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## **ABSTRACT**

Northwestern Baie Verte Peninsula (Newfoundland and Labrador, NTS 12-H/16 and part of 12-I/2) is underlain by Mesoproterozoic basement of the East Pond Metamorphic Suite; Neoproterozoic to Ordovician Laurentian continental margin rocks of the Fleur de Lys Supergroup; Cambrian dismembered ophiolite including Pacquet, Point Rousse, and Advocate complexes; submarine Ordovician ophiolite cover of the Snooks Arm Group; and Ordovician-Silurian, continental plutonic rocks of the Burlington plutonic suite and overlying Silurian Micmac Lake Group; King's Point volcanic complex; and Cape St. John Group and related plutons. Ten mines have operated in this area (two current, eight past-producing). The ophiolitic rocks host Cu-Au volcanogenic massive-sulphide (Terra Nova, Rambler Main, Big Rambler Pond, East, Ming, and Ming West mines) and asbestos deposits (Advocate mine). The Snooks Arm Group hosts three gold deposits (Goldenville, Stog'er Tight, and Pine Cove mines). Four phases of regional deformation affected this area including D<sub>1</sub>, best documented in the Birchy Complex, is related to ophiolite obduction; D<sub>2</sub>, regional, penetrative deformation was accompanied by greenschist- to amphibolite-facies metamorphism; D<sub>3</sub>, related to folds, commonly asymmetric; and D<sub>4</sub>, related to recumbent folding in the northeast and extensional and dextral faults and reactivation of faults.

## RÉSUMÉ

Le sous-sol de la partie nord-ouest de la péninsule Baie Verte (Terre-Neuve-et-Labrador, SNRC 12-H/16 et une partie de 12-I/2) est constitué d'un socle mésoprotérozoïque formé de la Suite métamorphique d'East Pond; de roches du Néoprotérozoïque à l'Ordovicien de la marge laurentienne appartenant au Supergroupe de Fleur de Lys; d'ophiolites démembrées du Cambrien des complexes de Pacquet, de Point Rousse et d'Advocate; de la succession sous-marine de couverture des ophiolites de l'Ordovicien du Groupe de Snooks Arm; des roches plutoniques continentales de la suite plutonique de Burlington de l'Ordovicien-Silurien; ainsi que des unités sus-jacentes du Silurien constituées du Groupe de Micmac Lake, du complexe volcanique de King's Point et du Groupe de Cape St. John et des plutons apparentés. Dix mines ont été exploitées dans cette région (deux actives, huit anciennes). Les ophiolites sont les hôtes de gisements de sulfures massifs volcanogènes riches en cuivre-or (mines Terra Nova, Rambler Main, Big Rambler Pond, East, Ming et Ming West) et d'amiante (mine Advocate). Le Groupe de Snooks Arm est l'hôte de trois gisements d'or (mines Goldenville, Stog'er Tight et Pine Cove). Quatre phases de déformation régionales ont touché la région, dont : D<sub>1</sub>, documentée le mieux dans le Complexe de Birchy, est reliée à l'obduction des ophiolites; D<sub>2</sub>, une déformation régionale et pénétrative, a été accompagnée d'un métamorphisme du faciès des schistes verts au faciès des amphibolites; D<sub>3</sub>, rapportée à des plis, communément asymétriques; et D<sub>4</sub>, rapportée à la formation de plis couchés dans le nord-est et à la formation de failles d'extension et de failles dextres ainsi qu'à la réactivation de failles.

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## **ABOUT THE GEOLOGY**

### **Descriptive Notes**

The Baie Verte map area in the northwest part of Baie Verte Peninsula (Newfoundland and Labrador) is one of three 1:50 000 scale maps in this area that are based on new and compiled bedrock geological and remotely sensed data (Fig. 1; Skulski et al., 2015a, b). This part of the Newfoundland Appalachians is underlain by Mesoproterozoic basement rocks, Neoproterozoic to Ordovician rocks of the Humber continental margin, dismembered Cambrian ophiolite, Ordovician ophiolite cover, and Upper Ordovician to Silurian continental volcano-plutonic complexes (Fig. 2; IUGS Time Scale of Cohen et al. (2013) is utilized herein).

