

## LEGEND

**PLEISTOCENE AND HOLOCENE, UNDIVIDED**

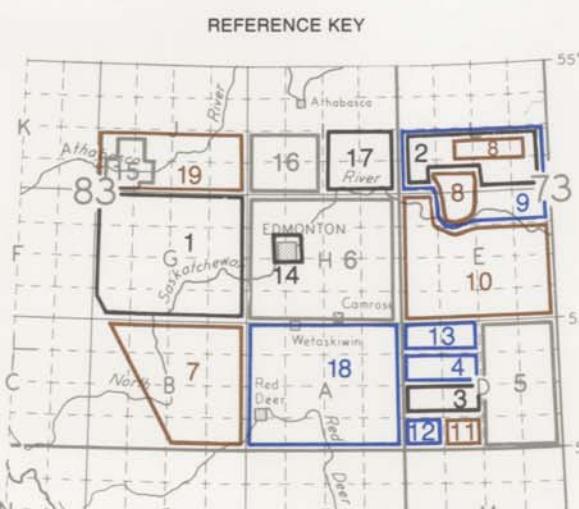
- 0 ORGANIC DEPOSIT: woody, fibrous and mucky peat; up to 7 m thick; present in bogs, fens, swamps and marshes; generally flat topography.
- 1 EOLIAN DEPOSIT: fine and medium-grained sand and silt; up to 7 m thick; longitudinal and parabolic dunes scoured by blowouts; undulating topography.
- 2a Coarse sediment: sand and silt; undulating surface in places modified by wind.
- 2b Fine sediment: silt and clay; flat to gently undulating surface.
- 3a Coarse sediment: gravel, sand and silt, fine to coarse-grained sand, minor silt beds.
- 3b Fine sediment: fine sand, silt and clay, minor gravel beds.
- 4 STREAM AND SLOPEWASH ERODED DEPOSIT: exposed till and bedrock, local slump material; slopes of river valleys and meltwater channels, in places badland type terrain.

**PLEISTOCENE**

- 5 CRYOFLUVIDATED EOLIAN (LOESS) AND FLUVIAL DEPOSIT: mixed fine sand, silt and gravel, local clay; up to 15 m thick; overlies preglacial gravel and sand on the unglaciated Cypress Hills and Del Bonita uplands; flat to gently undulating topography.
- 6 ICE-CONTACT LACUSTRIAL DEPOSIT: sand, silt and clay; local till; up to 20 m thick; deposited in supraglacial and ice-walled lakes or in proglacial lakes floored by ice; undulating to hummocky topography.
- 6a Coarse sediment: sand and silt.
- 6b Fine sediment: silt and clay.
- 7a ICE-CONTACT FLUVIAL DEPOSIT: gravel, sand, silt and clay, local till; up to 25 m thick; deposited in ice-walled and supraglacial streams, or in ice-front fans and deltas; undulating to hummocky topography.
- 7b Coarse sediment: gravel, gravel and sand, fine to coarse-grained sand.
- 8 ICE-CONTACT LACUSTRIAL AND FLUVIAL DEPOSITS, UNDIVIDED: gravel, sand, silt and clay, local till; up to 25 m thick; deposited in intermittent supraglacial lakes and streams, or at margins of ice-flowered proglacial lakes; undulating to hummocky topography.
- 9 GLACIAL DEPOSIT (Units 9 through 12a): till consisting of unsorted mixture of clay, silt, sand and gravel, with local water-sorted material and bedrock; the thickness is generally less than 25 m on uplands, but may reach as much as 100 m in buried valleys; flat, undulating, hummocky or ridged topography.
- 10a DRAPE MORaine: till of even thickness, with minor amounts of water-sorted material and local bedrock exposures; up to 10 m thick; includes local areas of undifferentiated subglacially modified deposit with streamlined features; flat to undulating surface reflecting topography of underlying bedrock and other deposits.
- 10b Hummocky topography with local relief generally less than 3 m.
- 10c Hummocky topography moderately to weakly developed, with irregularly shaped and poorly defined knobs and kettle holes; local relief 3 to 10 m.
- 10d Mixed hummocky and moraine plateau topography; flat-topped irregularly shaped hills with a cover of stratified sand, silt and clay, interspersed with mounts composed of till; local relief 5 to 20 m.
- 11 RIDGED END MORaine: till and gravel; deposited in ridges at or near a glacier margin; up to 15 m thick; typically forms a series of parallel ridges.
- 12 ICE-THRUST MORaine: mixed and contorted bedrock, till and water-sorted material that have been deformed by ice in a more-or-less intact state as thrust blocks, or deformed into thrust slabs and folds; up to 100 m thick topography consists of ridges, irregularly shaped hills and depressions.
- 12a ICE-THRUST AND STAGNATION MORaine, UNDIVIDED: bedrock, till, local water-sorted material; up to 50 m thick; rolling to hummocky topography.
- 13a GLACIAL AND FLUVIAL DEPOSITS, UNDIVIDED: mixed till, sand, silt and gravel, local bedrock exposures; flat to hummocky topography.
- 13b Stagnation moraine interspersed with fluvial deposit; the thickness unknown; rolling to hummocky topography locally strongly modified by stream erosion.
- 14a GLACIAL AND FLUVIAL DEPOSITS, UNDIVIDED: mixed till, sand, silt and gravel, local bedrock exposures; flat to hummocky topography.
- 14b Stagnation moraine interspersed with fluvial deposit; thickness unknown; rolling to hummocky topography.
- 15 FLUVIAL DEPOSIT: gravel and sand, minor silt beds; up to 10 m thick found overlying bedrock in upland areas, but generally covered by till or water-sorted material and exposed only along crests of erosional slopes.

**CRETACEOUS, TERTIARY AND EARLY PLEISTOCENE, UNDIVIDED**

- 16 BEDROCK: sandstone, siltstone, mudstone and shale, minor ironstone, limestone and coal beds; includes slump material; 16a - unglaciated bedrock; 16b - bedrock exposed by erosion or human activities.
- 17 Surface modified by lake and stream erosion and deposition
- 18 Stagnation moraine under a cover of lacustrine sediment
- 19 End moraine ridge
- 20 Linear feature parallel to ice movement; flutes, drumlins
- 21 Linear feature transverse to ice movement; small ridges, elongated hummocks and depressions; includes crevase filling
- 22 Ice-thrust ridge
- 23 Ice-thrust block
- 24 Source depression of ice-thrust block
- 25 Esker
- 26 Major meltwater channel
- 27 Minor meltwater channel
- 28 Meltwater channel partly buried by glacial deposit
- 29 Meltwater delta
- 30 Ice-contact meltwater delta or fan
- 31 Alluvial fan



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