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# Background Groundwater Concentrations at Sites in British Columbia

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## List of Acronyms

<b>AiP</b>	-	Approval in Principle
<b>AOI</b>	-	area of interest
<b>bgs</b>	-	below ground surface
<b>BCER</b>	-	British Columbia Energy Regulator
<b>COC</b>	-	contaminant of concern
<b>CofC</b>	-	Certificate of Compliance
<b>CSAP Society</b>	-	Society of Contaminated Sites Approved Professionals of BC
<b>ENV</b>	-	BC Ministry of Environment and Parks
<b>PGL</b>	-	PGL Environmental Consultants
<b>UST</b>	-	underground fuel storage tank

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## **III. REQUEST FOR COMMENTS**

We welcome all comments and feedback. We are particularly interested in observations and experiences that practitioners have with background concentrations in groundwater in BC that could inform potential follow-up studies.

## 1.0 INTRODUCTION

The Society of Contaminated Sites Approved Professionals of British Columbia (CSAP Society) retained PGL Environmental Consultants (PGL) to research and propose, if possible, additional background groundwater concentrations for regions in BC. This document summarizes the project methodology, results, conclusions, and recommendations.

## 2.0 BACKGROUND

The release of the Stage 11 amendments to the BC Contaminated Sites Regulation in November 2017 resulted in lowered groundwater standards for several dissolved metals and metalloids and/or created standards that previously did not exist. The BC Ministry of Environment and Parks (ENV) recognized the challenge that this created within the industry and initiated a program of reviewing regional background groundwater quality conditions for metals/metalloids within five regions of the province.

In 2018 (revised in 2020), Core6 Environmental Ltd. (Core6) completed a study at the direction of the ENV (2018 Background Study) to review naturally occurring regional background groundwater quality within the following five regions of the province and establish regional backgrounds, if possible.

- Lower Mainland
- Thompson Okanagan
- Southern Vancouver Island
- Northeast BC
- Prince George

The 2018 Background Study supported the development of background groundwater concentrations for three out of five regions: Lower Mainland (including sub-regions 1 and 2), Thompson Okanagan, and Southern Vancouver Island. The local background concentrations for these three regions are available in Table 1 of Protocol 9 Establishing Local Background Concentrations in Groundwater,<sup>1</sup> and the underlying dataset used to develop the background levels (Background Concentrations in Groundwater Database) are published on the ENV website.<sup>2</sup> At the time of the 2018 Background Study, there was insufficient data to establish regional backgrounds in the Northeast BC and Prince George regions.

CSAP practitioners have identified that natural background levels of metals in groundwater can pose potential issues at sites in other parts of the province including the Northeast BC and Prince George regions. Elevated concentrations of metals unrelated to site activities may result in additional costs and potential delays of projects.

The CSAP Society commissioned this project to (1) assess whether it is now possible to establish regional background for the Northeast BC and Prince George regions using data that has become available since the 2018 Background Study, and (2) evaluate the feasibility of establishing background in new regions of the province that are outside the footprint of the 2018 Background Study areas. An overview of study areas is presented in Figures 0.1 through 0.4.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/environment/air-land-water/site-remediation/docs/protocols/protocol09.pdf>

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### 3.0 SCOPE OF WORK

The scope of work included the tasks listed below.

- Review and adopt the methodology from the 2018 Background Study for Site Registry database searches, identifying potential background sites, and assessing suitability of monitoring wells.
- For the Northeast BC and Prince George regions, identify new potential background sites, and obtain and review associated site investigation reports. Assess if sufficient suitable sites are available for follow-up studies.
- Identify new areas of interest (AOI) outside the footprint of the established three background regions and evaluate feasibility of establishing background in these AOIs.
- Connect with the British Columbia Energy Regulator (BCER) about available reports from potential background sites that are not available through the ENV's Site Registry.

Augmenting the dataset of the three existing regions established in the 2018 Background Study with data from regulatory applications between 2018 and 2024 was not within the scope of this project. PGL relied on the ENV to provide datasets with lists of potential background sites from the Site Registry.

### 4.0 METHODOLOGY

The following sections describe the methodology for the evaluation of background regions.

#### 4.1 Identify Additional Potential Sites for Northeast BC and Prince George Regions

There were insufficient suitable background sites to establish regional backgrounds in the Northeast BC and Prince George regions (Figure 0.1) in the 2018 Background Study. The ENV provided PGL with a dataset from the Site Registry that contained regulatory applications organized by Site IDs from the years 2018 to 2024. The 2018–2024 dataset (Section 4.2.1) was used to identify new potential background sites to augment the suitable sites identified in the 2018 Background Study to reach a threshold of 10 background sites (Section 4.6) for establishing regional background for the two areas.

#### 4.2 Identifying New Areas of Interest

The starting point to define new AOIs outside the footprint of the 2018 Background Study regions was to identify continuous regional surficial geologic units of the same or similar type in areas with an abundance of Site IDs, which could potentially yield sufficient suitable sites to conduct statistical analysis. The geologic units would define the spatial boundaries of potential background regions.

Surficial geology for each study region was assessed by reviewing surficial soil and geological data available from various sources (referenced in Appendix 1) and Geological Maps (Appendix 2), including:

- BC Soils Information Finder Tool for digital data including soil and quaternary geology
- Geological Survey of Canada published maps
- British Columbia Geological Survey and Geoscience BC published maps and digital data
- BC Water Resources Atlas for mapped aquifers

Where available, digital data or portions of published maps were compiled onto figures for each region. The maps were examined for information that could identify areas with surficial geology that are generally associated with fluvial and/or glacial units, since these were considered amenable to further assessment of background groundwater conditions as they are consistent with the types of material in the other established regions in BC.

PGL identified the Columbia, Skeena, and Bulkley Rivers catchments as areas that may comprise similar geology. The Penticton to Osoyoos area is within the Okanagan Basin, which is an extension of the established Thompson-Okanagan background area including Kelowna and Vernon. It was also expected that the geology on the eastern coast of Vancouver Island, north of the established South Vancouver Island background region, could be a similar type. These areas also contained larger municipalities and urban centres with many Site IDs.

Four regions were retained as AOIs (Figures 0.2 through 0.4) to evaluate the feasibility of potentially establishing groundwater background and were given the following designations:

- Mid-Island
- Skeena-Bulkley
- Columbia River
- Penticton

#### 4.3 Site Registry Datasets

The ENV provided datasets from the Site Registry database to facilitate site identification. Analogous to the 2018 Background Study, the ENV applied a 'filter' to the database queries, which limited the output of Site IDs to sites that contained any of the following investigation, application, determination, and/or certification categories:

- Protocol 9 Determinations
- Determinations (site not contaminated)
- Approval in Principle (AiP)
- Certificates of Compliance (CofC)
- Investigation reports (Stage 2 Preliminary Site Investigation, Detailed Site Investigation, etc.)

The ENV conducted queries from two separate databases, which covered two separate time spans (i.e., pre-2018 and 2018 to 2024) and produced datasets with different formats and information. The following two sections summarize the attributes of the two datasets.

##### 4.3.1 2018–2024 Dataset

The ENV provided the data from this database as a single spreadsheet that contained a *province-wide* list of 872 Site Registry entries of unique Site IDs for which regulatory applications were received between the years 2018 and 2024 (i.e., in the time since the 2018 Background Study was conducted). For each Site ID, the spreadsheet contained information for the following attributes:

- City
- Common name (e.g., "Langara Autobody")
- Review Process (CSAP or ENV)
- Risk Designation (Non-High Risk or High Risk)
- Service Family (Instrument Applications, Decisions)
- Service Type (e.g., AiP, CofC numeric, CofC DRA, CofC SLRA, Preliminary Determination, Final Determination, Protocol 9 Background)



The attribute 'Service Type' was coded for a single 'highest tier' application or submission in the dataset received from the ENV. Data scrubbing tasks to allow for summary statistics and site identification included the following:

- Missing municipality names were added, and locations of Site IDs verified using iMapBC.
- City names were spell checked and corrected.
- Each Site ID, based on its spatial location, was assigned to an established background region, background region under re-evaluation (i.e., Prince George and Northeast BC), a new AOI (i.e., Mid-Island, Skeena-Bulkley, Columbia River, Penticton), or aggregated into a category outside footprint of any preceding areas/regions (i.e., 'Rest of BC').
- Site IDs that were already used in the 2018 Background Study were flagged and not used in the evaluation.
- Affiliated Site IDs (e.g., affected parcels, subdivision daughter parcels, environmental management areas, etc.) were identified, and a single 'parent' Site ID was designated to avoid duplication by establishing a single site.

Summary statistics conducted on the 2018–2024 dataset was used to identify areas of the province that had high activities for Site Registry entries, particularly for Protocol 9 determinations.

#### 4.3.2 Pre-2018 Dataset

There was no *province-wide* dataset available for Site Registry entries with applications or regulatory submissions dated prior to 2018. PGL provided the ENV with AOIs and received individual spreadsheets for the four new areas under evaluation. In contrast to the 2018–2024 spreadsheet, the pre-2018 spreadsheets contained multiple entries per Site IDs (i.e., Site IDs were not coded for the 'highest tier' application or submission for the 'Service Type' attribute).

Data scrubbing tasks to allow for summary statistics and site identification included the following:

- Application and/or certification notation categories were coded for the 'highest tier' 'Service Type' to derive unique Site ID entries. The most relevant 'Service Type' attribute was used to derive a single 'Service Type' in the following order of priority: Protocol 9, Determination, CofC, AiP, investigation reports.
- Each unique Site ID was assigned to an AOI and/or background region under re-evaluation.
- Affiliated Site IDs (e.g., affected parcels, subdivision daughter parcels, environmental management areas, etc.) were identified, and a single 'parent' Site ID was designated to avoid duplication by establishing a single site.

#### 4.4 Site Identification

For the Northeast BC and Prince George regions, the 2018 Background Study already completed a review of sites that were in the Site Registry before 2018. Therefore, the identification of Site IDs for these two regions was limited to the 2018–2024 Dataset. Suitable background sites identified in the 2018 Background Study are shown as green squares on the Figures for Northeast BC and Prince George. Potential background sites identified by PGL in the 2018–2024 Dataset are shown as red dots with associated Site IDs in the Figures.

For new AOIs that were not previously reviewed in the 2018 Background study (i.e., Mid-Island, Skeena-Bulkley, Columbia, Penticton), a search for Site IDs was completed for both the pre-2018 and 2018–2024 datasets. The two datasets were merged, and Site IDs that were listed in both the pre-2018 and the 2018–2024 datasets were flagged as duplicate entries. Sites listed in the 2018–2024 dataset were carried forward as single Site ID entry since they would have contained more recent information about a site.

In a first iteration, Site ID locations for the above regions were plotted onto figures with surficial geology maps to evaluate their locations with respect to the underlying geological units. If plotted Site ID locations were in proximity of each other and/or had consecutive Site ID numbers, the locations were further reviewed to identify potential duplications. If duplication was identified, multiple Site IDs were amalgamated to derive a single 'parent' potential background site, which was represented by the Site ID with the most recent Site Registry notation.

Examples of duplicates that were combined into single background sites include offsite migration with a source parcel spawning multiple affected parcels, or Site IDs that were discontinued in favour of another Site ID, or multiple Site IDs that were associated with a parent Site ID due to subdivision.

In a final iteration, following amalgamation and removal of duplicate entries, potential background sites identified by PGL in the pre-2018 and/or the 2018–2024 datasets and suitable background sites identified in the 2018 Background Study were included in Figures 1.1 through 6.4.

#### **4.5 Report Review and Well Selection Criteria**

Pertinent Site Details Reports, investigation reports, determinations, and/or certification documents were requested from the ENV and/or CSAP Society for a review of sites identified in the 2018–2024 dataset for Northeast BC and Prince George.

To ensure analytical data was representative of naturally occurring background conditions and not influenced by anthropogenic sources or secondary impacts, each selected report and the data within it was reviewed and evaluated based on a well selection criteria established in the 2018 Background Study.

Below is a summary of prerequisites and precluding conditions for report review and well selection to identify suitable background sites, adopted from the 2018 Background Study. Precluding conditions were only assessed if prerequisites were met.

##### Prerequisites

- Reports contain metals and metalloid data.
- Geographical location of the site must be known.
- Borehole logs were present with stratigraphic information.

##### Precluding Conditions

- Monitoring well must not be screened within fill or backfill.
- Monitoring well must not be influenced by secondary contaminant release processes.
- Monitoring well must not be screened in deep aquifers or bedrock.
- Monitoring well must not be situated in close proximity down- or cross-gradient from the contaminant source.
- There must not be detectable concentrations of contaminants of concern (COCs) in soil in the screened interval of monitoring well, or directly above the screen, with the potential to affect metal concentration in well screen due to secondary release processes.
- Exclude analytical data if concentrations are less than the laboratory detection limit and the standards are lower than the detection limit.

### Application of Screening Criteria

Some precluding conditions such as exclusions of monitoring wells screened in fill or backfill are clear cutoff criteria. Other conditions such as location and distance of monitoring wells relative to the contaminant source are of qualitative nature and require evaluation on a case-by-case basis based on site conditions.

## 4.6 Statistical Analysis

The 2018 Background Study generally followed Protocol 9 procedures for statistical analysis to establish groundwater background. Below is a high-level summary of the procedure.

- Establish background for sites
  - 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of multiple sampling events per monitoring well
  - 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of multiple monitoring wells per site
- Establish background for regions
  - Required minimum 10 sites for evaluation
  - Outlier tests and data distribution analysis (e.g., QQ plot, etc.)
  - 95<sup>th</sup> percentile of all sites

Statistical analysis was not conducted for this project because additional review of hydrogeological and geochemical data is needed to determine whether sites in Northeast BC and Prince George regions can be used to achieve the threshold of 10 sites per region.

## 5.0 RESULTS

### 5.1 Summary Statistics

Table A presents the summary statistics of the 2018–2024 dataset for the five 2018 Background Study regions and for all the other areas of BC outside the footprint of these regions, designated 'Rest of BC' in the table as point of reference for how many Site IDs are available in the various regions. It is evident that the bulk of new Site Registry entries since 2018 were in the largest urban centres where the 2018 Background Study was able to establish background areas. Fewer potential background sites are available in less populous areas of BC.

**Table A: Number of Site IDs by Province-wide Regions and Service Type**

Regions	Notations					Total
	AiP	CofC	Determination (Final)	Determination (Preliminary)	P9	
Lower Mainland	129	340	78	8	10	565
South Vancouver Island	22	56	9		2	89
Thompson-Okanagan	4	40	3		4	51
Northeast BC		5			4	9
Prince George	1	9	2		2	14
Rest of BC	13	100	17	3	10	143
<b>Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>550</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>871</b>

Table B shows that the four new regions selected for evaluation account for 88 out of 143 (~60%) Site IDs from the areas outside the footprint of the 2018 Background Study regions (aka 'Rest of BC') and 8 out of 10 for Protocol 9 determinations (80%) based on the 2018–2024 dataset.

**Table B: Number of Site IDs by New Regions and Service Type**

Potential Regions	Notations					Total
	AiP	CofC	Determination (Final)	Determination (Preliminary)	P9	
Penticton	1	4	1	1	1	8
Mid-Island	1	14	3	1	2	21
Skeena-Bulkley	3	23	2		1	29
Columbia River		25	1		4	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>88</b>

Based on the above Site Registry activity since the 2018 Background Study, it appeared that the four new regions could potentially yield sufficient data for evaluating background if sites from the pre-2018 dataset were also included.

## 5.2 Prince George

### 5.2.1 Geology

Prince George had previously been identified as a potential background region in the 2018 Background Study. Due to insufficient background sites available at the time, no regional background values could be determined. The 2018 Background Study identified four suitable sites with Site IDs 2151, 3217, 8397, and 11952 (Figure 1.1).

We reviewed available geological information for Williams Lake, Vanderhoof, Quesnel, and 150 Mile House to potentially increase the spatial extent and thus the number of potentially suitable background sites for considerations in this area. The published resources available to assess surficial geology and soils in the Prince George region included:

- British Columbia Geological Survey Open File 2017-8, 9p. Data version 2019-12-19 via BC Data Catalogue
- BC Soils Information Finder Tool, 2018 via BC Data Catalogue
- Geological Survey of Canada, Map 1288A Surficial geology, Prince George
- Geological Survey of Canada, Map 3-1969 Surficial geology, Prince George, BC

The surficial geology of the Prince George region generally consists of glacial sediments and can generally be described as till, eskers, drumlins, glaciolacustrine, and glaciofluvial deposits that overly bedrock. The City of Prince George is within the glaciolacustrine deposits of a former glacial lake and glaciofluvial deposits from a former outwash plain. Review of mapped aquifers through the BC Water Resources Atlas identified that the same area is underlain by an unconfined sand and gravel aquifer described as alluvial sands and gravels (Lower Nechako River Aquifer #92).

The surficial geology of Williams Lake, Vanderhoof, and Quesnel can generally be described as fluvial, glacial lacustrine, and glacial till. These areas of fluvial, glaciolacustrine, and till are amenable to further assessment of background groundwater conditions as they are consistent with the types of material in the Prince George area to the north. Mapped aquifers in these areas within surficial deposits are sand and gravel aquifers hosted in glacial, fluvial, and alluvial units. Areas with surficial deposits of these types have potential for similar hydrogeological and geochemical characteristics as the Prince George region to the north.

### 5.2.2 Site Identification and Report Review

PGL identified 14 sites for review in the 2018–2024 dataset. Of those sites, 3 were affected parcels, which reduced the number of potential background sites to 11. Reports from 11 sites were obtained from the CSAP Society/ENV for review. The locations of these Site IDs and of suitable sites previously identified in the 2018 Background Study are shown on Figure 1.1.

Reports received from the ENV and/or CSAP were screened for prerequisites and precluding conditions to assess whether sites could be suitable background sites. Table C indicates the potential suitability of sites identified in the 2018–2024 dataset for further review and potential future data extraction.

Table C: Prince George Region – Screening Results

Site ID	Prerequisites			Precluding Conditions			Comments	Potential Suitable Site?
	Location Known	Borehole Logs Available	Metals Data in GW	MWs Screened in Fill / Backfill	MW Screened in Deep Aquifer or Bedrock*	Potential secondary release processes influence		
48	✓	✓	✓			✓	CofC; gas station; MWs with metal data within footprint of detectable soil and/or groundwater hydrocarbon concentrations, and/or LNAPL	No
584	✓	✓	✓	some		✓	CofC; rail yard; MWs with metal data within footprint of detectable soil and/or groundwater hydrocarbon concentrations, and/or LNAPL, and/or railway	No
1858*	✓		✓			✓	Protocol 6; bulk fuel plant and railway; MWs with metal data within footprint of detectable soil and/or groundwater hydrocarbon concentrations, and/or LNAPL, and/or railway	No
2021	✓	✓				✓	AiP; laydown area; neighbouring refinery with limited metals data in groundwater within footprint of former hazardous waste land farm	No
2097	✓	✓	✓	some	✓		Determination; service station; groundwater table >30m bgs	likely+
9980	✓	✓	✓				Protocol 9; plywood plant	Yes
10453	✓	✓	✓				CofC; sawmill	Yes
11098	✓	✓	✓		✓		CofC; Protocol 9; service station; groundwater table ~20m bgs	likely+
21231	✓	✓	✓		✓		Determination, gas station; groundwater table >20m bgs; site is ~5km north of Prince George with different mapped geology compared to other sites and outside the mapped footprint of the Dawson Creek Overburden Aquifer	likely+
22338	✓	✓	Limited				CofC; shooting range; site is ~10km east of Prince George, likely within different mapped geology compared to other sites and outside the mapped footprint of the Dawson Creek Overburden Aquifer	No
22930	✓	✓	✓				CofC; repair shops	Yes

Notes:   \* Some reports or backup information unavailable at the time of reporting  
          \* Refer to discussion below for variability of depth to groundwater in Prince George  
          bgs = below ground surface

A review of available reports indicated that the location of sites, lack of metal data, potential secondary release processes, and/or deep groundwater (>20m) would preclude some sites for consideration as background sites based on screening criteria.

The 2018 Background Study had previously identified four sites, two of which had shallow screened monitoring wells (~5m bgs) and two had deep screened monitoring wells (~30m bgs). A similar pattern was noted for reviewed sites listed in Table C, whereas the depth to groundwater within the municipal boundaries of Prince George ranged from ~2m bgs to >30m bgs, which may be attributable to the slope of the land. If it can be shown that groundwater in shallow and deep zones is part of the same unconfined aquifer with similar hydrogeological and geochemical attributes, then a threshold of 10 sites for statistical analysis would be within reach.

Based on the current prerequisites and precluding conditions (Section 4.5), and assuming that the shallow and deep monitoring wells are screened within the same unconfined aquifer, the combined number of suitable sites established in the 2018 Background Study (n=4) and potential sites identified in the current study (n=6) would reach the threshold of 10 sites to evaluate background concentrations.

Refer to Section 6.0 for additional discussion.

## 5.3 Northeast BC

### 5.3.1 Geology

Fort St. John and Dawson Creek had previously been identified as a potential background region in 2018 Background Study, jointly referred to as Northeast BC. Due to insufficient background sites available at the time, no regional background values could be determined. The 2018 Background Study identified three sites in Dawson Creek with Site IDs 1962 (two sets of wells) and 14277 (Figure 2.1) and five suitable sites in Fort St. John with Site IDs 1975, 2024, 2064, 1956, and 20960 (Figure 2.2).

We reviewed the available geological information for Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge to potentially increase the spatial extent and thus the number of potentially suitable background sites for considerations in this area. The published resources available to assess surficial geology and soils in the Northeast BC region included:

- British Columbia Geological Survey Open File 2017-8, 9p. Data version 2019-12-19 via BC Data Catalogue
- BC Soils Information Finder Tool, 2018 via BC Data Catalogue
- Geoscience BC Map 2011-08-1, Compilation of Geological Survey of Canada surficial geology maps for NTS 94A and 93P

The surficial geology of Fort St. John can generally be described as till veer and glacial fluvial hummocky, while Dawson Creek can generally be described glaciolacustrine deposits. Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge are described as having streamlined till ridges. Within the Tumbler Ridge area, alluvial fan and alluvial plains are also mapped. Mapped aquifers in these areas within surficial deposits are sand and gravel aquifers hosted in glacial, fluvial, and alluvial/colluvial units.

The Fort St. John Overburden Aquifer System Aquifer #444 is mapped underneath Fort St. John as an unconfined sand and gravel unit within Mid-Wisconsinan fluvial gravel and Late-Wisconsinan

outwash. The Dawson Creek Overburden Aquifer #851 is mapped underneath Dawson Creek as a confined sand and gravel unit underlying glaciolacustrine deposits or in between till layers.

These four areas where alluvial, glaciofluvial, glaciolacustrine, and till are present at surface are amenable to further assessment of background groundwater conditions. Areas with surficial deposits of these types have potential for similar hydrogeological and geochemical characteristics; however, statistical analysis would have to be conducted to assess whether groundwater concentrations in these areas with distinct geology constitute the same population.

### 5.3.2 Site Identification and Report Review

PGL identified nine sites for review in the 2018–2024 dataset, two in Dawson Creek and seven in Fort St. John. Of the seven sites in Fort St. John, three were determined to be related parcels, leaving a total of seven sites for review. Of those, six reports could be obtained from the ENV/CSAP Society for review. Table D indicates the potential suitability of sites identified in the 2018–2024 dataset for further review and potential future data extraction.



Table D: Northeast BC Region – Site Screening Results

	Prerequisites			Precluding Conditions			Comments	Potential Suitable Site?
Site ID	Location Known	Borehole Logs Available	Metals Data in GW	MWs Screened in Fill / Backfill	MW Screened in Deep Aquifer or Bedrock	Potential secondary release processes influence		
Fort St. John								
2078	✓	✓					CofC; gas station	No
11676	✓	✓	✓				CofC; Protocol 9; fuel bulk plant and fertilizer facility	Yes
17688	✓	✓	✓				CofC; hospital	Yes
22345	✓	✓	✓		some		CofC; Protocol 9; bulk fuel plant; some of the groundwater background for MWs screened in bedrock	Yes
23550	✓	✓	✓			✓	CofC; Works yard with fueling infrastructure	No
Dawson Creek								
1994*	✓						Protocol 9; service station	potentially
28504	✓	✓	✓				Protocol 9; tank farm	Yes

Notes: \* some reports or backup information unavailable at the time of reporting

A review of available reports indicated that lack of metal data or potential influence of secondary release processes would preclude some sites for consideration as potential background sites.

The 2018 Background Study had previously identified five sites for Fort St. John and three sites for Dawson Creek. Based on the current prerequisites and precluding conditions (Section 4.5), the combined number of suitable sites established in the 2018 Background Study (n=8) and potential sites identified in the current study (n=4) for both municipalities would reach the threshold of 10 sites to evaluate background concentrations for the Northeast BC region.

However, the surficial geology in Fort St. John is mapped as till deposits, while Dawson Creek is underlain by glaciolacustrine deposits. The two municipalities are >60km apart and additional evaluation of hydrogeological and geochemical attributes is needed to determine if the two areas can be combined into one region, or if they are distinct subregions.

Refer to Section 6.0 for further discussion.

## 5.4 Mid-Island Region

We reviewed available information in the Mid-Island region from Nanoose Bay to Campbell River, BC. Currently, there is no background region established for this area as the Southern Vancouver Island Background Region extends to Nanaimo as its northernmost.

### 5.4.1 Geology

The area north of Nanaimo may be amenable to extending the Southern Vancouver Island regions farther northward or establishing a Mid-Island background region depending on the continuity of surficial geology conditions to the north. The published resources available to assess surficial geology and soils in the Mid-Island region included:

- British Columbia Geological Survey Open File 2017-8, 9p. Data version 2019-12-19 via BC Data Catalogue
- BC Soils Information Finder Tool, 2018 via BC Data Catalogue
- Geological Survey of Canada, Open File 837 Map, Surficial geology, Vancouver Island and adjacent mainland, BC
- Geological Survey of Canada, Open File 7681 Surficial geology and Pleistocene stratigraphy from Deep Bay to Nanoose Harbour, Vancouver Island, BC
- Geological Survey of Canada Map 49-1959 Surficial geology, Oyster River, Comox, Nanaimo and Sayward districts, BC
- Geological Survey of Canada Map 32-1960 Surficial geology, Courtenay, Comox, Nelson, Nanaimo and Newcastle districts, Vancouver Island, BC
- Geological Survey of Canada Map 1111A Surficial geology Horne Lake, Vancouver Island, BC
- Geological Survey of Canada Map 1112A Surficial geology, Parksville, Vancouver Island, BC
- Geological Survey of Canada Map 27-1963 Surficial geology, Nanaimo, BC
- British Columbia Soil Survey Report No. 44 Soils of Southern Vancouver Island

Based on the information reviewed, it appears that the surficial geology observed in the Mid-Island region is of similar character to that observed in the region to the south. The area appears to be generally blanketed by quaternary alluvium and cover materials that are of fluvial, glaciofluvial, glaciolacustrine, marine, and colluvial depositional origins. Areas where fluvial, glaciofluvial, glaciolacustrine, and marine deposits are dominant are amenable to further assessment of

background groundwater conditions as they are consistent with the types of material in the established region to the south.

Review of mapped aquifers through the BC Water Resources Atlas identified several mapped aquifers within the quaternary deposits that blanket the area. They are generally described as sand and gravel aquifers hosted in fluvial, lacustrine, and glaciofluvial units, which is consistent with the mapped surficial geology.

Areas with surficial deposits of these types have potential for similar hydrogeological and geochemical characteristics as the region to the south. Available hydrogeological and geochemical data for this area could be further assessed to determine whether the established background region could be extended, or a new region established.

#### 5.4.2 Site Identification

Table E summarizes the number of Site IDs that were identified in the pre-2018 and 2018–2024 datasets within the Penticton area for further evaluation for well criteria. The locations of these Site IDs are shown in Figures 3.1 through 3.4, and a list of the Site IDs is included in the attached Table 1.

**Table E: Mid-Island Region – Count of Service Type by Location**

Municipality	P9	Determination	CofC	AiP	Investigation Report	Total
<b>2018-2024 Dataset</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>16</b>
Campbell River	1	2	6			9
Comox		1	2			3
Errington			1			1
Parksville		1				1
Qualicum Beach			1			1
Union Bay				1		1
<b>Pre-2018 Dataset</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>88</b>
Bowser					1	1
Campbell River		2	13	1	16	32
Comox			1		2	3
Courtenay		1	12	2	15	30
Cumberland					3	3
Errington		1			1	2
Fanny Bay					1	1
Nanoose Bay			1		1	2
Parksville		1	1		7	9
Qualicum Beach			1		4	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>104</b>

#### 5.5 Skeena-Bulkley

We reviewed available information for the Skeena-Bulkley region including Prince Rupert, Terrace, Kitimat, the Hazeltons, Smithers, and areas between the major centres. Currently, there is no background region established for this area.

### 5.5.1 Geology

The published resources available to assess surficial geology and soils of the Skeena-Bulkley region included:

- British Columbia Geological Survey Open File 2017-8, 9p. Data version 2019-12-19 via BC Data Catalogue
- BC Soils Information Finder Tool, 2018 via BC Data Catalogue
- Geological Survey of Canada, Map 1557A Surficial geology, Skeena River-Bulkley River area, BC (5 Map Sheets)

The surficial geology in the Prince Rupert area is predominantly bedrock and soil of organic origin (i.e., peat, muck). Bedrock and colluvial deposits are predominant along the Skeena River valley to the east of Prince Rupert, except the valley bottom where alluvial deposits occur. Approaching Terrace, the surficial bedrock gradually gives way to surficial deposits of glacial origin including glaciofluvial gravels and sands, glacial till, and glaciomarine silt, clay. The glacial materials extend south toward Kitimat, with a band of alluvial deposits occurring along the Kitimat River. Glacial till and bedrock are predominant along the Skeena River valley north of Terrace toward the Hazeltons. The area of the Hazeltons is predominantly glacial till with glaciofluvial and alluvial deposits in the lower lying areas and valley bottom. The Bulkley River area from the Hazeltons to Smithers is predominantly glacial till.

Review of mapped aquifers through the BC Water Resources Atlas identified several mapped aquifers within the study area at the urban nodes of Kitimat, Terrace, the Hazeltons, Smithers, and Telkwa. The mapped aquifers are generally described as sand and gravel aquifers hosted in glacial and fluvial units, which is consistent with the mapped surficial geology in those locations.

It is unlikely that a continuous background region could be established along the Skeena-Bulkley corridor. The region would likely have to be divided into separate areas based on the predominant surficial geology:

- Prince Rupert to Terrace – Bedrock
- Terrace to Kitimat – Glaciofluvial/Alluvial
- Terrace to the Hazeltons – Bedrock/Glacial Till
- Hazeltons to Smithers – Glacial Till

Available hydrogeological and geochemical data for these areas could be further assessed to determine whether background regions could be established.

### 5.5.2 Site Identification

Table F summarizes the number of Site IDs that were identified in the pre-2018 and 2018–2024 datasets within the Penticton area for further evaluation for well criteria. The locations of these Site IDs are shown in Figures 4.1 through 4.3, and a list of the Site IDs is included in the attached Table 2.

**Table F: Skeena-Bulkley Count of Service Type by Location**

Municipality	P9	Determination	CofC	AiP	Investigation Report	Total
<b>2018-2024 Dataset</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>		<b>16</b>
Burns Lake			2	1		3
Kitimat			3	1		4
Smithers	1		1			2
Terrace		2	4	1		7
<b>Pre-2018 Dataset</b>		<b>5</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>57</b>
Burns Lake			1		1	2
Cedarvale					1	1
Decker Lake				1	1	2
Houston			5	1	2	8
Kitimat		1	1	1		3
Smithers		1	4	1	9	15
Telkwa					1	1
Terrace		3	8	2	10	23
Topley			2			2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>73</b>

## 5.6 Columbia River

We reviewed available information for the Columbia River Valley region including Revelstoke, Invermere, Canal Flats, and Radium Hot Springs. Currently, there is no background region established for this area.

### 5.6.1 Geology

The published resources available to assess surficial geology and soils of the Columbia River region included:

- British Columbia Geological Survey Open File 2017-8, 9p. Data version 2019-12-19 via BC Data Catalogue
- BC Soils Information Finder Tool, 2018 via BC Data Catalogue
- Geological Survey of Canada, Open File 156, Sixteen surficial geology maps of parts of the Columbia River valley from Donald to Revelstoke, BC

The surficial geology along the valley region can generally be described as fluvial and glaciofluvial in origin along the low-lying areas of the valley, giving way to glacial till and colluvium. The continuity of fluvial and glaciofluvial is interrupted in some areas (i.e., Canal Flats) by colluvium. Areas where fluvial, glaciofluvial, and glaciolacustrine deposits are dominant are amenable to further assessment of background groundwater conditions as they are relatively continuous through the valley.

Review of mapped aquifers through the BC Water Resources Atlas identified several mapped aquifers within the study area at the urban nodes of Revelstoke, Radium Hot Springs, Invermere, Canal Flats, and Golden. The mapped aquifers are generally described as sand and gravel aquifers hosted in glacial, fluvial, and alluvial/colluvial fan units, which is consistent with the mapped surficial geology in those locations.

Areas with surficial deposits of these types have potential for similar hydrogeological and geochemical characteristics. Available hydrogeological and geochemical data for this area could be further assessed to determine whether a background region could be established.

### 5.6.2 Site Identification

Table G summarizes the number of Site IDs that were identified in the pre-2018 and 2018–2024 datasets within the Columbia River area for further evaluation for well criteria. The locations of these Site IDs are shown in Figures 5.1 through 5.5, and a list of the Site IDs is included in the attached Table 3.

**Table G: Columbia River Region – Count of Service Type by Location**

Municipality	P9	Determination	CofC	AiP	Investigation Report	Total
<b>2018-2024 Dataset</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>			<b>22</b>
Canal Flats	1	1				2
Golden			1			1
Invermere	1					1
Jaffray			4			4
Nakusp			6			6
Radium Hot Springs			1			1
Revelstoke			2			2
Windermere	2		3			5
<b>Pre-2018 Dataset</b>		<b>3</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>41</b>
Canal Flats			1			1
Golden			9		6	15
Invermere			3		2	5
Nakusp					2	2
Radium Hot Springs					2	2
Revelstoke		3	8	3	2	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>63</b>

## 5.7 Penticton

We reviewed available information for Penticton, Keremos, Naramata, Okanagan Falls, Oliver, Osoyoos, and Summerland. Currently, there is no background region established for this area. The Thompson - Okanagan Background Region extends to Kelowna but does not continue farther south.

### 5.7.1 Geology

The published resources available to assess surficial geology and soils of the Penticton region included:

- British Columbia Geological Survey Open File 2017-8, 9p. Data version 2019-12-19 via BC Data Catalogue
- BC Soils Information Finder Tool, 2018 via BC Data Catalogue
- British Columbia Geological Survey Bulletin 46, Late glacial history and surficial deposits of the Okanagan Valley, BC
- British Columbia Soil Survey Report No. 52, Soils of the Okanagan and Similkameen Valleys.

The surficial geology within the Okanagan Valley south of Kelowna down to Osoyoos Lake can generally be described as fluvial, glaciofluvial, and glaciolacustrine with areas of glacial till and colluvium. Areas where fluvial, glaciofluvial, glaciolacustrine, and colluvium deposits are dominant are amenable to further assessment of background groundwater conditions as they are consistent with the types of material in the established region to the north.

Review of mapped aquifers through the BC Water Resources Atlas identified several mapped aquifers within the surficial deposits in the study area. The mapped aquifers are generally described as sand and gravel aquifers hosted in glacial, fluvial, and alluvial/colluvial fan units, which is consistent with the mapped surficial geology in those locations.

Areas with surficial deposits of these types have potential for similar hydrogeological and geochemical characteristics as the region to the north. Available hydrogeological and geochemical data for this area could be further assessed to determine whether the established background region could be extended, or a new region established.

### 5.7.2 Site Identification

Table H summarizes the number of Site IDs that were identified in the pre-2018 and 2018–2024 datasets within the Penticton area for further evaluation for well criteria. The locations of these Site IDs are shown in Figures 6.1 through 6.4, and a list of the Site IDs is included in the attached Table 4.

**Table H: Penticton Region - Count of Service Type by Location**

Municipality	P9	Determination	CofC	AiP	Investigation Report	Total
<b>2018-2024 Dataset</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>			<b>8</b>
Oliver		1				1
Penticton	2	1	4			7
<b>Pre-2018 Dataset</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>80</b>
Keremeos			2		3	5
Naramata					1	1
Okanagan Falls			1		2	3
Oliver		1	1	1	2	5
Osoyoos	1		3		5	9
Penticton	1	5	22	4	20	51
Summerland			1		5	6
<b>Total</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>89</b>

## 5.8 British Columbia Energy Regulator Communication

PGL approached the BCER for reports with shallow groundwater information, specifically in Northeast BC. The BCER indicated that groundwater data is collected as part of site assessments and remediation activities, but, currently, they were not able to share any information. However, re-engagement with the BCER could potentially yield additional groundwater data for evaluation.

## 6.0 CONCLUSIONS AND DISCUSSION

PGL set out to (1) assess whether the threshold of 10 potential background sites in the Northeast BC and Prince George regions has been reached using sites that have become available since the 2018 Background Study, and (2) to evaluate the feasibility of potentially establishing background in new regions of the province that are outside the footprint of the 2018 Background Study areas.

Based on our analysis, described in this report, we conclude the following:

- **Northeast BC:** Reached 10 potential background sites. Fort St. John and Dawson Creek are >60km apart and the surficial geology is till and glaciolacustrine deposits, respectively. Additional evaluation of hydrogeological and geochemical attributes is needed to determine if the two areas have similar hydrogeological and geochemical attributes to combine the potential background sites into one region, or if subregions are required.
- **Prince George:** Reached 10 potential background sites if sites with shallow and deep groundwater tables are considered. The depth of the groundwater table within the municipal boundaries varied greatly between sites and was as shallow as ~5m bgs and as deep as >20m bgs. If the monitoring wells screened in the deep water table are excluded from consideration as potentially suitable background sites, then the threshold of 10 sites to conduct statistical analysis is not reached. Additional review of hydrogeological and geochemical data is needed to evaluate whether the groundwater data from shallow and deep groundwater are of the same population.
- **Four new areas of interest (Mid-Island, Skeena-Bulkley, Columbia River, and Penticton):** Based on a review of the geological setting and number of sites, the Mid-Island, Columbia River, and Penticton regions are underlain by similar contiguous geological units and may potentially be amenable to establishing groundwater background. Many sites in these areas are former gas/service stations or related to automotive repair activities, which will require careful review of data to rule out secondary release processes. A portion of the Skeena-Bulkley region may be underlain by shallow bedrock, which may diminish the number of sites that may be suitable for establishing background groundwater.

The methodology to establish regional background uses a threshold of 10 individual, suitable sites to conduct statistical analysis to establish background. Achieving this threshold may not be feasible in areas with a low density of urban clusters. Increasing the footprint of regions may be feasible in some cases but can be limited by geological heterogeneity. An alternate approach to establishing background in regions with limited numbers of sites could be to combine suitable monitoring wells from less than 10 sites into one dataset for statistical analysis if there is reasonable spatial coverage. This approach may be amenable for Prince George and the Northeast BC regions where multiple Protocol 9 decisions have already established lithium, strontium, uranium, and/or sulphate concentrations routinely exceeding applicable Contaminated Sites Regulation standards. Metrics and criteria could be established to ensure establishment of background is based on a robust dataset even when the number of sites are limited.

Most sites in the four new potential regions for further evaluation were identified in the pre-2018 dataset. Reports from these sites are expected to be largely stored in paper format in ENV's storage, which would currently require significant resources for file retrieval. The ENV is reportedly in the process of digitizing paper-based documents in their repository. It is therefore anticipated that file retrieval will become much more expedient in the foreseeable future and will benefit additional work to establish background in new regions.



## 7.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

This study laid the groundwork to further evaluate and potentially establish groundwater background concentrations in new regions in BC. Our recommendations for follow-up studies include the following considerations:

- Obtain reports, conduct well criteria screening, extract data, and conduct statistical analysis (if feasible) for the four newly identified AOIs:
  - Penticton
  - Mid-Island
  - Columbia River
  - Skeena-Bulkley
- Extract data, conduct statistical analysis, and review hydrogeological and geochemical data to evaluate whether the groundwater data from shallow and deep groundwater in Prince George is within the same unconfined aquifer and of the same population to establish background.
- Extract data, conduct statistical analysis, and review hydrogeological and geochemical data to evaluate whether the groundwater data from Fort St. John and Dawson Creek can be correlated and combined to reach a threshold of 10 sites to establish background, or if subregions for the two municipalities are required.
- Review whether alternative statistical methods could be utilized in regions where less than 10 suitable background sites are available but local Protocol 9 Determinations were granted. This may support establishment of background with a limited spatial footprint such as the Prince George and/or Northeast BC regions.
- Evaluate expansion of the search radius for sites around the Prince George and Northeast BC regions to increase the number of suitable sites for statistical analysis:
  - Prince George: Review geology, mapped aquifers, and Site IDs for Williams Lake, Vanderhoof, Quesnel, and 150 Mile House to determine whether the spatial footprint of the Prince George region could be extended.
  - Northeast BC: Review geology, mapped aquifers, and Site IDs for Chetwynd and Tumbler Ridge to determine whether the spatial footprint of the Northeast BC region could be extended.
- Identify and exclude sites within Environmental Management Areas (formerly wide area sites) from consideration, or sites close to marine environments potentially impacted by saltwater intrusion.
- Engage with the BCER to potentially obtain groundwater analytical data for Northern BC. Obtain, if available, reports listed in the Federal Contaminated Sites Inventory.
- Refine some of the boundaries of the three established background regions.