### **TECTONOSTRATIGRAPHY AND SETTING**

The East Pond Metamorphic Suite constitutes Mesoproterozoic basement (de Wit, 1980, de Wit and Armstrong, 2014) to the overlying Fleur de Lys Supergroup and consists of psammitic and semipelitic gneiss, quartzite, amphibolite, migmatitic gneiss, and granitic gneiss (unit mPEPm). The overlying Fleur de Lys Supergroup represents the Humber continental margin that now comprises three tectonic entities (van Staal et al., 2013): the ocean-continent transition (Birchy Complex), an extensional allochthon (Rattling Brook Group), and a para-autochthonous continental margin (Ming's Bight, Old House Cove, and White Bay groups). The Birchy Complex includes: interbedded psammite and pelite (unit nPBq) overlain by tholeiitic metabasalt and mafic metatuff cut by metagabbro sills and dykes (unit nPBm), coarse-grained mafic metaclastic rocks (unit nPBe), and coarse-grained gabbro sills dated at  $558.3 \pm 0.7$  Ma (location 25, Table 1; unit nPBg). These are overlain by interbedded psammite, semipelite with coticles, minor metabasalt and gabbro, intermediate tuff dated at  $556 \pm 4$  Ma (location 24, Table 1), and tectonic mélange including large chaotic blocks of serpentinized ultramafic rock (unit nPOu), metapyroxenite, metagabbro, mafic volcanic and metasedimentary clasts, and locally, ultramafic-mafic-derived wacke (unit nPBc). These are intruded by quartz diorite and trondhjemite (unit nPBt) and overlain by graphitic pelite (unit nPBp) and calcareous semipelite (unit nPBcp). The Flat Point Formation (unit nPBFP) lies at the top of the Birchy Complex, resembles units in the Rattling Brook Group and consists of psammitic schist, metawacke, and pebbly conglomerate. Detrital zircon grains in Flat Point psammite have a Laurentian provenance and maximum depositional age of  $990 \pm 52$  Ma (van Staal et al., 2013). The Rattling Brook Group, believed to originally conformably overlie the Birchy Complex (van Staal et al., 2013), comprises massive to possibly pillowed, conformable mafic schist and amphibolite (unit nPORBa) overlain by graphitic schist (locally unit nPORBg), marble, calcareous pelite, and marble breccia (unit nPORBm). Para-autochthonous Humber margin rocks include Ediacaran rift-facies and Cambrian to Early Ordovician drift-facies metasedimentary rocks (carbonate and transgressive clastic sediments) subdivided into three, likely coeval, tectonostratigraphic groups that basinward include the White Bay (west of present map area), Old House Cove, and Ming's Bight groups. The Ming's Bight Group is exposed east of Ming's Bight in a Devonian extensional uplift (Anderson et al., 2001). It includes psammite, semipelitic schist, quartz-pebble conglomerate, and graphitic schist with pods of metagabbro and metapyroxenite (unit nPOMB). The metaclastic rocks are associated with panels of massive to pillowed, tholeiitic metabasalt and amphibolite (Pelly Point schist of Hibbard (1983)), that are correlated with the Birchy Complex. The Old House Cove Group includes a lower polymict metaconglomerate (Middle Arm Metaconglomerate; unit nPOOHc) that unconformably overlies the East Pond Metamorphic Suite (de Wit, 1980; unit mPEPm). The basement and metaconglomerate are separated from the Old House Cove Group by tectonized mica schist (unit nPOHt). Structurally overlying psammite, semipelitic schist, minor pebbly psammitic schist, graphitic schist (unit nPOOHp), massive amphibolite (unit nPOOHa), and marble and calcareous pelite (unit nPOOHm) make up the rest of the group. Amphibolitized eclogitic gabbro sills and dykes (unit nPOae) locally cut the East Pond Metamorphic Suite and Middle Arm Metaconglomerate. Massive amphibolite dykes, sills, and pods (unit nPOa) cut the Old House Cove Group. Serpentinized ultramafic rocks (unit nPOu) occur as meter- to decimetre-scale lenses or

as fault-bounded slivers and may represent mantle (metaharzburgite; van Staal et al. (2013)) and/or ultramafic cumulate rocks.

The Baie Verte Line (Hibbard, 1983) is a steeply dipping, reworked tectonic zone that separates the Humber margin to the west, from the Baie Verte Oceanic Tract and its ophiolite cover to the east. The Baie Verte Oceanic Tract includes intact ophiolite of the Betts Cove Complex to the east and correlative, but dismembered ophiolite complexes that expose progressively deeper structural levels toward the west. The Pacquet complex only exposes the volcanic section comprising pillowed boninite of the Betts Head Formation (unit CBHb), locally interbedded with thin felsic volcanic flows (unit CBHf), overlain by plagioclase-phyric, island-arc tholeiitic basalt and boninite units of the Mount Misery Formation (unit CMMm). These are capped by a felsic volcanic dome comprising fragmental rocks (unit CRrt) and flows (unit CRRI) of the Rambler Rhyolite formation dated at  $487 \pm 4$  Ma (location 21, Table 1). The Point Rousse Complex contains fault-bounded blocks of serpentinized ultramafic rock including oceanic mantle (unit Cms) and layered ultramafic cumulate rocks (unit CBHu), and faulted blocks of layered gabbro and melagabbro (unit CBHg), massive gabbro, gabbro norite, and trondhjemite dated at  $491 \pm 5$  Ma (location 23, Table 1). The upper section includes sheeted dykes (unit CBHs) and pillowed, light rare-earth element-depleted, island-arc tholeiitic basalt of the Mount Misery Formation. Boninitic lavas are not exposed; however, boninitic sheeted dykes are cut by plagioclase-phyric dykes of island-arc tholeiite affinity. The Advocate Complex includes kilometre-scale, fault-bounded tracts of serpentinized oceanic mantle and mantle harzburgite (unit CMh), and faulted blocks of layered ultramafic cumulate, layered melagabbro, pyroxenite and gabbro, and anorthositic gabbro and trondhjemite (unit CBHa). Massive gabbro (unit CBHm) is locally cut by dykes and altered to rodingite (unit CBHr) near serpentinized zones. Sheeted dykes (unit CBHs) include aphyric and plagioclase-phyric dykes. Boninite pillow breccia is rare and the majority of the pillow lavas belong to the Mount Misery Formation.

The Lower to Middle Ordovician Snooks Arm Group overlies the Baie Verte Oceanic Tract across Baie Verte Peninsula (Skulski et al., 2010). Basinward, the lower contact with the Pacquet and Point Rousse complexes is locally paraconformable and consists of a discontinuous magnetite-black chert iron-formation called the Nugget Pond member of the Scrape Point Formation (unit OSPi). Overlying the Advocate Complex, the basal Scrape Point Formation comprises megaconglomerate with decimetre-scale clasts of ophiolite-derived gabbro in a black shaly matrix (unit OSPx). The unexposed contact with the underlying Advocate Complex is interpreted to be an angular unconformity (Skulski et al., 2010). Overlying this unit is the Kidney Pond conglomerate (unit OSPc), a polymictic unit with clasts of ophiolite-derived gabbro, serpentinite, boninite, and of continental margin-derived marble, quartzite, and granitoid rock in a mixed sandy and shaly matrix. A sample of the granitoid clasts has a zircon age of  $479 \pm 4$  Ma (location 18, see Skulski et al., 2015a, south of map area) representing a maximum age for sediment deposition. North of Flat Water Pond, the Mount Misery Formation is locally overlain by the Nugget Pond iron-formation. A felsic to intermediate volcanic unit (dacite-andesite) overlies this unit and has a zircon U/Pb age of  $476.5 \pm 4$  Ma (location 17, Table 1; unit OSPf). The upper reaches of the Scrape Point Formation include pillowed, high  $\text{TiO}_2$  (up to 3 weight per cent) tholeiitic basalt

