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# TECTONIC ASSEMBLAGE

# MAP OF AULAVIK

Banks Island and northwestern Victoria Island,  
Northwest Territories



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## **ABSTRACT**

This map and the related geodatabase illustrate the bedrock geology of central and southern Banks Island (including the greater part of Aulavik National Park of Canada) and northwestern Victoria Island. Major features of the area include Meso- and Neoproterozoic strata of Amundsen Basin, diabase sills and extrusive basaltic rocks related to the Franklin Large Igneous Province (ca. 723 Ma), Cambrian to Devonian strata of Arctic Platform and the Ellesmerian foreland, unconformably overlain by

near-flat-lying Cretaceous and Paleogene strata of Banks Basin, and unconsolidated Neogene sediments of the Arctic margin.

## **RÉSUMÉ**

Cette carte et la géodatabase qui s'y rapporte documentent la géologie du substratum rocheux dans le centre et le sud de l'île Banks (y compris la majeure partie du parc national du Canada Aulavik) et le nord-ouest de l'île Victoria. Les principales entités géologiques de la région comprennent des strates mésoprotérozoïques et néoprotérozoïques du bassin d'Amundsen, des filons-couches de diabase et des roches basaltiques effusives apparentés à la grande province magmatique de Franklin (env. 723 Ma), des strates d'âge cambrien à dévonien de la Plate-forme de l'Arctique et de l'avant-pays ellesmérien, recouvertes en discordance par des strates presque horizontales d'âge crétacé et paléogène du bassin de Banks, ainsi que des sédiments néogènes non consolidés de la marge continentale de l'Arctique.

## **ABOUT THE MAP**

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Map projection Lambert Conformal Conic, standard parallels 71°30'N and 73°30'N.  
North American Datum 1983

Base map at the scale of 1:250 000 from Natural Resources Canada, with modifications.

Proximity to the North Magnetic Pole causes the magnetic compass to be erratic in this area.

Mean magnetic declination 2015, 21°17'E, decreasing 51.3'W annually. Readings vary from 23°49'E in the SW corner to 13°25'E in the NE corner of the map.

This map is not to be used for navigational purposes.

Title photograph: Shaler Supergroup near the Kuujua River, Minto Inlier, northwestern Victoria Island, Northwest Territories. Photograph by R.H. Rainbird. 2013-071

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Data may include additional observations not portrayed on this map.  
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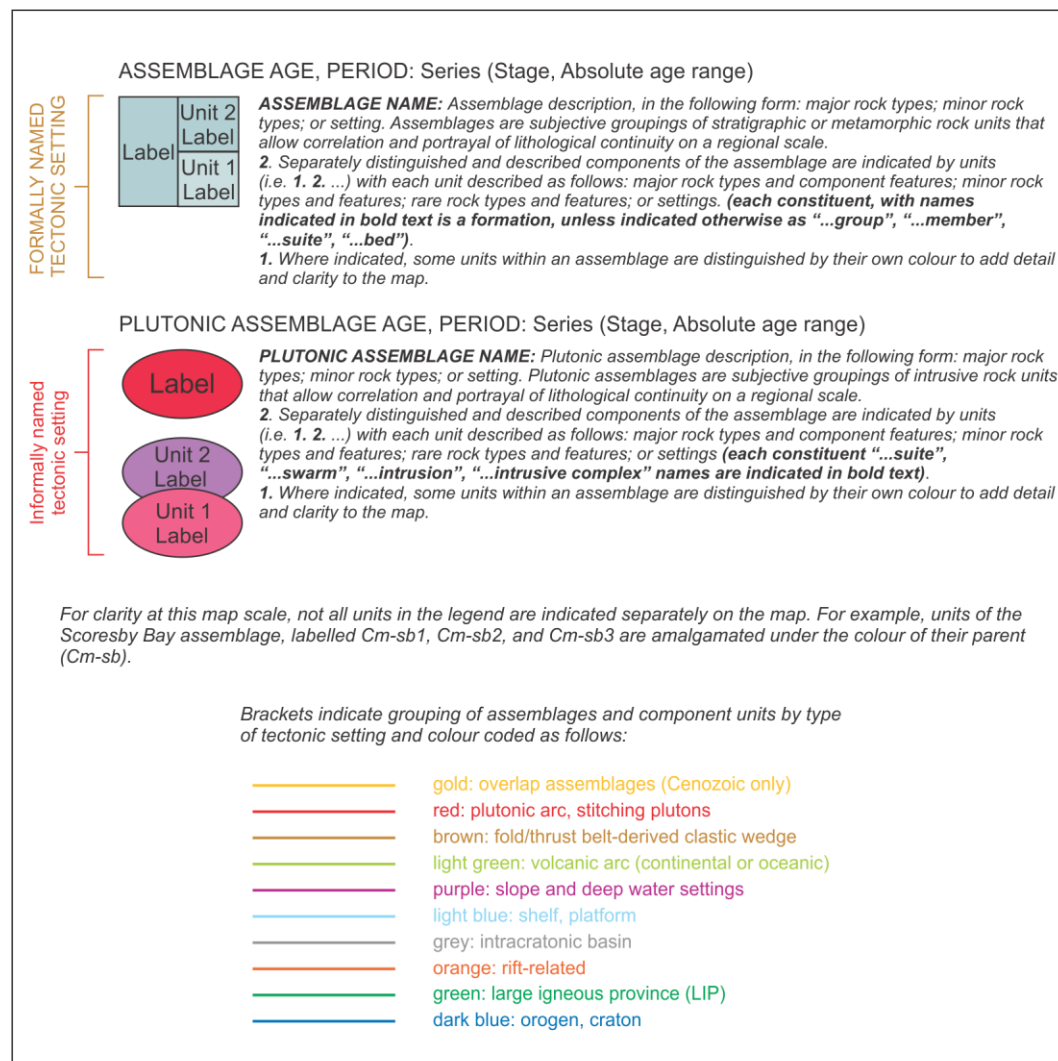
Fault: dextral strike-slip, approximate

Diabase dyke

Mafic sill, ultramafic sill

Peridotite, gabbro, diabase sill

## ABOUT THE GEOLOGY



**Figure 1.** Explanation of map unit features.

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### **Coordinate System**

Projection: Lambert Conformal Conic  
False Easting: 0.0°  
False Northing: 0.0°  
Central Meridian: -119.0°  
Standard Parallel 1: 71.5°  
Standard Parallel 2: 73.5°  
Latitude Of Origin: 40.0°  
Units: metres  
Horizontal Datum: NAD83  
Vertical Datum: mean sea level

### **Bounding Coordinates**

Western longitude: 126°00'00"W  
Eastern longitude: 112°00'00"W  
Northern latitude: 74°00'00"N  
Southern latitude: 71°00'00"N

## **Data Model Information**

This Canadian Geoscience Map does not conform to the Bedrock Mapping Geodatabase Data Model v.3.1. Therefore, some of the feature classes and feature attributes require explanation. Consult "Explanation\_of\_attributes.rtf" in Data folder for complete description of the feature classes and feature attributes.

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