Abstract

The highest central regions of the Erly Lake map area were covered by active ice advancing from the southeast, although exact ages of advance(s) are unknown. Deglaciation of parts of the high interior and southwestern sector of the map area may have started in early Wisconsinan, and may have been free of active ice in middle Wisconsinan time or earlier. Evidence of ice-free conditions is limited. Fluctuating cover of thin ice, probably cold based, may have survived for extensive periods during the Wisconsinan. It disappeared in the Late Wisconsinan, leaving widespread kames and ice-contact deposits overlying surficial sediments and bedrock. Till is widespread at all elevations, and can be variable in thickness, hummocky and makes up moraine ridges and streamlined landforms. In the high interior, it is locally mixed with felsenmeer and isolated kames. Glaciofluvial deposits are concentrated along major river valleys. Postglacial fluvial erosion along the Hornaday River carved bedrock canyons up to 150m deep.

Résumé

Les régions centrales les plus élevées de la région de la carte Erly Lake ont été recouvertes de glace active provenant du sud-est, mais on ne connaît pas l'âge exact des avancées. La déglaciation de certains secteurs des hautes régions intérieures et de la région sud-ouest pourrait avoir commencé au début du Wisconsinien, et il se peut que ces secteurs aient été dépourvus de glace active au milieu du Wisconsinien ou avant. Les preuves d'absence de glace sont limitées. Les fluctuations dans la couverture de glace mince, probablement à base froide, peuvent avoir persisté longtemps pendant le Wisconsinien. La glace est disparue pendant le Wisconsinien tardif, laissant des kames et des sédiments juxtaglaciaires sous lesquels se trouvent des sédiments de surface et le substratum rocheux. Le till est présent à toutes altitudes. D'épaisseur variable, il peut être bosselé et former de larges crêtes morainiques ainsi que des formes profilées. Dans les hautes régions intérieures, le till est mélangé avec des blocs et des kames isolés. Les dépôts fluvioglaciaires sont concentrés dans les grandes vallées fluviales. L'érosion fluviale postglaciaire le long de la rivière Hornaday a façonné des canyons de substratum rocheux dont la profondeur atteint 150 m par endroits.

National Topographic System reference and index to adjoining published Geological Survey of Canada maps

Cover illustration
Moraine ridge marking an ice frontal position. The steep flank of the moraine (side in shadow on the left) marks the up-ice side, i.e. the position of the glacier. Photograph by J.J. Veillette. 2012-179

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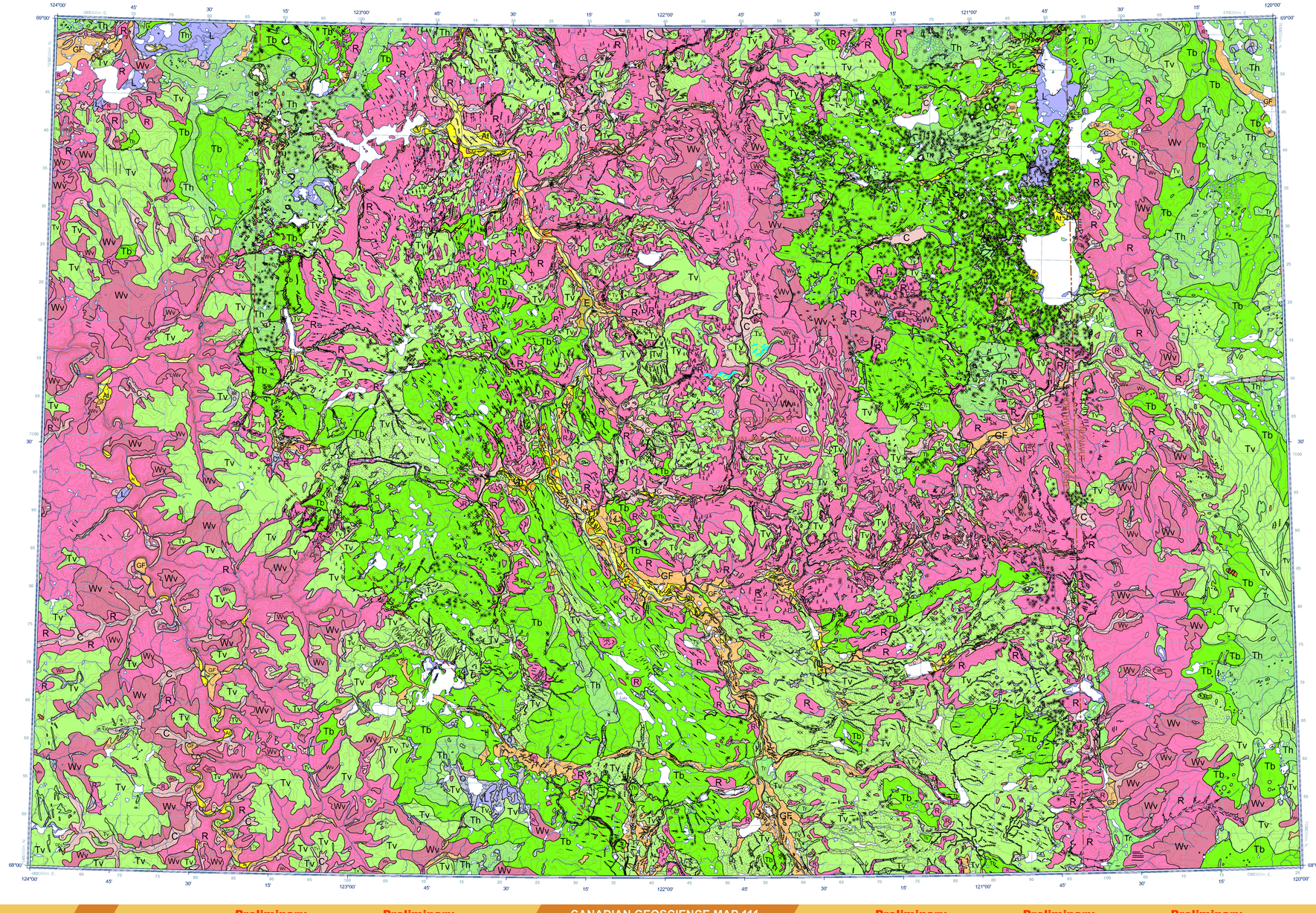