(unit OSPm) and mafic volcanoclastic and epiclastic rocks (unit OSPv). Overlying these units is the Bobby Cove Formation, comprising plagioclase-phyric, calc-alkaline pillow basalt (unit OBCm), and a regionally distinct marker, the Prairie Hat member, consisting of clinopyroxene-phyric (locally replaced by amphibole) mafic crystal tuff, lapilli tuff, and tuff breccia dated at  $470 \pm 4$  Ma (location 16, see Skulski et al., 2015b, east of the map area). The upper Bobby Cove formation includes mafic tuff (unit OBCv) and a westward-thinning mafic turbidite sequence of wacke, siltstone, and shale (unit OBCe) capped by a magnetite-chert iron-formation (unit OBCi). Renewed, tholeiitic mafic volcanism is marked by the appearance of the Venams Bight Formation (unit OVBm). The Balsam Bud Cove Formation overlies this unit and comprises volcanoclastic turbiditic wacke, black graphitic schist, and thin felsic tuff units (unit OBBs) that are dated over the Pacquet complex at  $470 \pm 4$  Ma (location 15, see Skulski et al., 2015b, east of the map area). Tholeiitic pillow basalt units of the Round Harbour Formation mark the top of the stratigraphy (unit ORHm). Tholeiitic gabbro sills and dykes (unit OSAg) and diorite (unit OSad) cut both the underlying Pacquet complex and Snooks Arm Group. The Stog'er Tight gabbro sill near the base of the Scrape Point Formation has an imprecise zircon age of  $483.1 \pm 8.7$ – $4.8$  Ma (location 20, Table 1). A  $458 \pm 4$  Ma (location 13, Table 1) felsic, flow-banded dyke cuts the Snooks Arm Group overlying the southern Pacquet complex, and is coeval with deposition of the Black Brook formation south of the map area.

The Burlington plutonic suite marks a major transition in the Notre Dame Subzone to felsic plutonism and coeval subaerial volcanism in the Late Ordovician-Silurian (Llandovery-Wenlock) that was accompanied by episodic regional uplift and emergence of the continental margin sequence, and by the Wenlockian, was synchronous with the Salinic Orogeny (Skulski et al., 2010). The Burlington plutonic suite comprises an early phase of calc-alkaline, hornblende+biotite granodiorite (unit OBgdh) dated at  $445 \pm 4$  Ma (location 11, Table 1), an intermediate, synvolcanic (see below) phase of biotite±hornblende granodiorite (unit SBgd) dated at  $441 \pm 1.2$  Ma (location 9, Table 1), and a late ferroan phase of biotite granodiorite to monzogranite (unit SBgdb) dated at  $433 \pm 0.8$  Ma (location 8, Table 1).

The Micmac Lake Group consists of two unconformity-bound, Silurian formations with redbeds and subaerial volcanic rocks: the Strugglers Pond, and overlying Fox Pond formations. The Strugglers Pond formation is best exposed south of the map area where it unconformably overlies the Burlington plutonic suite (unit OBgdh) and includes a basal red pebble to boulder conglomerate with clasts of granodiorite, rhyolite, quartz-feldspar porphyry, and basalt (unit SMSc). The conglomerate is overlain by massive basalt (unit SMSb). Felsic volcanic rocks in the Strugglers Pond formation south of the present map area have been dated at  $442 \pm 4$  Ma (location 10, see Skulski et al., 2015a). The Fox Pond formation lies unconformably on the Strugglers Pond formation and Burlington plutonic suite, including the ca. 433 Ma monzogranite phase. The base contains massive basalt, basanite, and hawaiite (unit SMFb), overlain by alkaline basaltic to mugearitic lapilli tuff (unit SMFtb) dated at younger than  $430 \pm 4$  Ma (location 7, Table 1), and volcanic- and plutonic-derived, pebble to boulder conglomerate

(unit SMFc). These are overlain by massive trachytic alkaline basalt (unit SMFt), arkosic sandstone (unit SMFs), and eutaxitic ignimbrite (unit SMFi).



The Confusion Bay plutonic suite and Cape St. John Group are exposed in the east and include the early synvolcanic Cape Brulé Porphyry consisting of melanocratic, porphyritic quartz-feldspar granodiorite to monzogranite (unit SMFb) and finer grained, locally modally layered, quartz-feldspar-biotite porphyritic monzogranite (unit SCBp; dated to the east at  $429 \pm 4$  Ma; location 6, see Skulski et al., 2015b). The latter is cut by a quartz-feldspar porphyry (locally aplite) ring dyke (unit SCBd). The lower Cape St. John Group includes red arkose and pebbly sandstone of the Beaver Cove formation (unit SBCs; dated at  $427.8 \pm 0.6$  Ma to the east; location 5, see Skulski et al., 2015b) and overlying, unseparated volcanic rocks (unit SCSJu). The Dunamagon Granite is a synvolcanic biotite monzogranite (unit SDgr) and is dated at  $427.2 \pm 1.4$  Ma (location 4, see Skulski et al., 2015b). The King's Point volcanic complex is coeval with the Cape St. John Group and is exposed in the south. The Upper volcanic unit (unit SKqfa) consists of quartz-feldspar porphyritic comenditic ash-flow tuff, breccia, and possible hypabyssal intrusive equivalents, forming a prominent ring dyke. Feldspar±quartz porphyritic syenite form late synvolcanic stocks that are dated at  $427 \pm 2$  Ma (Coyle, 1990). Post-tectonic intrusive rocks include massive leucocratic muscovite±garnet granite (unit SDPPg) that cuts tectonic fabrics on the northwestern shore of Baie Verte Peninsula.