## Figures



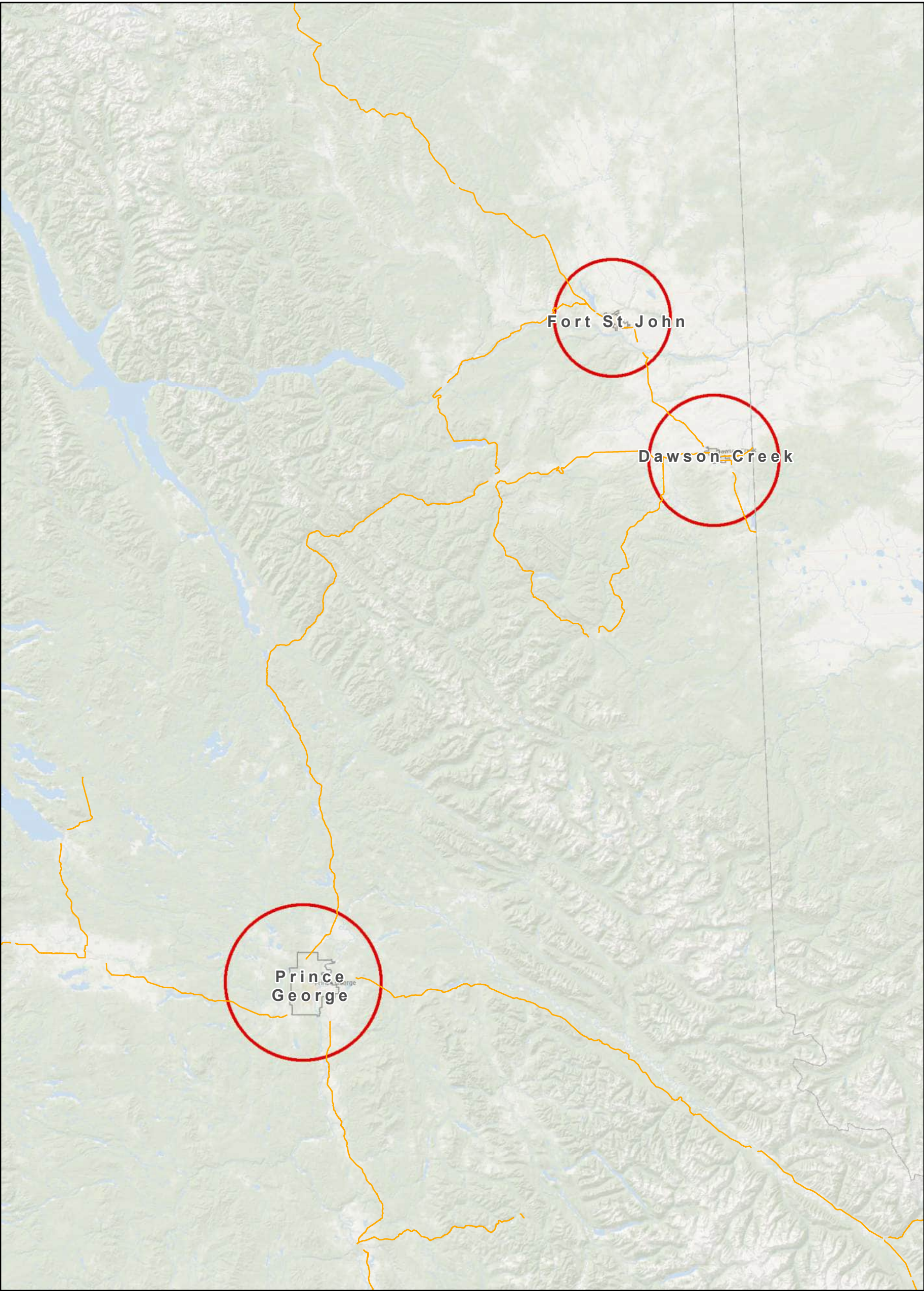
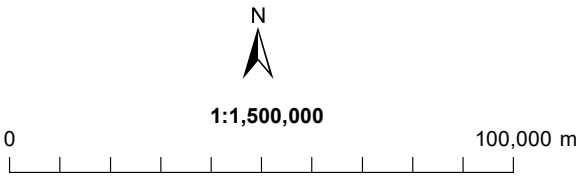


FIGURE 0.1

OVERVIEW OF STUDY AREAS – PRINCE GEORGE AND NORTHEAST BC





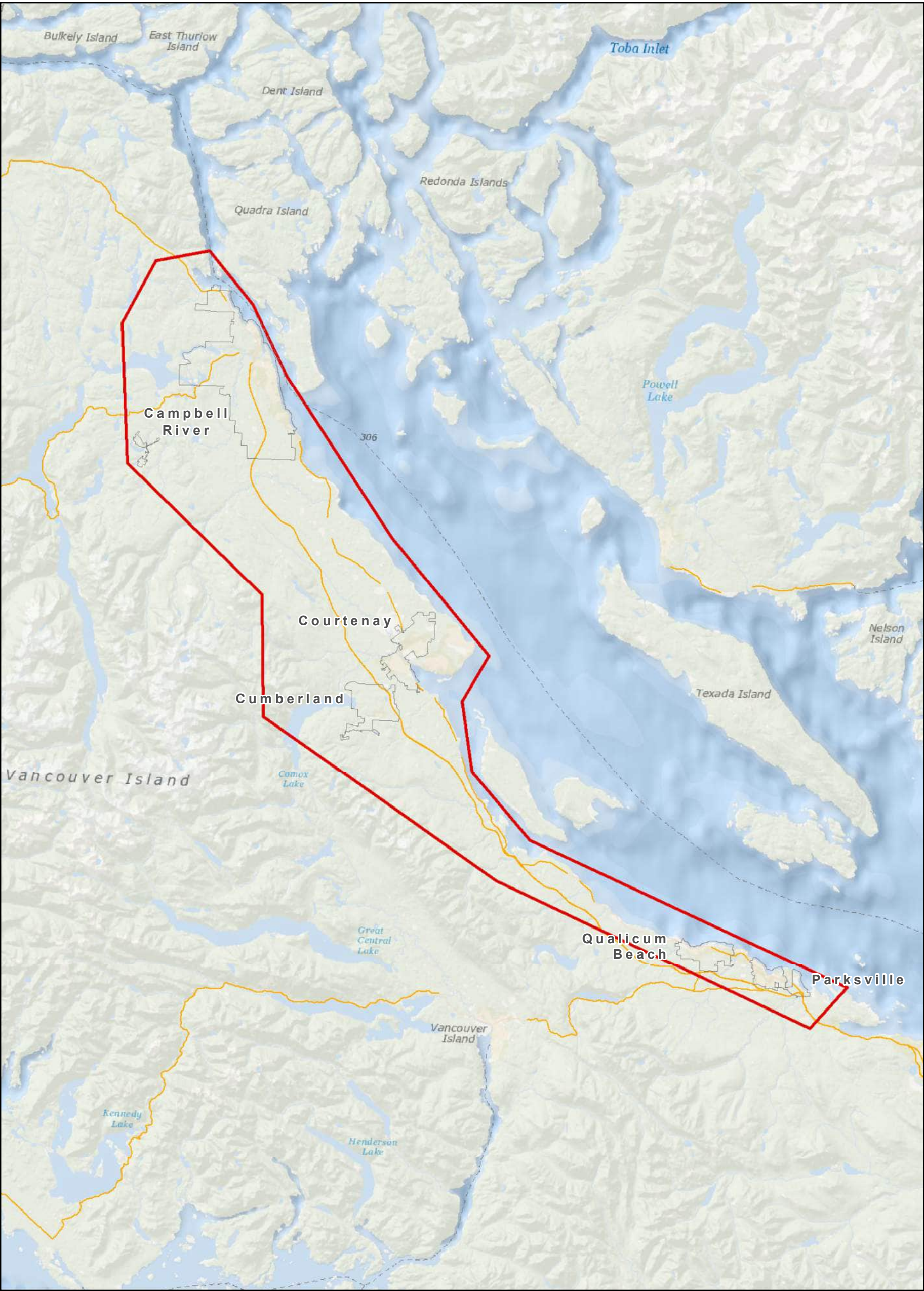
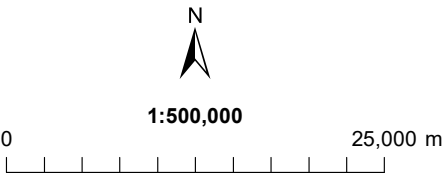


FIGURE 0.2

OVERVIEW OF STUDY AREAS – MID-VANCOUVER ISLAND





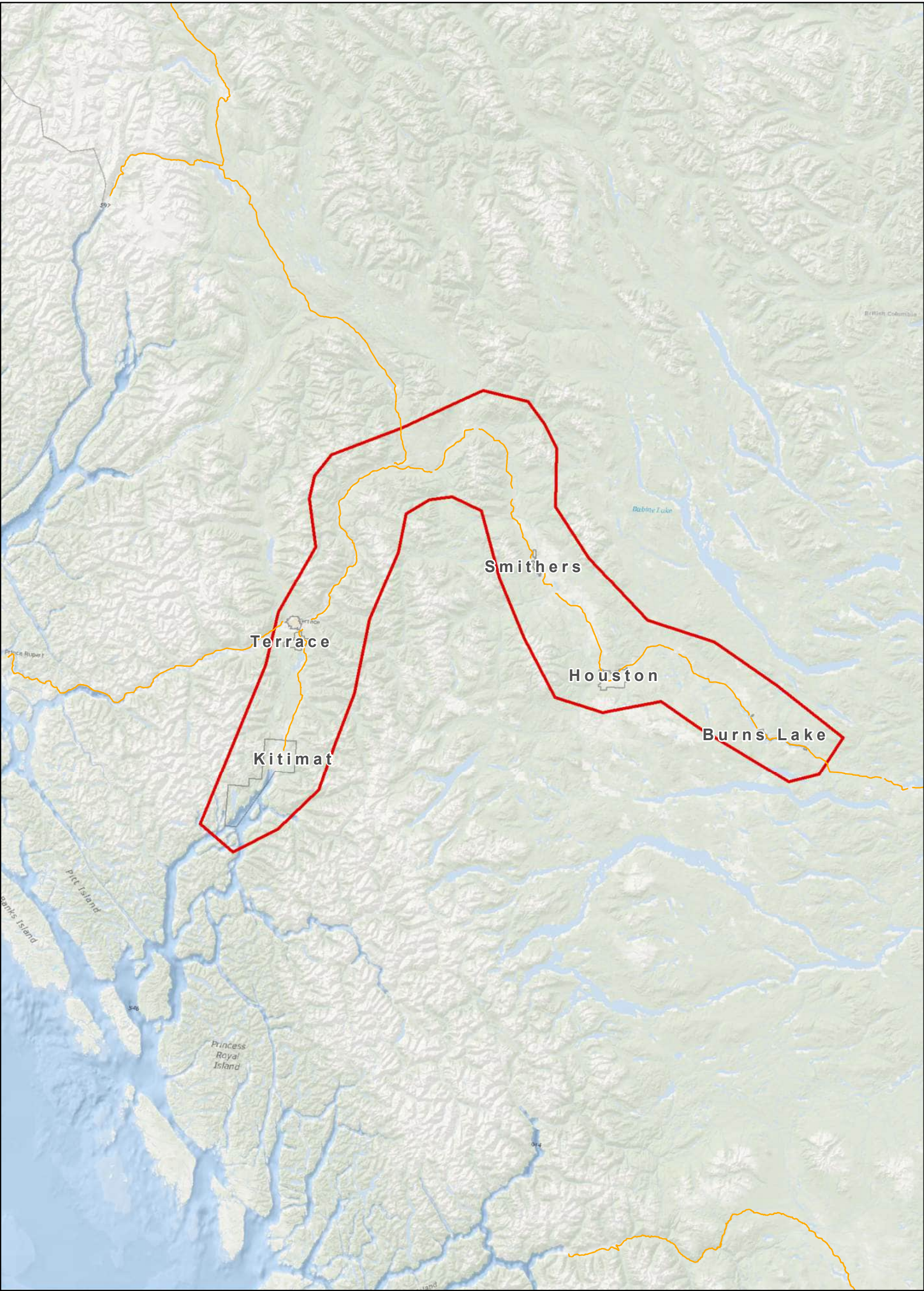
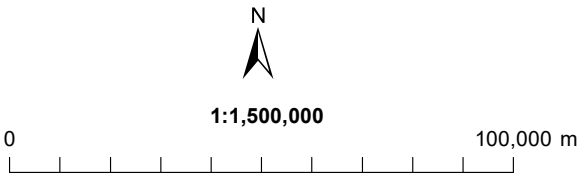


FIGURE 0.3

OVERVIEW OF STUDY AREAS – SKEENA-BULKLEY





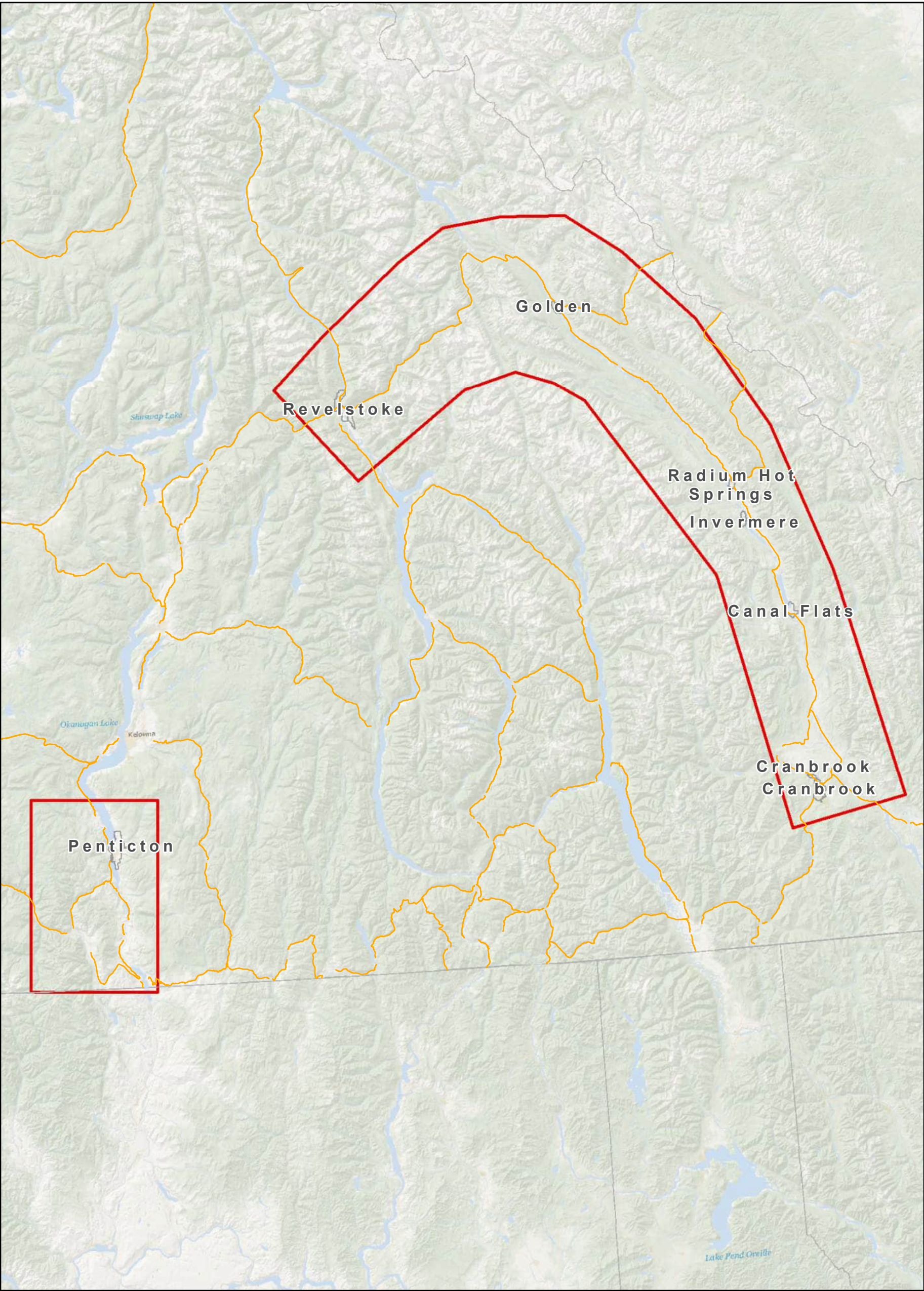
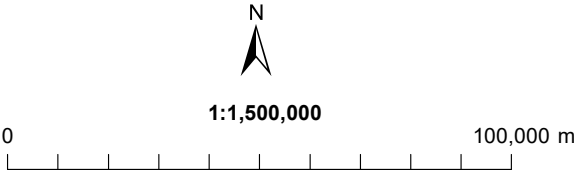


FIGURE 0.4

OVERVIEW OF STUDY AREAS – COLUMBIA RIVER AND PENTICTON





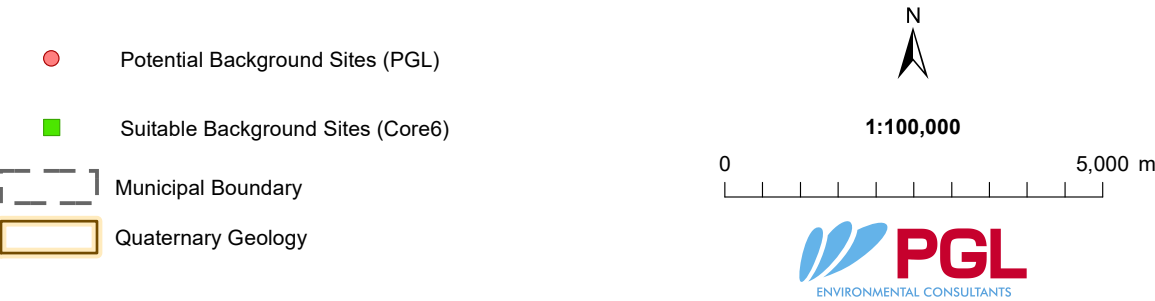


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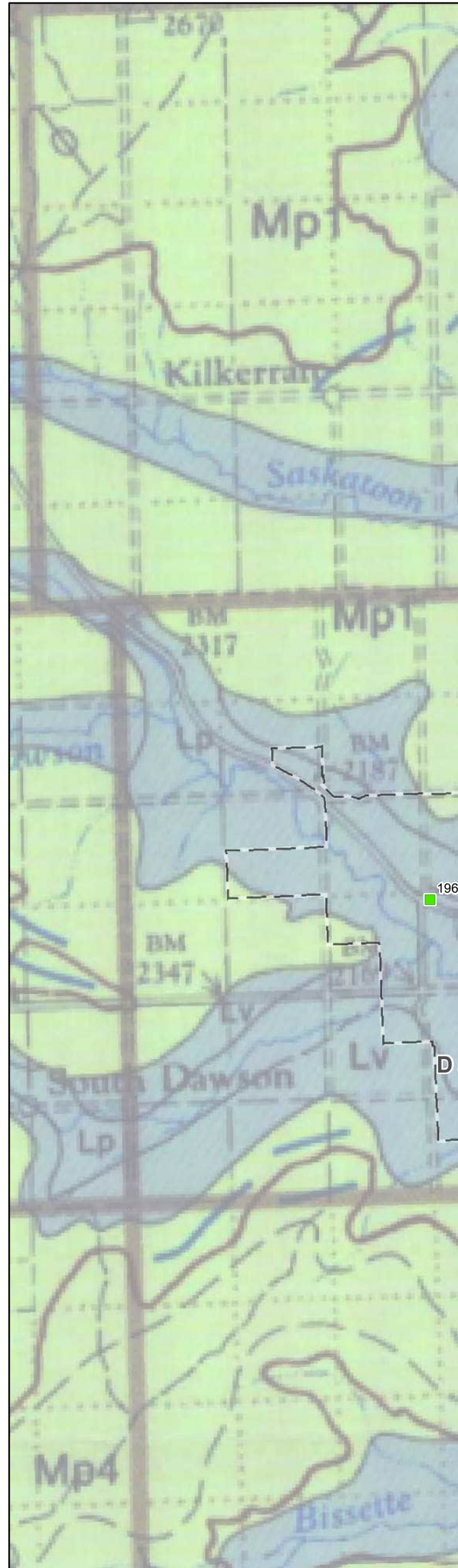
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FIGURE 1.1

POTENTIAL BACKGROUND SITE LOCATIONS - PRINCE GEORGE







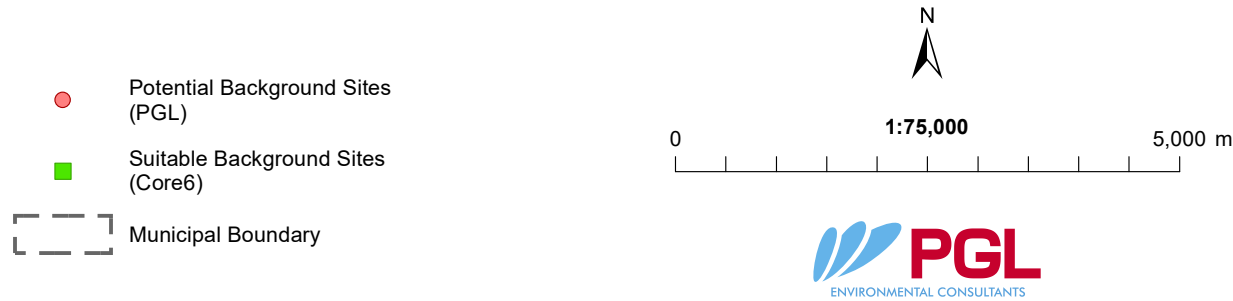
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A	<b>Alluvial Deposits:</b> General term for material deposited from flowing water; consist of silt, sand, and gravel, at or near stream level. <b>Ap</b> alluvial plain; <b>Af</b> alluvial fan; <b>At</b> Alluvial terrace.
C	<b>Colluvial Deposits:</b> Rock or sediment transported mainly by gravity; consists of silt, sand, gravel, rubble, and rock debris; also implies steep slopes and eroded bluffs and exposed bedrock in the Peace River Valley. <b>Cv</b> colluvial veneer (thin, less than 2 m).
E	<b>Aeolian Deposits:</b> Sediment deposited by wind; consists of silt and sand. <b>Ev</b> aeolian veneer (thin, less than 2 m); $\frac{Er}{T}$ aeolian ridges (dunes) over till.
GF	<b>Glaciofluvial Deposits:</b> Sediment transported and deposited by glacial meltwater; consists of silt, sand, gravel, and coarse gravel. <b>GFb</b> glaciofluvial blanket (thick, more than 2 m); <b>GFv</b> glaciofluvial veneer (thin, less than 2 m); <b>Gff</b> glaciofluvial fan; <b>GFh</b> glaciofluvial hummocky terrain, includes kame deposits; <b>GFp</b> glaciofluvial plain; <b>GFr</b> glaciofluvial ridge, includes eskers.
GL	<b>Glaciolacustrine Deposits:</b> Sediment deposited in standing water associated a former glacial lake; consists mainly of laminated to massive clay, silt, and sand or waterlain diamict, with minor beach sand and gravel. <b>GLb</b> glaciolacustrine blanket (thick, more than 2 m); $\frac{GLb}{Tb}$ glaciolacustrine blanket over till blanket; $\frac{GLb}{Tv}$ glaciolacustrine blanket over till veneer; <b>GLv</b> glaciolacustrine veneer (thin, less than 2 m); $\frac{GLv}{Tv}$ glaciolacustrine veneer over till blanket; <b>GLp</b> glaciolacustrine plain.
T	<b>Till or Glacial Diamict Deposits:</b> Sediment transported and deposited directly by ice; consists of poorly sorted granual to boulders clasts in clay to sand matrix; may include areas with thin and patchy glaciolacustrine deposits. <b>Tb</b> till blanket (thick, more than 2 m); <b>Tv</b> till veneer (thin, less than 2 m); <b>Tp</b> till plain; <b>Th</b> hummocky till terrain; <b>Tr</b> streamlined till ridges.
O	<b>Organic Deposits:</b> Extensive organic material. This unit is under utilized as large extents of organic deposits were not mapped in order to show the underlying sediments.
R	<b>Bedrock Outcrop:</b> Region with extensively exposed bedrock generally restricted to high elevations

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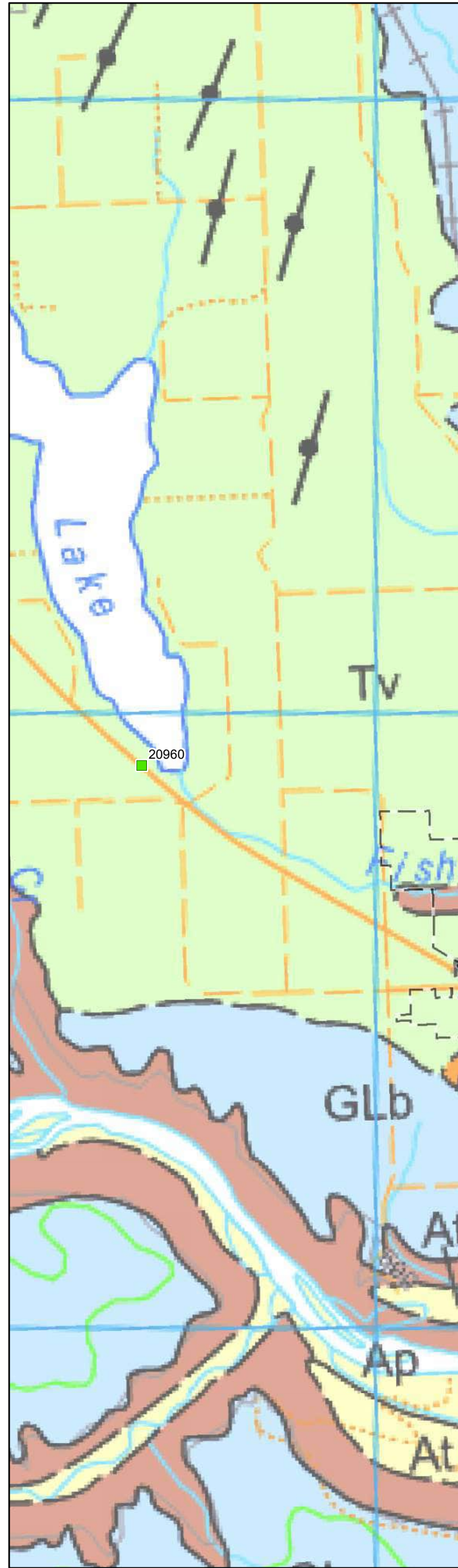
FIGURE 2.1

Base from Map 1467A, "Surficial Geology, Dawson Creek," 1980. Data obtained from Open Data BC, 2024 NAD 1983 UTM Zone 10N

POTENTIAL BACKGROUND SITE LOCATIONS - NORTHEAST BC REGION - DAWSON CREEK







Geological Description	
A	<b>Alluvial Deposits:</b> General term for material deposited from flowing water; consist of silt, sand, and gravel, at or near stream level. <b>Ap</b> alluvial plain; <b>Af</b> alluvial fan; <b>At</b> Alluvial terrace.
C	<b>Colluvial Deposits:</b> Rock or sediment transported mainly by gravity; consists of silt, sand, gravel, rubble, and rock debris; also implies steep slopes and eroded bluffs and exposed bedrock in the Peace River Valley. <b>Cv</b> colluvial veneer (thin, less than 2 m).
E	<b>Aeolian Deposits:</b> Sediment deposited by wind; consists of silt and sand. <b>Ev</b> aeolian veneer (thin, less than 2 m); $\frac{Er}{T}$ aeolian ridges (dunes) over till.
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GL	<b>Glaciolacustrine Deposits:</b> Sediment deposited in standing water associated a former glacial lake; consists mainly of laminated to massive clay, silt, and sand or waterlain diamict, with minor beach sand and gravel. <b>GLb</b> glaciolacustrine blanket (thick, more than 2 m); $\frac{GLb}{Tb}$ glaciolacustrine blanket over till blanket; $\frac{GLb}{Tv}$ glaciolacustrine blanket over till veneer; <b>GLv</b> glaciolacustrine veneer (thin, less than 2 m); $\frac{GLv}{Tv}$ glaciolacustrine veneer over till blanket; <b>GLp</b> glaciolacustrine plain.
T	<b>Till or Glacial Diamict Deposits:</b> Sediment transported and deposited directly by ice; consists of poorly sorted granual to boulders clasts in clay to sand matrix; may include areas with thin and patchy glaciolacustrine deposits. <b>Tb</b> till blanket (thick, more than 2 m); <b>Tv</b> till veneer (thin, less than 2 m); <b>Tp</b> till plain; <b>Th</b> hummocky till terrain; <b>Tr</b> streamlined till ridges.
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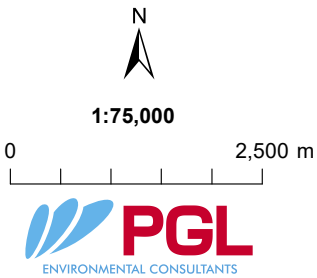
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FIGURE 2.2

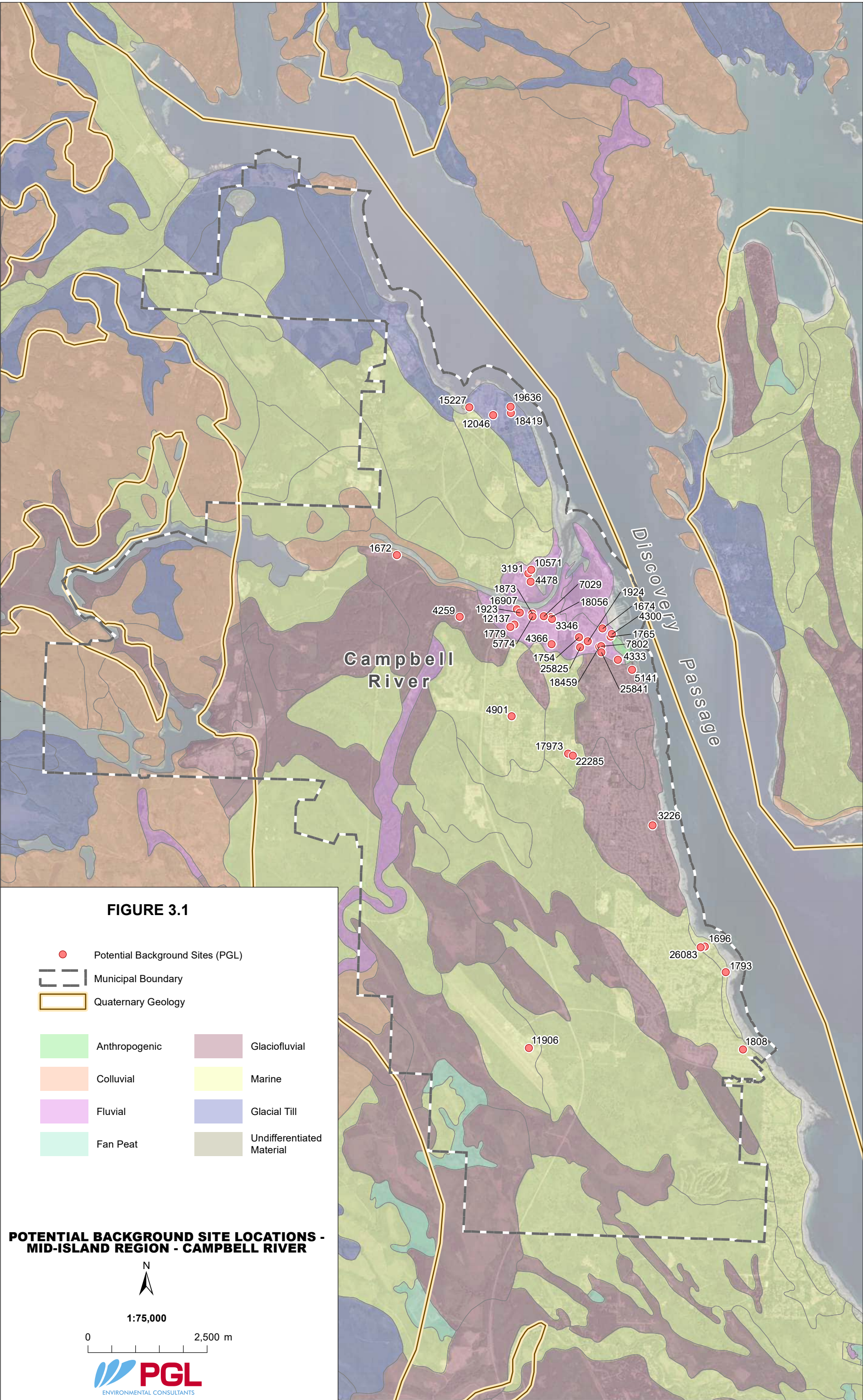
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POTENTIAL BACKGROUND SITE LOCATIONS - NORTHEAST BC REGION - FORT ST. JOHN

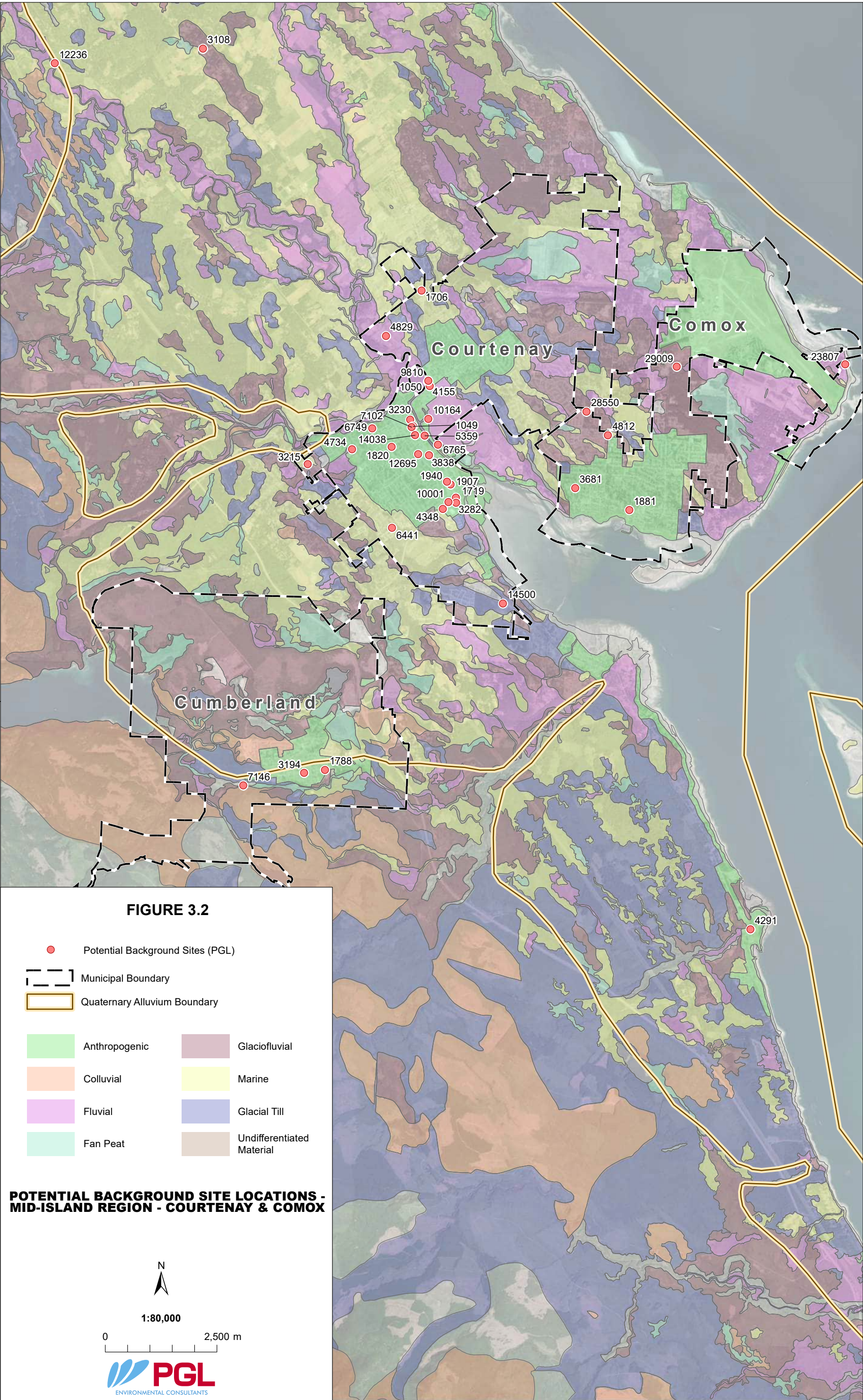
- Potential Background Sites (PGL)
- Suitable Background Sites (Core6)
- Municipal Boundary



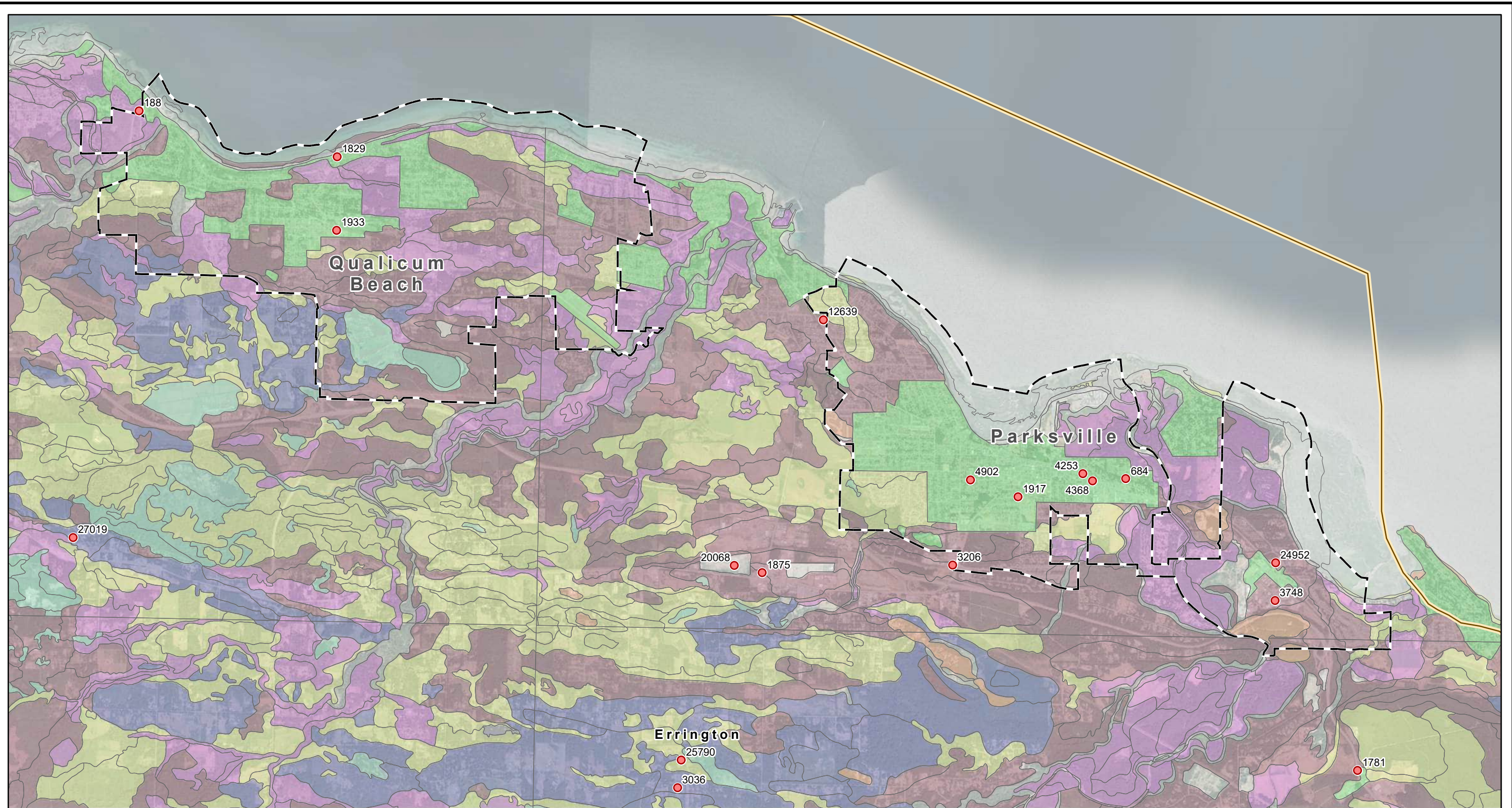












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**FIGURE 3.3**  
**POTENTIAL BACKGROUND SITE LOCATIONS - MID-ISLAND REGION - PARKSVILLE & QUALICUM**