QUATERNARY

POST-LAST GLACIATION

C — **Colluvial deposits, undifferentiated:** silt, sand, gravel, cobbles, boulders, diamicton, 1 to 10 m thick; loose materials that includes soliflucted sediments that thickens toward the base of the slope.

O — **Organic deposits, undifferentiated:** peat, organic debris, 0.3 to 1 m thick; in shallow ponds, water-saturated vegetation, widespread on impervious, fine-grained calcareous till overlain by granular kame deposits.

E — **Eolian sediments, undifferentiated:** silt, sand, 1 to 10 m thick; eolian sediments and landforms occur as a distinctive terrain unit in upper Hornaday River Valley; well-developed on low terraces and on floodplains at low water levels.

ALLUVIAL SEDIMENTS: stream-deposited materials related to the post-glacial drainage regime

Af — **Fan sediments:** cobbles, boulders, coarse gravel, some sand, 1 to 15 m thick; fans occur mostly along major river valleys and abandoned meltwater channels.

Ap — **Floodplain sediments:** sand, some gravel, organic debris, lag of boulders and cobbles due to ice-rafting, 1 to 10 m thick; form floodplains; eolian processes may be active at low water level of present-day rivers.

At — **Terraced sediments:** sand, gravel, 2 to 10 m thick; low terraces formed by river incision in postglacial time; the unit is transitional with higher glaciofluvial terraces.

L — **Lacustrine sediments, undifferentiated:** silt, sand, some clay, reworked till, less than 1 to 2 m thick.

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GFc — **Ice-contact glaciofluvial sediments:** gravel, cobbles, and sand, 5 to 50 m thick, forming eskers, terraces, and kames; material deposited by meltwater, may include isolated proglacial deposits.

GF — **Glaciofluvial sediments, undifferentiated:** gravel, cobbles, and sand, 5 to 50 m thick, forming ridges and broad terraces; materials deposited by meltwater, include proglacial outwash and postglacial fluvial terraces located above the present floodplains of major rivers.

GLACIAL SEDIMENTS (TILL): poorly sorted diamicton, deposited by former westward to northwestward ice in areas above 610 m asl, and by northward, northwestward and southwestward later ice at lower elevation; grain-size distribution reflects underlying lithology, sandy on clastic bedrock, silty and clayey on carbonate substrates

Tv — **Till veneer:** boulders and gravel, less than 2-3 m thick; resting on bedrock and and derived from lodgment and ablation till, discontinous concentration resulting from washing out of fines by meltwater flow, surface mimics topography of underlying bedrock.

Tr — **Ridged moraine:** sand, gravel, cobbles and boulders, poorly sorted, 2 to tens of metres thick, morainal and glaciofluvial sediments forming ridges and masses indicating proximity to the glacier during their formation; discontinuous patches of outwash of various shapes and conical kames, deposited near or within the glacier.

Th — **Hummocky till:** lodgment or basal meltout till, 5 to tens of metres thick; possibly overlying thick glaciofluvial sediments over large areas; surface characterized by ridges, kettled topography, and large ice wedge polygons.

Tb — **Till blanket:** lodgment or basal meltout till, 2 to 20 m thick; extensively fluted over large areas; masks underlying bedrock topography.

POST-LAST GLACIATION AND LAST GLACIATION (AND EARLIER?)

Wv — **Regolith veneer:** diamicton, less than 2 m thick, derived predominantly from weathering of Proterozoic quartzite and carbonate bedrock, mixed with till locally, occurs on plateaux above 610 m asl, unit is transitional between till and bedrock.

PRE-QUARTERNARY

R — **Bedrock, undifferentiated:** Proterozoic shale, mudstone, dolomite, quartzite, sandstone, limestone, shale, gypsum and gabbro dykes and sills overlain by Paleozoic clastic, carbonate rocks and evaporites and Mesozoic shale, sandstone and limestone; felsenmeer cover is extensive on plateaux surfaces above 610 m asl.

- Washed scoured lag
- K — Kettle, large
- Geological contact, defined
- Terrace scarp, unspecified
- Lateral meltwater channel, lateral uphill left
- Lateral meltwater channel, lateral uphill right
- Major meltwater channel, sense unknown
- Minor meltwater channel, sense unknown
- Esker, sense known
- Major moraine ridge
- Minor moraine ridge
- Generalized dune location (see database for exact locations)
- Fluted bedrock, sense unknown
- Drumlin
- Drumlinoid
- Crag-and-tail
- Striation, sense known (1=oldest, 2=youngest)
- Striation, sense unknown (1=oldest)
- Outcrop
- Felsenmeer
- Kame (not all kames are shown on map due to high density)
- Pingo
- Alluvial fan
- Patterned ground, small
- Delta, postglacial
- Landslide scar

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Mean magnetic declination 2013, 23°41'E, decreasing 41' annually. Readings vary from 22°44'E in the SE corner to 24°26'E in the NW corner of the map.

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