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Ten mines have operated in the map area including two that are currently in production and eight that are past producing (Table 2; Hibbard, 1983; Evans, 2004). Numerous mineralized areas have also been explored by drilling (Table 3). The Terra Nova mine in the town of Baie Verte operated between 1860 and 1915. The deposit consists of lenses of copper-rich volcanogenic massive-sulphide ore that are hosted by the Mount Misery Formation. The Rambler mining camp includes the past-producing Rambler Main, Big Rambler Pond, and East mines, and the recently reopened, Ming and Ming West mines (Pilote and Piercey, 2013; Brueckner et al., 2014). These are copper-rich (±zinc), volcanogenic massive-sulphide orebodies with gold and silver mineralization. The Ming and Rambler deposits are massive and stratabound, and occur in the upper reaches of the Rambler Rhyolite formation. The East deposit is disseminated and stratabound and hosted in altered, distal felsic volcanic rocks. The Big Rambler Pond deposit has stockwork disseminated and stringer mineralization hosted in the Mount Misery Formation. The Advocate mine operated between 1963 and 1994 and produced asbestos hosted in serpentinized ultramafic rocks of the Advocate Complex. The Snooks Arm Group is host to three gold deposits on Point Rousse Peninsula. The Goldenville deposit (Hibbard, 1983; Evans, 2004) is a small past-producing gold deposit hosted by the Nugget Pond member of the Scrape Point Formation. Gold is associated with pyrite, quartz-pyrite, and quartz-carbonate-sulphide veins that cut beds of ferruginous chert, chlorite-magnetite, and massive magnetite iron-formation. A number of small gold deposits are associated with the iron-formation (Goldenville horizon of Evans, 2004) and these are correlated with the Nugget Pond member overlying the Betts Cove Complex (Skulski et al., 2010). The Stog'er Tight deposit is a small gold deposit hosted by locally altered, tholeiitic gabbro sills hosted in the Scrape Point Formation. Gold is associated with pyrite in albite-pyrite alteration cut by quartz-albite-ankerite veins (Ramezani, 1992; Ramezani et al., 2000; Evans, 2004). The Pine Cove deposit is an active gold mine on southern Point Rousse Peninsula (Evans, 2004;



Kerr and Selby, 2012). Gold mineralization is hosted by pervasively altered mafic volcanic rocks and gabbro and is associated with disseminated pyrite cut by discrete quartz veins and quartz-carbonate breccia (Kerr and Selby, 2012).

## TECTONOMETAMORPHIC EVOLUTION

Notwithstanding the Grenvillian tectonometamorphism affecting the East Pond Metamorphic Suite ( $D_b$  of Hibbard (1983)), rocks of the western Baie Verte Peninsula have been affected by at least four phases of deformation (Castonguay et al., 2009 and Skulski et al., 2010 compiled from Gale, 1971; Kennedy, 1971; de Wit, 1972; Kidd, 1974; Bursnall, 1975; Tuach and Kennedy, 1978; Hibbard, 1983; Anderson, 1998; Anderson et al., 2001). Structural correlations across the Baie Verte Line are rendered difficult due to intense and long-lived strain along the complex fault zone, which has juxtaposed rock units of different origins and structural levels.

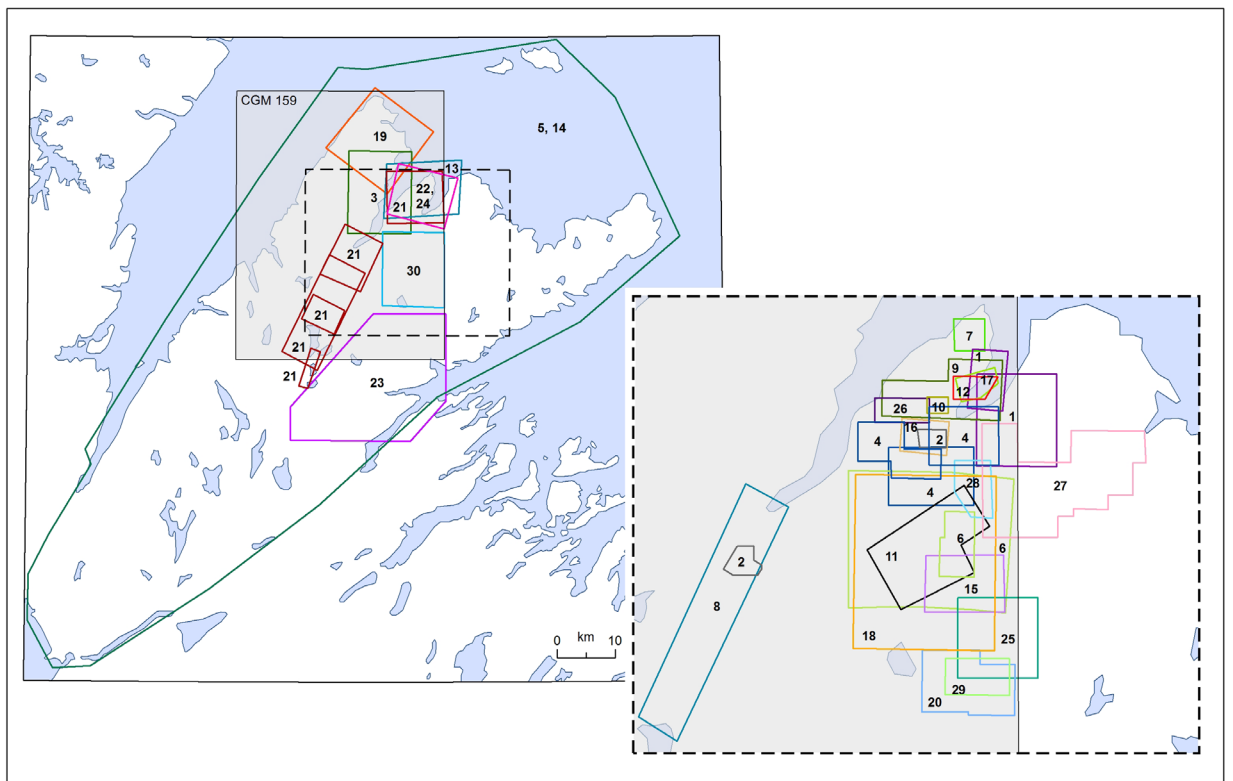
Structures and metamorphic imprint related to  $D_1$  ( $D_e$  of Hibbard, 1983) are best preserved in the Birchy Complex, less so in the rest of the Fleur de Lys Supergroup, locally developed in the ophiolitic rocks, and absent in the cover sequence. Relict  $S_1$  fabrics are preserved locally in the hinges of  $F_2$  folds and are transposed on limbs of folds. Strongly overprinted  $D_1$  fault zones are northwest-directed thrust faults that are commonly decorated with serpentinite in the Fleur de Lys Supergroup (Hibbard, 1983 and references therein). The  $D_1$  phase is interpreted to be related to obduction of ophiolite complexes, partial underthrusting of the Humber margin and arc collision of the Baie Verte Oceanic Tract during the Taconic Orogeny (Waldron et al., 1998; van Staal et al., 2007). Age constraints on Taconic deformation and metamorphism vary from 467 Ma to 460 Ma in the Birchy Complex (location 51, 54, and 79, Table 1;  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  amphibole and muscovite ages) and from 481 Ma to 465 Ma from the structural base of the Advocate Complex (location 73, 55, and 56, Table 1;  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  amphibole ages). A concordant ca. 465 Ma U-Pb metamorphic zircon age (location 109, Table 1) was obtained from an amphibolitized eclogite in the East Pond Metamorphic Suite.