Base image from ESRI, 2024  
Data obtained from Open Data BC, 2024  
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--- Municipal Boundary  
--- Quaternary Alluvium Boundary

Anthropogenic  
Colluvial  
Fluvial  
Fan Peat  
Glaciofluvial  
Marine  
Glacial Till

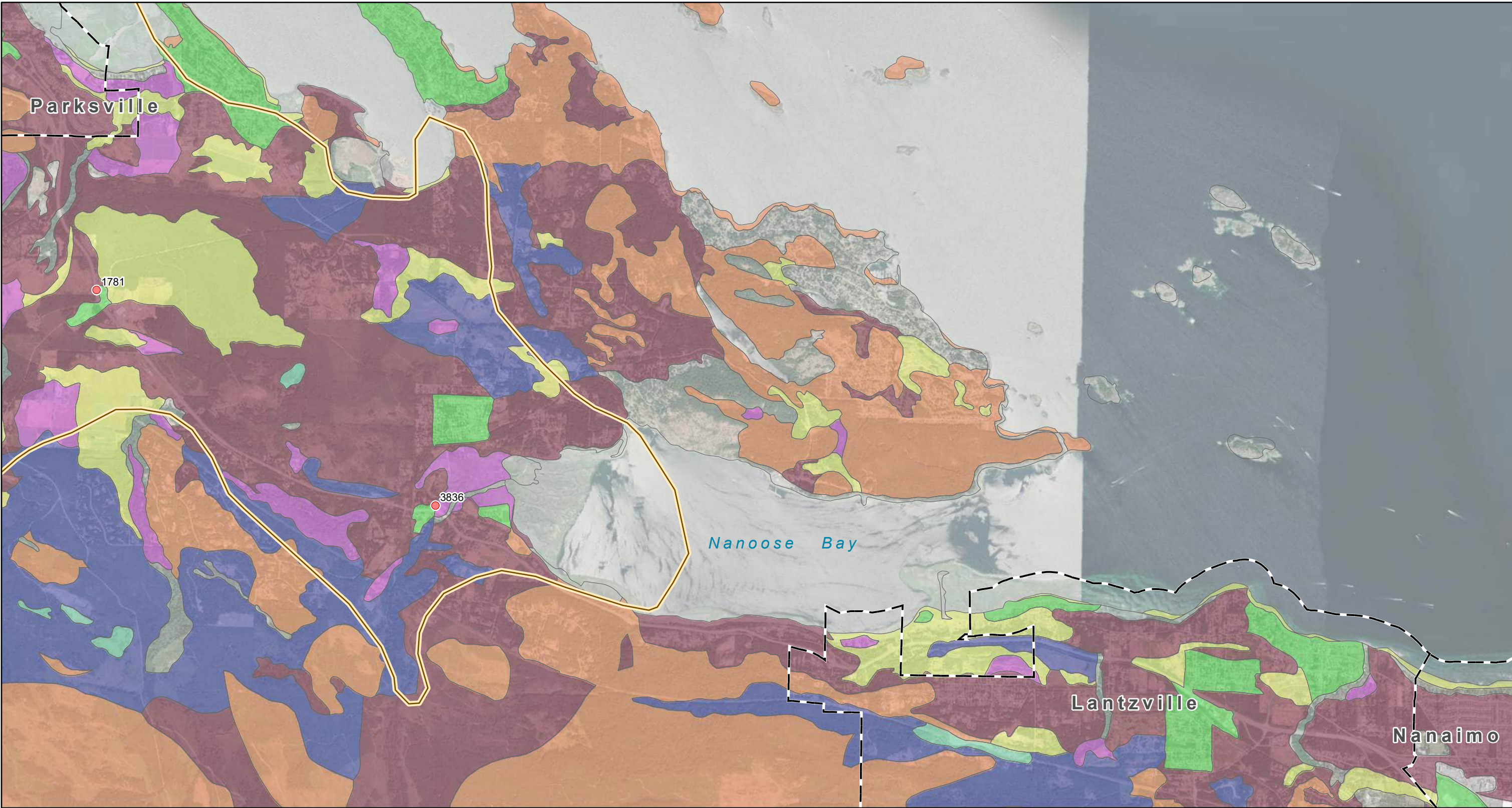
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● Potential Background Sites (PGL)

**PGL**  
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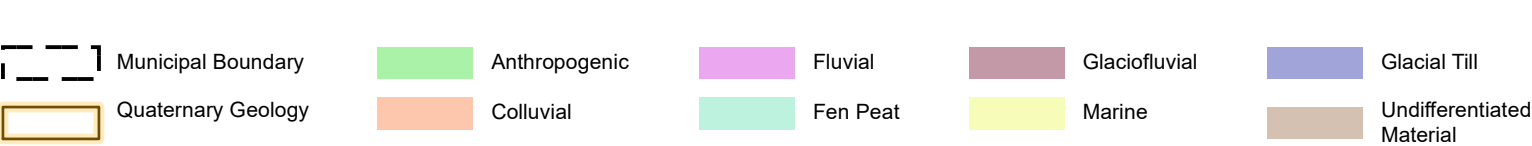




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**FIGURE 3.4**  
**POTENTIAL BACKGROUND SITE LOCATIONS - MID-ISLAND REGION - NANOOSE BAY**

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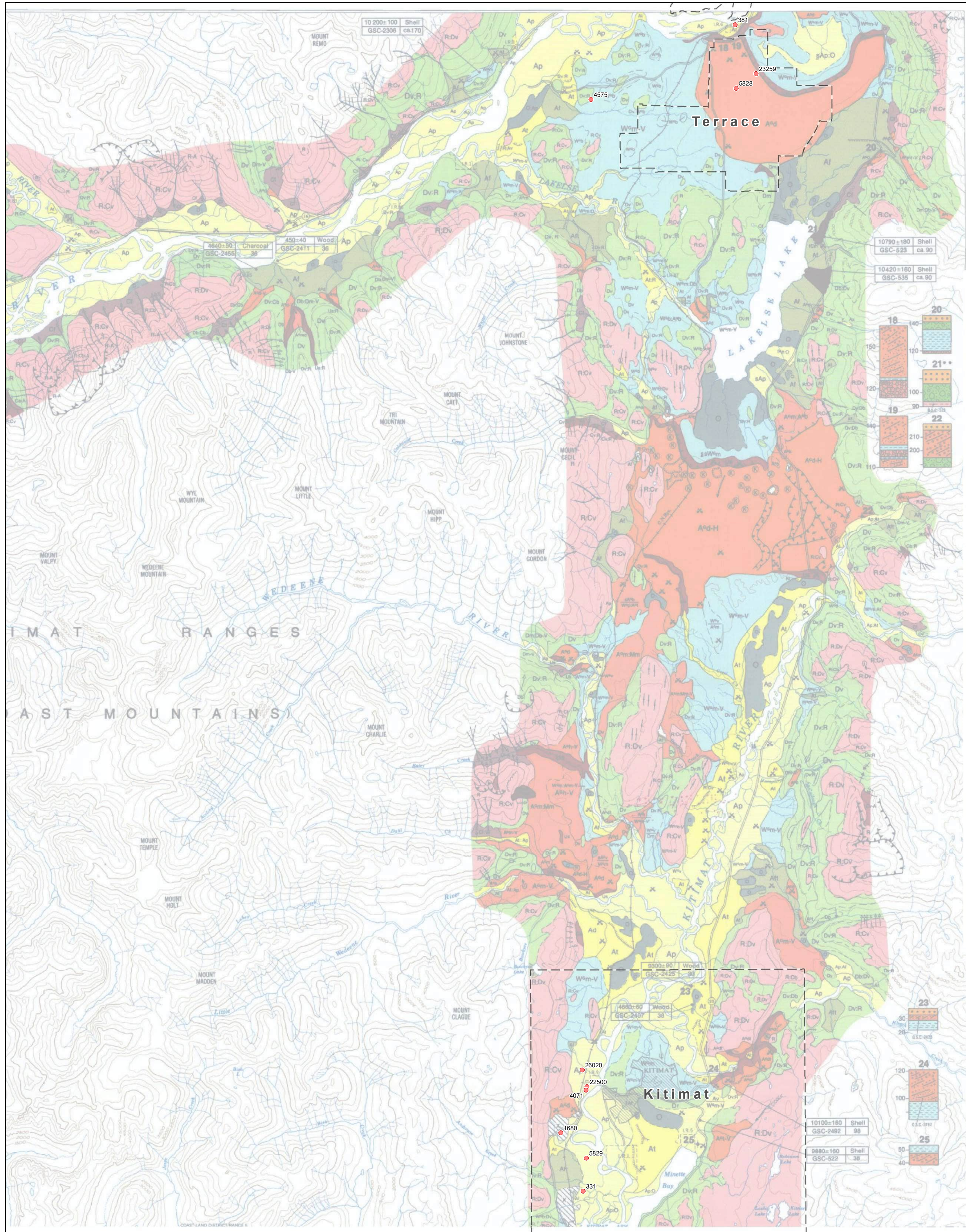
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Potential Background Sites  
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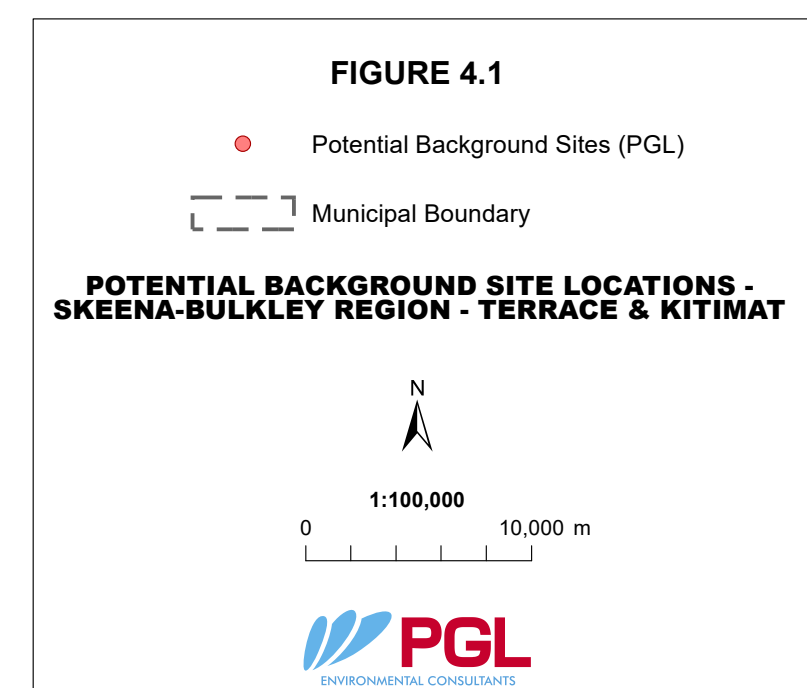




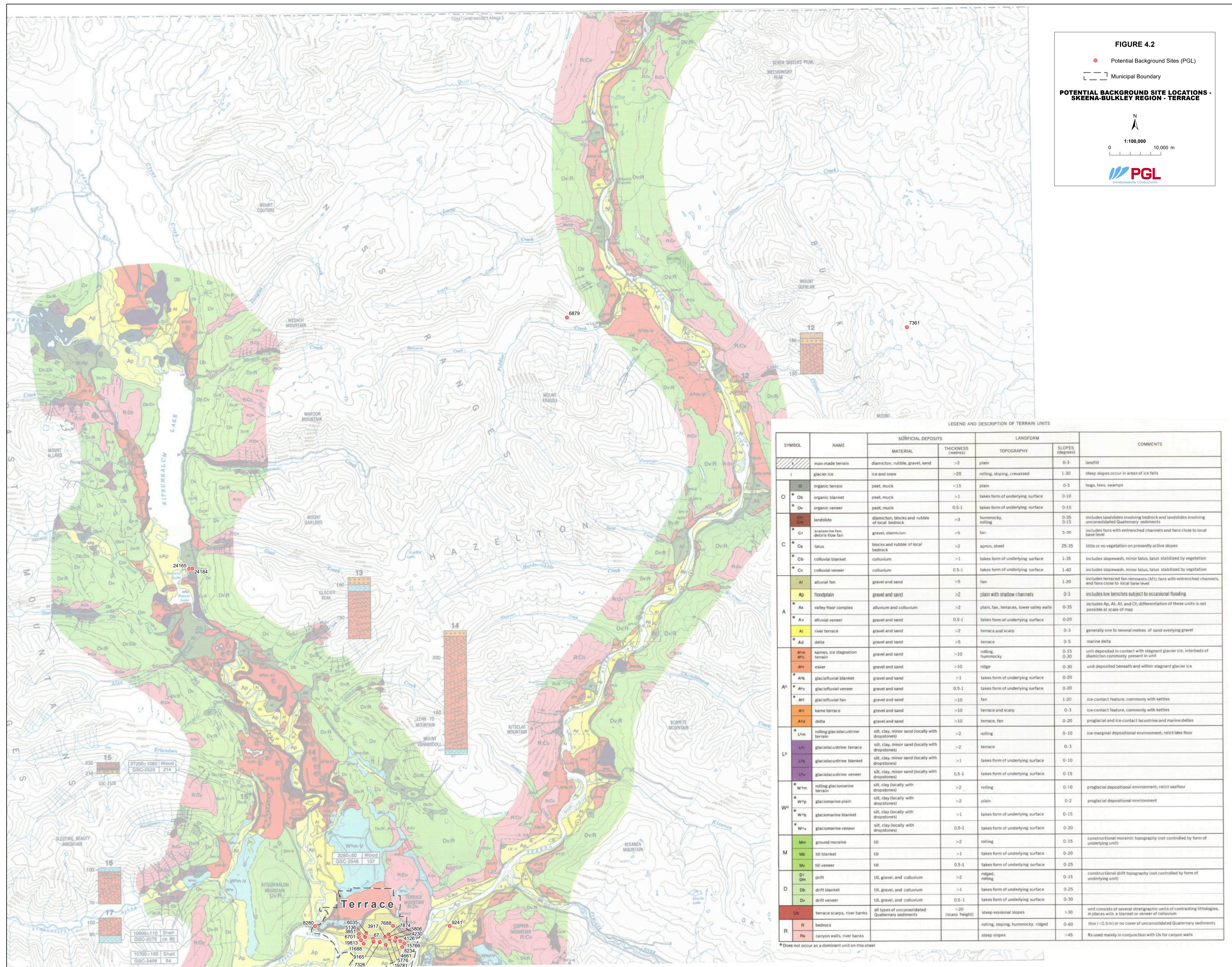


LEGEND AND DESCRIPTION OF TERRAIN UNITS						
SYMBOL	NAME	SURFICIAL DEPOSITS		LANDFORM		COMMENTS
		MATERIAL	THICKNESS (metres)	TOPOGRAPHY	SLOPES (degrees)	
	man-made terrain	diamicton, rubble, gravel, sand	>2	plain	0-3	landfill
	glacier ice	ice and snow	>20	rolling, sloping, crevassed	1-30	steep slopes occur in areas of ice falls
	organic terrain	peat, muck	<15	plain	0-3	bogs, fens, swamps
	organic blanket	peat, muck	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-10	
	organic veneer	peat, muck	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-15	
	landslide	diamicton, blocks and rubble of local bedrock	>3	hummocky, rolling	0-35	includes landslides involving bedrock and landslides involving unconsolidated Quaternary sediments
	avalanche fan	gravel, diamicton	>5	fan	5-30	includes fans with entrenched channels and fans close to local base level
	talus	blocks and rubble of local bedrock	>2	apron, sheet	25-35	little or no vegetation on presently active slopes
	colluvial blanket	colluvium	>1	takes form of underlying surface	1-35	includes slopewash, minor talus, talus stabilized by vegetation
	colluvial veneer	colluvium	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	1-40	includes slopewash, minor talus, talus stabilized by vegetation
	alluvial fan	gravel and sand	>5	fan	1-20	includes terraced fan remnants (At), fans with entrenched channels, and fans close to local base level
	floodplain	gravel and sand	>2	plain with shallow channels	0-3	includes low benches subject to occasional flooding
	valley floor complex	alluvium and colluvium	>2	plain, fan, terraces, lower valley walls	0-35	includes Ap, At, At, and Cf; differentiation of these units is not possible at scale of map
	alluvial veneer	gravel and sand	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
	river terrace	gravel and sand	>2	terrace and scarp	0-3	generally one to several metres of sand overlying gravel
	delta	gravel and sand	>5	terrace	0-5	marine delta
	kames, ice stagnation terrain	gravel and sand	>10	rolling, hummocky	0-15	unit deposited in contact with stagnant glacier ice; interbeds of diamicton commonly present in unit
	esker	gravel and sand	>10	ridge	0-30	unit deposited beneath and within stagnant glacier ice
	glaciofluvial blanket	gravel and sand	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
	glaciofluvial veneer	gravel and sand	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
	glaciofluvial fan	gravel and sand	>10	fan	1-20	ice-contact feature, commonly with kettles
	kame terrace	gravel and sand	>10	terrace and scarp	0-3	ice-contact feature, commonly with kettles
	delta	gravel and sand	>10	terrace, fan	0-20	proglacial and ice-contact lacustrine and marine deltas
	rolling glaciolacustrine terrain	silt, clay, minor sand (locally with dropstones)	>2	rolling	0-10	ice-marginal depositional environment; relict lake floor
	glaciolacustrine terrace	silt, clay, minor sand (locally with dropstones)	>2	terrace	0-3	
	glaciolacustrine blanket	silt, clay, minor sand (locally with dropstones)	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-10	
	glaciolacustrine veneer	silt, clay, minor sand (locally with dropstones)	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-15	
	rolling glaciomarine terrain	silt, clay (locally with dropstones)	>2	rolling	0-10	proglacial depositional environment; relict seafloor
	glaciomarine plain	silt, clay (locally with dropstones)	>2	plain	0-2	proglacial depositional environment
	glaciomarine blanket	silt, clay (locally with dropstones)	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-15	
	glaciomarine veneer	silt, clay (locally with dropstones)	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
	ground moraine	till	>2	rolling	0-15	constructional morainic topography (not controlled by form of underlying unit)
	till blanket	till	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
	till veneer	till	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-25	
	drift	till, gravel, and colluvium	>2	ridged, rolling	0-15	constructional drift topography (not controlled by form of underlying unit)
	drift blanket	till, gravel, and colluvium	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-25	
	drift veneer	till, gravel, and colluvium	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-30	
	terrace scarps, river banks	all types of unconsolidated Quaternary sediments	>20 (scarp height)	steep erosional slopes	>30	unit consists of several stratigraphic units of contrasting lithologies, in places with a blanket or veneer of colluvium
	bedrock			rolling, sloping, hummocky, ridged	0-60	thin (<0.5 m) or no cover of unconsolidated Quaternary sediments
	canyon walls, river banks			steep slopes	>45	Rs used mainly in conjunction with Us for canyon walls

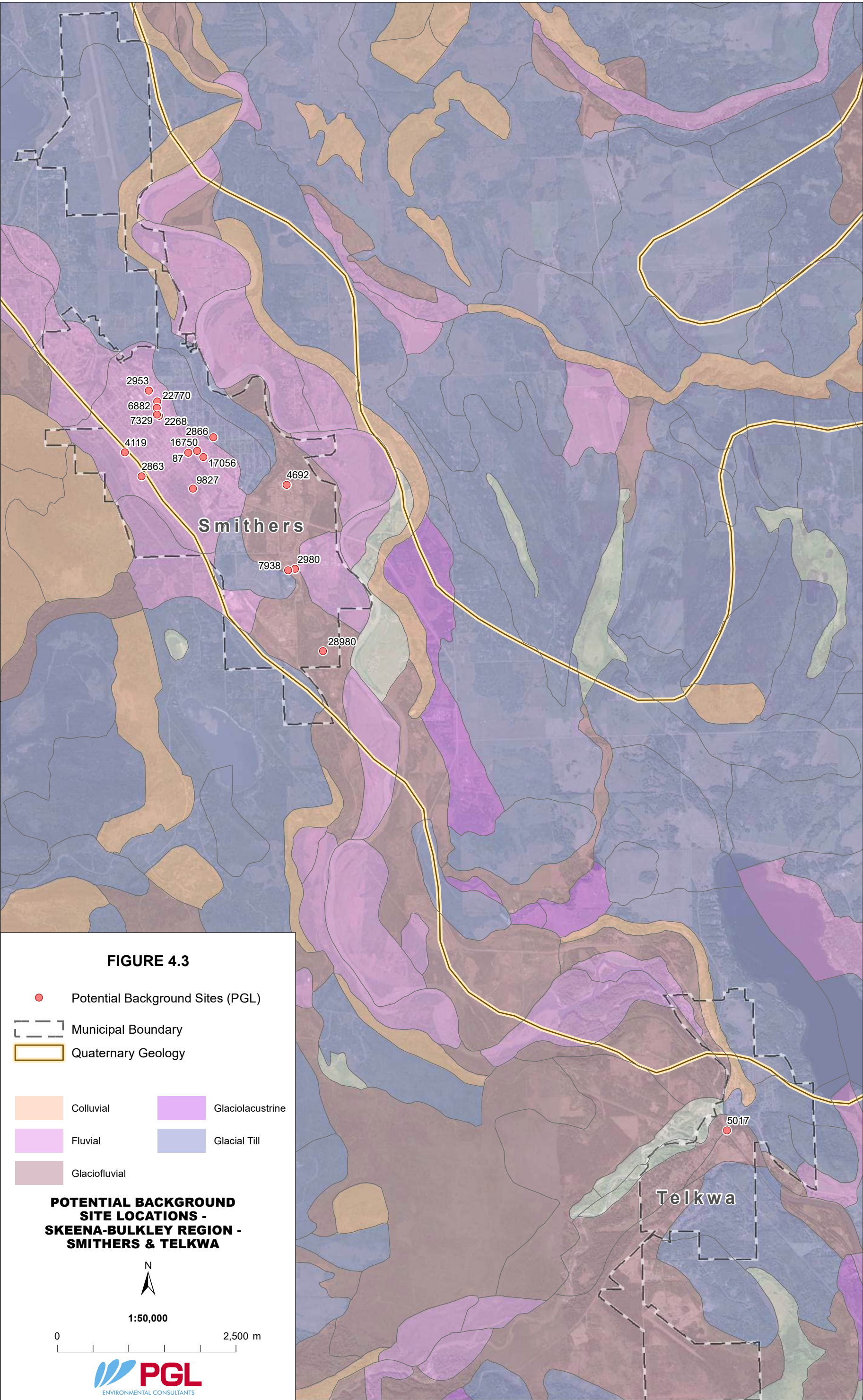
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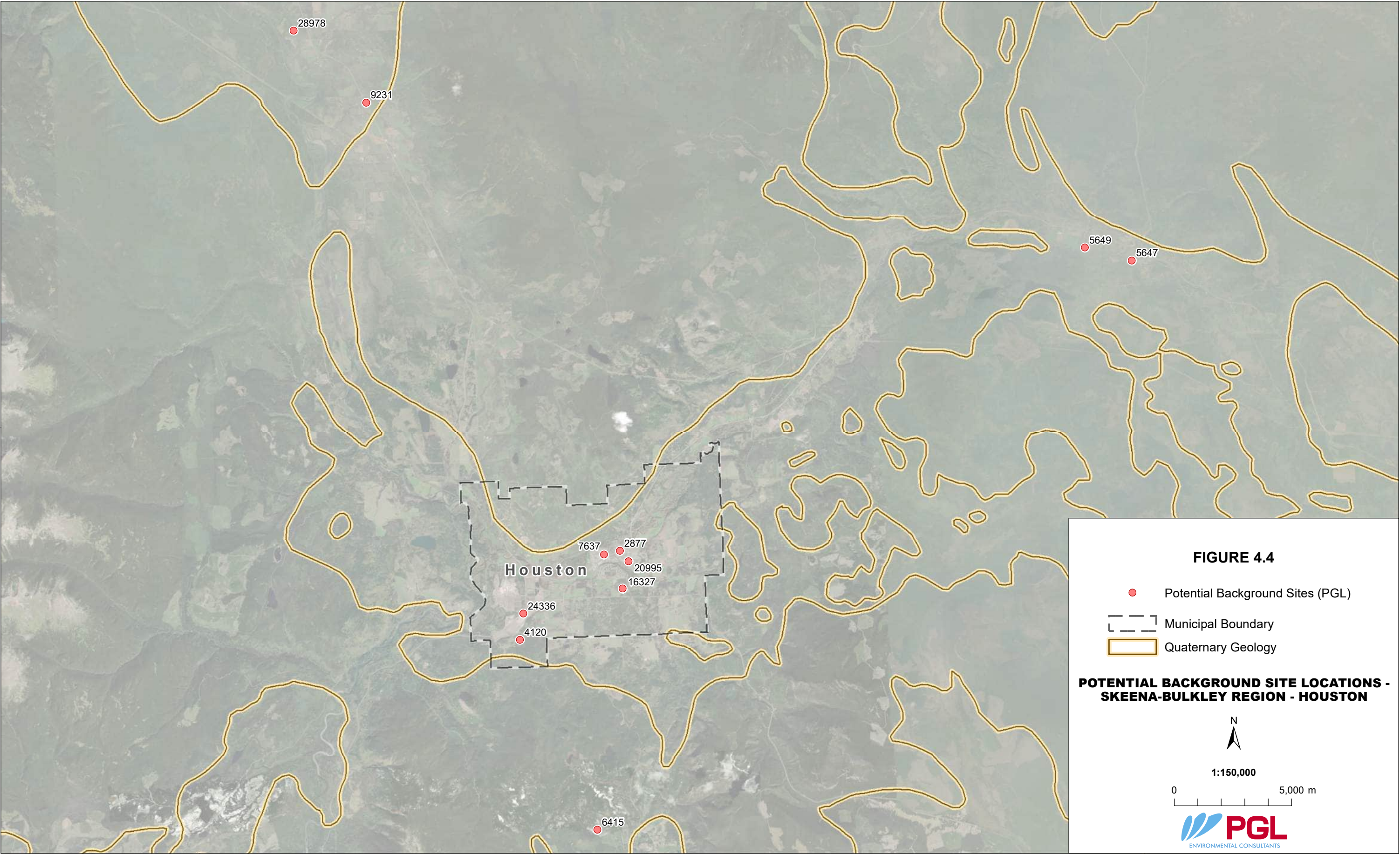












**FIGURE 4.4**

● Potential Background Sites (PGL)

--- Municipal Boundary

Quaternary Geology

**POTENTIAL BACKGROUND SITE LOCATIONS -  
SKEENA-BULKLEY REGION - HOUSTON**



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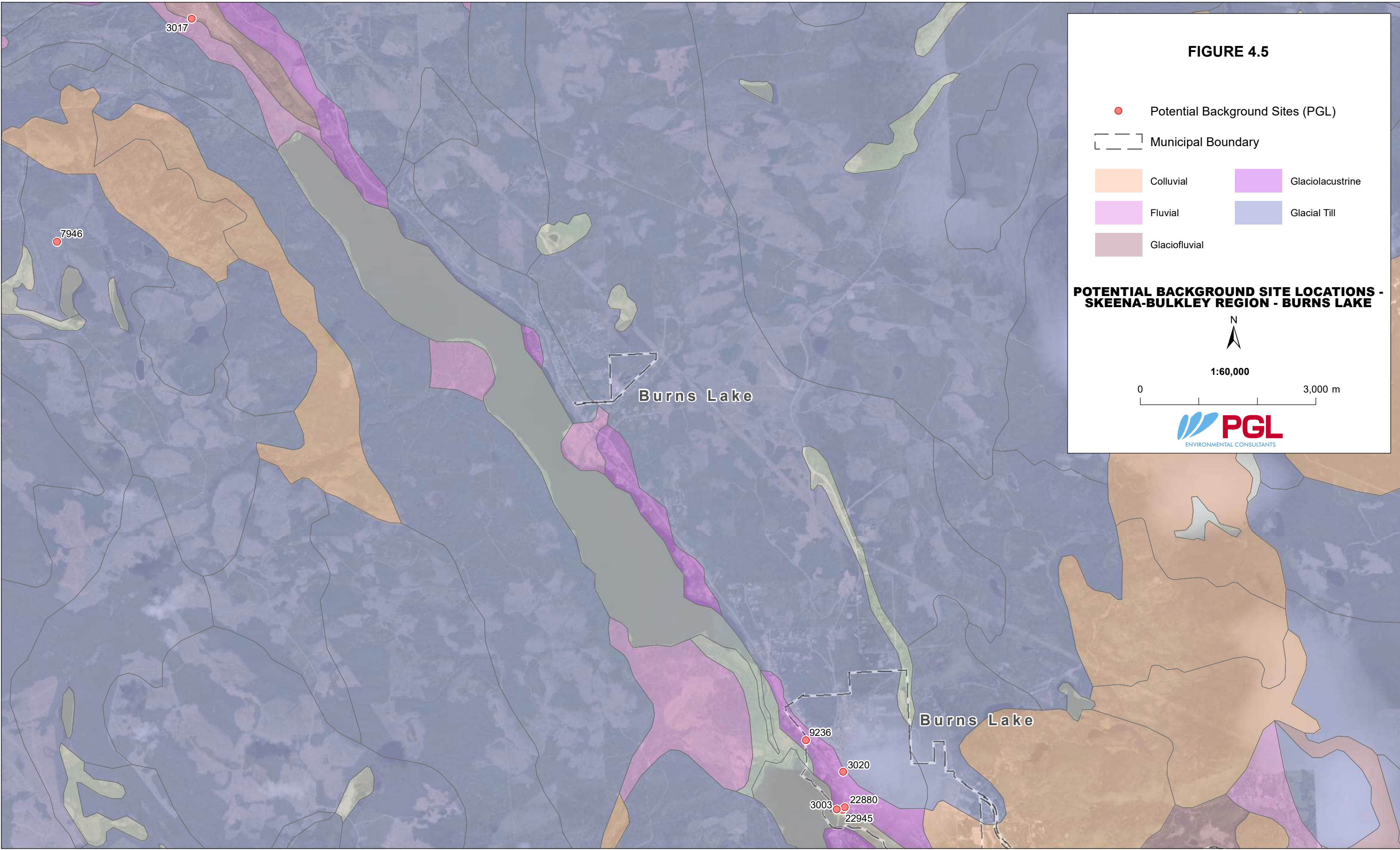
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**FIGURE 4.5**

● Potential Background Sites (PGL)

--- Municipal Boundary

Colluvial

Fluvial

Glaciofluvial

Glaciolacustrine

Glacial Till

**POTENTIAL BACKGROUND SITE LOCATIONS -  
SKEENA-BULKLEY REGION - BURNS LAKE**

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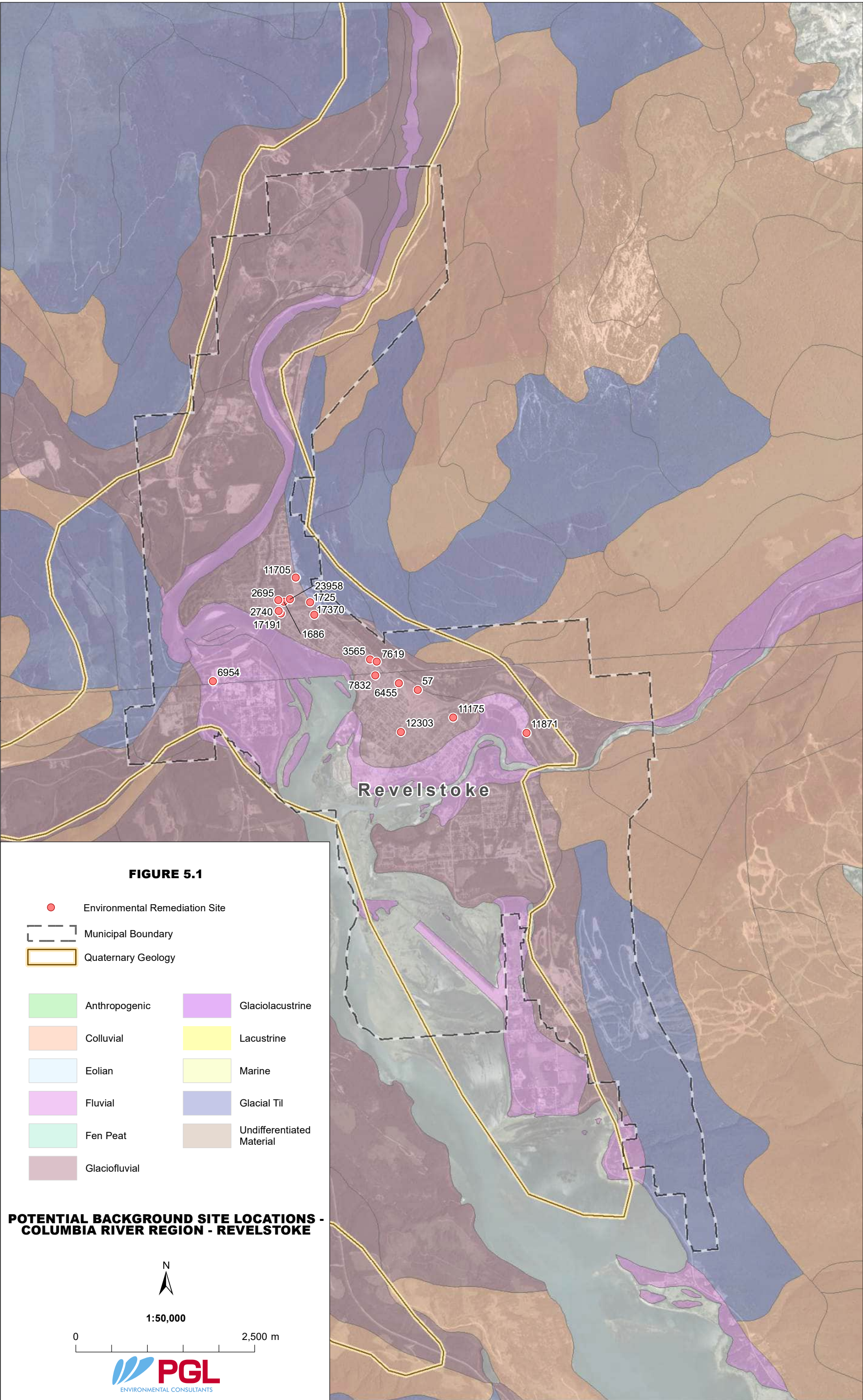
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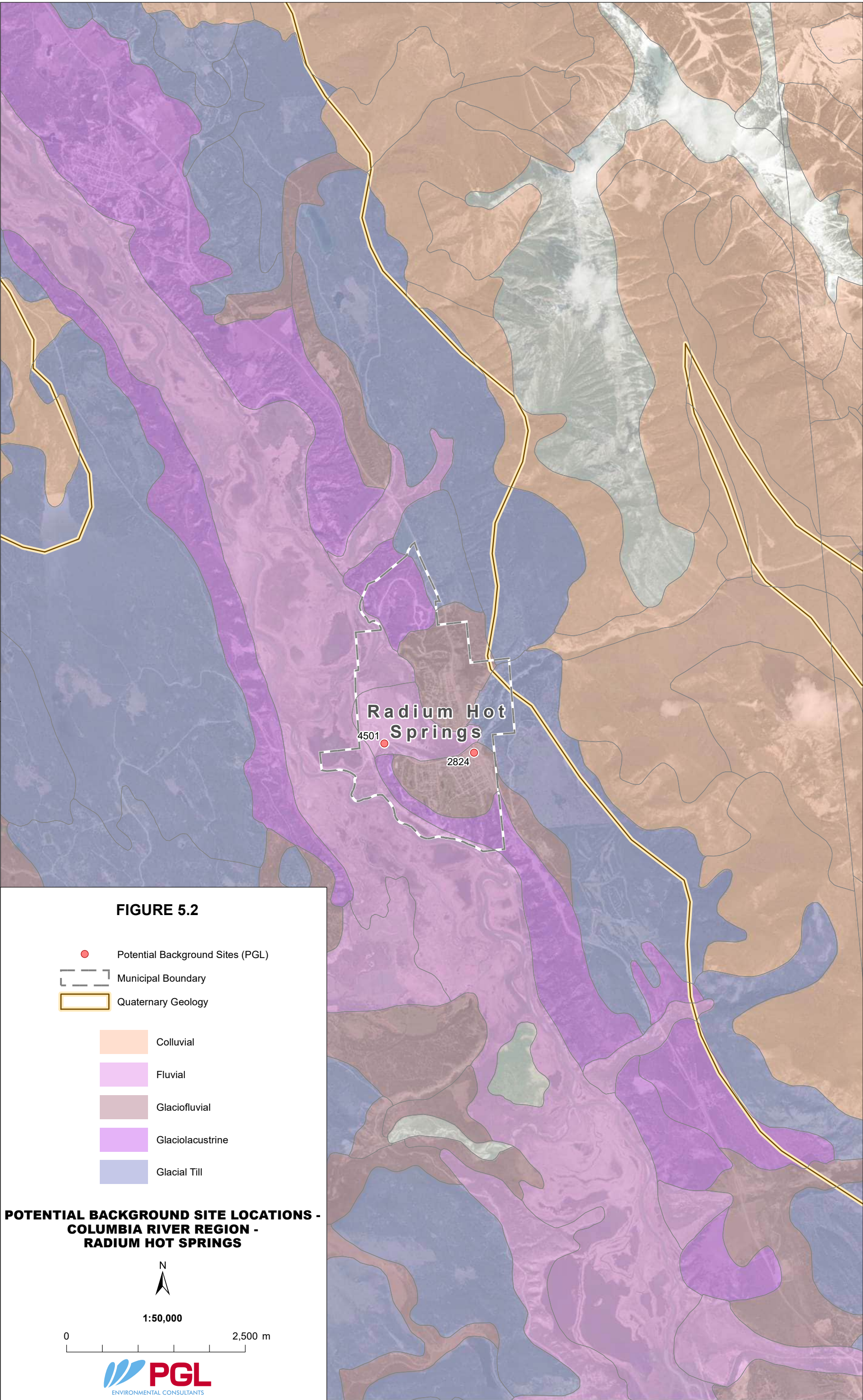
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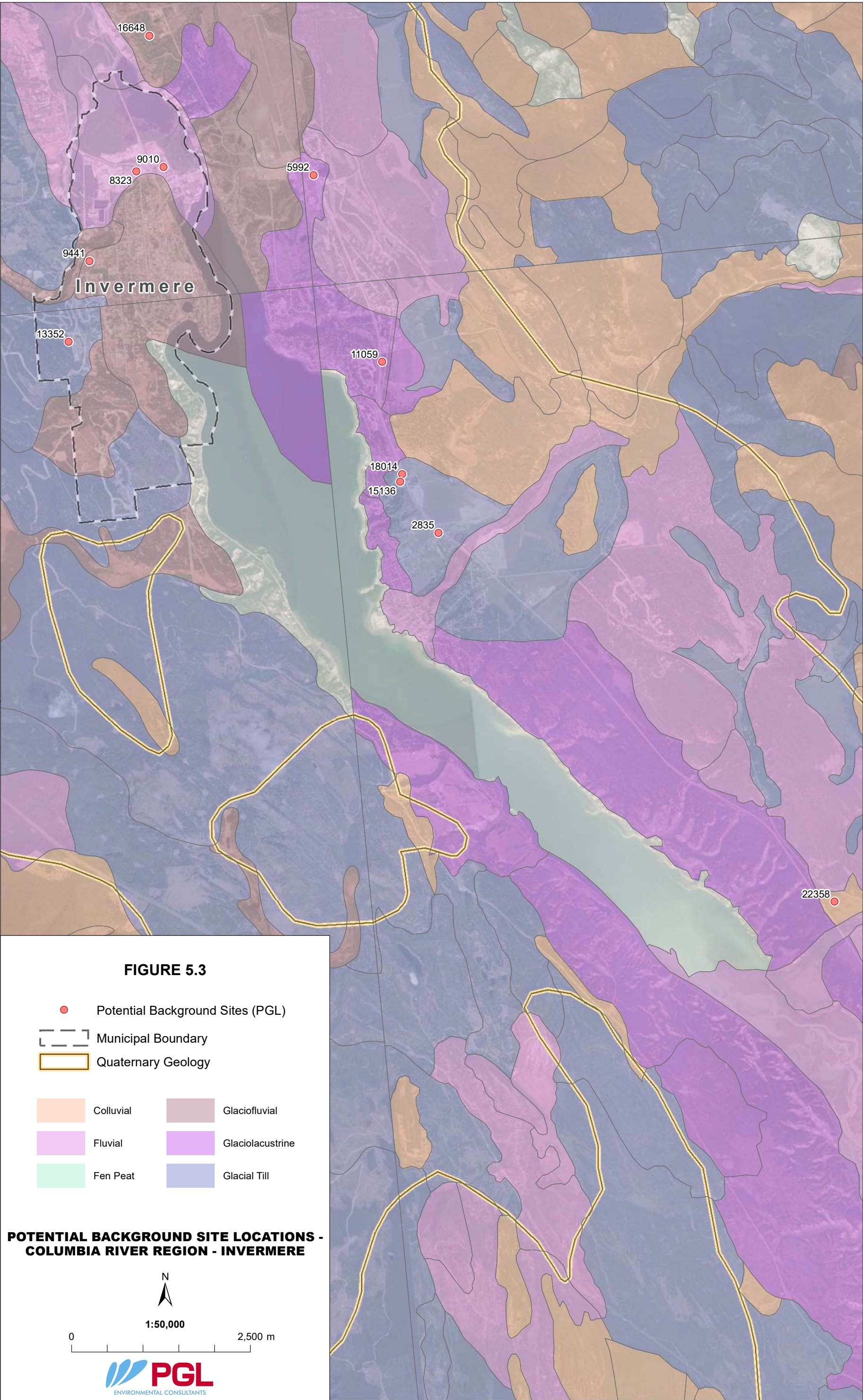




