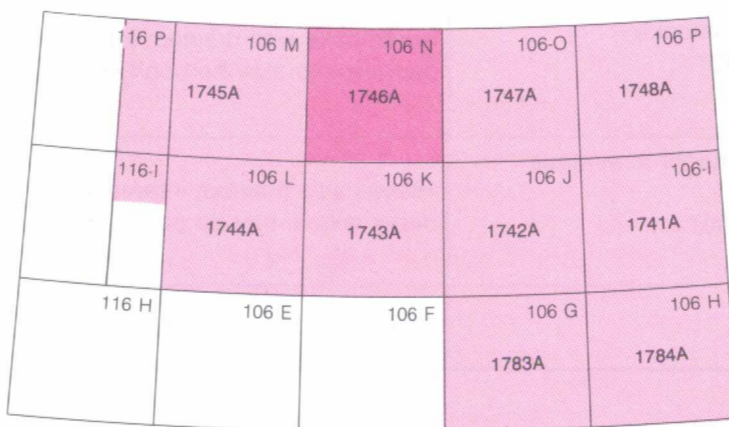
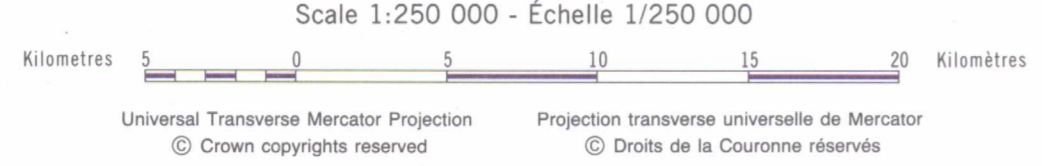


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MAP 1746A  
SURFICIAL GEOLOGY  
**ARCTIC RED RIVER**  
DISTRICT OF MACKENZIE  
NORTHWEST TERRITORIES



