (pebbles, cobbles and some boulders) deposited by glacial ice in a variety of landforms

TILL PLAIN: flat to gently sloping; 3-5 m thick

TILL BLANKET: gently to moderately sloping plain conforming to underlying

TILL BLANKET TO VENEER: conforming to underlying topography; 2-8 m thick

TILL VENEER TO BLANKET: conforming to underlying topography

TILL VENEER TO BLANKET, GULLIED: affected by Holocene gullying; conforming to underlying topography

TILL VENEER: with slopes conforming to underlying topography; < 2 m thick

TILL VENEER, GULLIED: with slopes conforming to underlying topography, affected by gullying processes; < 2 m thick

TILL, DRUMLINOID: hilly till plain with individual drumlins or extensive flutes; 3-15 m

TILL, RIDGED: plain of generally coarse till (20-50% pebbles) deposited as ridges;

commonly lateral and frontal moraines and hummocks; < 9 m thick TILL PLAIN, ROLLING: till plain with broad hummocks 10-20 m high (5-20% pebbles

and larger); typically bouldery till in mountains; < 10 m thick TILL COMPLEX: largely hummocky, ridged, and/or hilly with patches of gravel; in

some places Tx forms veneer over bedrock

TILL, ERODED: gently to moderately sloping till plain, highly modified by landsliding

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NATIONAL TOPOGRAPHIC SYSTEM REFERENCE

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uncorrelated Colluvial deposits, talus

diamicton and rubble derived from bedrock and surficial material through cryoplanation CRYOPLANATION TERRACE; mantle over shallow bedrock terraces on mountain

Paleozoic to Mesozoic

primarily prominent ridges, escarpments and hills associated with Devonian rocks Cretaceous shale (various colours) and limestone mostly in plains area; Paleozoic limestone, dolomite, shale (various colours), siltstone, mudstone and sandstone

mostly in mountainous areas Organic Deposits

Fenland constituting 10 - 50% of the map unit

Peatland constituting 10 - 50% of the map unit

Peatlands and fenlands undivided constituting 10 - 50% of the map unit

This pattern is used when eolian sand veneer appears as a second or third component in a polygon, eg. Tp.Gx.Ev Discontinous veneer (<1m) mainly fine sand and silt covering other surficial units and

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This pattern is used when colluvial veneer appears as a second or third component in

a polygon, eg. Tv.Cx, Tv.Lb.Cx Discontinous veneer (<1m) mainly diamicton and rubble that conforms to local

Geological boundary (defined)

Paleo-drainage scar

Moraine ridge: unconsolidated sediments (till, sand and gravel) deposited in ridges at terminal, recessional, lateral and medial positions with respect to ice margins

Drumlin, drumlinoid ridge or flute (direction certain): streamlined hill or ridge of till with long axis parallel to direction of iceflow; elliptical base and arched profile with long gentle slope pointing in downstream direction

Drumlin, drumlinoid ridge or flute (direction uncertain): streamlined hill or ridge of till

with long axis parallel to direction of iceflow

Cirque (Late Pleistocene): steep-walled, half bowl-like basins situated high on mountainsides; horseshoe or semi-circular in planform and produced by glacial erosion of valley headwalls Meltwater channel (major): erosion and channel formation by meltwater flow along,

beneath or in front of a glacier or ice sheet; range from broad, shallow channels to

slope contours; may be presently dry, poorly drained or contains an underfit stream or

by deposition from meltwater running through a channel beneath or within glacier ice

deeply incised, steep-sided, flat-bottomed valleys; channels may run across or along slope contours; may be presently dry, poorly drained or contains an underfit stream or Meltwater channel (minor): erosion and channel formation by meltwater flow along, beneath or in front of a glacier or ice sheet; range from broad, shallow channels to deeply incised, steep-sided, flat-bottomed valleys; channels may run across or along

>>>>>>> Esker (direction certain): sinuous, low ridge composed of sand and gravel; formed by deposition from meltwater running through a channel beneath or within glacier ice ><><>>< Esker (direction uncertain): sinuous, low ridge composed of sand and gravel; formed

Tension cracks

Shoreline of former lake: low, ridged beach deposits of sand and gravel

Landslide

Ground Station \*

\* Water mask is standard throughout the map. It has not been adapted to reflect changes of water levels for consequent years,

therefore certain stations appear to be under water.

UNDERSTANDING THE LEGEND

The genetic category of surficial material is indicated by the first upper case letter, e.g., G (glaciofluvial). The morphologic category is indicated in lower case following the genetic category, e.g., Gp (glaciofluvial plain). The modifying processes are indicated in lower case separated from the morphologic category by a (-) e.g., Gp-k (glaciofluvial plain with thermokarst processes).

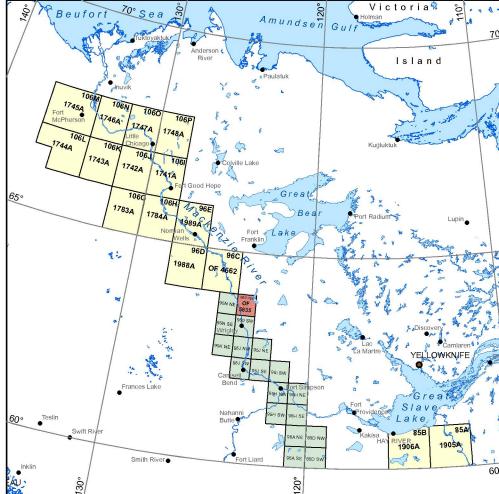
Combined units are used where, for reasons of scale, the units cannot be separated. The main unit, covering over 50% of the geologic polygon, is separated by a (.) from the secondary unit, e. g., Gp-k.Lp. In cases where the polygon has a third unit it is represented by a patterened symbol, e.g., eolian sand cover, peatlands or fenlands.

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Surficial Geology Location Map, Southern Mackenzie Corridor