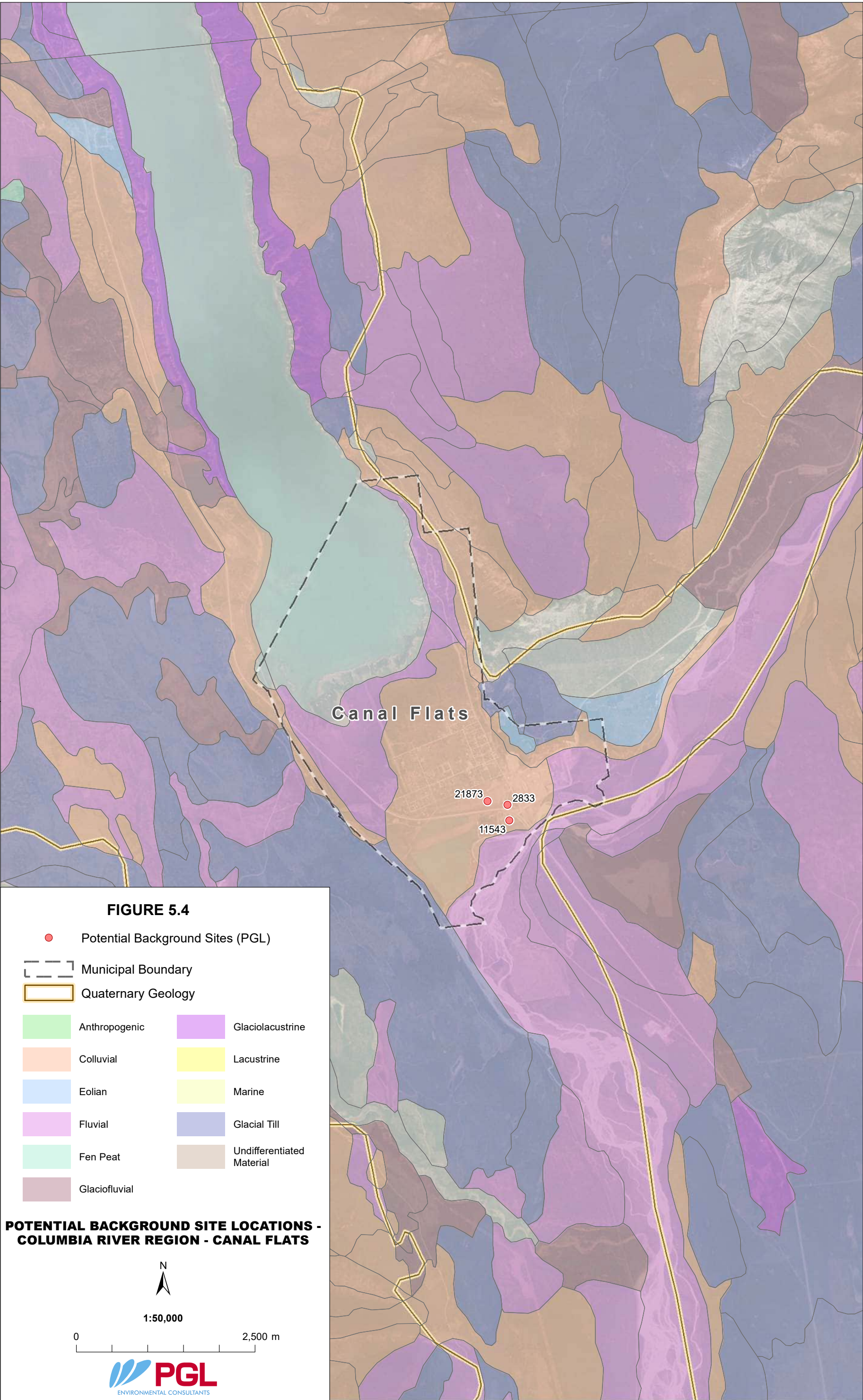




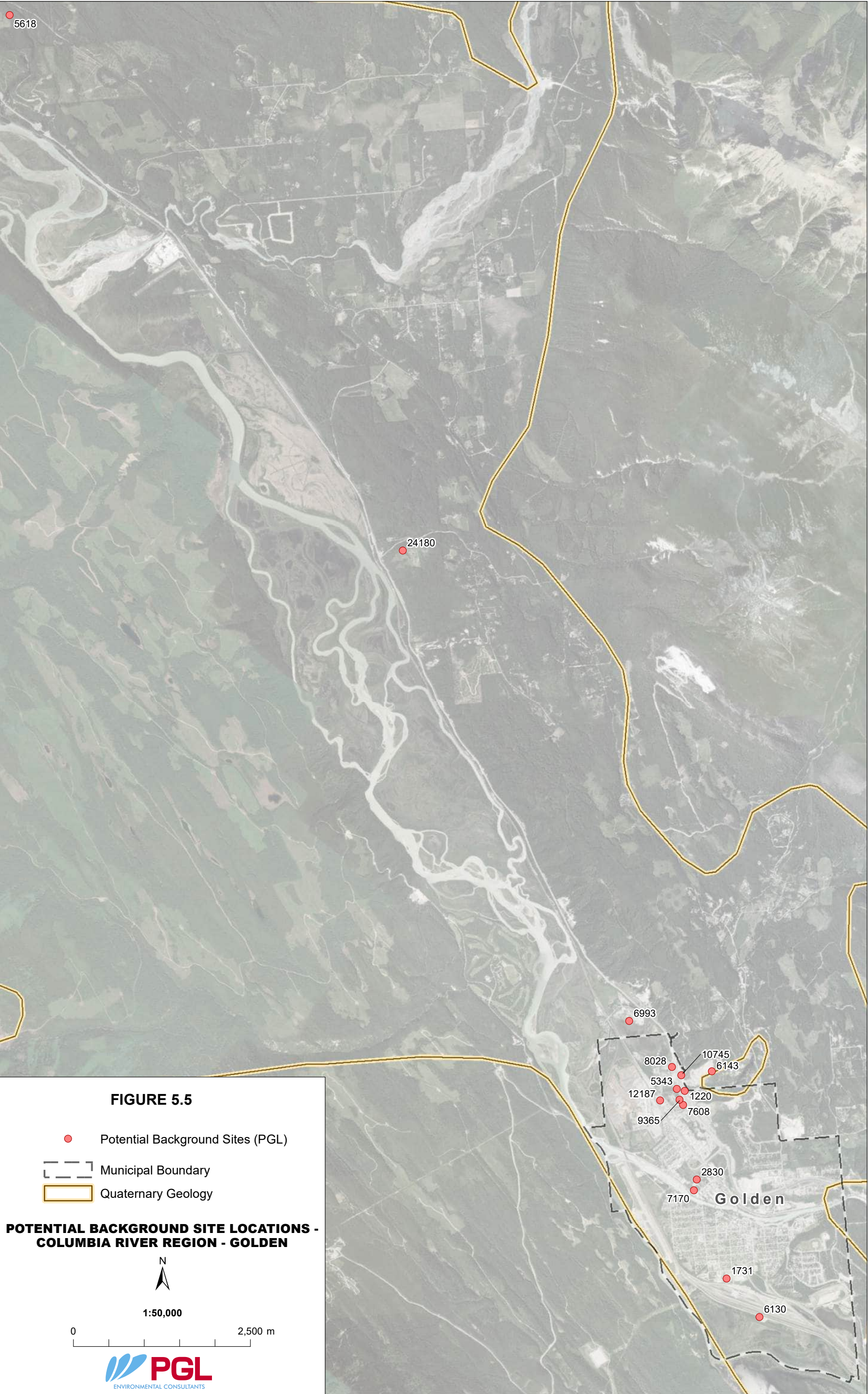




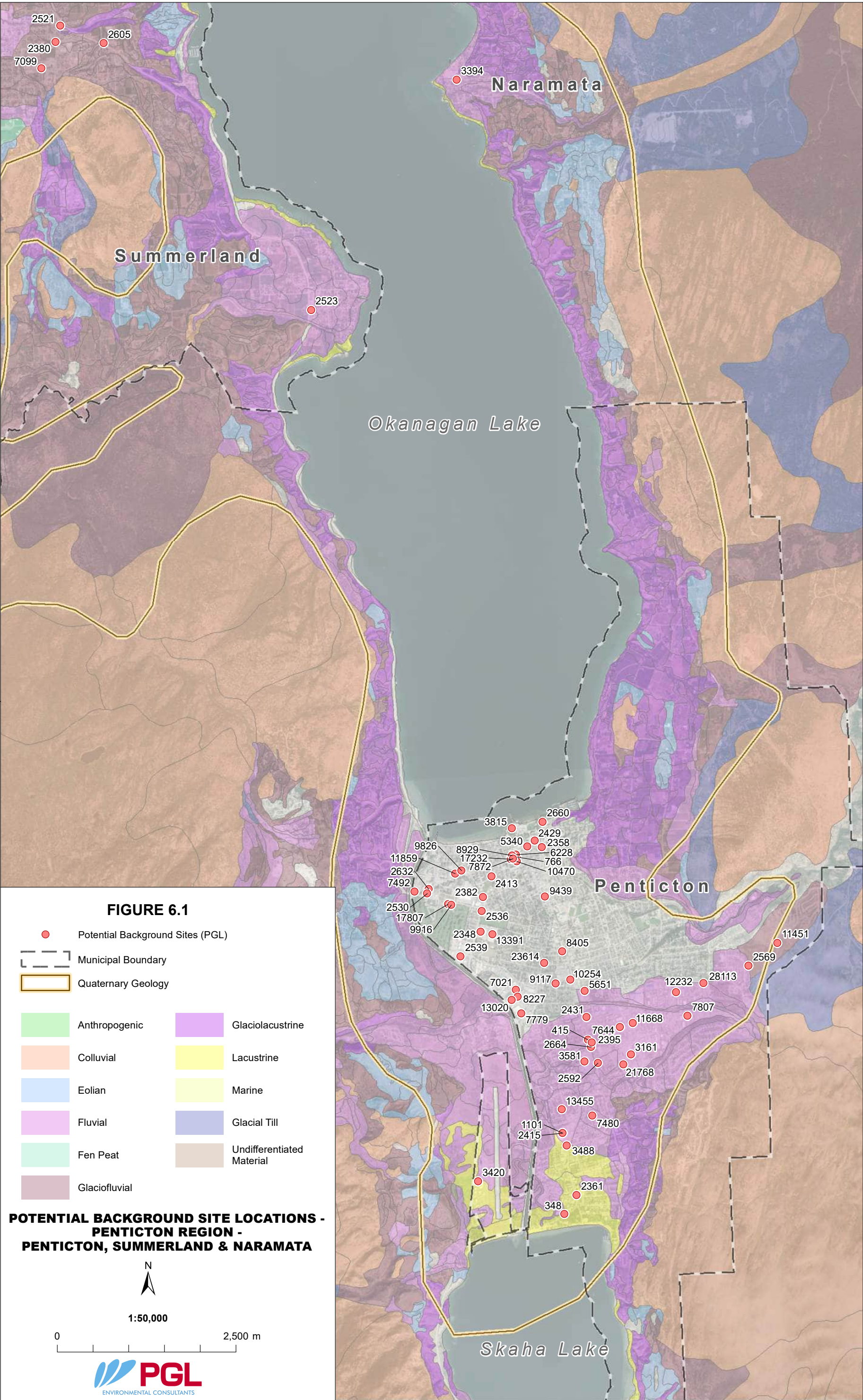




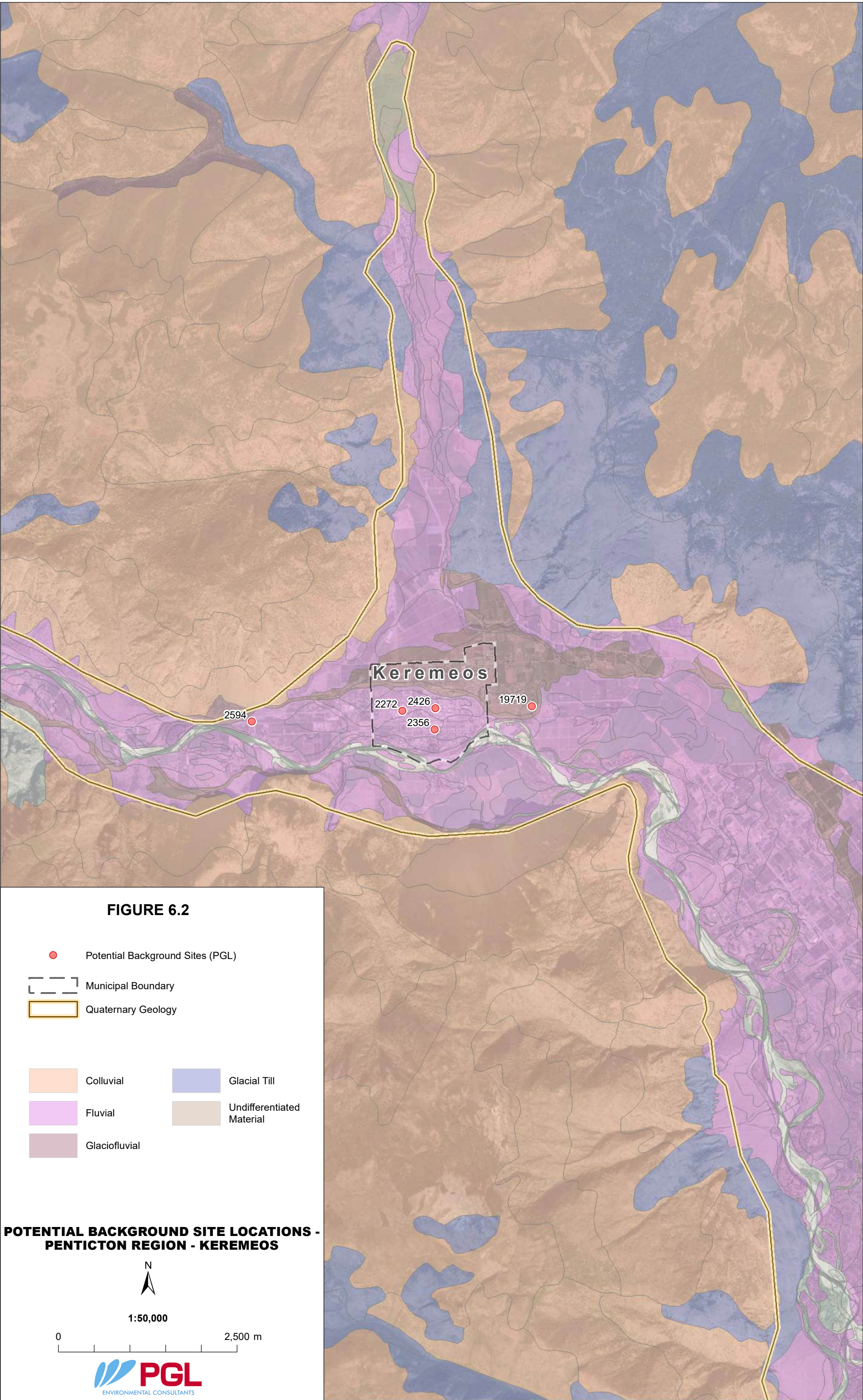








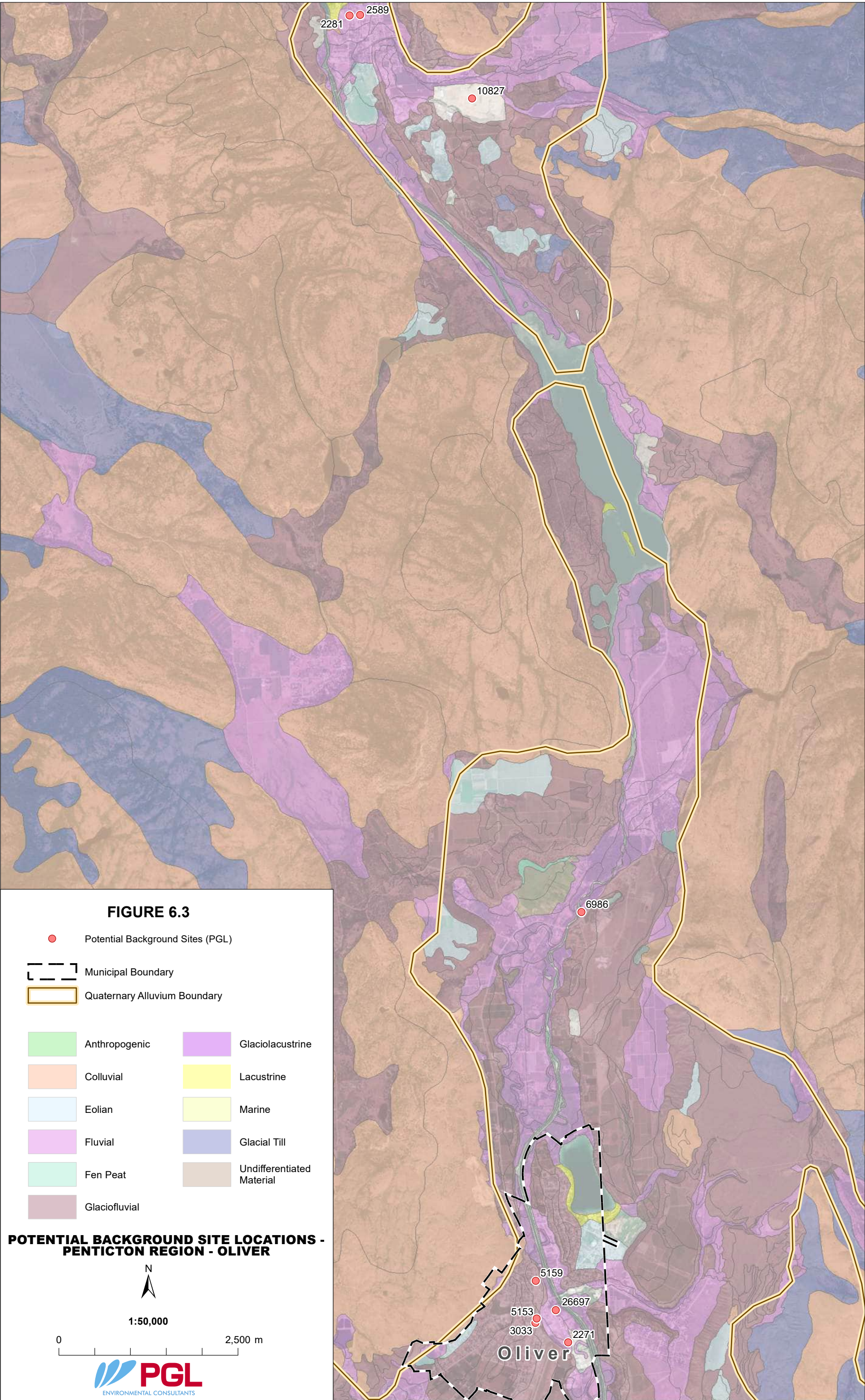




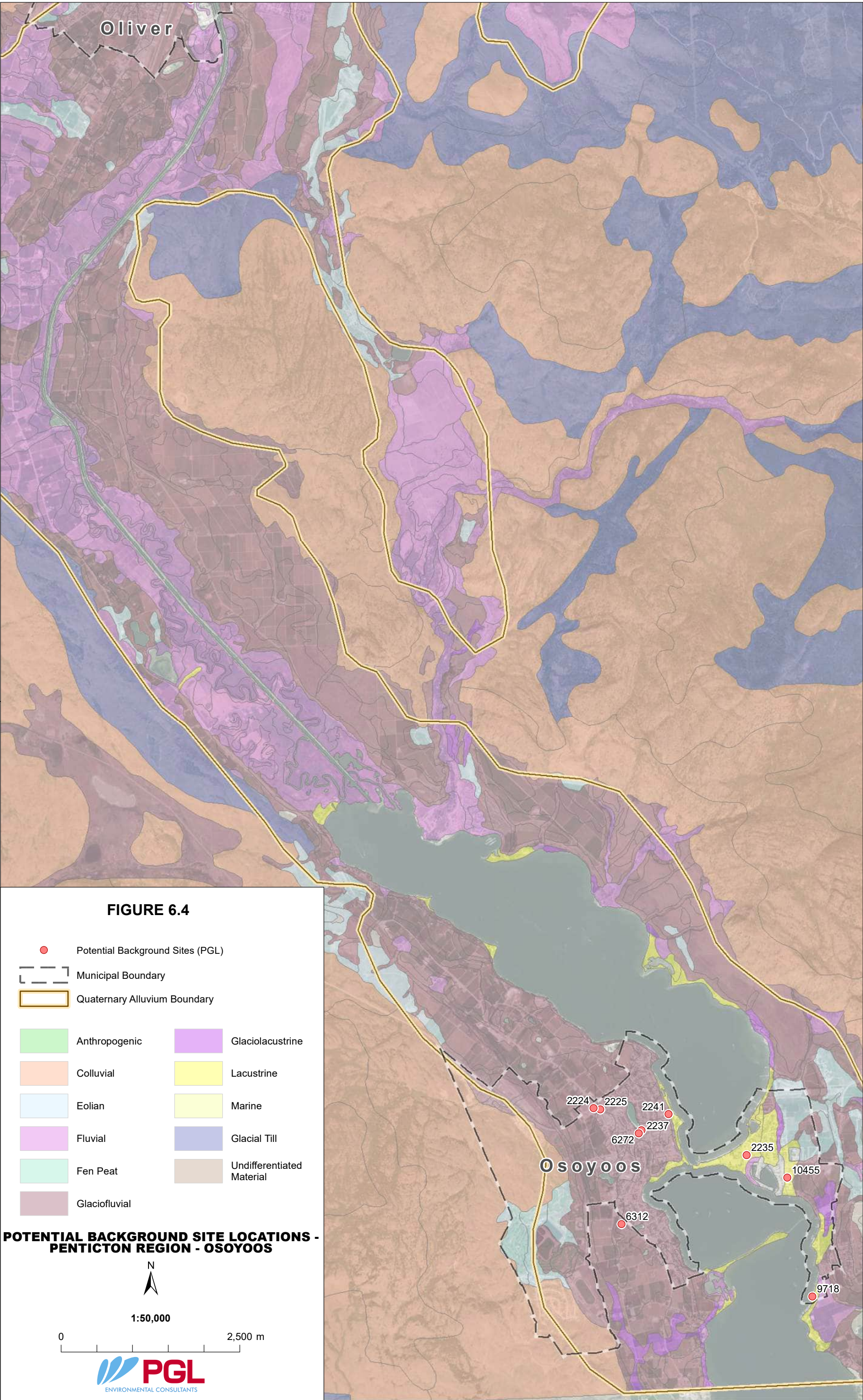
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## Tables

**Table 1**  
**List of Site IDs for Mid-Island**  
**Background Groundwater Concentrations at Sites in British Columbia**  
**CSAP Society, PGL File 4136-230.01**

Site ID	City/Town/Hamlet	Service	Received Date	Completed Date	Database
188	Qualicum Beach	Investigation Report	.	12-Jun-1989	pre-2018
684	Parksville	Investigation Report	.	No Entry	pre-2018
1049	Courtenay	CofC	.	19-Jan-1999	pre-2018
1050	Courtenay	Investigation Report	.	18-Aug-1995	pre-2018
1672	Campbell River	Investigation Report	.	27-Jun-1994	pre-2018
1674	Campbell River	Investigation Report	.	27-May-1991	pre-2018
1696	Campbell River	AiP	.	17-May-2001	pre-2018
1706	Courtenay	Investigation Report	.	24-Jul-1995	pre-2018
1718	Bowser	Investigation Report	.	27-Sep-1994	pre-2018
1719	Courtenay	Investigation Report	.	02-May-1994	pre-2018
1754	Campbell River	Investigation Report	.	01-May-1996	pre-2018
1765	Campbell River	CofC	.	30-May-2018	pre-2018
1771	Campbell River	Investigation Report	.	07-Sep-1995	pre-2018
1779	Campbell River	Investigation Report	.	12-Mar-1996	pre-2018
1781	NanOOSE Bay	Investigation Report	.	26-Jul-1993	pre-2018
1788	Cumberland	Investigation Report	.	25-Mar-1994	pre-2018
1793	Campbell River	Investigation Report	.	17-Nov-1993	pre-2018
1808	Campbell River	CofC	2020-02-21	.	2018-2024
1820	Courtenay	CofC	.	12-Nov-2002	pre-2018
1829	Qualicum Beach	Investigation Report	.	22-Jun-1994	pre-2018
1873	Campbell River	Investigation Report	.	08-Mar-1994	pre-2018
1875	Parksville	Investigation Report	.	No Entry	pre-2018
1881	Comox	Investigation Report	.	04-Apr-1995	pre-2018
1907	Courtenay	Investigation Report	.	16-May-1994	pre-2018
1917	Parksville	Investigation Report	.	19-Feb-1994	pre-2018
1923	Campbell River	CofC	.	31-May-2004	pre-2018
1924	Campbell River	Investigation Report	.	11-Jun-1990	pre-2018
1933	Qualicum Beach	CofC	.	11-Apr-2000	pre-2018
1940	Courtenay	Investigation Report	.	21-Dec-1988	pre-2018
3036	Errington	Investigation Report	.	15-Jun-1995	pre-2018
3108	Courtenay	CofC	.	24-Mar-2010	pre-2018
3191	Campbell River	Investigation Report	.	15-May-1995	pre-2018
3194	Cumberland	Investigation Report	.	29-Aug-1994	pre-2018
3206	Parksville	Investigation Report	.	15-Sep-1995	pre-2018
3212	Qualicum Beach	Investigation Report	.	23-Feb-1996	pre-2018
3215	Courtenay	Investigation Report	.	13-Nov-1995	pre-2018
3226	Campbell River	Investigation Report	.	07-Nov-1995	pre-2018
3230	Courtenay	Investigation Report	.	19-May-1995	pre-2018
3282	Courtenay	Investigation Report	.	16-Nov-1994	pre-2018
3346	Campbell River	CofC	2021-04-15	.	2018-2024
3681	Comox	Investigation Report	.	17-Sep-1996	pre-2018
3748	Parksville	Investigation Report	.	28-Feb-1997	pre-2018
3836	NanOOSE Bay	CofC	.	29-Apr-1999	pre-2018

Table 2  
List of Site IDs for Skeena-Bulkley  
Background Groundwater Concentrations at Sites in British Columbia  
CSAP Society, PGL File 4136-230.01

Site ID	City/Town/Hamlet	Service	Received Date	Completed Date	Database
67	Terrace	CofC	.	31-Aug-2000	pre-2018
87	Smithers	CofC	.	14-Aug-2014	pre-2018
331	Kitimat	AiP	.	16-Sep-1999	pre-2018
381	Terrace	Investigation Report	.	30-Mar-1995	pre-2018
1680	Kitimat	CofC	.	05-Jun-2014	pre-2018
2268	Smithers	AiP	.	26-Sep-1997	pre-2018
2863	Smithers	Investigation Report	.	26-Jan-1998	pre-2018
2866	Smithers	P9	2023-09-13	.	2018-2024
2877	Houston	CofC	.	07-Nov-2011	pre-2018
2953	Smithers	CofC	.	18-Mar-2004	pre-2018
2980	Smithers	Investigation Report	.	29-Oct-2001	pre-2018
3003	Burns Lake	AiP	2020-11-26	.	2018-2024
3017	Decker Lake	Investigation Report	.	16-Jun-2000	pre-2018
3020	Burns Lake	CofC	.	30-Oct-2014	pre-2018
3851	Terrace	AiP	.	28-Apr-1997	pre-2018
3917	Terrace	CofC	.	01-Apr-2014	pre-2018
4071	Kitimat	CofC	2022-08-17	.	2018-2024
4119	Smithers	Investigation Report	.	15-Jul-1997	pre-2018
4120	Houston	Investigation Report	.	09-Sep-1997	pre-2018
4126	Terrace	Investigation Report	.	12-Sep-1997	pre-2018
4230	Terrace	Investigation Report	.	12-Aug-1997	pre-2018
4575	Terrace	CofC	.	05-Jul-1999	pre-2018
4661	Terrace	CofC	.	06-Dec-2001	pre-2018
4692	Smithers	Investigation Report	.	16-Nov-1999	pre-2018
5017	Telkwa	Investigation Report	.	15-Sep-1998	pre-2018
5136	Terrace	CofC	.	.	2018-2024
5647	Topley	CofC	.	14-Jun-2018	pre-2018
5649	Topley	CofC	.	14-Jun-2018	pre-2018
5776	Terrace	AiP	.	15-Jan-2003	pre-2018
5806	Terrace	CofC	2023-12-22	.	2018-2024
5828	Terrace	Investigation Report	.	29-Feb-2000	pre-2018
5829	Kitimat	CofC	2019-10-03	.	2018-2024
6035	Terrace	Investigation Report	.	27-Jan-2000	pre-2018
6415	Houston	CofC	.	28-Apr-2000	pre-2018
6503	Cedarvale	Investigation Report	.	20-Jun-2001	pre-2018
6701	Terrace	Investigation Report	.	11-Jul-2000	pre-2018
6879	Terrace	Investigation Report	.	28-Jul-1999	pre-2018
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7361	Terrace	Investigation Report	.	16-Jul-2001	pre-2018
7637	Houston	CofC	.	07-Apr-2015	pre-2018
7688	Terrace	CofC	.	16-Feb-2009	pre-2018
7874	Terrace	Investigation Report	.	16-Jul-2002	pre-2018
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7946	Decker Lake	AiP	.	10-Sep-2002	pre-2018
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9165	Terrace	AiP	2022-02-18	.	2018-2024
9231	Houston	Investigation Report	.	30-Nov-2004	pre-2018
9236	Burns Lake	Investigation Report	.	20-Jun-2022	pre-2018
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11688	Terrace	CofC	.	05-Feb-2014	pre-2018
15766	Terrace	Determination	.	17-Dec-2013	pre-2018
16327	Houston	CofC	.	25-Aug-2014	pre-2018
16750	Smithers	Investigation Report	.	15-Nov-2016	pre-2018
17056	Smithers	CofC	.	14-Jul-2015	pre-2018
17465	Kitimat	Determination	.	03-Mar-2015	pre-2018
19781	Terrace	CofC	.	30-Nov-2017	pre-2018
19813	Terrace	Determination	.	15-Mar-2017	pre-2018
20995	Houston	CofC	.	30-Jan-2018	pre-2018
22500	Kitimat	AiP	2023-12-11	.	2018-2024
22770	Smithers	CofC	2023-09-15	.	2018-2024
22880	Burns Lake	CofC	2020-11-26	.	2018-2024
22945	Burns Lake	CofC	2020-11-26	.	2018-2024
23259	Terrace	CofC	2022-04-11	.	2018-2024
24165	Terrace	Determination	2021-03-11	.	2018-2024
24184	Terrace	Determination	2021-04-27	.	2018-2024
24336	Houston	AiP	.	29-Jun-2022	pre-2018
26020	Kitimat	CofC	2023-07-21	.	2018-2024
28978	Smithers	Investigation Report	.	30-May-2024	pre-2018
28980	Smithers	Investigation Report	.	30-May-2024	pre-2018

Table 3  
List of Site IDs for Columbia River  
Background Groundwater Concentrations at Sites in British Columbia  
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Site ID	City/Town/Hamlet	Service	Received Date	Completed Date	Database
57	Revelstoke	AiP	.	29-Aug-2002	pre-2018
1220	Golden	CofC	.	27-Aug-1997	pre-2018
1686	Revelstoke	AiP	.	15-Jun-2006	pre-2018
1725	Revelstoke	CofC	.	03-May-2010	pre-2018
1731	Golden	CofC	2021-10-20	.	2018-2024
2695	Revelstoke	CofC	.	22-Aug-2014	pre-2018
2740	Revelstoke	CofC	.	09-Dec-2014	pre-2018
2824	Radium Hot Springs	CofC	2022-11-07	.	2018-2024
2830	Golden	Investigation Report	.	01-Apr-1999	pre-2018
2833	Canal Flats	CofC	.	26-Jun-1998	pre-2018
2835	Windermere	CofC	2020-01-30	.	2018-2024
3496	Golden	Investigation Report	.	12-Feb-1999	pre-2018
3565	Revelstoke	CofC	.	08-Oct-1998	pre-2018
4501	Radium Hot Springs	Investigation Report	.	23-Aug-2000	pre-2018
5343	Golden	Investigation Report	.	07-Dec-1998	pre-2018
5618	Golden	Investigation Report	.	16-Sep-1999	pre-2018
5650	Revelstoke	Investigation Report	.	03-May-1999	pre-2018
5718	Nakusp	Investigation Report	.	23-Apr-1999	pre-2018
5992	Invermere	Investigation Report	.	13-Sep-1999	pre-2018
6130	Golden	Investigation Report	.	18-Dec-1998	pre-2018
6143	Golden	CofC	.	20-Sep-2000	pre-2018
6455	Revelstoke	AiP	.	29-Aug-2002	pre-2018
6954	Revelstoke	CofC	.	17-Mar-2011	pre-2018
6993	Golden	CofC	.	28-Jun-2005	pre-2018
7170	Golden	CofC	.	13-Feb-2006	pre-2018
7514	Radium Hot Springs	Investigation Report	.	01-Sep-2001	pre-2018
7544	Jaffray	CofC	2020-05-14	.	2018-2024
7608	Golden	CofC	.	17-May-2017	pre-2018
7619	Revelstoke	Investigation Report	.	07-Jun-2002	pre-2018
7832	Revelstoke	CofC	.	28-Oct-2013	pre-2018
7865	Nakusp	Investigation Report	.	01-Aug-1991	pre-2018
8028	Golden	CofC	.	16-Dec-2003	pre-2018
8323	Invermere	P9	2019-11-01	.	2018-2024
9010	Invermere	CofC	.	26-Jun-2014	pre-2018
9365	Golden	CofC	.	12-Jan-2011	pre-2018
9441	Invermere	CofC	.	26-Jun-2014	pre-2018
10745	Golden	CofC	.	20-Jun-2012	pre-2018
11059	Windermere	P9	2022-05-10	.	2018-2024
11175	Revelstoke	Determination	.	16-Jul-2009	pre-2018
11543	Canal Flats	Determination	2022-05-26	.	2018-2024
11705	Revelstoke	CofC	.	20-Dec-2012	pre-2018
11871	Revelstoke	Determination	.	14-Jun-2010	pre-2018
12187	Golden	CofC	.	29-Apr-2014	pre-2018
12301	Nakusp	CofC	2020-12-29	.	2018-2024
12303	Revelstoke	CofC	2020-03-16	.	2018-2024
13352	Invermere	Investigation Report	.	31-Aug-2011	pre-2018
15056	Jaffray	CofC	2020-05-14	.	2018-2024
15136	Windermere	CofC	2024-03-04	.	2018-2024
15261	Jaffray	CofC	2020-05-14	.	2018-2024
16648	Invermere	CofC	.	26-Jun-2014	pre-2018
17191	Revelstoke	CofC	.	09-Dec-2014	pre-2018
17370	Revelstoke	Determination	.	23-Nov-2016	pre-2018
18014	Windermere	CofC	2024-03-04	.	2018-2024
21873	Canal Flats	P9	2023-10-24	.	2018-2024
22358	Windermere	P9	2019-10-01	.	2018-2024
23319	Nakusp	CofC	2021-01-29	.	2018-2024
23479	Jaffray	CofC	2020-05-14	.	2018-2024
23958	Revelstoke	CofC	2020-10-15	.	2018-2024
24171	Nakusp	CofC	2020-12-29	.	2018-2024
24172	Nakusp	CofC	2020-12-29	.	2018-2024
24173	Nakusp	CofC	2020-01-29	.	2018-2024
24174	Nakusp	CofC	2020-01-29	.	2018-2024
24180	Golden	Investigation Report	.	29-Jan-2021	pre-2018

Table 4  
List of Site IDs for Penticton  
Background Groundwater Concentrations at Sites in British Columbia  
CSAP Society, PGL File 4136-230.01

Site ID	City/Town/Hamlet	Service	Received Date	Completed Date	Database
348	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	09-Jul-1990	pre-2018
415	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	15-Jul-1992	pre-2018
766	Penticton	CofC	.	14-Jan-2009	pre-2018
1101	Penticton	CofC	.	12-Aug-2004	pre-2018
2224	Osoyoos	Investigation Report	.	05-Oct-1993	pre-2018
2225	Osoyoos	Investigation Report	.	05-Oct-1993	pre-2018
2235	Osoyoos	Investigation Report	.	30-Aug-1993	pre-2018
2237	Osoyoos	P9	.	16-May-2014	pre-2018
2241	Osoyoos	Investigation Report	.	08-Jul-1993	pre-2018
2271	Oliver	AiP	.	06-Dec-1996	pre-2018
2272	Keremeos	Investigation Report	.	29-Jul-1992	pre-2018
2281	Okanagan Falls	Investigation Report	.	24-Mar-1994	pre-2018
2348	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	07-Mar-1996	pre-2018
2356	Keremeos	CofC	.	25-Jul-1996	pre-2018
2358	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	16-Dec-1993	pre-2018
2361	Penticton	CofC	.	29-Apr-2013	pre-2018
2380	Summerland	Investigation Report	.	03-Nov-1994	pre-2018
2382	Penticton	CofC	.	12-Feb-2009	pre-2018
2395	Penticton	CofC	2021-11-24	.	2018-2024
2413	Penticton	CofC	.	21-Jul-2003	pre-2018
2415	Penticton	CofC	.	12-Aug-2004	pre-2018
2426	Keremeos	Investigation Report	.	13-Oct-1994	pre-2018
2429	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	01-Mar-1994	pre-2018
2431	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	07-Mar-1994	pre-2018
2521	Summerland	Investigation Report	.	17-Feb-1992	pre-2018
2523	Summerland	Investigation Report	.	23-Aug-1993	pre-2018
2530	Penticton	CofC	.	16-Jun-2010	pre-2018
2536	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	24-May-1995	pre-2018
2539	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	14-Jul-1993	pre-2018
2569	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	23-Feb-2004	pre-2018
2589	Okanagan Falls	Investigation Report	.	22-Aug-1994	pre-2018
2592	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	13-Sep-1994	pre-2018
2594	Keremeos	Investigation Report	.	17-Jul-1995	pre-2018
2605	Summerland	Investigation Report	.	29-Nov-1994	pre-2018
2628	Penticton	AiP	.	22-May-1996	pre-2018
2632	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	23-Mar-1992	pre-2018
2634	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	19-Dec-1994	pre-2018
2660	Penticton	CofC	.	21-May-1998	pre-2018
2664	Penticton	Determination	.	01-Oct-2001	pre-2018
3033	Oliver	Investigation Report	.	19-Aug-1996	pre-2018
3161	Penticton	AiP	.	02-May-1996	pre-2018
3394	Naramata	Investigation Report	.	21-Apr-1998	pre-2018
3420	Penticton	AiP	.	23-Oct-1996	pre-2018
3488	Penticton	AiP	.	26-Nov-1996	pre-2018
3581	Penticton	CofC	.	11-Jan-1999	pre-2018
3669	Summerland	Investigation Report	.	17-Jan-1997	pre-2018
3815	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	26-Nov-1996	pre-2018
5153	Oliver	CofC	.	25-Feb-2003	pre-2018
5159	Oliver	Determination	.	23-May-2002	pre-2018
5340	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	21-Aug-1998	pre-2018
5651	Penticton	Determination	.	12-May-1999	pre-2018
6228	Penticton	Determination	.	17-Nov-1999	pre-2018
6272	Osoyoos	CofC	.	12-Sep-2001	pre-2018
6312	Osoyoos	Investigation Report	.	30-Mar-2001	pre-2018
6986	Oliver	Investigation Report	.	29-Sep-2000	pre-2018
7021	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	01-Nov-2000	pre-2018
7099	Summerland	CofC	.	20-Sep-2005	pre-2018
7480	Penticton	Determination	.	06-Jan-2003	pre-2018
7492	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	24-Sep-2001	pre-2018
7644	Penticton	CofC	.	30-Aug-2005	pre-2018
7779	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	05-Nov-2002	pre-2018
7807	Penticton	CofC	.	No Entry	pre-2018
7872	Penticton	CofC	.	16-May-2016	pre-2018
8227	Penticton	CofC	2024-06-06	.	2018-2024
8405	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	18-Mar-2004	pre-2018
8929	Penticton	CofC	.	03-Apr-2007	pre-2018
9117	Penticton	CofC	.	14-Feb-2006	pre-2018
9439	Penticton	Determination	.	23-Mar-2010	pre-2018
9718	Osoyoos	CofC	.	18-Aug-2006	pre-2018
9826	Penticton	CofC	2022-12-23	.	2018-2024
9916	Penticton	CofC	.	24-Jun-2015	pre-2018
10254	Penticton	CofC	.	01-Mar-2016	pre-2018
10455	Osoyoos	CofC	.	03-Jan-2008	pre-2018
10470	Penticton	CofC	.	17-Feb-2011	pre-2018
10827	Okanagan Falls	CofC	.	25-Sep-2012	pre-2018
11451	Penticton	P9	.	23-Oct-2018	pre-2018
11668	Penticton	CofC	.	24-Jan-2013	pre-2018
11859	Penticton	CofC	.	16-Oct-2017	pre-2018
12232	Penticton	CofC	.	01-Oct-2010	pre-2018
13020	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	29-Jul-2011	pre-2018
13391	Penticton	P9	2020-07-27	.	2018-2024
13455	Penticton	Investigation Report	.	02-Dec-2011	pre-2018
17232	Penticton	CofC	.	16-May-2016	pre-2018
17807	Penticton	CofC	.	24-Jun-2015	pre-2018
19719	Keremeos	CofC	.	15-Feb-2017	pre-2018
21768	Penticton	CofC	2023-08-15	.	2018-2024
23614	Penticton	Determination	2021-11-24	.	2018-2024
26697	Oliver	Determination	2024-02-09	.	2018-2024
28113	Penticton	P9	2024-03-26	.	2018-2024