Penetrative  $D_2$  deformation ( $D_m$  of Hibbard, 1983) and greenschist- to amphibolite-facies metamorphism affects all rock units of the Baie Verte Peninsula. Although locally folded, the  $S_2$  foliation is generally steep, trending to the south-southwest in the Fleur de Lys Supergroup, Advocate Complex, and its cover rocks.  $D_2$  is associated with tight folds and bivergent fault zones (southeast- and northwest-directed). In the Point Rousse and Pacquet complexes east of Baie Verte, the main  $S_2$  foliation is southwest- to northwest-dipping, locally characterized by a strong  $L>S$  fabric, and is cogenetic with macroscopic  $F_2$  folds and south-directed reverse faults and shear zones, such as the Scrape Thrust.

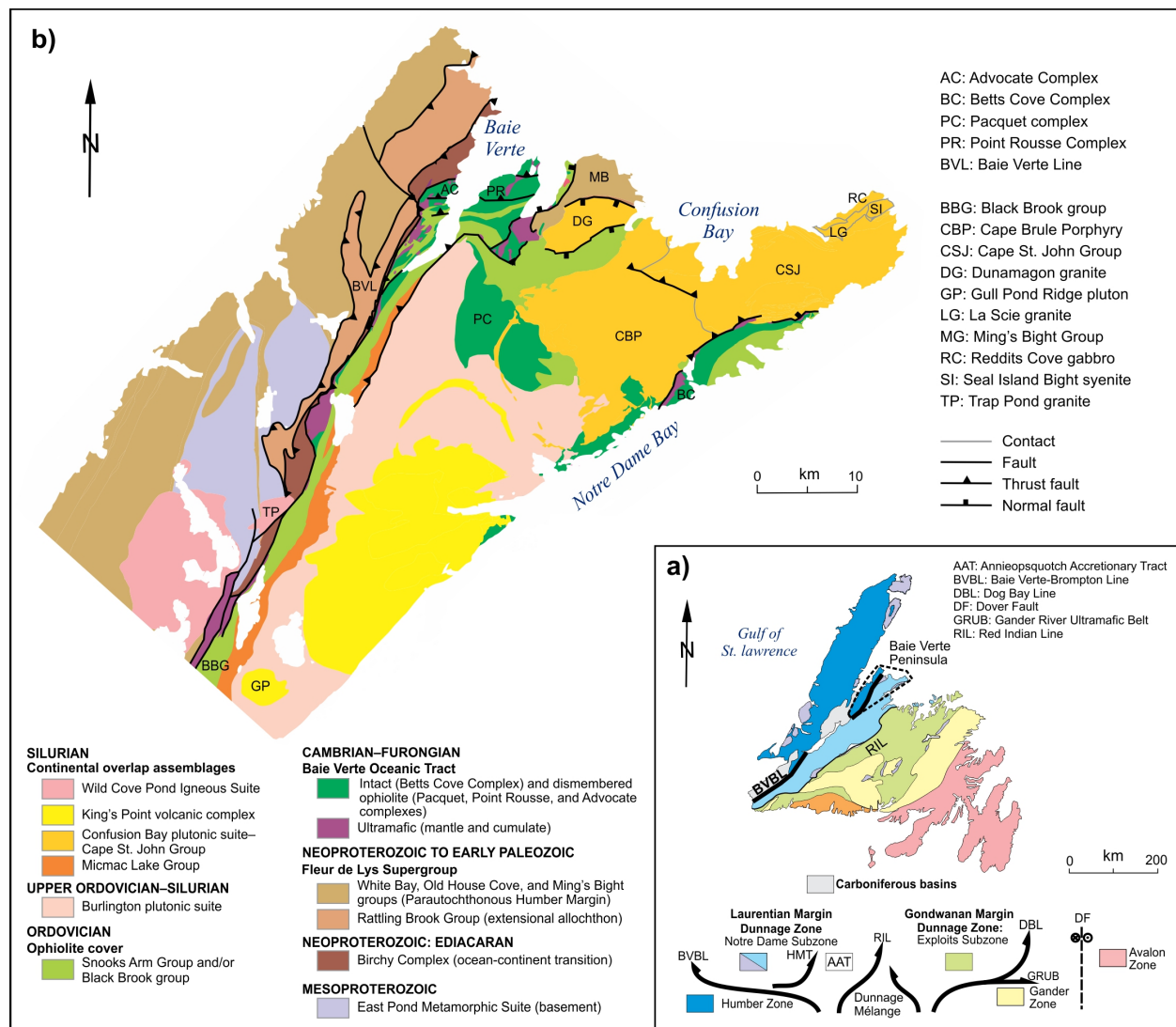
$D_2$  fabrics are locally overprinted by asymmetric and upright chevron  $F_3$  folds, associated with an axial-planar  $S_3$  strain-slip foliation ( $D_L$  of Hibbard, 1983).  $D_3$  fabrics are apparently concentrated in zones (Kidd, 1974; Bursnall, 1975) and account for local deflection of the main structural grain. In the Birchy and Advocate complexes,  $D_3$  ( $D_{2b}$  and  $D_3$  of Kidd, 1974;  $D_3$  of Bursnall, 1975) is associated with two sets of asymmetric folds. In the Pacquet complex,  $D_3$  deformation ( $D_4$  of Tuach and Kennedy, 1978) is characterized by undulating to close, northeast-trending and -plunging cross folds, locally associated with a subvertical fracture or crenulation cleavage. In the Point Rousse Complex and in the vicinity of the Scrape Thrust,  $D_3$  folds and fabrics are related to sinistral east-directed transpressional shear zones (Kidd et al., 1978; Hibbard, 1983; Anderson, 1998).  $D_2$  and  $D_3$  are interpreted as part of an overall Salinic sinistral

