

### LEGEND

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**QUATERNARY**

**HOLOCENE**

- Fpt** FLUVIAL DEPOSITS (nonglacial alluvial floodplain, terrace, fan, and delta topsets): gravel, sand, boulders, minor silt, and muck; 1–10 m thick; deposited in braided plains.
- Mv** MARINE VEENER: sand, silt, and gravel; 0.5–2 m thick; discontinuous cover of littoral and offshore sediment including beach ridges and sea-ice-rafter debris; mimics surface of underlying till or rock. Fine-grained sediment bears a continuous vegetation cover patterned with supralittoral rills.
- GMD** GLACIAL MARINE DELTA: sand, silt, gravel, and boulders; 2–30 m thick; deposited in the high proglacial sea.
- GMB** GLACIAL MARINE BLANKET: sand, silt, minor gravel, and dropstones; 2–30 m thick; deposited from suspension and iceberg rafting; locally capped by Holocene marine regression sediments.
- GFpt** GLACIOFLUVIAL OUTWASH: stratified gravel and sand; 1–30 m thick; proglacial floodplains, terraces, and fans; includes kame terraces, minor subglacial and subaqueous deposits, glacial lacustrine channelled deltas and fans; locally kettled; grade to glacial marine deltas at marine limit; may include washed till surfaces with few lines.
- Gr** GLACIOFLUVIAL ICE-CONTACT DEPOSITS (eskers and kames): poorly stratified to sorted gravel, sand, and boulders; 5–20 m thick; forming ridges and hummocks.

**EARLY HOLOCENE AND WISCONSINAN**

- Th** Hummocky till: diamiction which may be underlain by remnant glacier ice; 1–20 m thick; rolling to hummocky; mainly in Frobisher Bay moraines.
- Tb** Till blanket: diamiction; 1–10 m thick; undulating plain with minor fluted, hummocky, ridged, ribbed, or channelled areas; soft-sediment lobes on steeper slopes; thick end moraines; minor till veneer or glaciofluvial outwash; rare glaciofluvial lines.
- Tv** Till veneer: diamiction; 0.5–2 m thick; >40% of area is till, <60% of area is rock ridges and knobs; and rubble; bedrock topography is evident; minor till blanket, minor colluvium, including talus, colluvial fans, soft-sediment lobes, and undifferentiated valley-bottom deposits; minor washed-till boulder fields.

**QUATERNARY AND PRE-QUATERNARY**

**BEDROCK AND ROCK WEATHERING PRODUCTS:** intact and frost-riven outcrop, discontinuous cover of rubble, boulders, gravel, sand, and minor silt; glacially scoured to frost-riven or disaggregated outcrops; <40% till and boulder fields (including till from which finer fraction was washed by glacial meltwater or a higher sea), and colluvium; very minor fluvial deposits, muck, or raised marine nearshore and shoreline deposits. Topography variable from rolling to rough with some major and numerous minor ridges and scarps. Vegetation continuous to absent, low acute to mid-acute depending on substrate, exposure, and elevation. Subdivided by M.R. St-Onge by resistance to weathering, least to most: units OI, Ps, Pc, APT, and Pg.

- OI** Ordovician limestone.
- Ps** Clastic metasedimentary rocks of Paleoproterozoic; Sugsik and Lake Harbour groups and Blandford Bay assemblage.
- Pc** Marble of Paleoproterozoic Lake Harbour Group.
- APT** Tonallite-monzonite orthogneiss of Archean Superior Province and of Paleoproterozoic Narsajuaq arc and Ramsey River.
- Pg** Monzonite of Paleoproterozoic Cumberland batholith.