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**Appendix 2**  
**Surficial Geology Maps**

**Prince George**



- LEGEND
- QUATERNARY  
POST-GLACIAL (7-9)
- 9 BOG DEPOSITS: muck and peat
- 8 FAN DEPOSITS: poorly sorted mixtures of gravel, sand, and silt
- 7 ALLUVIAL DEPOSITS: sand, gravel, silt, minor muck and peat;  
7a, mainly sand and gravel; 7b, mainly silt; 7c, mainly sand and gravel  
forming terraces along major rivers
- FRASER GLACIATION (2-6)
- 5 6 GLACIOLACUSTRINE DEPOSITS:  
5, Beach deposits: poorly sorted gravel and sand generally less than  
10 feet thick  
6, Lake bottom deposits: silt, clay, and fine to medium sand;  
6a, mainly silt; 6b, mainly clay; 6c, mainly sand
- 3 4 GLACIOFLUVIAL DEPOSITS:  
3, Low-contact stratified drift: poorly sorted sand and gravel character-  
ized by hummocky and kettled topography; 3a, kame gravel and sand;  
3b, esker gravel and sand; 3c, mainly sand, largely of lacustrine origin  
but deposited against and on ice  
4, Proglacial stratified drift: sand, gravel, and minor silt characterized  
by flat topography broken in places by kettle holes and terrace slopes;  
4a, outwash plain, sand and gravel; 4b, outwash plain, sand; 4c, outwash  
delta, sand and gravel; 4d, kettled outwash plain, sand and gravel
- 2 GROUND MORaine DEPOSITS: till; includes minor sand, gravel, and  
silt within and on top of till; 2a, compact unoxidized till characterized  
by drumlinoid ridges, overlain in many places by rill deposits;  
2b, ablation till; 2c, thin mantle (generally less than 5 feet) of compact  
till and associated glaciofluvial deposits (including rill deposits) on  
bedrock; 2d, poorly consolidated till-like mixtures overlying Plateau  
basalt
- PRE-FRASER GLACIATION (1)
- 1 GLACIAL AND NON-GLACIAL DEPOSITS: gravel, sand, silt, clay, and  
till deposited during two pre-Fraser glaciations; gravel, sand, silt, and  
clay deposited during interglacial and interstadial intervals; 1a, localities  
where at least two tills separated by non-glacial deposits have been  
observed, mostly in near-vertical cliffs
- TERTIARY  
MIOCENE AND EARLY PIOCENE
- T Poorly consolidated to unconsolidated conglomerate (gravel) sandstone,  
and mudstone (clay to silt); minor diatomite, lignite (brown peaty coal),  
and basalt

- Areas of rock outcrop and of rock with thin discontinuous  
mantle of drift and colluvium . . . . . R
- Geological boundary, approximate . . . . .
- Drumlinoid ridge, crag-and-tail hill  
(direction of ice movement known, unknown) . . . . .
- Esker (direction of stream flow known) . . . . .
- Meltwater channel (small, large) . . . . .
- Landslide scar . . . . .
- Locality where age has been determined in millions of years . . . . . 6640
- Gravel pit . . . . .
- Colluvium (see Explanatory notes) . . . . . Qc

Geology by S. P. Leaming and J. E. Armstrong, 1966-67

This preliminary edition was prepared without final drafting  
and may be subject to revision and correction  
Geological cartography by the Geological Survey of Canada, 1969

Topographic base-map at the same scale published by the  
Surveys and Mapping Branch, 1967

Magnetic declination 1969 varies from 24° 31' easterly at  
centre of east edge to 25° 13' easterly at centre of west  
edge. Mean annual change decreasing 3.7'

All elevations in feet above mean sea-level

#### EXPLANATORY NOTES

SAND AND/OR GRAVEL: in many places in the map-area evidence of the origin  
of these deposits is lacking and they have been included arbitrarily in the map-  
units shown in the legend; for example, 7c mapped as alluvial deposits may be  
partly or wholly glaciofluvial deposits; 6a mapped as glaciolacustrine deposits  
and 2b mapped as ablation till may be partly glaciofluvial deposits

ABLATION TILL: unsorted mixture of sand and gravel, 5 feet or more thick,  
believed to have been deposited from a superglacial position through the melting  
of underlying stagnant ice

COLLUVIUM: deposits of mass-wasting processes and consisting of an unsorted  
mixture of angular to rounded gravel and rubble, sand, and silt found on most  
slopes. In most places too thin (less than 3 feet) to differentiate as a map-unit.  
Where thicker deposits (more than 3 feet) have been observed the symbol Qc  
has been put on the map

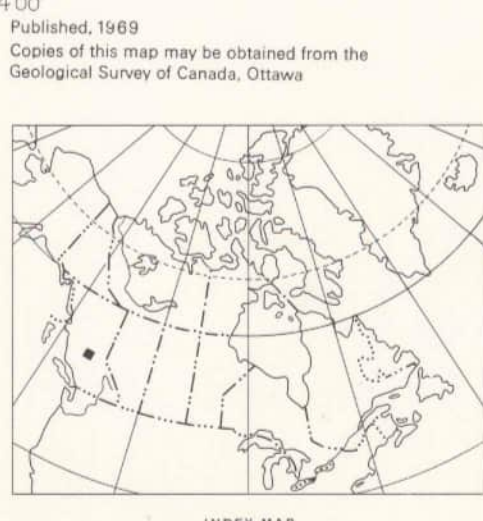
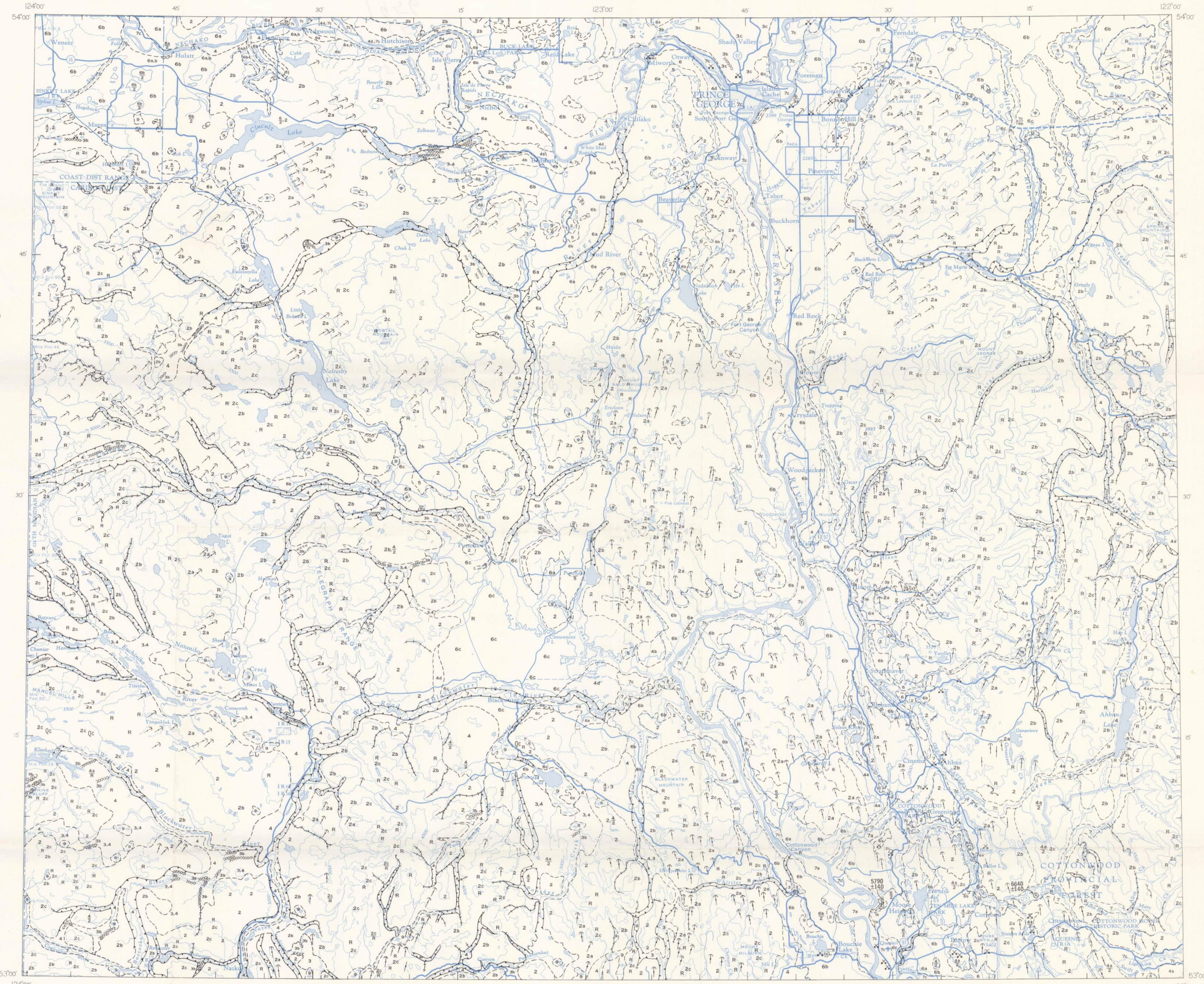
TERRACES: in many areas mapped as alluvial deposits (7) and glaciofluvial  
deposits (4)

RILL DEPOSITS: lag gravel, channel-bottom gravel, hummocky gravel, and  
pockets of blackwater silt closely associated with till (2a, 2b); in general these  
are moraine deposits washed and channelled by meltwater. Because these  
deposits are so widespread no attempt was made to differentiate them as a map-  
unit. They are most abundant in areas exhibiting small meltwater channels

TILL (2a and 2c lodgement): mechanical analyses on more than 60 samples of  
lodgement till indicate a stone content, which varies from 5 to 50 per cent of the  
volume in a matrix that is predominantly clay loam or loam, although in about  
20 per cent of the samples the matrix is sandy loam or silty loam. In many  
places the composition of the till reflects the underlying materials or nearby  
bedrock but exceptions are common. Where sections of till were sampled from  
the base to the top, the material at the base normally contains a higher percent-  
age of the clay and silt than the material at the top, but in some places the  
composition is uniform throughout. The older tills (1) vary as much in com-  
position as the youngest till (2a, 2c) and textural variations cannot be used to  
distinguish the various tills from one another

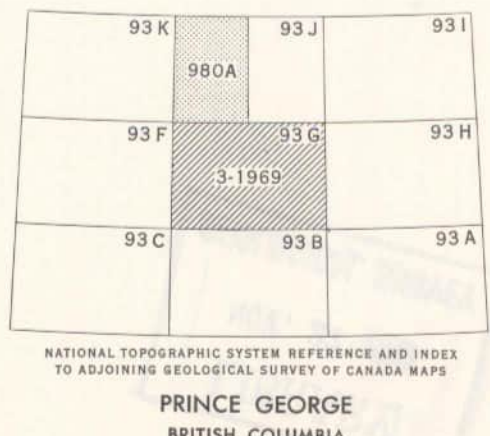
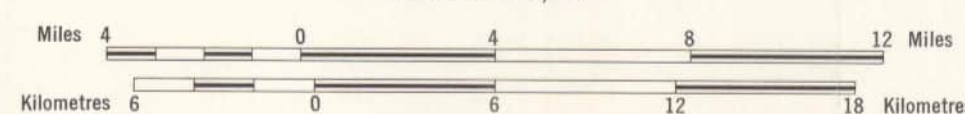
FRACTIONAL UNITS (e.g., 6a<sub>2a</sub>): are used where the surface map-unit averages  
less than 5 feet in thickness. The upper number applies to the surface unit and  
the lower number to the principal underlying unit. Thus 6a<sub>2a</sub> means that glacio-  
lacustrine clay (unit 6a) extends a few feet below the surface and rests upon  
ground moraine (unit 2a)

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### MAP 3-1969 SURFICIAL GEOLOGY PRINCE GEORGE BRITISH COLUMBIA

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C. 2





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# LEGEND

- Drumlin (direction of flow known, unknown)
- Rock drumlin (direction known from crag and tail)
- Glacial grooves
- Glacial striae on bedrock
- Large meltwater or outwash channels and river channels bounded by cutbanks and terraces (arrows indicate direction of flow)
- Small meltwater or abandoned stream channels (direction of flow known, unknown)
- Lake deposits (shorelines indicated in places by beaches)
- Pitted terrane
- Eskers and esker complexes

Geology by H.W. Tipper, 1954-1969

To accompany GSC Bulletin 196 by H.W. Tipper

Geological cartography by the Geological Survey of Canada

Topographic base-map at the same scale, compiled by the Department of Lands and Forest and Water Resources, British Columbia. Published by the Surveys and Mapping Branch, 1966

Magnetic declination 1970, varies from 25°08' easterly at centre of west edge to 24°45' easterly at centre of east edge. Mean annual change decreasing 3.7'

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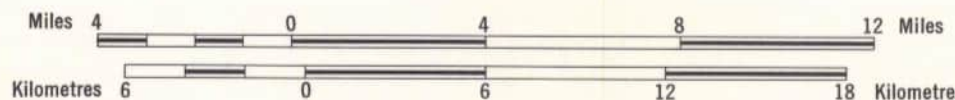


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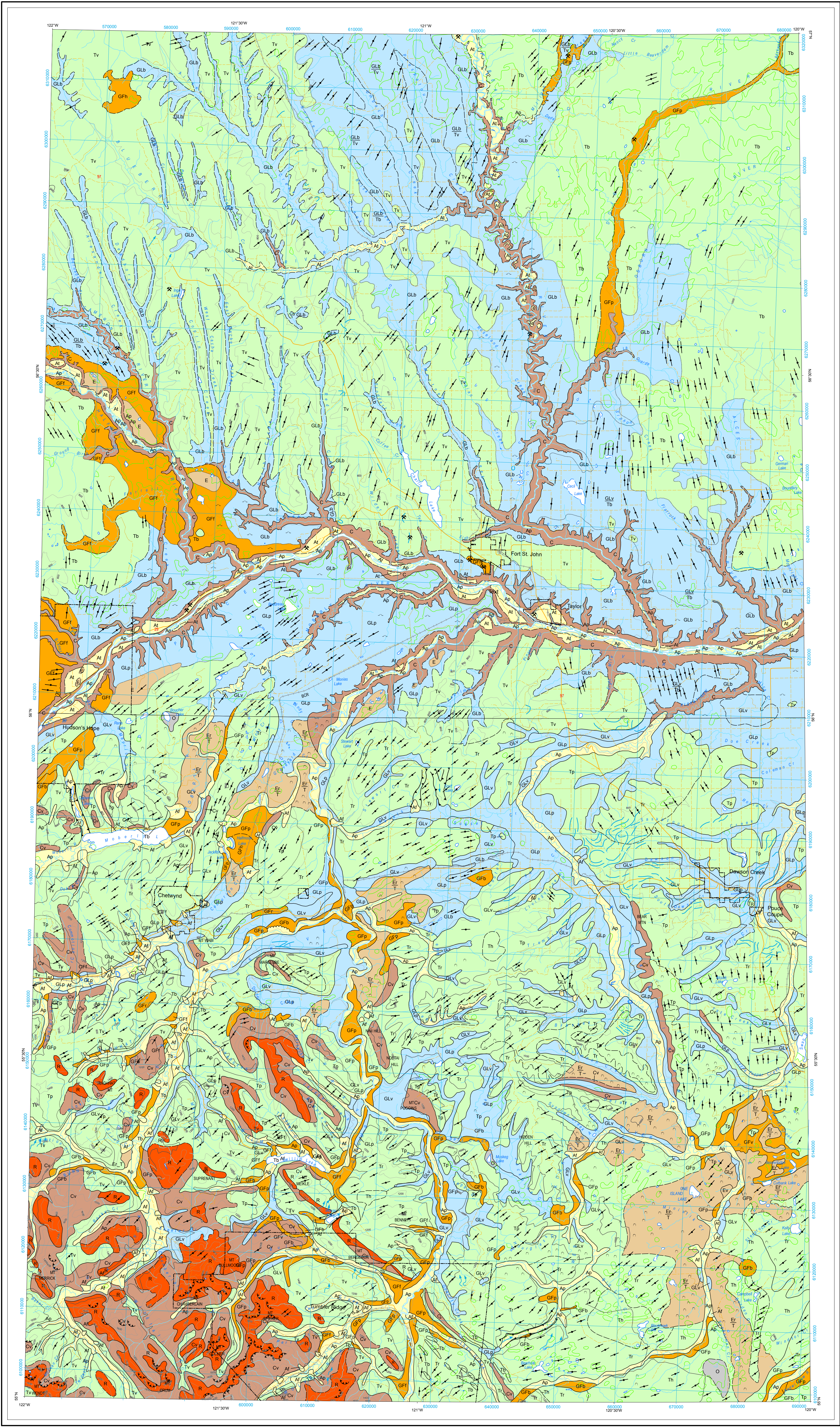
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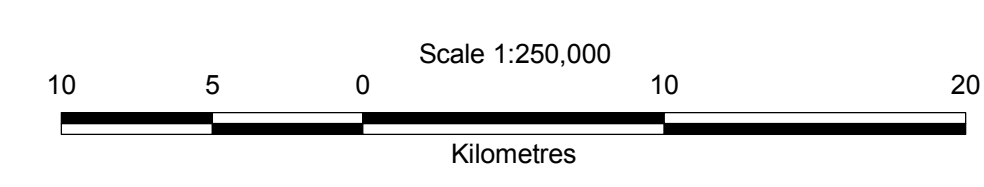
**Northeast BC**





# Compilation of Geological Survey of Canada surficial geology maps for NTS 94A and 93P

## ENERGY OPEN FILE NUMBER 2011-2 GEOSCIENCE BC MAP 2011-08-1



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### Geological Description

- A** **Alluvial Deposits:** General term for material deposited from flowing water; consist of silt, sand, and gravel, at or near stream level. **Ap** alluvial plain; **At** alluvial terrace.
- C** **Colluvial Deposits:** Rock or sediment transported mainly by gravity; consists of silt, sand, gravel, rubble, and rock debris; also implies steep slopes and eroded bluffs and exposed bedrock in the Peace River Valley. **Cv** colluvial veneer (thin, less than 2 m).
- E** **Aeolian Deposits:** Sediment deposited by wind; consists of silt and sand. **Ev** aeolian veneer (thin, less than 2 m); **Er** aeolian ridges (dunes) over till.
- GF** **Glaciofluvial Deposits:** Sediment transported and deposited by glacial meltwater; consists of silt, sand, gravel, and coarse gravel. **GFb** glaciofluvial blanket (thick, more than 2 m); **GFv** glaciofluvial veneer (thin, less than 2 m); **GFf** glaciofluvial fan; **GFh** glaciofluvial hummocky terrain, includes kame deposits; **GFp** glaciofluvial plain; **GFr** glaciofluvial ridge, includes eskers.
- GL** **Glaciolacustrine Deposits:** Sediment deposited in standing water associated a former glacial lake; consists mainly of laminated to massive clay, silt, and sand or waterlain diamict, with minor beach sand and gravel. **GLb** glaciolacustrine blanket (thick, more than 2 m); **GLv** glaciolacustrine veneer over till blanket; **GLd** glaciolacustrine blanket over till veneer; **GLp** glaciolacustrine plain; **GLt** glaciolacustrine till; **GLu** glaciolacustrine veneer over till blanket; **GLr** glaciolacustrine ridge.
- T** **Till or Glacial Diamict Deposits:** Sediment transported and deposited directly by ice; consists of poorly sorted granular to boulders clasts in clay to sand matrix; may include areas with thin and patchy glaciolacustrine deposits. **Tb** till blanket (thick, more than 2 m); **Tv** till veneer (thin, less than 2 m); **Tp** till plain; **Th** hummocky till terrain; **Tr** streamlined till ridges.
- O** **Organic Deposits:** Extensive organic material. This unit is under utilized as large extents of organic deposits were not mapped in order to show the underlying sediments.
- R** **Bedrock Outcrop:** Region with extensively exposed bedrock generally restricted to high elevations

### Geological Contact

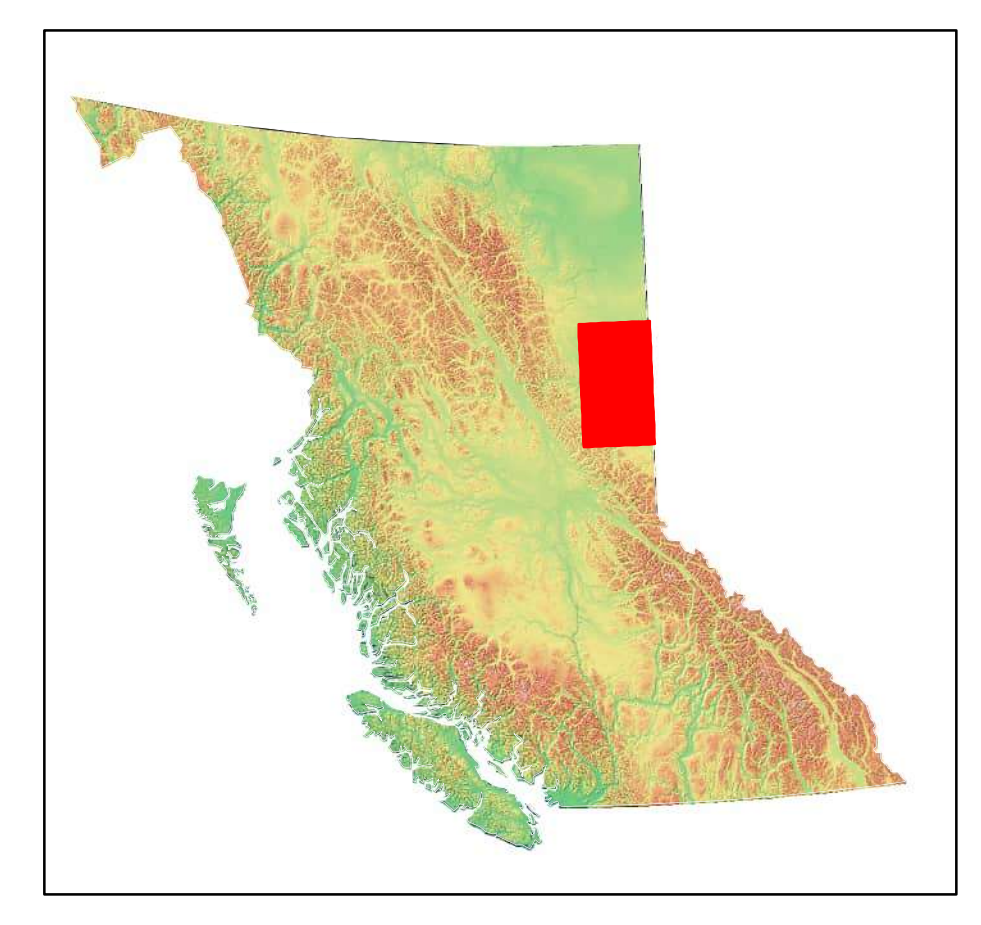
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### Surficial Geology Symbols

- Aeolian dune
- Hummocky terrain
- Gravel pit
- Cirque
- Streamlined landform
- Shoreline
- Meltwater channel major
- Meltwater channel minor

### Base map symbols

- Municipality
- Contour - Index
- Contour - Intermediate
- Contour interval 200 metres
- Cart track, overgrown road
- Road: Gravel, dry weather
- Road: Paved
- Rail
- River, island, sand bar
- Lake - definite
- Lake - definite
- Swamp, marsh, marshy lake



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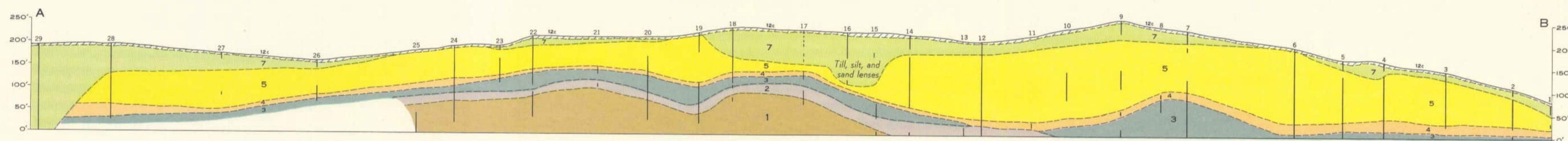
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**Mid-Island**





Projected view of Dashwood Sea Cliff along line A-B

Measured exposures shown by heavy vertical lines  
and numbered serially from West (B) to East (A).  
Horizontal Scale of Feet  
0 500 1000

LEGEND

- PLEISTOCENE AND RECENT**
- 16** SALISH SEDIMENTS  
SHORE, DELTAIC AND FLUVIAL DEPOSITS:  
gravel, sand, silt, clay, peat; 16a, alluvial fan deposits
- 13** CAPILANO SEDIMENTS (13a, 13b)  
TERRACED FLUVIAL DEPOSITS:  
13a, Deltaic deposits: gravel and sand  
commonly underlain by silt and clay  
13b, Channel and floodplain deposits:  
gravel, sand, minor silt; in Alberni Valley  
includes estuarine deposits with lenses of clay  
(shown only where more than 3 feet thick)  
13c, Alluvial fan deposits: poorly sorted gravel and silt
- 12a, b, 12c** MARINE DEPOSITS (INCLUDING GLACIO-MARINE):  
12a, silt, clay, stony clay  
12b, sand, sandy gravel,  
generally underlain by clay  
12c, Marine veneer complex:  
varied stony gravel, gravel,  
sand, silt, clay, stony loam;  
discontinuous in bedrock areas
- 11** VASHON DRIFT (7-10)  
GLACIAL LANDSLIDE DEPOSITS: blocks and rubble
- 10** GLACIAL LAKE DEPOSITS: sand and silt
- 8, 9** GLACIO-FLUVIAL DEPOSITS: gravel, sand, lenses of till  
8, Hummocky (kames), knoll-and-kettle, and ridged deposits;  
9a, esker deposits; 9b, Terrace and pitted-terrace deposits;  
9c, kame terrace and kame delta deposits; 9d, ice-contact  
alluvial fan deposits
- 7** GROUND MORaine DEPOSITS: till, lenses of gravel,  
sand, and silt; 7a, sandy till west side of Alberni Valley;  
7b, slope complex of till, alluvium, and colluvium
- 5** QUADRA SEDIMENTS (3-5)  
Sand, minor gravel; in part covered by  
remnants of till
- 6** Gravel, sand, silt, clay, peat, till;  
beneath Vashon ground moraine,  
relation to Quadra not known
- 4** Silt, gravel, sand, peat, peaty soil, driftwood
- 3** Clay and stony clay with marine shells;  
basal lenses laminated clay and silt
- DASHWOOD DRIFT**  
**2** Till, lenses of gravel and silt
- MAPLEGUARD SEDIMENTS**  
**1** Sand, silt; minor clay and gravel
- R** Areas of bedrock outcrop and of outcrop  
interspersed with patches of thin overburden

Bedrock outcrop in area of overburden  
Scarp bordering delta or other terrace (symbol at top of scarp)  
Abandoned channel  
Limit of marine overlap (not shown on deltas)  
Gravel pit

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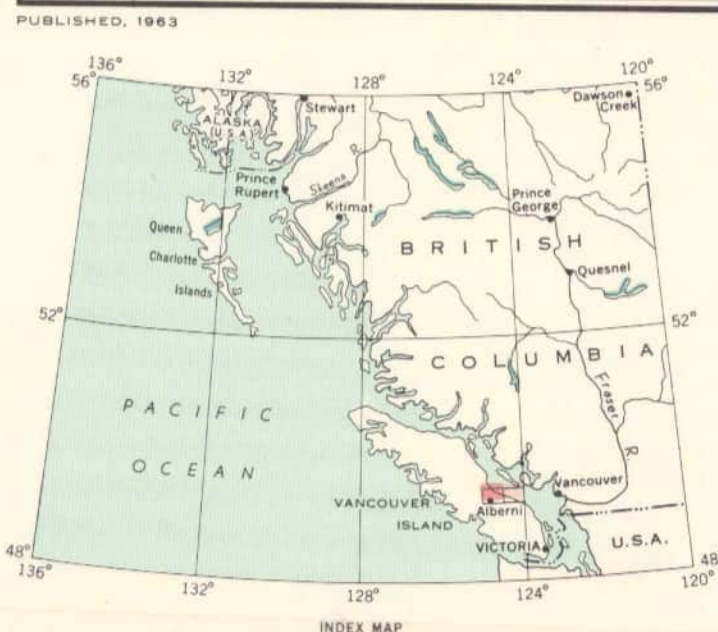
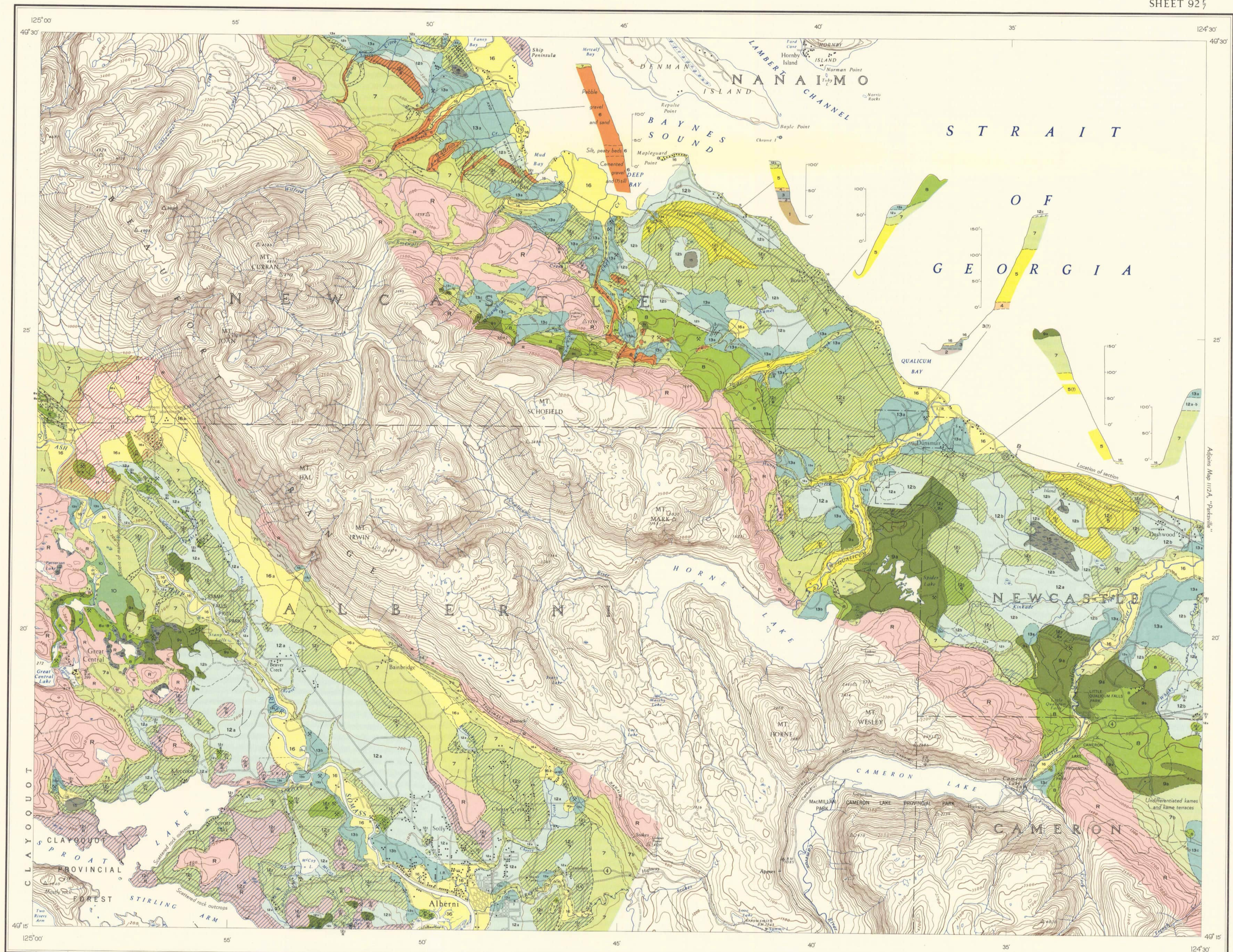
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MAP IIIA  
SURFICIAL GEOLOGY  
**HORNE LAKE**  
VANCOUVER ISLAND  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Scale: One Inch to One Mile =  $\frac{1}{63360}$   
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Private road (logging)  
Road, four-wheel drive  
Trail  
Power transmission line  
Building or cabin  
Church  
School  
Post Office
- Lighthouse  
Wharf  
Horizontal control point  
District boundary  
Park boundary  
Indian Reserve boundary  
Stream (intermittent)  
Marsh  
Sand or gravel  
Contours (interval 100 feet)  
Height in feet above mean sea-level

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12c, Marine veneer complex: varied stony gravel, gravel, sand, silt, clay, stony loam; discontinuous in bedrock areas
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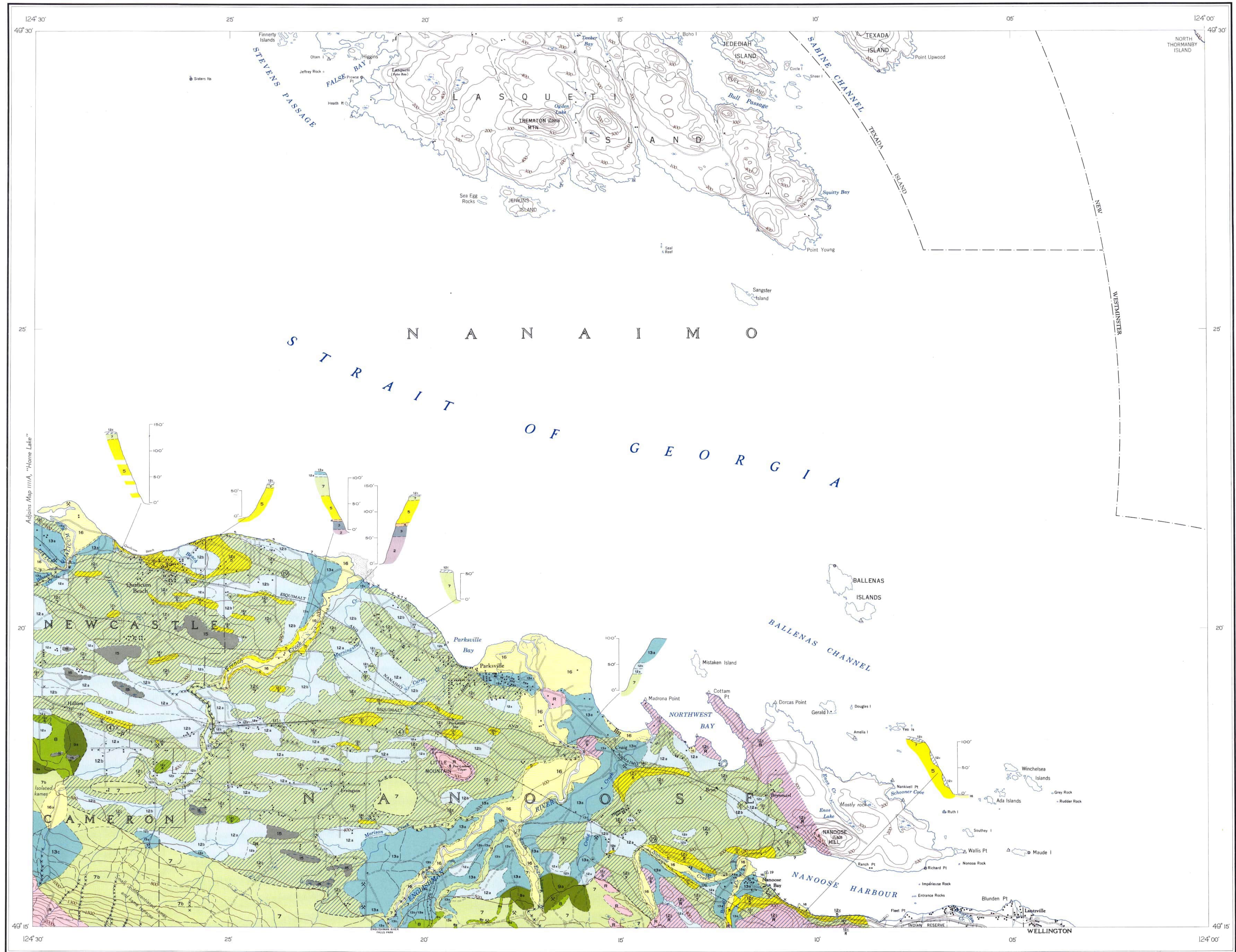
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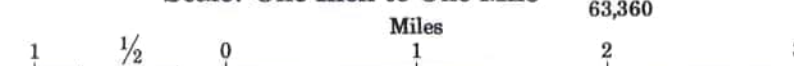


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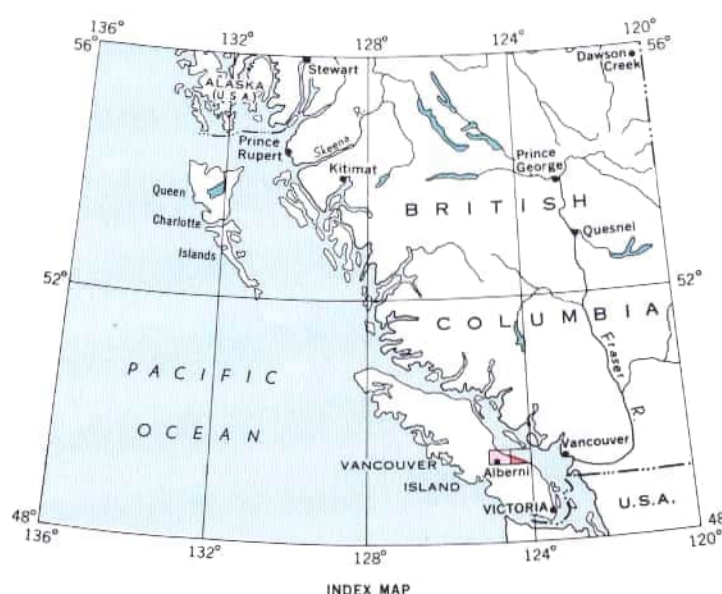
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MAP 1112A  
SURFICIAL GEOLOGY  
**PARKSVILLE**  
VANCOUVER ISLAND  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Scale: One Inch to One Mile =  $\frac{1}{63,360}$



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Trail  
Power transmission line  
Building or cabin  
Church  
School  
Post Office
- Lighthouse  
Wharf  
Horizontal control point  
District boundary  
Park boundary  
Indian Reserve boundary  
Stream, (intermittent)  
Marsh  
Sand or gravel  
Contours (interval 100 feet)  
Height in feet above mean sea-level



Vancouver (NM 9/10)	
LEGEND FOR QUATERNARY OF CANADIAN CORDILLERA	
R.J. Fulton	
HOLOCENE	
m	Made-land: mixed texture materials dumped to provide additional unstable land or built during disposal of waste materials; includes mill tailings dumps and spoil ground.
I	Alpine glaciers and ice caps: ice and debris covered ice; includes minor associated glacial deposits and small areas of rock (mainly nunataks).
O	Organic deposits: peat, mucky peat and muck; brown to black in color; in many places underlain by grey to light brown muck consisting largely of fine grained carbonate mud and mollusc fragments. Occurs in shallow depressions and poorly drained areas. Thickness generally 1-4 m but rarely to 15 m.
S	Landslide: rubble and diamicton with texture dependant on the composition of the material in which the slope failure occurred. In mountainous terrain, slides generally are small rockfalls and result in small piles of rubble; locally large landslides have occurred resulting in hummocky valley fills and large fans of rubble. Slope failures in Quaternary sediments and poorly consolidated or highly altered older rocks result in earthflows with a diamicton texture. Thicknesses are variable and may be up to 80 m.
Fc Fo Fx FF	Fluvial sand, silt, and gravel: medium grained sand and gravel and fine grained sand and silt occurring as modern and Holocene floodplain, terrace and fan deposits. Thickness 2 to 10 m but where streams enter lakes fluvial sediments overlie with gradational contact, deltaic fill sequences as thick as 200 m.
Fc	Fc, dominantly channel sands and gravels and associated sand and gravel terraces. Clasts commonly rounded and lithologies mixed and variable, reflecting the composition of local bedrock and glacial deposits. Sediments generally well stratified with cut-and-fill structures and cross bedding. Texture varies vertically and laterally but individual beds are generally well sorted. A capping of silt to medium grained sand <1 m thick is common.
Fo	Fo, dominantly fine grained sand and silt overbank deposits including associated organic materials and channel deposits. Characterized by horizontal and ripple laminations which in many places may have been destroyed by plant rooting activities. Sediments generally occur in upward fining units. May enclose sinuous bodies of channel sands and gravels but these are a minor part of the map unit.
FF	FF, diamicton and gravel occurring as alluvial fan deposits. Consist of thickly bedded, internally massive units and cross bedded units characterized by cut-and-fill structures. Texture varies vertically and laterally with a general decrease in grain size from fan head to fan toe. Sorting is generally poor but locally may be good. Lithologies reflect local bedrock or glacial deposits. Clasts are generally subangular to subrounded but may be well rounded where they are derived from pre-existing fluvial gravels.
Fx	Fx, a complex of channel and overbank deposits, and intertonguing colluvial and alluvial fans (this unit is commonly used in mountain valleys). Consists of units Fc, Fo and FF in addition to rubble in the form of colluvial fans and cones. The typical map unit occupies the floor of a mountain valley in which the stream is overwhelmed by a large supply of fluvial and colluvial materials. Deposits on the valley floor include colluvial and alluvial fan materials from tributary valleys and gullies, channel gravels and sands where the stream flows over fan deposits, sand and silt overbank deposits and peats in reaches partly dammed by the infringing fans and rubble at the toes of the impinging colluvial aprons and cones. This is also used in parts of the Fraser, Thomson and Nicola valleys which are occupied by a complex of alluvial fans, terraces, floodplain deposits and remnants of thick valley fill.
Lt Lx	Lacustrine silt, clay and sand: commonly light grey in color; dominantly rhythmites consisting of thick silt (<1 m) and thin (<1 cm) clay couplets. Gradational increase in grain size in most thick sequences.
Lt	Lt, thick lacustrine deposits generally seen as a terrace or partly dissected valley fill but also often underlies Holocene fluvial deposits. Thickness <100 m.
Lx	Lx, lacustrine silt, sand and clay and minor ice contact sand and gravel: Stratification generally parallel but contorted and faulted due to melting of buried ice. Thickness <10 m. Locally includes lenses of gravel and sand. Generally occurs as low relief hummocky landform.