transpressional regime (Waldron et al., 1998). The age of Salinic deformation and metamorphism is locally constrained to be between 432 Ma (location 57, Table 1;  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  amphibole age) and 425 Ma (location 80, Table 1;  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  muscovite age).

The fourth and fifth deformation phases ( $D_L$  of Hibbard (1983);  $D_2$  and  $D_3$  of Anderson et al. (2001)) are mainly documented along the Baie Verte Line, in and around the Ming's Bight Group, but also as reactivating (inverted) fault zones. A series of major, but relatively narrow steep fault zones (i.e. Baie Verte Road Fault and the Marble Cove Slide; Neale and Kennedy (1967); Hibbard (1983)) occur along the Baie Verte Line, and overprint earlier structural fabrics and shear zones. They are associated with small-scale, steeply plunging, dextral chevron  $F_4$  folds and display dextral, compressional, or extensional kinematics (Goodwin and Williams, 1996; Anderson et al., 2001). Post  $D_2$  ( $D_4$  or  $D_5$ ) extensional shear bands along the immediate footwall of the Scrape Thrust suggest that it was affected by normal-sense reactivation (Jamieson et al., 1993). In the Point Rousse Complex, extensional reactivation of  $D_2$  faults is marked by moderately to steeply north-dipping crenulation, kink-bands, and shear bands suggesting brittle-ductile, north-side-down motion (Kidd et al., 1978; Anderson, 1998; Castonguay et al., 2009) compatible with the  $D_5$  structures surrounding the Ming's Bight Group ( $D_3$  of Anderson et al. (2001)). The composite  $D_{4-5}$  phase is interpreted to have initiated during progressive Devonian extensional unroofing of the Ming's Bight Group and surrounding units, and was accompanied by amphibolite-facies metamorphism (405 Ma  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  hornblende; location 65, Table 1 to 358 Ma  $^{40}\text{Ar}/^{39}\text{Ar}$  muscovite; location 84, see Skulski et al., 2015b; both east of map area; Anderson et al. (2001)) during an overall dextral (transpressional to transtensional) regime (Waldron et al., 1998) across the Baie Verte Peninsula. Late transverse structures, such as the northwest-trending Advocate and Little Lobster Harbour faults (Burnsall, 1975; Hibbard, 1983) have apparent down-to-the-northeast normal offset, with a probable sinistral component and are cut by a late, north-trending dextral fault.



**Figure 1.** Map sources: 1 = Anderson, 1998; 2 = Bélanger, 1995; 3 = Bursnall, 1975; 4 = Christie and Dearin, 1986; 5 = Colman-Sadd and Crisby-Whittle, 2002; 6 = Dimmell and MacGillivray, 1991; 7 = Dubé et al., 1993; 8 = Dunsworth, 2004; 9 = Evans, 2004; 10 = Fitzpatrick, 1981; 11 = Gale, 1971; 12 = Gower, 1987a; 13 = Gower, 1987b; 14 = Hibbard, 1983; 15 = Huard, 1990a; 16 = Huard, 1990b; 17 = Jourdain and Oravec, 1996; 18 = Kambampati, 1984; 19 = Kennedy, 1971; 20 = Kerr and Collins, 1983; 21 = Kidd, 1974; 22 = Kidd et al., 1978; 23 = Miller and Abdel-Rahman, 1994; 24 = Norman, 1973; 25 = Piercey, 1996; 26 = Regular, 2005; 27 = Shepperd et al., 1987; 28 = Snow, 1989; 29 = Stewart, 1995; 30 = Tuach, 1976



**Figure 2.** a) Tectonic map of Newfoundland and b) simplified geological map of the Baie Verte Peninsula (modified from Hibbard, 1983; Skulski et al., 2010; van Staal et al., 2013).