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- QUATERNARY**
- HOLOCENE**
- IO, pO, pO-k, pIO, pIO
  - ORGANIC DEPOSITS: peat and muck, occurring as flat to gently sloping plains; IO, fenland, consisting of woody sedge peat, 2-3 m thick; pO, peatland, sphagnum peat generally underlain by sedge and woody sedge peat, 2-4 m thick; pO-k, peatland containing thermokarst depressions; pIO, peatland and fenland undivided; pIO, fenland and peatland undivided.
  - Fenlands constitute 10-50% of map unit
  - Peatlands constitute 10-50% of map unit
  - Peatlands and fenlands undivided make up 10-50% of map unit
  - Ap, Ap-k, At, Atv, At, Ax
  - ALLUVIAL DEPOSITS: sand, silt, and minor gravel in association with modern drainage regime; Ap, coarse sand and gravel with silt and fine sand, occurring as channel and overbank floodplain sediments, 3-5 m thick; Ap-k, floodplain sediments containing thermokarst depressions; At, sand and silt, in places underlain by gravel, occurring as terraces, 2.5 m thick; Atv, terrace deposits 1-2 m thick; At, mainly silt, sand, and minor gravel, locally with discontinuous layers of woody peat; occurs as fans and aprons; Ax, complexes of Ap, At, and At, undivided.
  - COLLUVIAL AND SHEETWASH DEPOSITS: diamicton and rubble derived from bedrock and surficial materials by a variety of colluvial and sheetwash processes
  - Colluvium and sheetwash deposits: diamicton and rubble; Cb, blanket deposit that conforms to bedrock topography, > 3 m thick; Ca, organic-rich silt and sand developed as a veneer or blanket on lacustrine sediments or soft bedrock, 1-2 m thick; Cv, discontinuous veneer overlying bedrock, 0-2 m thick
  - Cz
  - Landslide deposits: rubble and/or diamicton occurring as stepped or fan-shaped deposits; formed by rotational slumping or retrogressive thaw flow failure of glacial lacustrine sediments or shale
  - Ct
  - Cryoplanation terrace deposits: colluvial rubble, occurring as a 1-3 m thick; mantle on a step or bench in a mountain slope
  - Cy
  - Pediment deposits: silty gravel or colluvium, 1-2 m thick, overlain by < 1 m of silt; occurs as gently sloping (< 6°) surface extending from valley axis to wall in unglaciated mountains
  - Cx
  - Slope complex: complex consisting of two or more of Cb, Cv, Ca, and At, undivided
- LATE WISCONSINAN**
- Lp, Lp-k, \*Lm, \*Lb, Ls, Lx, \*Lx-k, \*Lv
  - GLACIOLACUSTRINE DEPOSITS: silt and clay with minor sand, in many places overlain by discontinuous veneer of organic deposits and locally overlain by sand; sediments laid down in a glacial lake; Lp, thick sediments occurring as a flat to gently sloping plain, 2-15 m or more thick; Lp-k, lacustrine plain containing thermokarst depressions; Lm, thick sediments occurring as broad hummocks or low hills, 2-15 m or more thick; Lb, blanket of lacustrine sediments occurring as gently to moderately sloping plain, 2-8 m thick; Ls, littoral sediments occurring as low ridges of sand and gravel; Lx, lacustrine complex or transition, lacustrine deposits overlain by up to 3 m of sand; Lx-k, lacustrine complex containing thermokarst depressions; Lv, lacustrine veneer, surface conforms to underlying unit, 0-2 m thick
  - GLACIOFLUVIAL DEPOSITS: sand and gravel locally with a veneer of eolian silt or sand; deposited as proglacial or ice contact sediments by glacial meltwater
  - Outwash deposits: sand and gravel with silt and peat in some channels; Gp, flat to gently sloping plain, 2-30 m thick; Gt, deposits underlying a terrace, 2-30 m thick
  - Gh, Gr
  - Ice contact glaciofluvial deposits: gravel and sand; relief < 25 m; 2-25 m thick; Gh, hummocks; Gr, ridges
  - Gx
  - Glaciofluvial complex: undivided Gh, Gr and kettled Gp and Gt
- GLACIAL DEPOSITS: nonsorted silt, sand, and clay with some coarser clasts (fill) deposited by glacier ice and occurring in a variety of different landforms**
- Mp, Mb, Mpv
  - Moraine plain: till occurring as: Mp, flat to gently sloping plain, 3-20 m thick; Mb, gently to moderately sloping plain controlled by bedrock, 3-6 m; Mpv, flat to gently sloping plain, 1-3 m thick
  - Md
  - Drumlinoid till: plain occurring as: Md, plain with individual drumlins or extensively fluted, 2-30 m thick
  - Mv, Mvd
  - Thin till and bedrock: Mv, veneer of till with slopes conforming to underlying bedrock topography, 0-2 m thick; Mvd, thin till over glacially eroded streambed bedrock ridges, 0-3 m thick
  - Mh, Ml, Mm
  - Hummocky, ridged and rolling moraine: generally coarse till (20-50% pebble size); Mh, individual and coalescent hummocks, locally contains hummocks of gravel, relief 15-50 m; up to 50 m thick; Ml, individual to compound, either straight or sinuous ridges 15 to 90 m high, up to 60 m thick; Mm, broad hummocks or low hills with 10-20 m of relief, up to 20 m thick
  - Mx
  - Glacial deposit complex: largely hummocky and ridged and rolling till undivided
- PRE-QUATERNARY**
- R, Rt
  - BEDROCK: shale, sandstone and limestone of Paleozoic through Mesozoic age; R, primarily prominent ridges, escarpments and hills; Rt, subhorizontal bedrock surfaces exposed as channel floors

**DEPOSIT TEXTURE, COMBINED MAP UNITS, AND MODIFYING PROCESSES**

Texture may be indicated by a lower case letter preceding the unit designator (e.g., sGp, pIO). These are used only where the texture of the unit is known to differ from that indicated in the legend. Texture terms used are: s-dominantly sand; g-dominantly gravel; f-1en organic deposits; and p-peat organic deposits.