HOLOCENE AND FRASER	
Wt Wb Wv	Marine and glaciomarine deposits: clay, silt, sand, gravel, and diamicton deposited in lowland areas transgressed by the sea during latest Pleistocene and Holocene time. Coarse littoral sediments commonly veneer glaciomarine and glacial sediments.
Wt	Thick marine and glaciomarine deposits masking details of relief of underlying units, and with surface expression reflecting genesis of deposit. Dominantly silt, clay and stony silt and clay. Thicknesses locally as great as 200 m.
Wb	Marine and glaciomarine deposits thick enough to mask minor irregularities in the underlying units, but which still conform to the general underlying topography (1-3 m).
Wv	Discontinuous, thin marine and glaciomarine deposits; relief details of underlying units generally visible; outcrops of underlying units may be common. Dominantly sand and gravel occurring as a lag on glacial or glaciomarine sediments and glaciomarine stony silt and clay. Thickness generally <2 m.
Gt Gx	Glaciofluvial sand and gravel: dominantly coarse grained sand, pebbly sand and fine gravel but locally poorly sorted and bouldery. Texture varies laterally and vertically. Clasts generally subrounded to well-rounded and lithologies reflect local bedrock and till.
Gt	Gt, sand and gravel in the form of terraces and deltas associated with the ice retreat and drainage regime. Generally well stratified with cross bedding and cut-and-fill structures common. Sorting within individual sediment units generally good. Thickness <10 m.
Gx	Gx, sand and gravel in the form of ridges and hummocks (kames, kame complexes and eskers) and other features associated with deposition of sand and gravel in contact with ice. Generally well stratified but stratification in many places contorted and faulted by the melting of buried ice. Sorting variable. May include lenses of diamicton. Thickness <50 m.

1M	Loamy till: Olive-brown, brown, grey-brown or reddish brown till. Slightly to moderately calcareous. Texture generally loam, sandy loam to silty clay loam; locally stony to bouldery. Generally compact. Clast lithologies variable and chiefly argillite, greenstone, granites and crystalline metamorphics in areas underlain by sandstones and shales; dominantly basalt and dacite in areas underlain by volcanic rocks. Areas mapped as this unit are unmetamorphosed by weakly consolidated sandstones and shales and unmetamorphosed basalts and dacites.
1Mt 1Mb	1Mt 1Mb: continuous till cover with thickness >10 m on valley floors and lower slopes, 1-3 m in most other areas (1Mb).
1Mv	1Mv: thin to discontinuous till with scattered outcrops; thickness generally >2 m.
dM	Sandy loamy till: olive-grey, olive, olive-brown, grey-brown, grey and pale olive till. Generally moderately calcareous but strongly calcareous in areas of limestone and slightly calcareous in areas where till overlies or was derived from ice advance sediments. Textures generally sandy loam, loam, sandy clay loam, loam, loamy sand and locally sand or silt loam were derived from unconsolidated sediments. Generally compact and commonly stony. Clast lithologies variable reflecting diverse bedrock lithologies from which till was derived and diverse clast composition of overridden outwash. Areas mapped as this unit are largely underlain by argillite, greywacke, limestone, quartzite, arkose, agglomerate, greenstone, andisite and other medium grade metamorphic sediments and by pre-late ice advance sands, gravels and silts.
dMt dMb	dMt dMb: continuous till cover with thicknesses >10 m on valley walls and lower slopes, 1-3 m in most other areas (dMb).
dMv	dMv: thin to discontinuous till was scattered outcrops; thickness generally <2 m.
sM	Sandy till: olive grey, grey and pale olive till. Weakly to noncalcareous. Textures generally loamy sand, sandy loam and sand. Generally gravelly, cobbly or bouldery. Clast lithologies variable reflecting local bedrock which is chiefly granodiorite, diorite, quartzdiorite, quartzmonzonite and a variety of crystalline metamorphic lithologies. Areas mapped as this unit are largely underlain by acid igneous intrusives and associated igneous rocks.
sMt sMb	sMt sMb: continuous till cover with thicknesses up to 10 m on valley floors and lower slopes, 1-3 m in most other areas (sMb).
sMv	sMv: thin to discontinuous till with scattered outcrops; thickness generally <2 m.
Ra	Rock with discontinuous colluvium and till — alpine mountains: major rock landforms consist of arêtes, cirques, glaciated valleys and various other alpine glacial forms. A discontinuous mantle of colluvial rubble is present on most slopes and aprons and comes of colluvial debris occur at the toes of many slopes. A till veneer (dMv sMv) is present on lower parts of valley walls with thicker till occurring locally in valley bottoms and thin discontinuous till present at higher elevations. Colluvium and till are generally <2 m thick. Valleys are generally occupied by complexes of colluvial debris, channel sediments, overbank deposits and low gravel terraces (Fx) which locally may be as much as 10 m thick but are too small to map at this scale.
Rs	Rock with discontinuous colluvium and till — steep slopes: rock landforms consist dominantly of steep slopes. Discontinuous colluvial rubble is present on most slopes with thicker accumulations near slope toes. Thin patches of till are locally present. Unconsolidated sediments are generally <2 m thick.
Rm	Rock with minor colluvium and till — low relief: flat to gently rolling areas of rock. Bare rock locally covered by patches of peat, colluvium and till.
Qv	Quaternary volcanics: lava flows, breccia and ash, dominantly basaltic and andesitic composition but locally includes more acidic material; consists of flows and cinder cones.

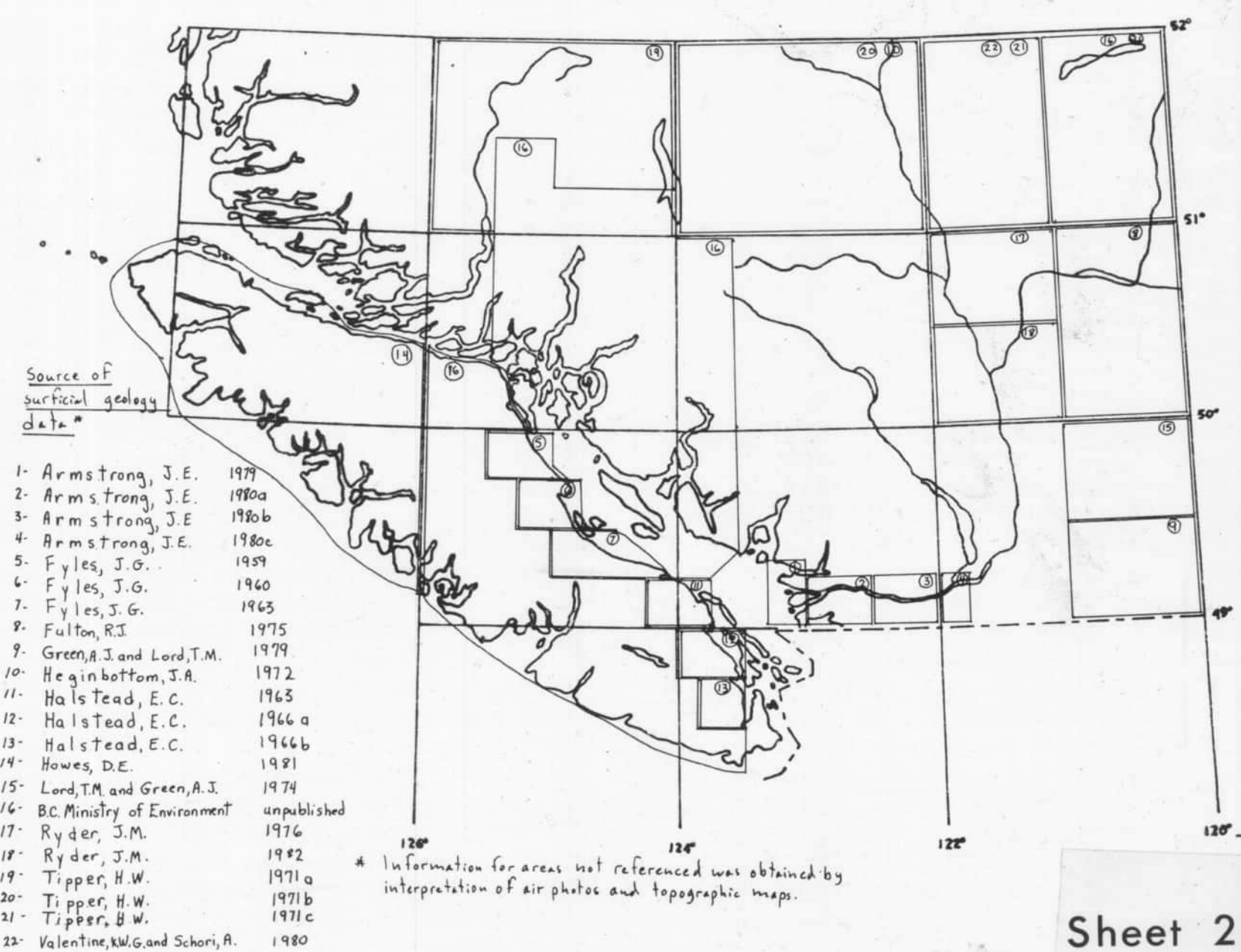
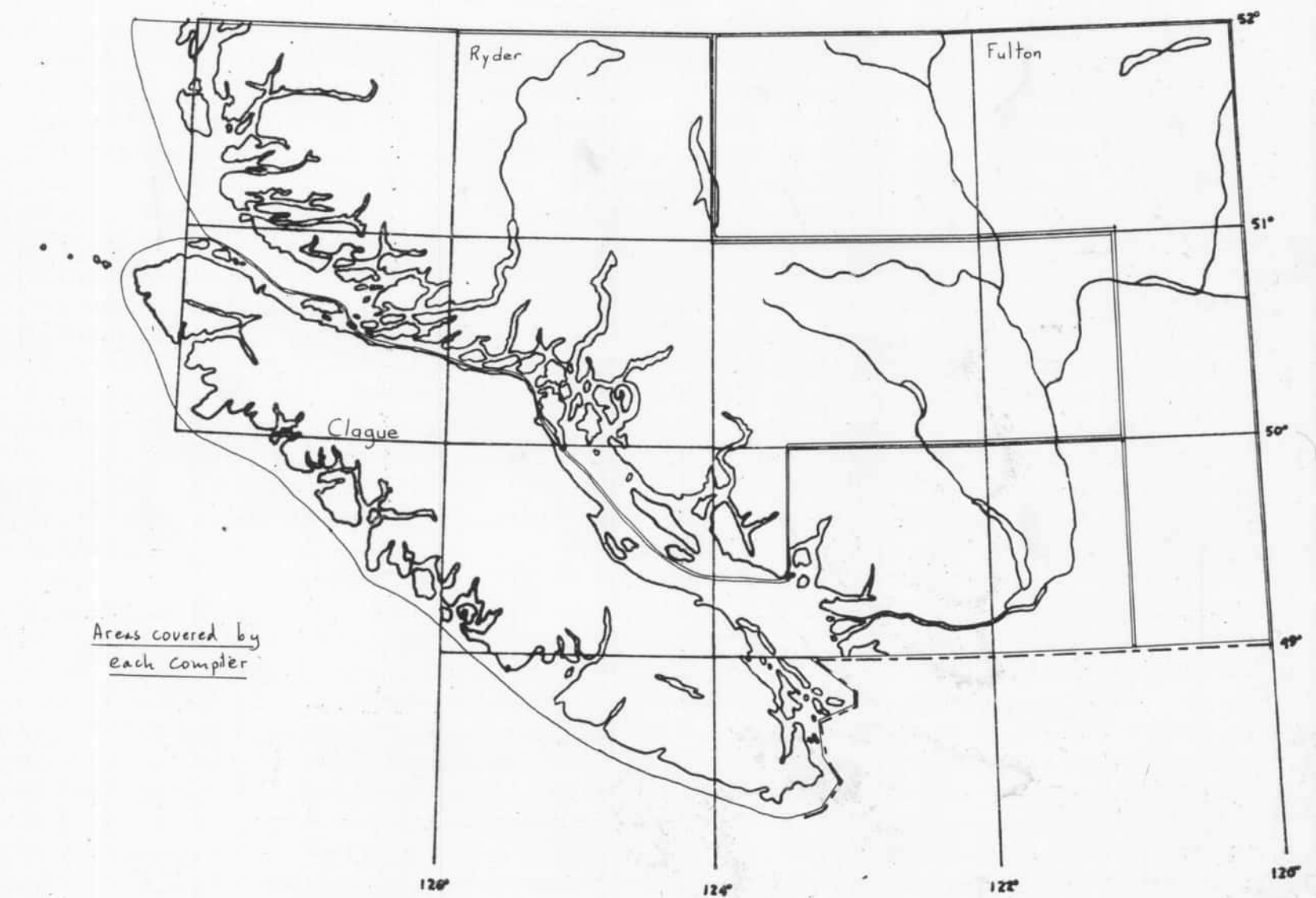
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SYMBOLS	
©	Cirque or group of cirques (not shown in areas of Ra).
→	Direction of ice movement: erosional features (grooves, striae, chattermarks etc).
↔	Drumlin or group of drumlins.
→	Senses of ice movement; depositional feature other than drumlins.
→	Streamlined topography indicating direction of ice movement (includes grooves in drift, drumlinoid ridges etc.).
—	Crest of transverse till ridges.
—	Esker or ice fracture filling.
—	Abandoned channel; includes meltwater channels and underfit streams.
—	Spillway threshold of glacial lake.
▲	Deltas too small to appear as a map unit.
—	Surface unit overlies a thick (<600 m) of Quaternary sediments.
—	Volcanic ash locality (Bridge River, St. Helen's Y, Mazama ), Olympia "Interglacial").
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Table I RADIOMETRIC DATES					
Locality	Date	Material	Significance	Reference	
1	GSC-948 GSC-938	2225 ± 130 2940 130	peat peat	Neoglacial advance Neoglacial advance	Fulton, 1971 Fulton, 1971
2	I-6057	11 430 ± 150	gyttja	Fraser retreat	Mathews et al., 1972
3	GSC-38	12 360 140	shells	Fraser retreat	Dyck & Fyles, 1962
4	GSC-389	12 740 170	worm tubes	Fraser retreat	Dyck et al., 1966
5	GSC-2193	12 900 170	shells	Fraser retreat	Lowdon et al., 1977
6	GSC-2768	16 700 500	wood	Fraser advance	Clague et al., 1980
7	GSC-2297 GSC-2416	17 800 150 21 700 130	wood wood	Fraser advance Coquitlam ice advance	Clague et al., 1980 Hicock & Armstrong, 1981
8	GSC-2344 GSC-2273 GSC-2167	18 700 170 25 800 310 40 500 1700	wood wood wood	Youngest Quadra Sand Youngest Cowichan Head Formation Oldest Cowichan Head Formation	Armstrong & Clague, 1977 Armstrong & Clague, 1977 Armstrong & Clague, 1977
9	GSC-96	28 800 740	wood	Oldest Quadra Sand	Armstrong & Clague, 1977

Table II IMPORTANT STRATIGRAPHIC SECTIONS			
Locality	Significance		Reference
A	Type section: Quadra Sand		Armstrong & Clague, 1977
B	Type section: Mapleguard Sediments and Dashwood Drift		Fyles, 1963
C	Type section: Cowichan Head Formation		Armstrong & Clague, 1977
D	Type section: Capilano Sediments		Armstrong, 1981
E	Type section: Coquitlam Drift		Hicock & Armstrong, 1981
F	Type section: Fort Langley Formation		Armstrong, 1981
G	Type section: Sumas Drift		Armstrong, 1981
H	Type section: Semiahmoo Drift		Armstrong, 1975
I	Type section: Muir Point Formation		Hicock, 1980



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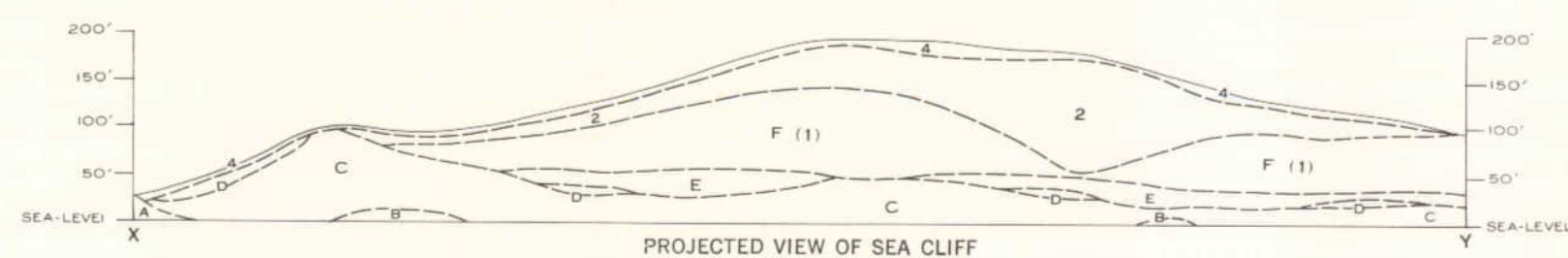
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SHEET 92  $\frac{S}{4}$  and 92  $\frac{F}{1}$  (East)



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Trail . . . . .  
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Abandoned railway . . . . .  
Power transmission line . . . . .  
Post Office . . . . .  
Indian Reserve boundary . . . . .  
Marsh . . . . .  
Cliff . . . . .  
Sand or gravel . . . . .  
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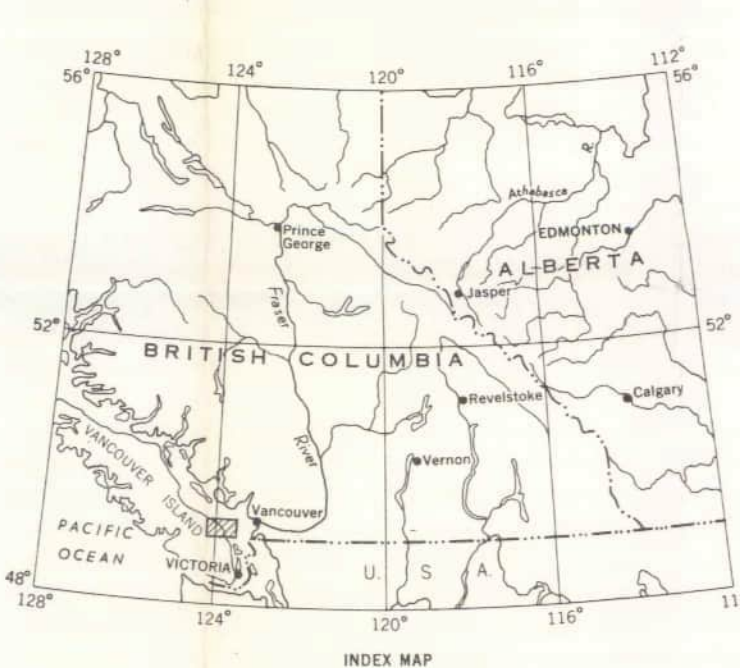
- LEGEND
- PLEISTOCENE AND RECENT  
SALISH SEDIMENTS (7)  
7 SHORE, DELTAIC, FLUVIAL, AND UPLAND  
SWAMP DEPOSITS: gravel, sand, silt, clay, peat  
CAPLANO SEDIMENTS (4,5)  
5 TERRACED FLUVIAL DEPOSITS: deltaic, floodplain and  
channel deposits, gravel, sand, lag gravel, and cobbles  
MARINE DEPOSITS (INCLUDING GLACIO-MARINE)  
4a, silt, clay and stony clay thickness up  
4b, gravel, sand, silt in spits and bars } to 50 feet  
4c, gravel, sand mainly marine veneer } commonly less  
4d, varied stony, loamy and clayey marine veneer } than 5 feet thick  
VASHION DRIFT (2,3)  
3 GLACIO-FLUVIAL DEPOSITS: gravel, sand, lenses of till  
3a, hummocky knob and kettle deposits  
3b, terrace and pitted terrace deposits  
GROUND MOAINE DEPOSITS: till, lenses of gravel, sand and silt  
2  
QUADRA SEDIMENTS (1)  
1 Sand, minor gravel  
VALLEY ALLUVIUM  
6 boulders, gravel, sand,  
silt, clay on terraces and  
as channel deposits;  
includes patches of 5 and 7

Note: fractional units (i. e. 4c/2) are used where the surface map unit averages less than 5 feet in thickness. The upper number applies to the surface unit and the lower number to the principal underlying unit. Thus 4c/2 means that gravel and sand marine veneer extends a few feet below the surface and rests upon ground moraine.

- Areas of bedrock outcrop and outcrop with thin patches of overburden . . . . . R  
Bedrock outcrop in area of overburden . . . . . X  
Geological boundary (approximate) . . . . .  
Limit of geological mapping . . . . .  
Glacial striae (S), striae and -lee surfaces (SL), direction of ice movement indicated . . . . .  
Drumlinoid ridges, direction of ice indicated . . . . .  
Scarp between deltas or river terraces . . . . .  
Gravel pit . . . . .  
Fossil locality . . . . .

Geology by E. C. Halstead, 1961

Cartography by the Geological Survey of Canada, 1963



DESCRIPTIVE NOTES

The west half of the map-area is mountainous, with elevations rising to more than 4,400 feet above sea-level. The east half is part of the east coast lowland of Vancouver Island, which extends diagonally across the map-area with a maximum width of about 5 miles. Except for volcanic rocks exposed at Cottle Hill and Woodley Range, bedrock that underlies the lowland consists of shale, sandstone, and conglomerate, whose weaker units have been eroded to form longitudinal valleys; the more resistant units provide cuesta-like ridges. Quennel, Holden, Beck, and Long Lakes, and other smaller lakes, occupy the deepened parts of these longitudinal valleys. The largest of these valleys is drowned at its northern and southern ends to form Nanaimo and Ladysmith Harbours, respectively. Midway in its course, it is entered from the west by the largest of the transverse valleys; through the latter, Nanaimo River flows eastward from the upland. Upon entering the longitudinal valley it flows north to Nanaimo Harbour, in which it is building a large delta.

In most places the glaciers that overrode the area contributed little more than a rounding and polishing of the rock surfaces and deepening of the longitudinal valleys. However, much of the lowland north of Nanaimo is mantled with drift, which in places is more than 250 feet thick. South of Nanaimo, and on the islands adjacent to the lowland, bedrock lies at the surface or is covered by a few feet of marine veneer, chiefly clay.

The unconsolidated deposits throughout much of the area are related to the regimen and wastage of the last major ice-sheet that occupied Vancouver Island, the British Columbia mainland, and the Strait of Georgia. The drift left from this glaciation is recognized in the area as the classical Wisconsin.

Older glacial deposits identified in the sea cliffs at Leas Point indicate at least two earlier periods of ice accumulation and wasting. At this locality the oldest glacial deposits (unit B on section X-Y) are believed to rest on bedrock (unit A) and consist of grey stony clayey till. The oldest till (unit B, on section X-Y) is exposed at two places. It extends beneath the rubble and boulders of the present beach deposits and is assumed to continue beneath present sea-level. Laminated silts and clays with minor sand (unit C) overlie the oldest till and are exposed continuously along the base of the cliff. The maximum exposed thickness of these clays is about 120 feet, and they continue beneath recent beach deposits and extend beneath present sea-level. Unit C has also been identified in logs of the deeper drilled wells and has been exposed in an excavation at Nanaimo. The uneven, dissected surface of this unit represents an erosion surface upon which a second ice-sheet advanced and deposited a grey stony clay (unit D), much of which has been removed by subsequent erosion leaving remnants as shown. Resting on the second till (unit D), or on unit C where the till has been removed, is unit E, consisting of oxidized sand, silt, and clay, with peat layers. The peat is continuous throughout the cliff face. Its thickness is commonly less than 1 inch, but in places is as much as 10 inches. Crossbedded buff sands (unit F on section X-Y and unit 1 on map), in places as much as 90 feet thick, overlie unit E and are correlated with Quadra sediments mapped in Courtenay and Oyster River map-areas, north of Nanaimo.

The last major ice-sheet, which attained a thickness of more than 7,000 feet, overrode the Quadra sediments and upon retreat left a blanket of till (unit 2). During retreat and wastage of this ice, sea-level was considerably higher than present. Heavily loaded streams issuing from valley glaciers in Nanaimo River and Haslam Creek valleys, deposited sand and gravel as deltas (3b) into a sea that was about 500 feet higher than present sea-level. That sea-level reached these higher elevations is evidenced not only by the elevation of the top beds of the deltas but by erosion features such as wave-eroded caves on sandstone and conglomerate cliffs at elevations 350 to 420 feet near Extension, and also by gravel deposits that occur at a common elevation of about 500 feet along the west side of the lowland. Marine and glacio-marine deposits (4) were laid down in the seas that overlapped the lowland and left a marine veneer of gravel, sand, or silty clay with fossils. The age of shells collected from silty sand overlying the top till was determined by radiocarbon methods as 12,420 ± 150 years BP (GSC-80)<sup>1</sup>. During the period of lowering of sea-level to the present, streams deposited gravel and sand and cut terraces in older deposits (5), and clays and silts were continually being deposited in the deeper waters.

Present sea-level has been maintained for a considerable time, during which Nanaimo River has built a sizeable delta in Nanaimo Harbour, and silt and clays have accumulated in Ladysmith Harbour. In the upland areas, swamp deposits are filling the depressions.

The deltaic deposits in the Nanaimo River valley are the source of aggregate material for the sand and gravel industry. During 1961, production from pits in this area was valued at more than \$197,000<sup>2</sup>. The sand and gravel over much of this same area provide an extensive aquifer, which is recharged partly by rainfall and partly by the Nanaimo River. It supplies about 23 million gallons daily to meet the requirements for process and service water at the bleached sulphate pulp mill, Hartmar, near Nanaimo.

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MAP 27-1963  
SURFICIAL GEOLOGY  
NANAIMO  
BRITISH COLUMBIA

Scale: One Inch to One Mile =  $\frac{1}{63,360}$  Miles



MAP 27-1963  
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SHEET 92  $\frac{S}{4}$  and 92  $\frac{F}{1}$  East





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PRELIMINARY SERIES

LEGEND

- PLEISTOCENE AND RECENT  
SALISH SEDIMENTS (8)  
8 SHORE, DELTAIC, AND FLUVIAL DEPOSITS:  
gravel, sand, silt, clay, peat; 8a, alluvial-fan  
deposits; 8b, dune sand
- 7 VALLEY ALLUVIUM  
AND COLLUVIUM:  
boulders, gravel,  
stony loam, sand,  
silt, clay (thickness  
generally less than  
5 feet). Includes  
patches of 6 and 8
- 6 CAPILANO SEDIMENTS (5, 6)  
TERRACED FLUVIAL DEPOSITS:  
6a, Deltaic deposits: gravel and sand commonly  
underlain by silt and clay  
6b, Floodplain and channel deposits: gravel,  
sand, minor silt (shown only where averaging  
5 feet or more in thickness; thinner deposits  
included in unit 7)  
6c, Alluvial-fan deposits; poorly sorted gravel
- 5 MARINE DEPOSITS (INCLUDING GLACIO-MARINE):  
5a, silt, clay, stony clay  
5b, sand, pebbly sand, sandy gravel;  
generally underlain by clay  
5c, gravel, sand; in spits, bars, etc.  
5d, varied stony, gravelly, and sandy  
marine-veneer deposits  
5e, varied stony, sandy, loamy, and  
clayey marine-veneer deposits  
thickness few  
inches to 30 feet  
thickness generally  
less than 5 feet
- 4 VASHON DRIFT (3, 4)  
GLACIO-FLUVIAL DEPOSITS: gravel, sand; lenses  
of till; 4a, hummocky, knob-and-kettle, and ridged  
deposits (eskers shown by symbol); 4b, terrace and  
pitted terrace deposits
- 3 GROUND MORaine DEPOSITS: till; lenses of gravel,  
sand, and silt; 3a, till, alluvium, and colluvium
- 1 QUADRA SEDIMENTS (1)  
Sand; minor gravel, silt, peat, peaty soil,  
driftwood
- 2 Gravel, sand, silt,  
clay, till; beneath  
Vashon ground  
moraine, relation  
to Quadra not  
known

- Areas of bedrock outcrop and of outcrop interspersed  
with patches of thin overburden . . . . . R
- Bedrock outcrop in area of overburden . . . . . x
- Geological boundary (approximate) . . . . . - - - - -
- Limit of geological mapping . . . . . - - - - -
- Glacial striae (S), grooves (G), stoss-and-lee surfaces (SL),  
miniature crag-and-tail forms (CT) (direction of ice  
movement indicated, not indicated) . . . . .
- Crag-and-tail hills . . . . .
- Landslide scar . . . . .
- Scarp between deltas or river terraces . . . . .
- Abandoned channel . . . . .
- Limit of marine overlap (not shown on deltas) . . . . .
- Gravel pit . . . . .

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Geology by J.G. Fyles, 1956-1957

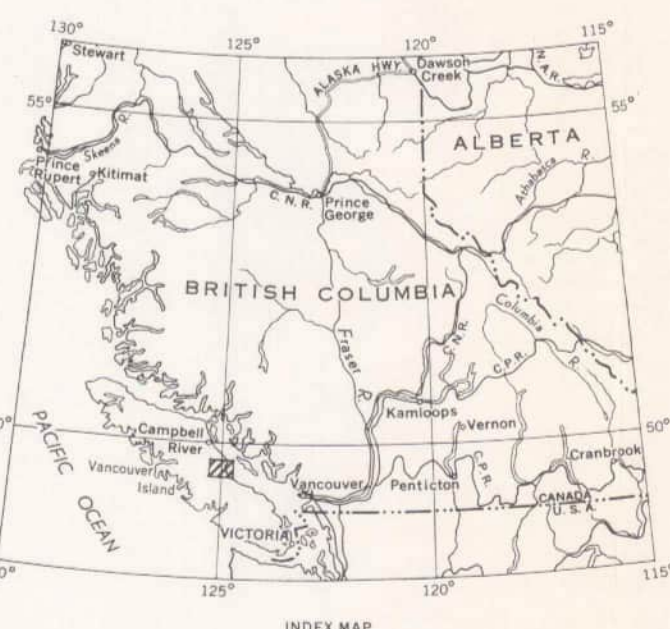
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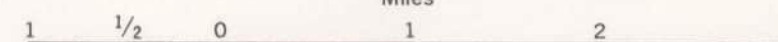


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BRITISH COLUMBIA

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The sand unit of the Quadra sediments (fine unit 1) is underlain successively by plant-bearing silts and  
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PROJECTED VIEW OF SEA CLIFF  
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Sand; minor gravel, silt, peat, peaty soil, driftwood
- 1** Gravel, sand, silt, clay, peat, driftwood, till; beneath Vashon ground moraine, relation to Quadra not known

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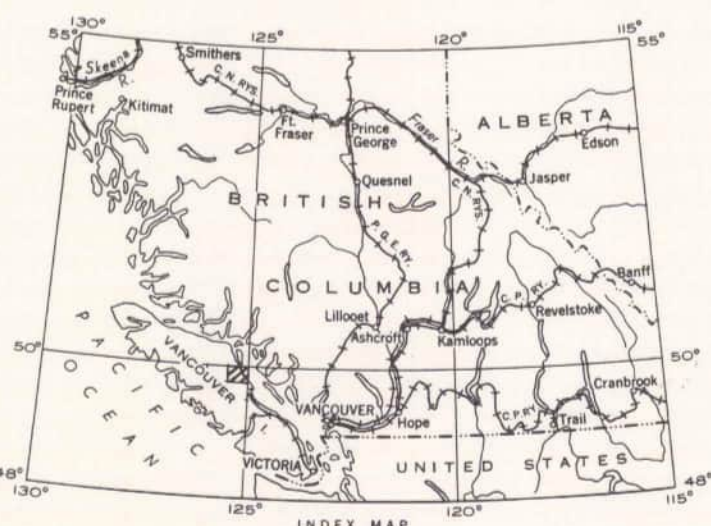
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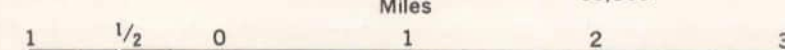
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## LEGEND AND DESCRIPTION OF TERRAIN UNITS

SYMBOL	NAME	SURFICIAL DEPOSITS		LANDFORM		COMMENTS
		MATERIAL	THICKNESS (metres)	TOPOGRAPHY	SLOPES (degrees)	
	man-made terrain	diamicton, rubble, gravel, sand	>2	plain	0-3	landfill
I	glacier ice	ice and snow	>20	rolling, sloping, crevassed	1-30	steep slopes occur in areas of ice falls
O	organic terrain	peat, muck	<15	plain	0-3	bogs, fens, swamps
	organic blanket	peat, muck	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-10	
	organic veneer	peat, muck	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-15	
	landslide	diamicton, blocks and rubble of local bedrock	>3	hummocky, rolling	0-35 0-15	includes landslides involving bedrock and landslides involving unconsolidated Quaternary sediments
C	avalanche fan, debris-flow fan	gravel, diamicton	>5	fan	5-30	includes fans with entrenched channels and fans close to local base level
	talus	blocks and rubble of local bedrock	>2	apron, sheet	25-35	little or no vegetation on presently active slopes
	colluvial blanket	colluvium	>1	takes form of underlying surface	1-35	includes slopewash, minor talus, talus stabilized by vegetation
	colluvial veneer	colluvium	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	1-40	includes slopewash, minor talus, talus stabilized by vegetation
A	alluvial fan	gravel and sand	>5	fan	1-20	includes terraced fan remnants (ATL), fans with entrenched channels, and fans close to local base level
	floodplain	gravel and sand	>2	plain with shallow channels	0-3	includes low benches subject to occasional flooding
	valley floor complex	alluvium and colluvium	>2	plain, fan, terraces, lower valley walls	0-35	includes Ap, At, Al, and C1; differentiation of these units is not possible at scale of map
	alluvial veneer	gravel and sand	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
A	river terrace	gravel and sand	>2	terrace and scarp	0-3	generally one to several metres of sand overlying gravel
	delta	gravel and sand	>5	terrace	0-5	marine delta
	kames, ice stagnation terrain	gravel and sand	>10	rolling, hummocky	0-15 0-30	unit deposited in contact with stagnant glacier ice; interbeds of diamicton commonly present in unit
	esker	gravel and sand	>10	ridge	0-30	unit deposited beneath and within stagnant glacier ice
A	glaciofluvial blanket	gravel and sand	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
	glaciofluvial veneer	gravel and sand	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
	glaciofluvial fan	gravel and sand	>10	fan	1-30	ice-contact feature, commonly with kettles
	kame terrace	gravel and sand	>10	terrace and scarp	0-3	ice-contact feature, commonly with kettles
A	delta	gravel and sand	>10	terrace, fan	0-20	proglacial and ice-contact lacustrine and marine deltas
	rolling glaciolacustrine terrain	silt, clay, minor sand (locally with dropstones)	>2	rolling	0-10	ice-marginal depositional environment; relict lake floor
	glaciolacustrine terrace	silt, clay, minor sand (locally with dropstones)	>2	terrace	0-3	
	glaciolacustrine blanket	silt, clay, minor sand (locally with dropstones)	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-10	
L	glaciolacustrine veneer	silt, clay, minor sand (locally with dropstones)	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-15	
	rolling glaciomarine terrain	silt, clay (locally with dropstones)	>2	rolling	0-10	proglacial depositional environment; relict seafloor
	glaciomarine plain	silt, clay (locally with dropstones)	>2	plain	0-2	proglacial depositional environment
	glaciomarine blanket	silt, clay (locally with dropstones)	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-15	
W	glaciomarine veneer	silt, clay (locally with dropstones)	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
	ground moraine	fill	>2	rolling	0-15	constructional morainic topography (not controlled by form of underlying unit)
	till blanket	till	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
	till veneer	till	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-25	
D	drift	till, gravel, and colluvium	>2	rolling, ridged	0-15	constructional drift topography (not controlled by form of underlying unit)
	drift blanket	till, gravel, and colluvium	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-25	
	drift veneer	till, gravel, and colluvium	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-30	
	terrace scarps, river banks	all types of unconsolidated Quaternary sediments	>20 (scarp height)	steep erosional slopes	>30	unit consists of several stratigraphic units of contrasting lithologies, in places with a blanket or veneer of colluvium
R	bedrock		rolling, sloping, hummocky, ridged	0-60	thin (<0.5 m) or no cover of unconsolidated Quaternary sediments	
	canyon walls, river banks		steep slopes	>45	Ra used mainly in conjunction with Us for canyon walls	

\* Does not occur as a dominant unit on this sheet

## Explanation of letter notation

A combination of letters is used to designate each map unit or component of compound map units, e.g. Ap. The upper case letter indicates the broad genetic class. The lower case letter(s) that generally follows indicates morphology. The texture of most map units is implicit in the genetic type (see "material" in above table); in such cases no specific textural symbol is used. Where the texture of a unit is different from the dominant or expected texture indicated in the table, a lower case textural symbol precedes the upper case genetic symbol, e.g. Rcm. Postdepositional modification or erosion of a unit is indicated by an upper case letter which follows the lower case morphological symbol and is separated from it by a dash, e.g. Ov-A. Compound map units are designated by more than one group of letters separated by a colon, e.g. Ap:At. These units consist of more than one component that could not be separated at the scale of the map. The component to the left of the colon is dominant to that to the right. One term placed above another, e.g. Rm, indicates a stratigraphic succession within the unit. No compound symbolization is used for sediment veneers overlying bedrock—unless otherwise indicated, the presence of the veneer symbol, e.g. Ov, indicates that the underlying unit is rock.