Location	Method	Mineral	Rock type	Code	Age (Ma)	Interpretation	Note	Reference
7	U/Pb SHRIMP	Zircon	Mafic lapilli tuff	SMfb	<430 ± 4	Maximum crystallization age		Skulski et al., 2012
8	U/Pb-TIMS	Zircon, titanite	Biotite granite	Sgdb	433.0 ± 0.8	Weighted average of zircon		Skulski et al., 2012
9	U/Pb-TIMS	Zircon, titanite	Biotiteshornblende granodiorite	Sgdl	441.0 ± 1.2	Weighted average of zircon		Skulski et al., 2012
11	U/Pb SHRIMP	Zircon	Hornblende-biotite Granodiorite	Sgdlh	445 ± 4	Crystallization age		Skulski et al., 2012
13	U/Pb SHRIMP	Zircon	Quartz-feldspar porphyry dyke	uOqfp	458 ± 4	Crystallization age		Skulski et al., 2010
17	U/Pb SHRIMP	Zircon	Rhyolite flow	CSF	476.5 ± 4	Crystallization age		Skulski et al., 2010
19	U/Pb-TIMS	Zircon	Amphibolite, metagabbro	CBHm	482.9 ± 0.8	Crystallization age		Skulski et al., 2010
20	U/Pb-TIMS	Zircon	Gabbro	CSag	483.1 ± 8.7/-4.8	approximate age		Ramezani, 1992
21	U/Pb SHRIMP	Zircon	Rhyolite flow	CRFR	487 ± 4	Crystallization age		Skulski et al., 2010
23	U/Pb SHRIMP	Zircon	Trondhjemite	CBHs	491 ± 5	Crystallization age		modified from Skulski et al., 2010
24	U/Pb LA-ICPMS	Zircon	Intermediate tuffaceous schist	nPBg	556 ± 4	Crystallization age		van Staal et al., 2013
25	U/Pb-TIMS	Zircon	Metagabbro	nPBg	558.3 ± 0.7	Crystallization age		van Staal et al., 2013
26	U/Pb LA-ICPMS	Zircon	Hornblende metagabbro	nPBg	564 ± 7.5	Crystallization age		van Staal et al., 2013
27	U/Pb LA-ICPMS	Zircon	Muscovite psammite	nBFP	<990 ± 52	Maximum detrital age		van Staal et al., 2013
31	U/Pb-TIMS	Titanite	Hornblende biotite granodiorite	OSgh	440.1 ± 0.7	Cooling age		Skulski et al., 2012
35	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Amphibole	Mafic dyke	nPOa	393 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	Recalculated as 7 step plateau (100% <sup>39</sup> Ar); see note 2.	Dallmeyer, 1977
36	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Amphibole	Mafic dyke	nPOa	418 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	Recalculated as 5 step plateau (100% <sup>39</sup> Ar); see note 2.	Dallmeyer, 1977
37	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Amphibole	Mafic dyke	nPOa	428 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	Recalculated as 5 step plateau (100% <sup>39</sup> Ar); see note 2.	Dallmeyer, 1977
38	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Amphibole	Granodiorite	Sgdlh	420 ± 10	Metamorphic cooling age	Plateau age, 89.2% gas release; see note 3.	Dallmeyer and Hibbard, 1984
39	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Amphibole	Granodiorite	Sgdl	409 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	See note 3.	Dallmeyer and Hibbard, 1984
42	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Amphibole	Granodiorite	Sgdl	416 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	See note 3.	Dallmeyer and Hibbard, 1984
43	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Amphibole	Granodiorite	Sgdl	417 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	See note 3.	Dallmeyer and Hibbard, 1984
45	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Amphibole	Schist	OCvc	358 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	See note 3.	Dallmeyer and Hibbard, 1984
47	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Amphibole	Granodiorite	Sgdlh	467 ± 5	Inherited gas age	See note 3.	Dallmeyer and Hibbard, 1984
49	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Amphibole	Gabbro	OSag	392.1 ± 10.3	Metamorphic cooling age	Plateau, 100% gas release.	Castonguay et al., 2010
50	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Amphibole	Mafic schist	nPBc	519.4 ± 3.4	Cooling age	Combined plateau from two aliquots, 86% gas released.	Castonguay et al., 2010
51	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Amphibole	Gabbro	nPBc	460.5 ± 14.2	Metamorphic cooling age	Plateau, 99% gas released.	Castonguay et al., 2014
52	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Amphibole	Gabbro	CBHs	453.5 ± 8.6	Metamorphic cooling age	Plateau, 100% gas released.	Castonguay et al., 2014
54	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Amphibole	Mafic schist	nPBc	466.4 ± 6.5	Metamorphic cooling age	Pseudo-plateau, 86% gas released, 1 step dropped.	Castonguay et al., 2014
55	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Amphibole	Gabbro	CBHgc	465.1 ± 4.3	Metamorphic cooling age	Plateau, 100% gas released.	Castonguay et al., 2014
56	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Amphibole	Gabbro	CBHm	470.2 ± 3.5	Metamorphic cooling age	Plateau, 79% gas released.	Castonguay et al., 2014
57	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Amphibole	Gabbro	CBHs	432.4 ± 3.2	Metamorphic cooling age	Plateau, 75% gas released.	Castonguay et al., 2010
58	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Amphibole	Basalt	CMHm	362.4 ± 4.2	Metamorphic cooling age	Combined plateau from two aliquots, 90% gas released.	Castonguay et al., 2010
67	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Amphibole	Amphibolite	OVBm	368 ± 3	Metamorphic cooling age	Mylonitic amphibolite; see note 3.	Anderson et al., 2001
68	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Amphibole	Gabbro	CBHs	433.3 ± 4.3	Metamorphic cooling age	Inverse isochron age from 2 aliquots.	Castonguay et al., 2010
69	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Amphibole	Gabbro	CBHs	432 ± 3	Metamorphic cooling age	Combined plateau from three aliquots, 50% gas released.	Castonguay et al., 2010
70	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Amphibole	Gabbro	OSag	383.4 ± 4.2	Metamorphic cooling age	Combined plateau from two aliquots, 100% gas released.	Castonguay et al., 2010
71	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Amphibole	Mafic schist	OScm	380 ± 4.1	Metamorphic cooling age	Combined plateau from two aliquots, 100% gas released.	Castonguay et al., 2010
72	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Amphibole	Mafic schist	CMHm	347.3 ± 3.2	Metamorphic cooling age	Plateau, 60% gas released.	Castonguay et al., 2010
73	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Amphibole	Mafic schist	CBHm	481.2 ± 6.4	Metamorphic cooling age	Pseudo-plateau, 87% gas released, 2 steps dropped.	Castonguay et al., 2014
74	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Muscovite	Schist	nPOOcp	398 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	Recalculated as six step plateau (100% <sup>39</sup> Ar); see note 2.	Dallmeyer, 1977
75	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Muscovite	Schist	nPOOcp	424 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	Recalculated as five step plateau (95% <sup>39</sup> Ar); see note 2.	Dallmeyer, 1977
76	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Muscovite	Schist	nPOOcp	419 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	Recalculated as six step plateau (100% <sup>39</sup> Ar); see note 2.	Dallmeyer, 1977
77	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Muscovite	Schist	nPOOcp	401 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	Recalculated as six step plateau (100% <sup>39</sup> Ar); see note 2.	Dallmeyer, 1977
79	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Muscovite	Schist	nPBc	466.9 ± 2.5	Metamorphic cooling age	Plateau from two aliquots, 70% gas released, few steps dropped.	Castonguay et al., 2014
80	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Muscovite	Psammite	nPBc	424.9 ± 3	Recrystallization age	Plateau, 70% gas released.	Castonguay et al., 2014
90	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Muscovite	Schist	nPOMb	370 ± 4	Metamorphic cooling age	Muscovite defines S <sub>2</sub> ; see note 4.	Anderson et al., 2001
92	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar laser step-heating	Muscovite	Carbonized ultramafic rock	CBHs	408.4 ± 2.2	Metamorphic cooling age	Fuchsite, combined plateau from two aliquots, 70% gas released.	Castonguay et al., 2010
94	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Biotite	Schist	nPOOcp	376 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	Total gas age from 6 steps; see note 2.	Dallmeyer, 1977
95	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Biotite	Mafic dyke	nPOOcp	374 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	Total gas age from 7 steps; see note 2.	Dallmeyer, 1977
96	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Biotite	Schist	nPOOcp	384 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	Total gas age from 6 steps; see note 2.	Dallmeyer, 1977
97	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Biotite	Mafic dyke	nPOOcp	388 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	Total gas age from 6 steps; see note 2.	Dallmeyer, 1977
98	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Biotite	Mafic dyke	nPOOcp	389 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	Total gas age from 6 steps; see note 2.	Dallmeyer, 1977
99	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Biotite	Granodiorite	SBgdb	345 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	Plateau age 10 steps; see note 3.	Dallmeyer and Hibbard, 1984
100	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Biotite	Granodiorite	SBgdb	347 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	Plateau age 10 steps; see note 3.	Dallmeyer and Hibbard, 1984
101	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Biotite	Gneiss	mPEPm	394 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	Total gas age from 7 steps; see note 2.	Dallmeyer, 1977
102	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Biotite	Granodiorite	Sgdl	412 ± 10	Metamorphic cooling age	Discordant spectrum, total gas age; see note 3.	Dallmeyer and Hibbard, 1984
107	<sup>40</sup> Ar/ <sup>39</sup> Ar furnace step-heating	Biotite	Gabbro	OSag	349 ± 5	Metamorphic cooling age	Four step plateau age; see note 3.	Dallmeyer and Hibbard, 1984
109	U/Pb SHRIMP	Zircon	Gabbro eclogite dyke	nPOae	465 ± 12	Metamorphic cooling age	Metamorphic zircon dates, amphibolization of eclogite.	Castonguay et al., 2014
110	U/Pb SHRIMP	Zircon	Pink granite gneiss	mPEPm	1491 ± 19	Approximate age		de Wit and Armstrong, 2014
111	U/Pb SHRIMP	Zircon	Grey banded paragneiss	mPEPm	1073 ± 19	Detrital maximum age		de Wit and Armstrong, 2014