Surficial materials contact  
 Cirque  
 Ice-moulded rock  
 Striation (sense known, unknown)  
 Till lineation/streamline/smear  
 Drumlin  
 Esker  
 Interlobate moraine  
 End and/or lateral moraine  
 Assumed ice margin (readvance/recession); thick till on proximal side  
 Subaqueous push moraine (De Geer moraine)  
 Subglacial or proglacial meltwater outlet (flow direction known, unknown)  
 Lateral (sidehill) meltwater channel; barb upslope  
 Perched delta; marine or glaciofluvial  
 Glacial lake shoreline  
 Limit of marine inundation, observed  
 Limit of marine inundation, interpolated where data permits  
 Beach ridges, prominent  
 Solifluction terrace  
 River icing  
 Elevation (m): w - washing limit, d - delta top, b - beach  
 °C date location (see Table 1)  
 Ground observation  
 Till sample

### REFERENCE

St-Onge, M.R., Scott, D.J., and Wodicka, N. 1999. Geology, White Strait, Nunavut. Geological Survey of Canada, Map 1995A, scale 1:100 000.

Map no.	Age <sup>1</sup>	Lab. identification	Elev. (m)	Material
1	43 350 ± 2100	AA-12605	114	Mollusc
2	37 350 ± 1050	AA-12606	114	Mollusc
3	34 390 ± 710	AA-7899	15	Mollusc
4	8155 ± 95	AA-12609	55	Mollusc
5	7980 ± 220	GSC-425	75	Mollusc
6	7845 ± 75	AA-13050	34	Mollusc
7	7775 ± 95	AA-12607	58	Mollusc
8	7710 ± 190	GSC-5699	49	Mollusc
9	7540 ± 130	GSC-5677	45	Mollusc
10	7410 ± 70	AA-7900	-11	Mollusc
11	7330 ± 200	GSC-5698	39	Mollusc
12	6255 ± 65	AA-7898	-1	Mollusc

<sup>1</sup>Table 1. Summary of radiocarbon dates. <sup>1</sup>For nonmarine material, the normalized age (machine age corrected to a 0°C = -25‰) is given where available, otherwise the uncorrected age is given. For marine organisms, where the isotopic ratio is known the age is corrected following GSC convention to a 0°C = 0‰, which is equivalent to subtracting a marine reservoir effect of 400 years from a normalized age; otherwise the uncorrected age (which incorporates the marine reservoir effect) is given.

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LOCATION MAP

MAP 2048A  
**SURFICIAL GEOLOGY**  
**WHITE STRAIT**  
**BAFFIN ISLAND**  
**NUNAVUT**

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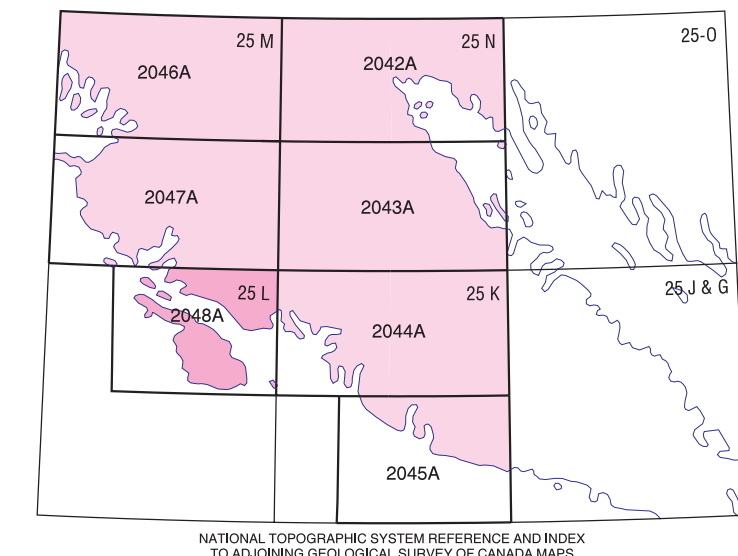
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Elevations in metres above mean sea level

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Mean magnetic declination 2003, 32°19' W, decreasing 22.0' annually. Readings vary from 31°44' W in the SW corner to 32°51' W in the NE corner of the map.



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