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Texture	Genetic class	Morphologic subdivision	Process or form modifiers
g—gravel s—sand t—silt and clay sl—silt	X—man-made l—ice O—organic C—colluvial A—alluvial Ar—glaciofluvial	L <sup>s</sup> —glaciolacustrine W <sup>s</sup> —glaciomarine and marine M—morainic D—drift h—hummocky m—rolling	a—apron f—ridged d—delta t—terraced v—veneer x—complex
			A—avalanched H—kettled V—pitted F—falling

## Stratigraphic sections

Environment	Facies
Water	Water > Ice
Marine	W <sup>s</sup>
Lacustrine	L <sup>s</sup>
Fluvial	A <sup>s</sup>
Glacial	D, M

Environment-facies classification of deposits

\* Unit does not occur on this sheet

Abandoned channel (small, large).....  
Beach.....  
Escarpment.....  
Landslide scar (small, large).....  
Avalanche track.....  
Debris flow track.....  
Major gravel pit.....  
Location of representative stratigraphic section.....  
Radiocarbon date.....  
Date.....  
Material.....  
Elevation.....

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O	Db	organic blanket	peat, muck	takes form of underlying surface	0-10	
	Dv	organic veneer	peat, muck	takes form of underlying surface	0-15	
C	Ch	landslide	diamicton, blocks and rubble of local bedrock	hummocky, rolling	0-35	includes landslides involving bedrock and landslides involving unconsolidated Quaternary sediments
	Cf	avalanche fan, debris-flow fan	gravel, diamicton	fan	5-30	includes fans with entrenched channels and fans close to local base level
	Ca	talus	blocks and rubble of local bedrock	apron, sheet	25-35	little or no vegetation on presently active slopes
	Cb	colluvial blanket	colluvium	takes form of underlying surface	1-35	includes slopewash, minor talus, talus stabilized by vegetation
Cv	colluvial veneer	colluvium	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	1-40	includes slopewash, minor talus, talus stabilized by vegetation
A	Al	alluvial fan	gravel and sand	fan	1-20	includes terraced fan remnants (AAt), fans with entrenched channels, and fans close to local base level
	Ap	floodplain	gravel and sand	plain with shallow channels	0-3	includes low benches subject to occasional flooding
	Av	valley floor complex	alluvium and colluvium	plain, fan, terraces, lower valley walls	0-35	includes Ap, Al, At, and Cf; differentiation of these units is not possible at scale of map
	Aa	alluvial veneer	gravel and sand	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
At	At	river terrace	gravel and sand	terrace and scarp	0-3	generally one to several metres of sand overlying gravel
	Ad	delta	gravel and sand	terrace	0-5	marine delta
	Am	barren, ice stagnation terrain	gravel and sand	rolling, hummocky	0-15	unit deposited in contact with stagnant glacier ice; interbeds of diamicton commonly present in unit
	Ar	esker	gravel and sand	ridge	0-30	unit deposited beneath and within stagnant glacier ice
A <sup>+</sup>	A <sup>+</sup> g	glaciofluvial blanket	gravel and sand	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
	A <sup>+</sup> v	glaciofluvial veneer	gravel and sand	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
	A <sup>+</sup> h	glaciofluvial fan	gravel and sand	fan	1-20	ice-contact feature, commonly with kettles
	A <sup>+</sup> t	glaciofluvial terrace	gravel and sand	terrace and scarp	0-3	ice-contact feature, commonly with kettles
L	L <sup>+</sup> u	rolling glaciolacustrine terrain	silt, clay, minor sand (locally with dropstones)	rolling	0-10	ice-marginal depositional environment; relict lake floor
	L <sup>+</sup> h	glaciolacustrine terrace	silt, clay, minor sand (locally with dropstones)	terrace	0-3	
	L <sup>+</sup> b	glaciolacustrine blanket	silt, clay, minor sand (locally with dropstones)	takes form of underlying surface	0-10	
	L <sup>+</sup> v	glaciolacustrine veneer	silt, clay, minor sand (locally with dropstones)	takes form of underlying surface	0-15	
W	W <sup>+</sup> m	rolling glaciomarine terrain	silt, clay (locally with dropstones)	rolling	0-10	proglacial depositional environment; relict seabed
	W <sup>+</sup> p	glaciomarine plain	silt, clay (locally with dropstones)	plain	0-2	proglacial depositional environment
	W <sup>+</sup> b	glaciomarine blanket	silt, clay (locally with dropstones)	takes form of underlying surface	0-15	
	W <sup>+</sup> v	glaciomarine veneer	silt, clay (locally with dropstones)	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
M	M <sup>+</sup> m	ground moraine	fill	rolling	0-15	constructional moraine topography (not controlled by form of underlying unit)
	M <sup>+</sup> b	till blanket	fill	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
	M <sup>+</sup> v	till veneer	fill	takes form of underlying surface	0-25	
	M <sup>+</sup> d	drift	till, gravel, and colluvium	rolling	0-15	constructional drift topography (not controlled by form of underlying unit)
D	D <sup>+</sup> b	drift blanket	till, gravel, and colluvium	takes form of underlying surface	0-25	
	D <sup>+</sup> v	drift veneer	till, gravel, and colluvium	takes form of underlying surface	0-30	
	D <sup>+</sup> s	drift scarp	till, gravel, and colluvium	steep erosional slopes	>30	unit consists of several stratigraphic units of contrasting lithologies, in places with a blanket or veneer of colluvium
	D <sup>+</sup> r	drift ridge	till, gravel, and colluvium	rolling, sloping, hummocky, ridged	0-60	thin (<0.5 m) or no cover of unconsolidated Quaternary sediments
R	R	bedrock		rolling, sloping, hummocky, ridged	>45	thin (<0.5 m) or no cover of unconsolidated Quaternary sediments
R <sup>+</sup>	R <sup>+</sup>	canyon walls, river banks		steep slopes	>45	R <sup>+</sup> used mainly in conjunction with U <sup>+</sup> s for canyon walls

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g = gravel	X = man-made	L <sup>0</sup> = glaciolacustrine	a = apron	p = plain	A = avalanched		
s = sand	I = ice	W <sup>0</sup> = glaciomarine and marine	r = blanket	r = ridged	H = hettled		
f = silt and clay	D = organic	M = mesal	d = delta	s = steep slopes	V = valley		
b = silt	C = colluvial	D = drift	f = fan	t = terraced	F = falling		
	A = alluvial	U = undifferentiated	h = hummocky	v = veneer			
	Ap = glaciofluvial	R = bedrock	m = rolling	x = complex			

Stratigraphic sections	
	Covered
	Peat
	Estuarine pebbly silt, sand
	Beach gravel
	Glaciomarine and marine clay, silt, sand
	Glaciolacustrine clay, silt, sand
	Deltaic sand and sandy subaqueous outwash
	Deltaic gravel and gravelly subaqueous outwash
	Bedrock
	Gradational contact
	Elevation in metres
	Radiocarbon sample number

Environment-facies classification of deposits	
Environment	Facies
Water	Water > Ice
Marine	Ice > Water
Lacustrine	Ice
Fluvial	
Glacial	

Geological boundary (defined, approximate, assumed)	
Glacial striae (direction of ice movement known, unknown)	
Drumlin	
Drumlinoid ridges, fluting	
Crag and tail	
Cirque	
Ice-contact face	
Moraine ridge	
Esker (direction of flow known, unknown)	
Kettle hole (small, large)	
Abandoned channel (small, large)	
Beach	
Escarpment	
Landslide scar (small, large)	
Avalanche track	
Debris flow track	
Major gravel pit	
Location of representative stratigraphic section	
Radiocarbon date	

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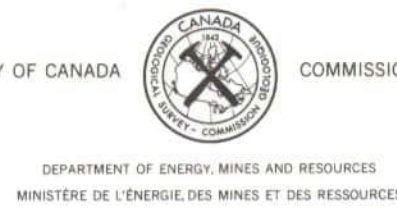
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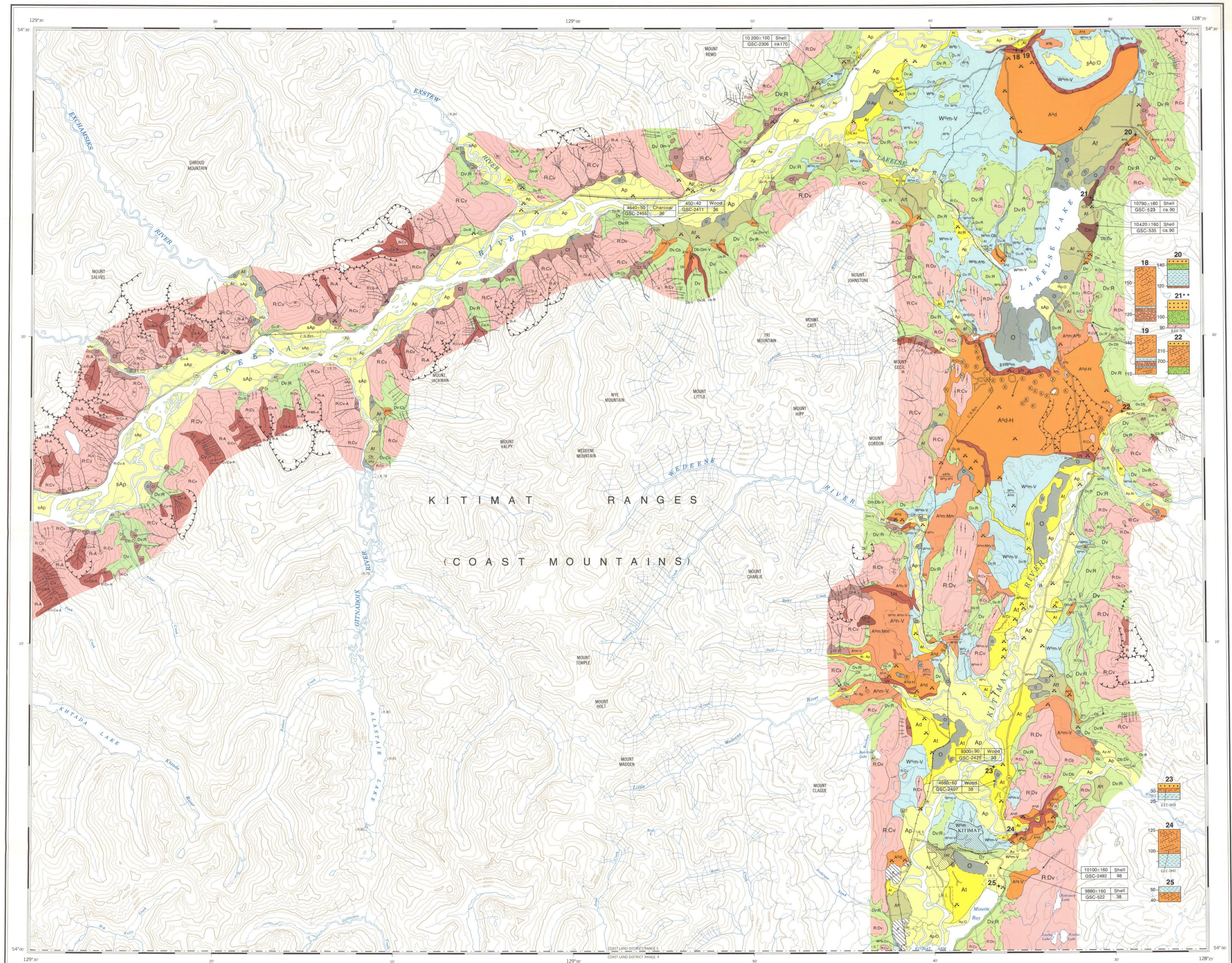
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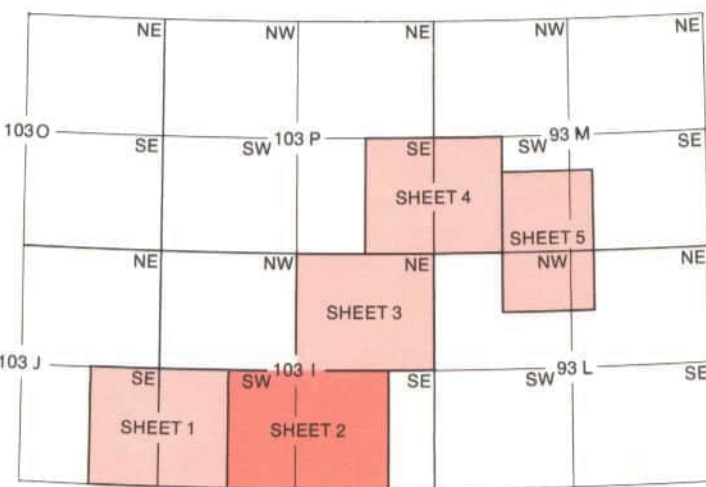
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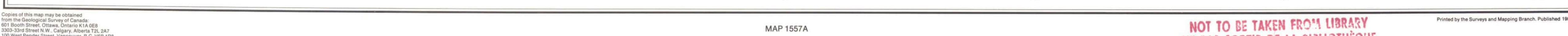
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g - gravel	X - man-made	L <sup>3</sup> - glacioclastic	a - apron	p - plain	
s - sand	I - ice	W - glaciomarine and marine	b - blanket	r - ridged	A - avalanche
t - till and clay	O - organic	M - moraine	d - delta	s - steep slopes	H - heaped
B - silt	C - cultural	D - drift	f - fan	v - veneer	V - pulled
	A - alluvial	U - undifferentiated	h - hummocky		F - falling

Geological boundary (defined, approximate, assumed) .....		Abandoned channel (small, large) .....					
Glacial striae (direction of ice movement known, unknown) .....		Beach .....					
Drumlins .....		Escarpment .....					
Drumlinoid ridges, flutings .....		Landslide scar (small, large) .....					
Crag and tail .....		Avalanche track .....					
Cirque .....		Debris flow track .....					
Ice-contact face .....		Major gravel pit .....					
Moraine ridge .....		Location of representative stratigraphic section					
Esker (direction of flow known, unknown) .....							
Kettle hole (small, large) .....		Radiocarbon date	<table><tr><td>Date</td><td>Material</td></tr><tr><td>Lab no.</td><td>Elevation</td></tr></table>	Date	Material	Lab no.	Elevation
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SYMBOL	NAME	SURFICIAL DEPOSITS		LANDFORM		COMMENTS
		MATERIAL	THICKNESS (metres)	TOPOGRAPHY	SLOPES (degrees)	
I	man-made terrain	diamicton, rubble, gravel, sand	>2	plain	0-3	landfill
	glacier ice	ice and snow	>20	rolling, sloping, crevassed	1-30	steep slopes occur in areas of ice falls
O	organic terrain	peat, muck	<15	plain	0-3	bogs, fens, swamps
	organic blanket	peat, muck	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-10	
	organic veneer	peat, muck	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-15	
C	landslide	diamicton, blocks and rubble of local bedrock	>3	hummocky, rolling	0-35 0-15	includes landslides involving bedrock and landslides involving unconsolidated Quaternary sediments
	avalanche fan, debris-flow fan	gravel, diamicton	>5	fan	5-30	includes fans with entrenched channels and fans close to local base level
	talus	blocks and rubble of local bedrock	>2	apron, sheet	25-35	little or no vegetation on presently active slopes
	colluvial blanket	colluvium	>1	takes form of underlying surface	1-35	includes slopewash, minor talus, talus stabilized by vegetation
	colluvial veneer	colluvium	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	1-40	includes slopewash, minor talus, talus stabilized by vegetation
A	alluvial fan	gravel and sand	>5	fan	1-20	includes terraced fan remnants (Aft), fans with entrenched channels, and fans close to local base level
	floodplain	gravel and sand	>2	plain with shallow channels	0-3	includes low benches subject to occasional flooding
	valley floor complex	alluvium and colluvium	>2	plain, fan, terraces, lower valley walls	0-35	includes Ap, At, Ai, and Cf; differentiation of these units is not possible at scale of map
	alluvial veneer	gravel and sand	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
	river terrace	gravel and sand	>2	terrace and scarp	0-3	generally one to several metres of sand overlying gravel
	delta	gravel and sand	>5	terrace	0-5	marine delta
	kames, ice stagnation terrain	gravel and sand	>10	rolling, hummocky	0-15 0-30	unit deposited in contact with stagnant glacier ice; interbeds of diamicton commonly present in unit
	esker	gravel and sand	>10	ridge	0-30	unit deposited beneath and within stagnant glacier ice
	glaciofluvial blanket	gravel and sand	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
	glaciofluvial veneer	gravel and sand	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
	glaciofluvial fan	gravel and sand	>10	fan	1-20	ice-contact feature, commonly with kettles
	kame terrace	gravel and sand	>10	terrace and scarp	0-3	ice-contact feature, commonly with kettles
	delta	gravel and sand	>10	terrace, fan	0-20	proglacial and ice-contact lacustrine and marine deltas
	rolling glaciolacustrine terrain	silt, clay, minor sand (locally with dropstones)	>2	rolling	0-10	ice-marginal depositional environment; relict lake floor
	glaciolacustrine terrace	silt, clay, minor sand (locally with dropstones)	>2	terrace	0-3	
	glaciolacustrine blanket	silt, clay, minor sand (locally with dropstones)	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-10	
	glaciolacustrine veneer	silt, clay, minor sand (locally with dropstones)	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-15	
	rolling glaciomarine terrain	silt, clay (locally with dropstones)	>2	rolling	0-10	proglacial depositional environment; relict seafloor
	glaciomarine plain	silt, clay (locally with dropstones)	>2	plain	0-2	proglacial depositional environment
	glaciomarine blanket	silt, clay (locally with dropstones)	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-15	
	glaciomarine veneer	silt, clay (locally with dropstones)	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
M	ground moraine	tilt	>2	rolling	0-15	constructional moraine topography (not controlled by form of underlying unit)
	tilt blanket	tilt	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-20	
	tilt veneer	tilt	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-25	
D	drift	tilt, gravel, and colluvium	>2	ridged, rolling	0-15	constructional drift topography (not controlled by form of underlying unit)
	drift blanket	tilt, gravel, and colluvium	>1	takes form of underlying surface	0-25	
	drift veneer	tilt, gravel, and colluvium	0.5-1	takes form of underlying surface	0-30	
U	terrace scarps, river banks	all types of unconsolidated Quaternary sediments	>20 (scarp height)	steep erosional slopes	>30	unit consists of several stratigraphic units of contrasting lithologies, in places with a blanket or veneer of colluvium
R	bedrock			rolling, sloping, hummocky, ridged	0-60	this (<0.5 m) or no cover of unconsolidated Quaternary sediments
	canyon walls, river banks			steep slopes	>45	Rs used mainly in conjunction with Us for canyon walls

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Explanation of letter notation  
A combination of letters is used to designate each map unit or component of compound map units, e.g. Ap. The upper case letter indicates the broad genetic class. The lower case letter(s) that generally follows indicates morphology. The texture of most map units is implicit in the genetic type (see material in above table); in such cases no specific textural symbol is used. Where the texture of a unit is different from the dominant or expected texture indicated in the table, a lower case textural symbol precedes the upper case genetic symbol, e.g. fcm. Postdepositional modification or erosion of a unit is indicated by an upper case letter which follows the lower case morphological symbol and is separated from it by a dash, e.g. Ov-A. Compound map units are designated by more than one group of letters separated by a colon, e.g. Ap-Ai. These areas consist of more than one component that could not be separated at the scale of the map. The component to the left of the colon is dominant to that to the right. One term placed above another, e.g.  $\frac{U}{R}$ , indicates a stratigraphic succession within the unit. No compound symbolization is used for sediment veneers overlying bedrock – otherwise indicated, the presence of the veneer symbol, e.g. Dv, indicates that the underlying unit is rock.

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			A – avalanche H – kettled V – gullied F – falling

Environment	Facies
Water	Water > Ice
Marine	Water > Ice
Lacustrine	Water > Ice
Fluvial	Water > Ice
Glacial	Water > Ice

Covered	Glaciofluvial and fluvial sand
Peat	Glaciofluvial and fluvial gravel
Estuarine pebbly silt, sand	Ice contact sand, minor diamicton
Beach gravel	Ice contact gravel, minor diamicton
Glaciomarine and marine clay, silt, sand	Till, minor ice-contact sand, gravel
Glaciolacustrine clay, silt, sand	Bedrock
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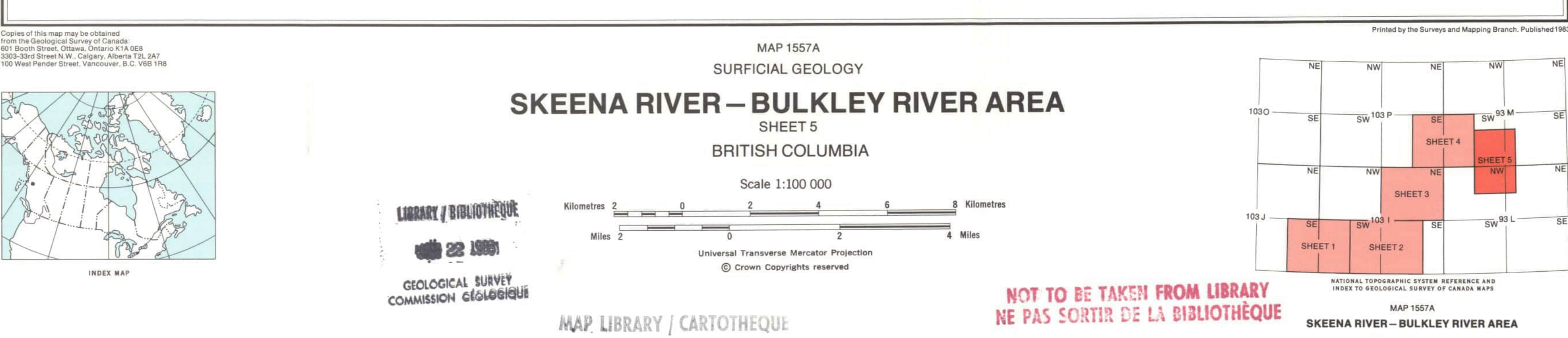
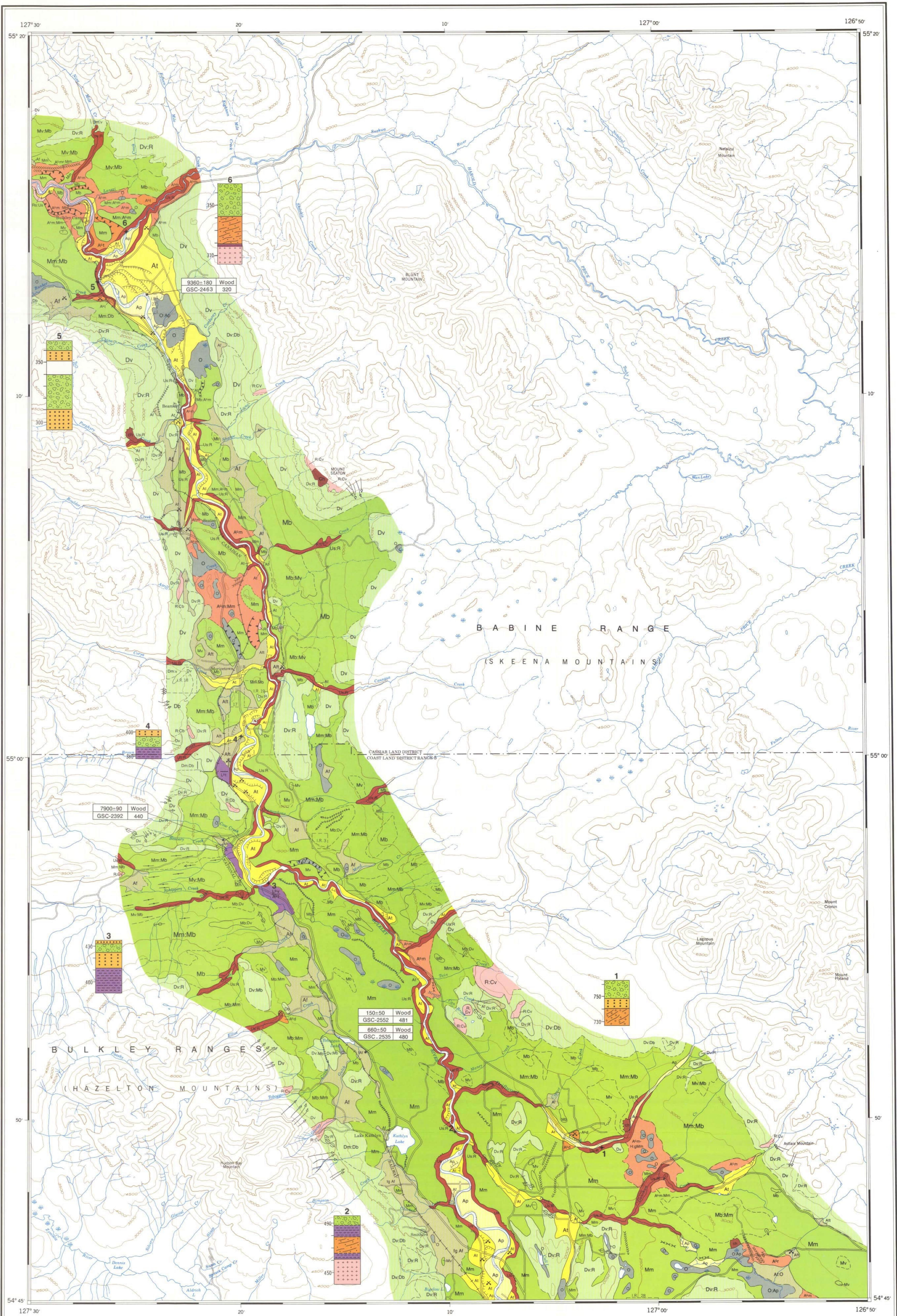
  

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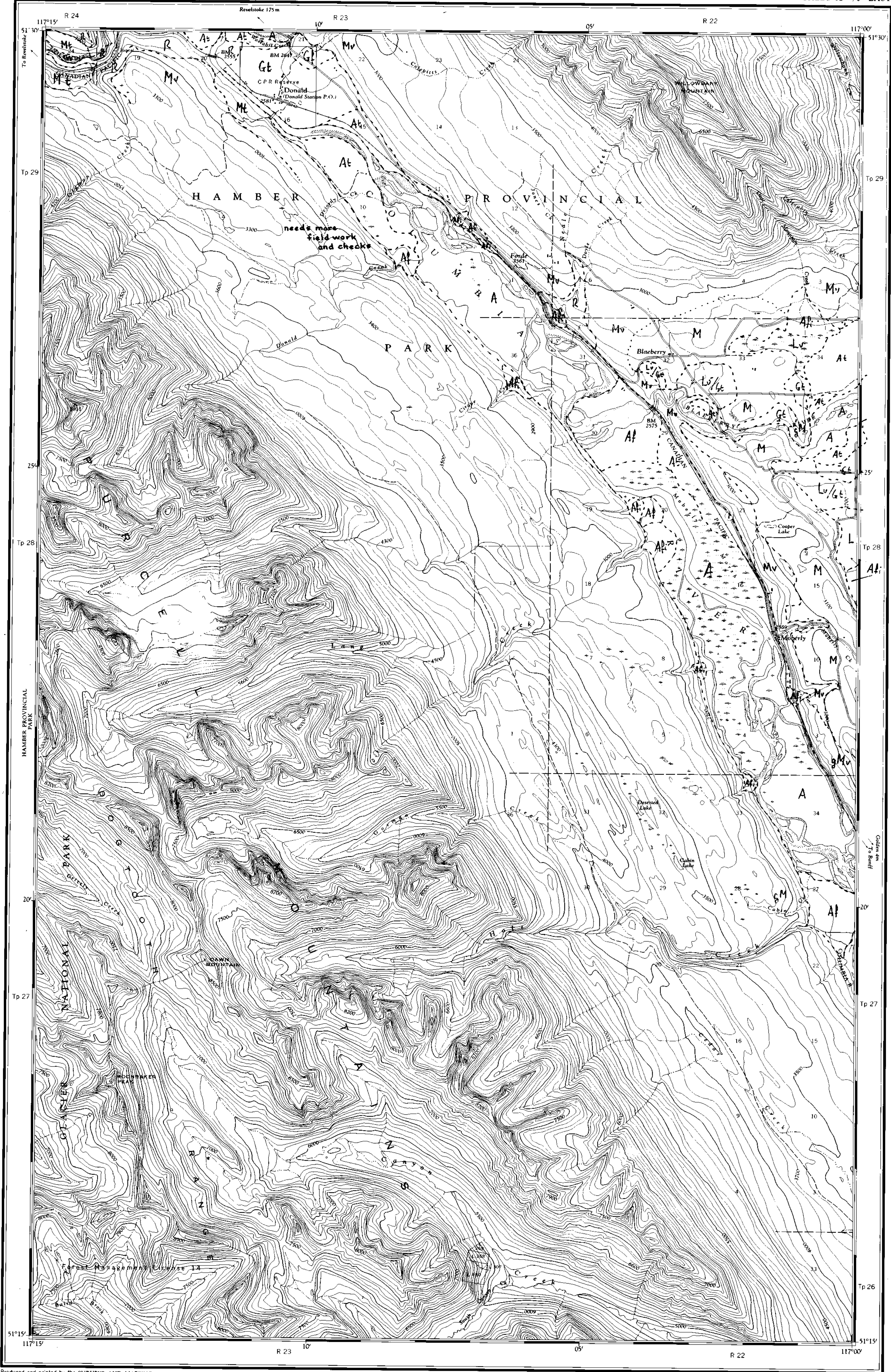
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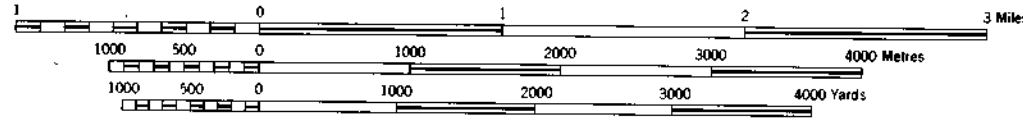
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- Power transmission line
- Streams
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- indefinite
- Lake intermittent, indefinite
- Inundated land, seasonal
- Marsh or Swamp
- Foreshore flats
- Wharf or Pier, Breakwater
- Glacier or Snowfield
- Small island, rock bare or awash
- Contours
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- Cemetery
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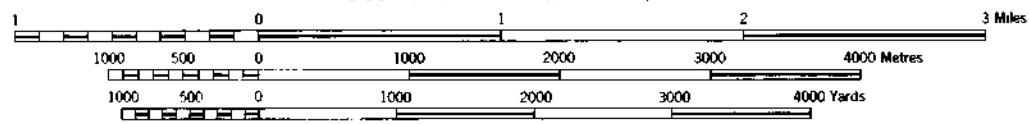


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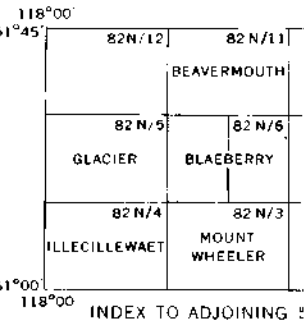
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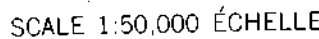
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Courthouse	Grange	Cemetery	
Mine or School	Mine or House & Barn		
Light House	Boys		
Power transmission line	Electric power transmission		
River with bridge	Recreation trail		
Stream	Swamp, tree, plantation		
Low interlocking viaduct	Low interlocking viaduct		
Marsh or Swamp	Marsh or Swamp		
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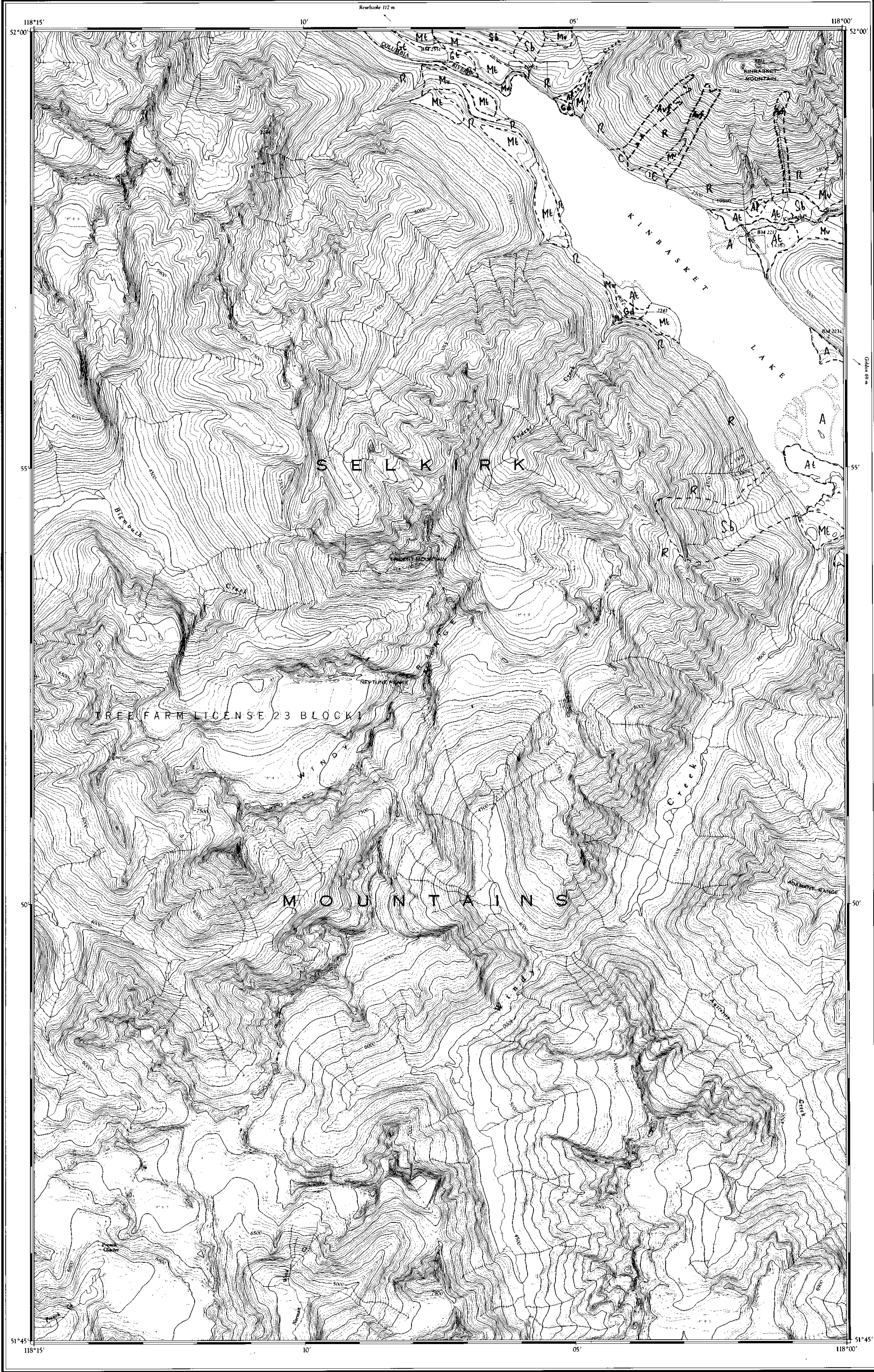
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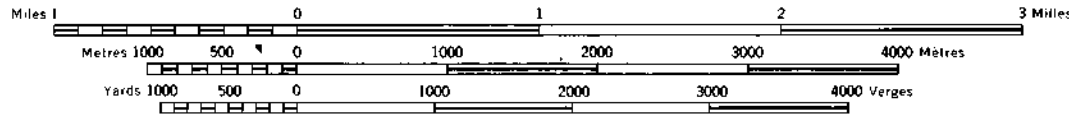
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MAGNETIC DECLINATION 23°46' EAST  
AT CENTRE OF MAP 1964  
Annual change (decreasing) 3.4'

ÉQUIDISTANCE DES COURBES: 100 PIEDS  
Élévations en pieds au-dessus du niveau moyen de la mer  
Réseau géodésique nord-américain unifié (1927)  
Projection transverse de Mercator

DÉCLINAISON MAGNÉTIQUE AU CENTRE  
DE LA FEUILLE EN 1964: 23°46' EST  
Variation annuelle (décroissante) 3.4'

Roads	Routes
hard surface, all weather	posée, toute saison
hard surface, all weather	posée, toute saison
loose surface, all weather	de gravier, toute saison
loose surface, dry weather	de gravier, de route sèche
cart track	de terre
trail or portage	sentier ou portage
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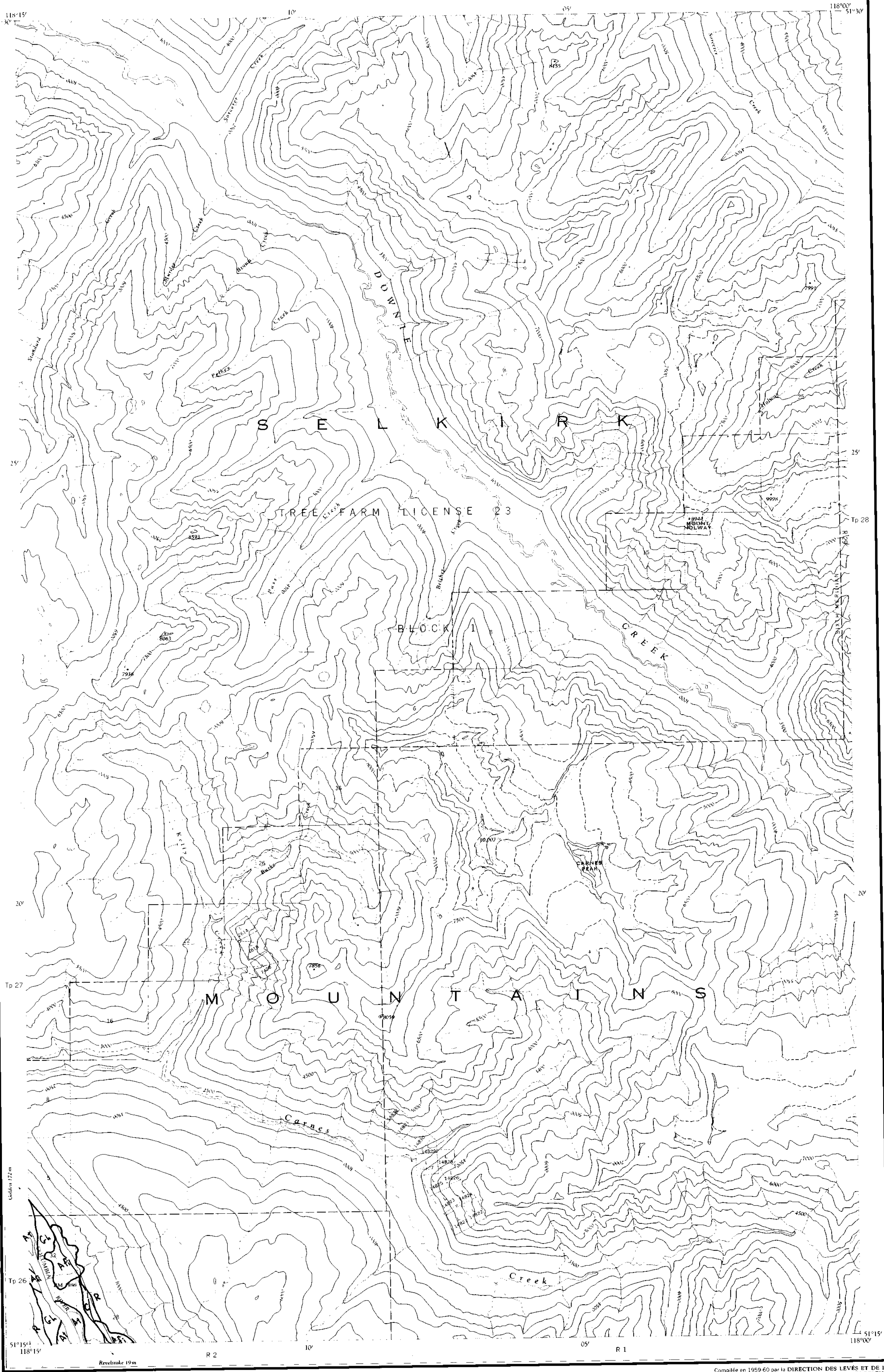
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Church	Église	Cemetery	Cimetière
Mine or Open cut	Mine ou fosse à ciel ouvert		
Lighthouse	Phare		
Power transmission line	Ligne de transport d'énergie		
River with bridge	Rivière avec pont		
Stream, intermittent or dry	Cours d'eau intermittent ou à sec		
Lake, intermittent or dry	Lac intermittent ou à sec		
Marsh or Swamp	Marais ou marécage		
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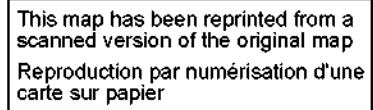
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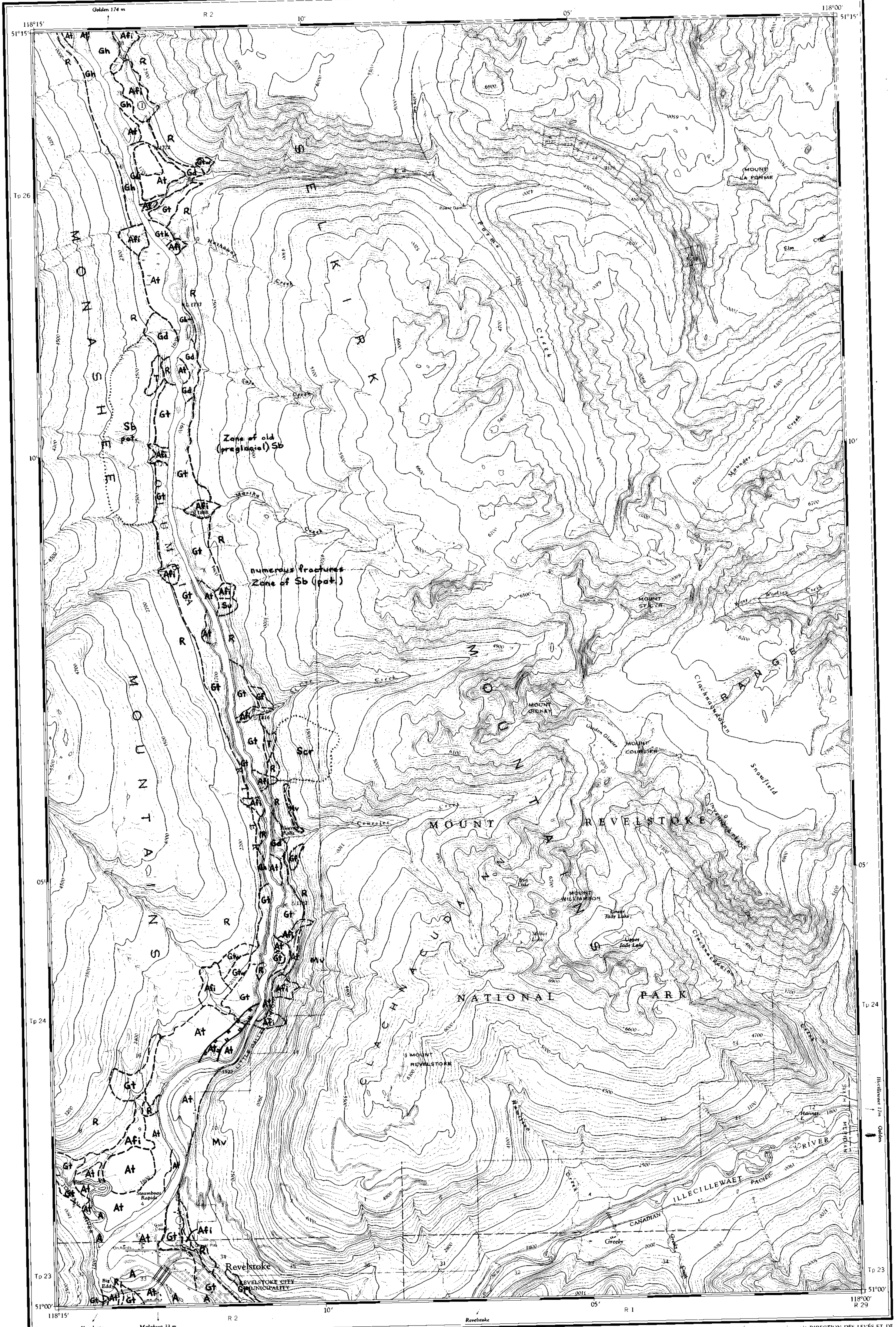
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Church	Field	Gamblers	Route, local
Lighthouse			
River with bridge			
Stream, intermittent			
Canal, intermittent			
Marsh or Swath			
Depression contour			