**Notes**  
1 <sup>40</sup>Ar/<sup>39</sup>Ar ages (new and historic data) have been calculated using a total <sup>40</sup>K decay constant of 5.463E-10 (Min et al., 2000). Some plateau ages (indicated in table) have been recalculated using Isoplot version 3.7 of Ken Ludwig using recalculated ages of steps (in light of revised decay constant and internal standard ages) using Noah McLean's Ark-ReCalc, 7-31-09.  
2 Recalculated using age of Biotite standard SB-2 as 164 Ma revised from original value of 160.2 Ma in light of revised <sup>40</sup>K decay constant (note 1).  
3 Recalculated using an age of MMhb-1 hornblende standard of 523.1 Ma (Renne et al., 1998) revised from original data calculated using an age of MMhb-1 of 519.5 Ma (Alexander et al., 1978).  
4 Recalculated using an age of MMhb-1 hornblende standard of 523.1 Ma (Renne et al., 1998) revised from original data calculated using an age of MMhb-1 of 520 Ma (Sarnson and Alexander, 1987).

Table 1. Geochronological data.

Location	Name	Status	Commodity	Secondary commodity
4	Ming mine	Producing	Copper	Gold, silver, zinc
5	Ming West mine	Past producer	Copper	Gold, silver, zinc, lead
6	East mine	Past producer	Copper	Gold, silver
7	Rambler Main mine	Past producer	Copper	Gold, silver, zinc, cadmium, lead
8	Deer Cove mine	Past producer	Gold	Gold
9	Big Rambler Pond mine	Past producer	Copper	Gold
10	Goldenville mine	Past producer	Gold	Copper, iron
11	Stog'er Tight mine	Past producer	Gold	Silver, copper, molybdenum, zinc
12	Pine Cove mine	Producing	Gold	
13	Terra Nova mine	Past producer	Copper	Gold, silver
14	Baie Verte mine	Past producer	Asbestos	

**Table 2.** Past and current mines.

Location	Name	Commodity	Secondary commodity
1	Mud Pond	Copper	
2	Anoroc/Anoroc Extension	Gold	
3	Romeo and Juliet	Gold	
8	Deer Cove (#6)	Gold	
10	West Pond	Asbestos	
12	Priest's Prospect	Copper	Gold
14	L5 Target	Copper	
16	Dorset	Gold	
19	1807 Zone	Copper	Gold
20	Hodder	Copper	Marble
21	Dorset Extension	Gold	
22	Carb/Fuel Bog	Gold	
23	Balcony	Gold	
26	Pine Cove-Western Extension	Gold	
29	Fox Pond #2	Gold	Copper, talc
30	CRML 6851-1	Copper	Gold
31	Biarritz	Gold	
32	Corner Shore	Gold	
33	Brass Buckle	Gold	
34	Krissy Trend	Gold	Silver, copper
37	Cabot Graphite	Graphite	
38	Cabot	Copper	Cobalt, zinc
39	Upper Ming Footwall	Copper	Gold
43	South Brook Gold	Gold	Silver, copper, zinc
45	Parrell	Molybdenum	Copper, lead
46	Travertown	Lead	

**Table 3.** Drilled prospects.

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## **Coordinate System**

Projection: Universal Transverse Mercator  
Units: metres  
Zone: 21  
Horizontal Datum: NAD83  
Vertical Datum: mean sea level

## **Bounding Coordinates**

Western longitude: 56°30'00"W  
Eastern longitude: 56°00'00"W  
Northern latitude: 50°10'00"N  
Southern latitude: 49°45'00"N

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