



## LEGEND

### Quaternary

- O** ORGANIC DEPOSITS: peat, muck; <1–5 m thick; very low relief wetland deposits; commonly in low-lying areas; accumulated in fen, bog, swamp, and marsh settings; in permafrost areas commonly includes permafrost features such as patterned ground and peat palsas.
- Lm** SHORELINE SEDIMENTS: sand and gravel; 1–2 m thick; beaches; formed by waves at the margins of modern lakes
- E** EOLIAN: sand and minor silt; dunes, blowouts and undulating plains; generally overlies deltaic sediments, coarse lacustrine sediments, or glaciofluvial deposits
- A** ALLUVIAL SEDIMENTS: sand and gravel, sand, silt, clay, organic detritus; 1–20 m thick; channel and overbank sediments; reworked by existing rivers and deposited primarily as bars
- Ms** MARGINAL GLACIOMARINE SEDIMENTS: littoral sand and gravel; 1–10 m thick; beach ridges, spits, bars; formed by waves at the margin of the glacial Tyrrell Sea and present-day Hudson Bay
- M** OFFSHORE GLACIOMARINE SEDIMENTS: clay, silt, minor sand; 1–20 m thick; very low relief massive and laminated deposits which are commonly overlain by peat; deposited from suspension in the offshore, deep water of the glacial Tyrrell Sea and present-day Hudson Bay
- Ls** MARGINAL GLACIOLACUSTRINE SEDIMENTS: sand and gravel; 1–20 m thick; beach ridges, spits, bars, littoral sand and gravel; formed by waves at the margin of glacial Lake Agassiz and other small proglacial lakes in the extreme northwestern portion of the province
- Lc** OFFSHORE GLACIOLACUSTRINE SEDIMENTS: clay, silt, minor sand; 1–20 m thick; low relief massive and laminated deposits; deposited from suspension in offshore, deep water of glacial Lake Agassiz; commonly scoured and homogenized by icebergs
- Gs** DISTAL GLACIOFLUVIAL SEDIMENTS: fine sand, minor gravel, thin silt and clay interbeds; 1–75 m thick; subaqueous outwash fans; deposited in glacial Lake Agassiz by meltwater turbidity currents; commonly reshaped by wave erosion and reworked by wind
- G** PROXIMAL GLACIOFLUVIAL SEDIMENTS: sand and gravel; 1–20 m thick; complex deposits, belts with single or multiple esker ridges and kames, as well as thin, low-relief deposits; deposited in contact with glacial ice by meltwater

**TILL:** diamicton; unsorted glacial debris; 1–75 m thick; generally low-relief, commonly streamlined deposits; in Lake Agassiz basin areas, till can be wave-washed, covered discontinuously by a thin veneer of glaciolacustrine sediments and scoured by icebergs; thicker sequences, primarily in the Hudson Bay Lowland, consist of multiple units of varying texture and provenance

- Tc** Silt diamicton; largely derived from Phanerozoic carbonate rocks from the Hudson Bay Lowland and deposited by an ice stream emanating from Hudson Bay
- Tp** Sand diamicton; commonly bouldery, predominantly composed of Precambrian crystalline rocks and deposited by ice emanating from Nunavut

### Pre-Quaternary

**ROCK:** > 75% bedrock outcrop; generally subglacially eroded and unweathered; in areas of permafrost includes frost shattered, angular, monolithic boulder fields (Felsenmeer)

- Rc** Paleozoic terrane; carbonate-dominated rocks in areas west of Lake Winnipeg, exposed typically as glacially striated, low-relief surfaces, and along large river valleys in the Hudson Bay Lowland
- Rp** Precambrian terrane; intrusive, metasedimentary, and metavolcanic rocks having a glacially scoured irregular surface with high local relief

Uncoloured legend blocks indicate units that do not appear on this map.  
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To aid the reader, a shadow effect has been added to exaggerate the topographic relief based on data from the Shuttle Radar Topography Mission Digital Elevation Model<sup>1</sup>.

<sup>1</sup> United States Geological Survey 2002: Shuttle radar topography mission, digital elevation model, Manitoba: United States Geological Survey, URL: <http://ned.usgs.gov/pubdata/ned/>, portions of files N48W88N/hgt.zip through N60W102/hgt.zip, 1.5 Mb (variable), 90 m cell, zipped hgt format (Mar 2003).

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