Combined map units are used where, for reasons of scale, two intermingled units cannot be delineated individually. There are three different forms of combined unit designators: 1) Where the two units are from the same genetic group, the upper case letter representing the genetic category of the subordinate unit is dropped (e.g., alluvial plain and terrace undifferentiated becomes Ap). In some cases, where the combined unit has characteristics different from the two individual units, the combined unit is described in the legend (e.g., Mpv-moraine plain with thin till). 2) The dominant unit (>50%) is followed by a dot and the designator of another unit making up 20-50% of the map area (e.g., Mp\*IO). 3) The dominant unit is followed by a slash and the designator of another unit making up 10-25% of the map area (e.g., Mv/R).

Three special designators are used to indicate the former or current activity of modifying processes; these are thermokarst activity (k), gully (g), and channelling (c). They are added to the end of the unit designator and separated from it by a dash (e.g., Lp-k).

- LEGEND**
- Geological boundary (defined, approximate)
  - All-time limit of Laurentide ice (defined, approximate, assumed)
  - Limit of Tutsie Lake Phase (defined, approximate)
  - Limit of advance or at time of stillstand (defined, approximate, assumed)
  - Erratic of Shield origin
  - Terrace of preglacial origin
  - Cryoplanation terrace
  - Filled channel or buried valley
  - Cirque
  - Crag and tail
  - Drumlin or drumlinoid ridge (sense of ice flow determined, not determined)
  - Moraine ridge
  - Esker
  - Kame
  - Glacial meltwater channel (major, minor)
  - Shoreline of former lake
  - Rock glacier
  - Pingo (open system; probable or collapsed)
  - Slope failure (in most places, retrogressive - thaw flow slides)
  - Dunes and windblown sand
  - Eolian veneer mainly of fine sand
  - Borrow pit
  - Gravel pit

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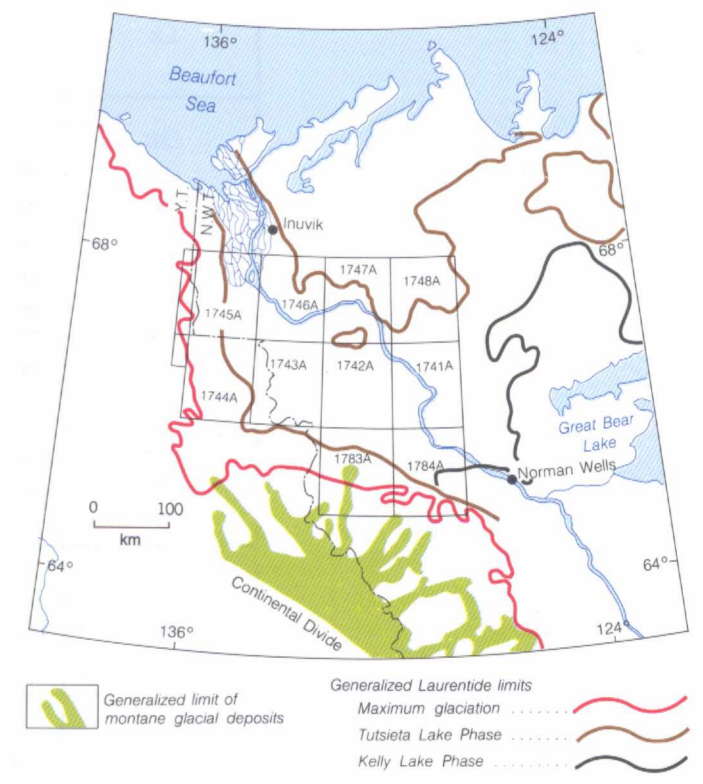
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