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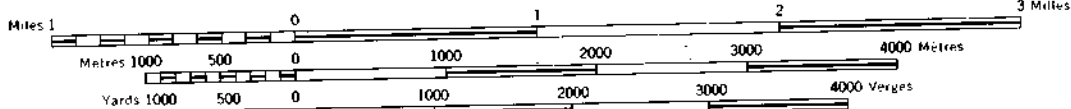


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KOOTENAY DISTRICT  
BRITISH COLUMBIA  
WEST OF SIXTH MERIDIAN - OUEST DU SIXIÈME MÉRIDIEN  
SCALE 1:50,000 ÉCHELLE



CONTOUR INTERVAL 100 FEET  
Elevations in Feet above Mean Sea Level  
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MAGNETIC DECLINATION 23°10' EAST  
AT CENTRE OF MAP 1961  
at 1961 change decreasing 4'

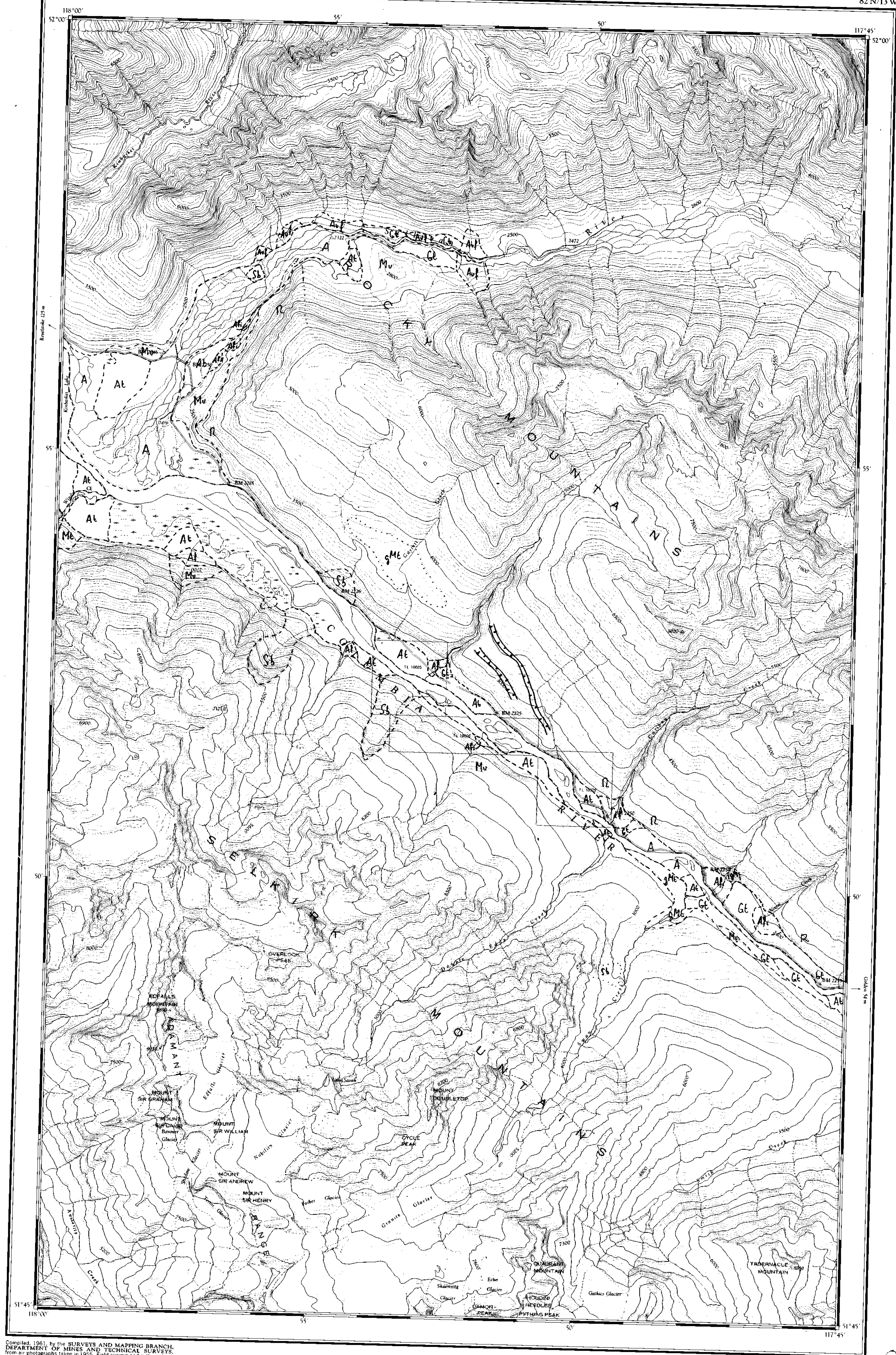
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DÉCLINAISON MAGNÉTIQUE AU CENTRE  
DE LA FEUILLE EN 1961: 23°10' EST  
variation annuelle (décroissante): 4'

Building	Infirmary	Bar	Post office
Church	Hotel	Post office	Post office
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Hotel	Hotel	Post office	Post office
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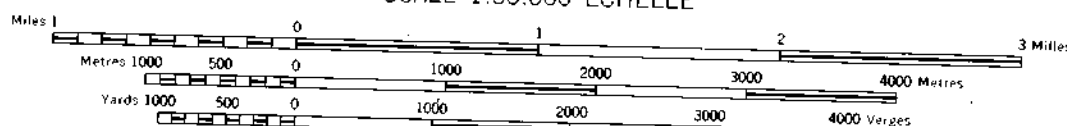
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## SULLIVAN RIVER

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Church	Ed. se	Cemetery	Cimetière
Mine or open pit			
Lighthouse			
Power transmission line			
River with bridge			
Highway			
Trail or portage			
Discretionary			

Roads	Routes
hard surface all weather	durée toute-temps
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loose surface all weather	durée toute-temps
loose surface dry weather	durée toute-temps
cart track	durée toute-temps
trail or portage	durée toute-temps
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Benches, high and low water	durée toute-temps

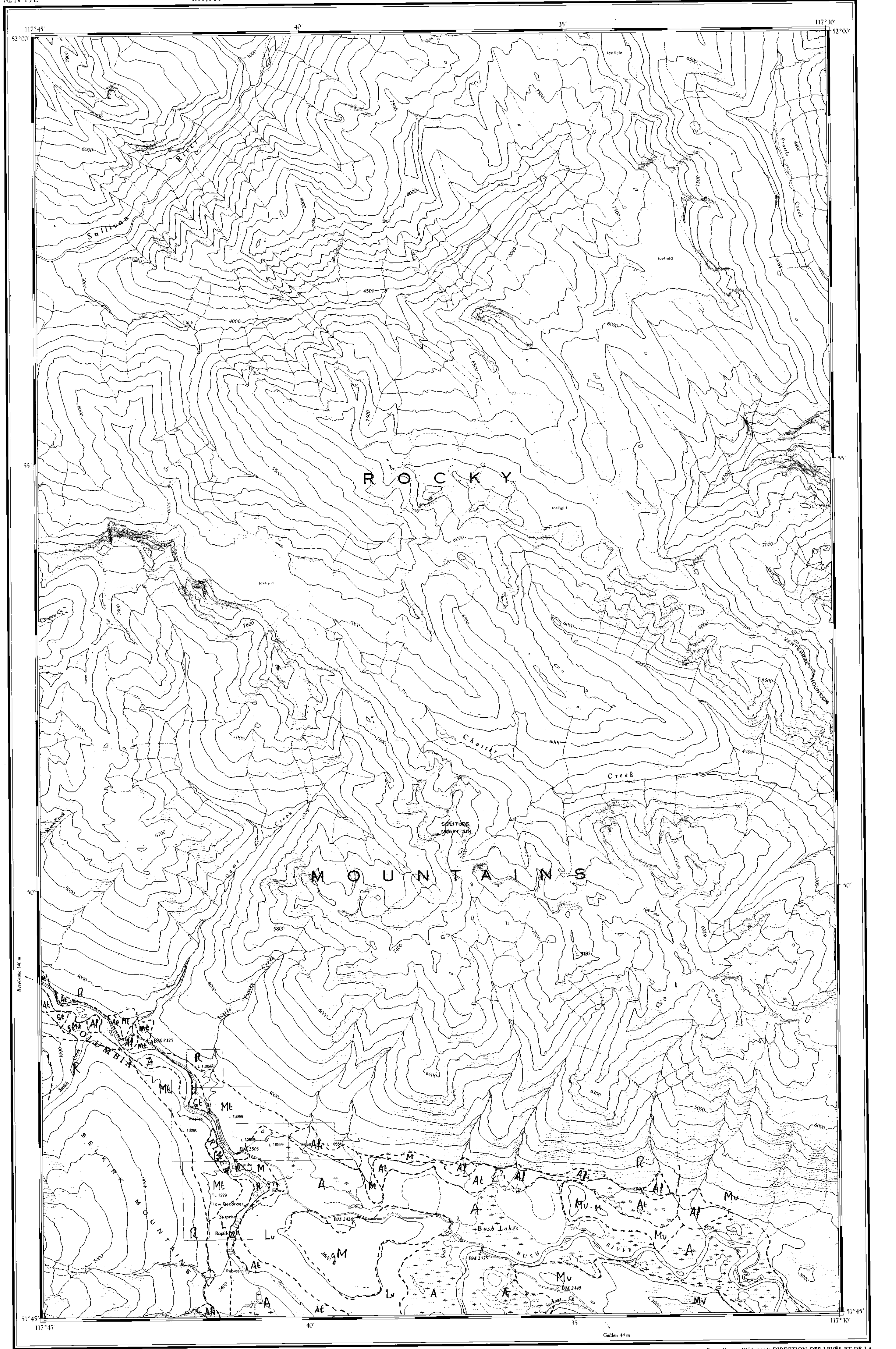
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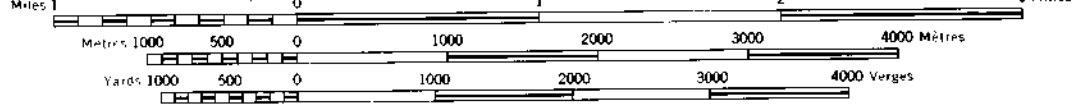
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Transverse Mercator Projection  
MAGNETIC DECLINATION 23°41' EAST  
AT CENTRE OF MAP 1963  
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ÉQUIDISTANCE DES COURBES 100 PIEDS  
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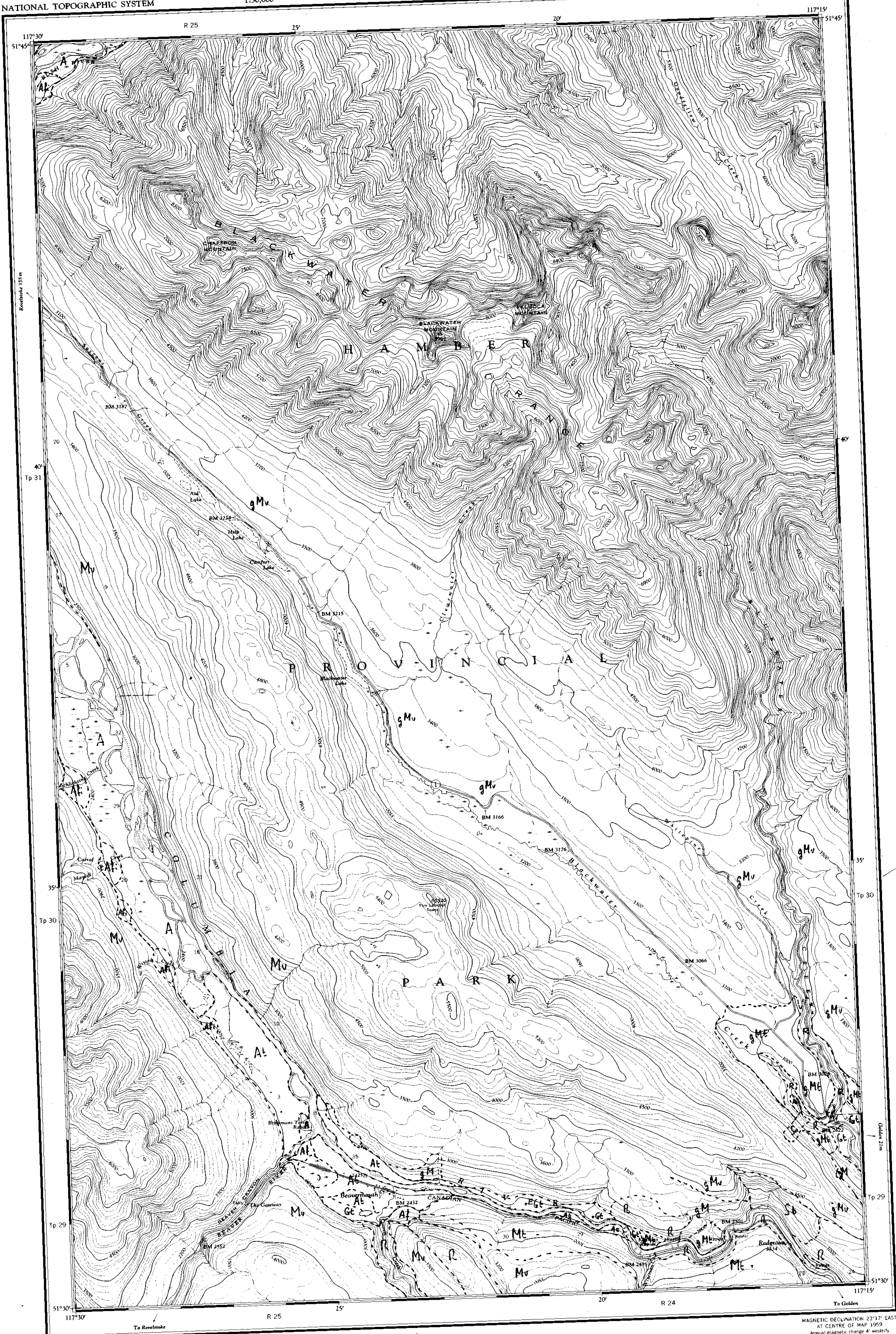
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| hard surface all weather                 | chemin à surface dure            |
| loose surface all weather                | chemin à surface meuble          |
| loose surface dry weather                | chemin à surface meuble          |
| cart track                               | chemin à surface meuble          |
| rail or cartage                          | chemin à surface meuble          |
| Railway, normal gauge, single track      | chemin à surface meuble          |
| Horizontal control point, with elevation | Point géodésique avec cote       |
| Benches, with elevation                  | Reperes de nivellement avec cote |

- |                             |                                 |             |                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Building                    | Bâtiment                        | Barn        | Grange          |
| School                      | École                           | Post Office | Bureau de poste |
| Church                      | Eglise                          | Cemetery    | Cimetière       |
| Mine or Open pit            | Mine ou fosse à ciel ouvert     |             |                 |
| Lighthouse                  | Phare                           |             |                 |
| Power transmission line     | Ligne de transmission           |             |                 |
| River with bridge           | Rivière avec pont               |             |                 |
| Stream, intermittent or dry | Cours d'eau intermittent ou sec |             |                 |
| Lake, intermittent or dry   | Lac intermittent ou impropre    |             |                 |
| Marsh or Swamp              | Marais ou marécage              |             |                 |
| Depression contours         | Courbes de dépression           |             |                 |

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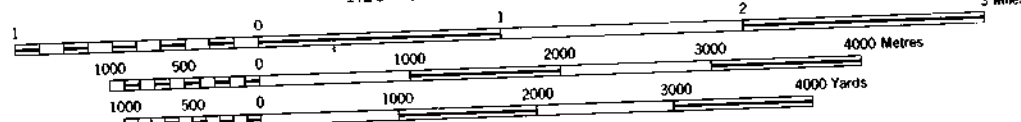
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WEST OF FIFTH MERIDIAN

SCALE 1:50,000

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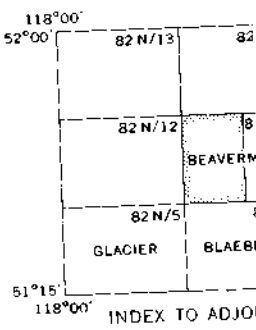
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Roads:	
hard surface, all weather	—
loose surface, all weather	—
loose surface, dry weather	—
winter, cart track	—
trail, cut line or portage	—
Railways:	
normal gauge, multiple track	—
normal gauge, single track	—
narrow gauge, single track	—
abandoned or under construction	—
Bridges: road, railway	—
Cutting, Embankment	—
Boundaries:	
international, with monument	—
provincial	—
township surveyed, unsurveyed	—
park, reserve, etc.	—
section line, with number	—
Lot number	—
Horizontal control point, with elevation	—
Bench mark, with elevation	—

### REFERENCE

Mine or Open cut	—
Building, Barn	—
Church	—
Built up area	—
Telephone line	—
Power transmission line	—
Streams:	
intermittent or dry	—
indefinite	—
Lake intermittent, indefinite	—
inundated land, seasonal	—
Marsh or Swamp	—
Foreshore flats	—
Wharf or Pier, Breakwater	—
Glacier or Snowfield	—
Small island, rock bare or awash	—
Contours:	
elevation	—
depression	—
approximate	—
Cliff	—
Forest	—



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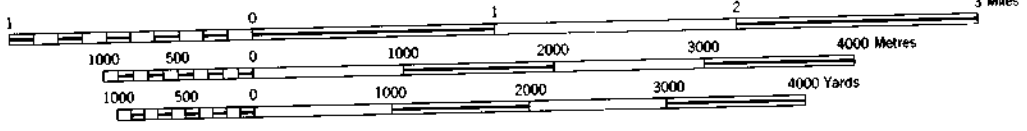


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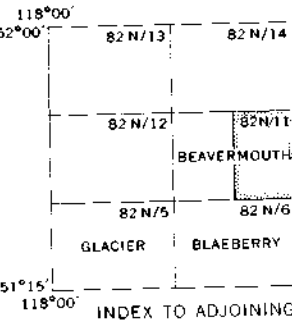
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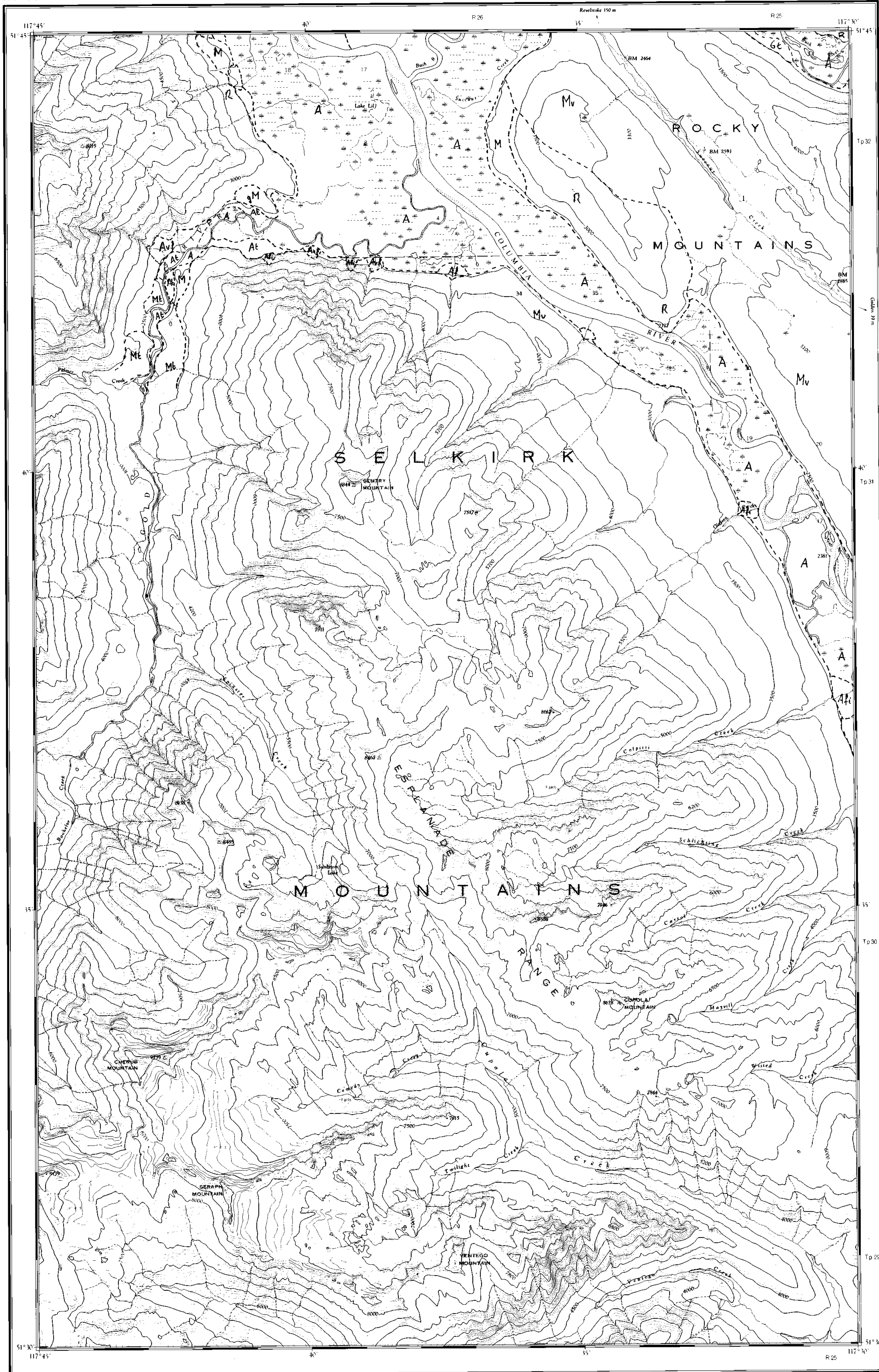
REFERENCE	
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loose surface, all weather	2 lanes or more
loose surface, dry weather	less than 2 lanes
loose surface, dry weather	less than 2 lanes
winter, cart track	Winter road
trail, cut line or portage	
Railways:	
normal gauge, multiple track	Station
normal gauge, single track	Siding
narrow gauge, single track	Slope
abandoned or under construction	
Bridges: road, railway	
Cutting, Embankment	
Boundaries:	
international, with monument	
provincial	
township surveyed, unsurveyed	
park, reserve, etc.	
section line, with number	20
Lot number	15
Horizontal control point, with elevation	454
Bench mark, with elevation	BM 157

REFERENCE	
Mine or Open cut	Lighthouse
Building, Barn	School, Post Office
Church	Cemetery
Built up area	
Telephone line	
Power transmission line	
Streams	
intermittent or dry	
indefinite	
Lake intermittent, indefinite	
Inundated land, seasonal	
Marsh or Swamp	
Foreshore flats	
Glacier or Snowfield	
Dry river bed	
Small island, rock bare or awash	
Contours	
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Roads

hard surface, all weather

loose surface, all weather

loose surface, dry weather

cart track

trail or portage

Railway, normal gauge, single track

Horizontal control point, with elevation

Bench mark, with elevation

Routes

cuvée, toute saison

pavée, toute saison

de gravier, toute saison

de gravier, période sèche

de terre

sentier ou portage

Chemin de fer à voie unique, recouvrement normal

Point géodésique anc. site

Repère de nivellement avec cote

RM 157

Scale in Miles and Metres

0 1 2 3 Miles

0 1000 2000 3000 4000 Metres

0 500 1000 2000 3000 4000 Yards

CONTOUR INTERVAL 100 FEET

Elevations in Feet above Mean Sea Level

North American Datum 1927

Transverse Mercator Projection

MAGNETIC DECLINATION 23°28' EAST

AT CENTRE OF MAP 1964

Annual change (decreasing) 3.4'

ÉQUIDISTANCE DES COURBES 100 PIEDS

Élévations en pieds au-dessus du niveau moyen de la mer

Réseau géodésique nord-américain unifié (1927)

Projection transverse de Mercator

DÉCLINAISON MAGNÉTIQUE AU CENTRE

DE LA FEUILLE EN 1964: 23°28' EST

Variation annuelle (décroissante) 3.4'

Building

School

Church

Mine or Open pit

Lighthouse

Power transmission line

River with bridge

Stream, intermittent or dry

Lake, intermittent, small site

Marsh or Swamp

Deformation contours

Bâtiment

École

Eglise

Mine ou fosse à ciel ouvert

Phare

Ligne de transport à énergie

Rivière, sec. part.

Cours d'eau, intermittent ou à sec

Lac, intermittent, petit site

Marais ou tourbière

Courbes de coudée

Barn

Post Office

Cemetery

Mine or fosse à ciel ouvert

Rivière, sec. part.

Cours d'eau, intermittent ou à sec

Lac, intermittent, petit site

Marais ou tourbière

Courbes de coudée

Usage

Bureau de poste

Cimetière

Mine ou fosse à ciel ouvert

Rivière, sec. part.

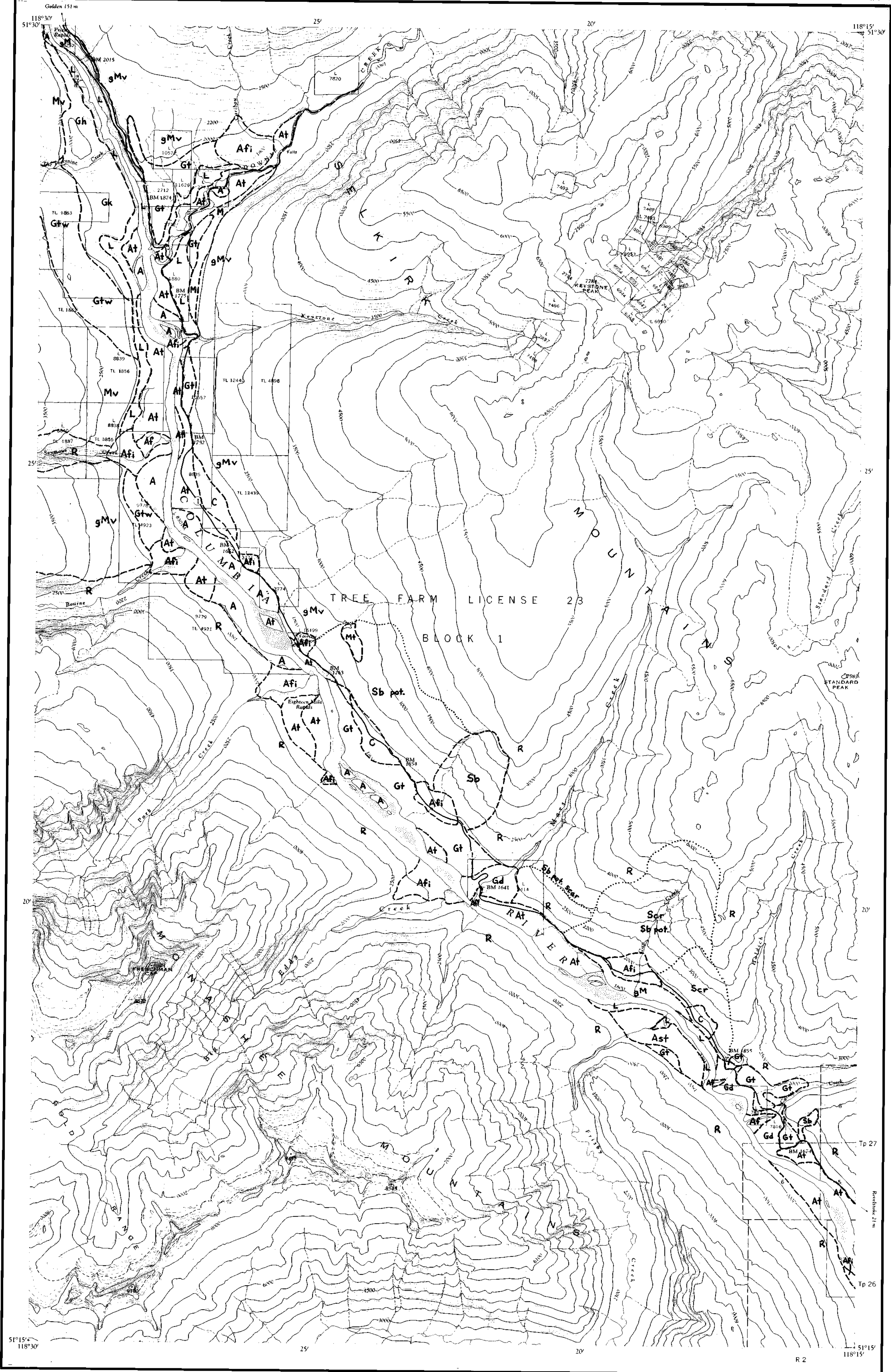
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Marais ou tourbière

Courbes de coudée





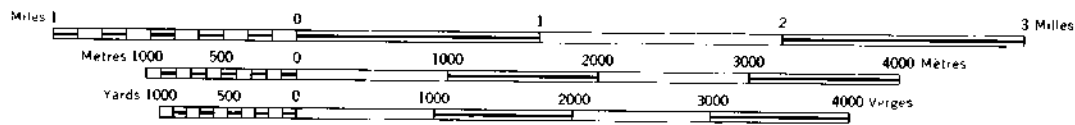
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Roads	Rivers
Asphalt	Intermittent
Gravel	Perennial
Cart track	Debris
Iron or log	Settlement
Railroad	Power transmission line
Power transmission line	Power transmission line
Mine or open cut	Mine or open cut
High point, control point or water elevation	High point, control point or water elevation
Benches, walls, with elevation	Benches, walls, with elevation



CONTOUR INTERVAL 100 FEET  
Elevations in Feet above Mean Sea Level  
North American Datum 1927  
Transverse Mercator Projection

ÉQUIDISTANCE DES COURBES: 100 PIEDS  
Elevations in pieds au-dessus du niveau moyen de la mer  
Réseau géodésique nord-américain unifié (1927)  
Projection transverse de Mercator

MAGNETIC DECLINATION 23°36' EAST  
AT CENTRE OF MAP 1962  
Annual change (decreasing) 3.3'

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Building	Highway	Bar	Water
School	Trail	Post office	Swamp
Church	Stream	Cemetery	Marsh
Lighthouse	River with bridge	Marsh	Marsh
River with bridge	Stream	Marsh	Marsh
Stream	Stream	Marsh	Marsh
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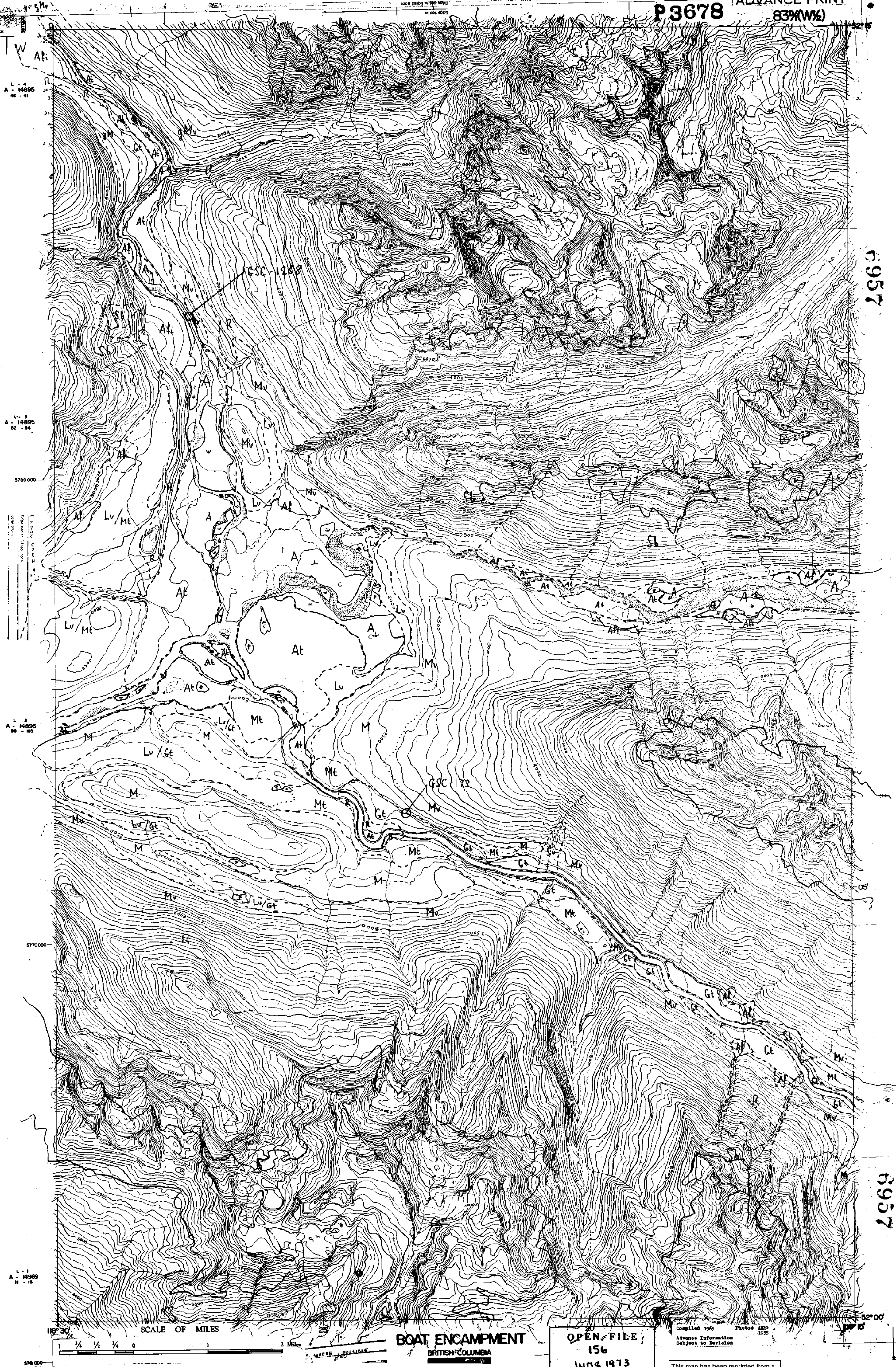
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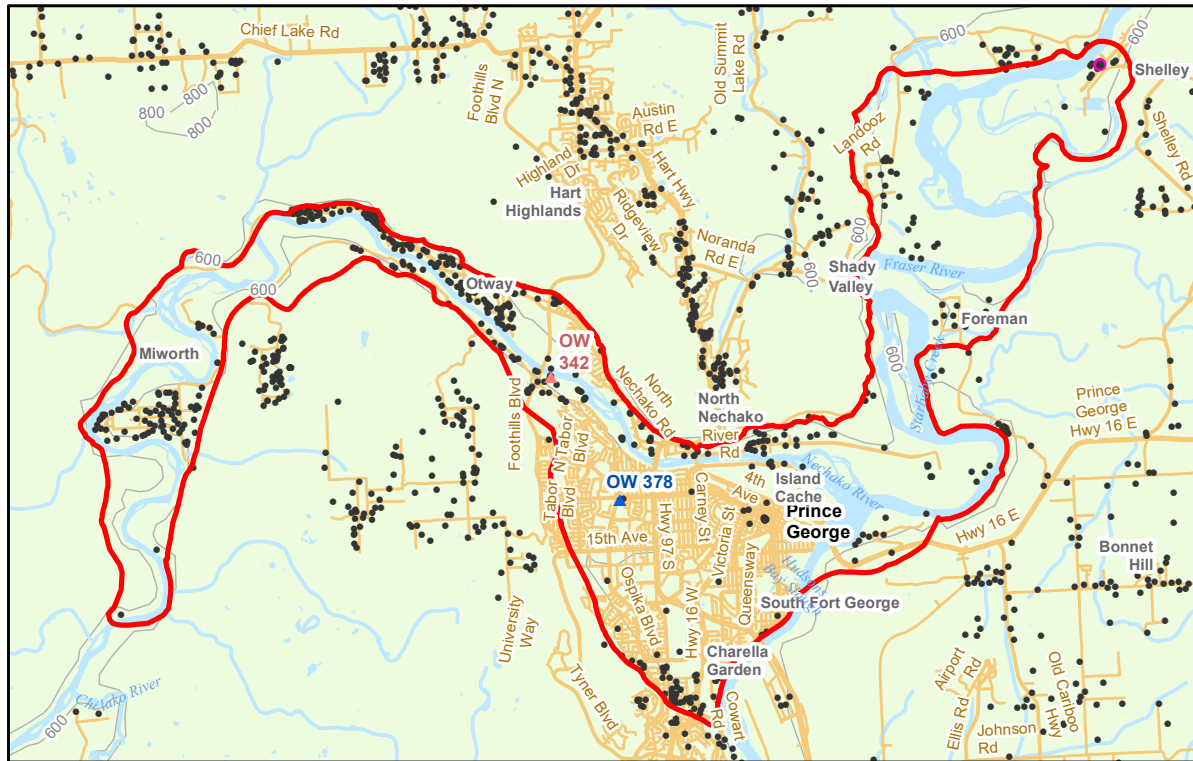


**Appendix 3**  
**Aquifer Fact Sheets**



# Aquifer #92

## Lower Nechako River



**Legend**

- Registered Water Well - Artesian
- Registered Water Well
- ▲ Active Observation Well
- ▲ Inactive Observation Well
- Red outline Aquifer Boundary

### Aquifer Description (Mapping Report - 2017):

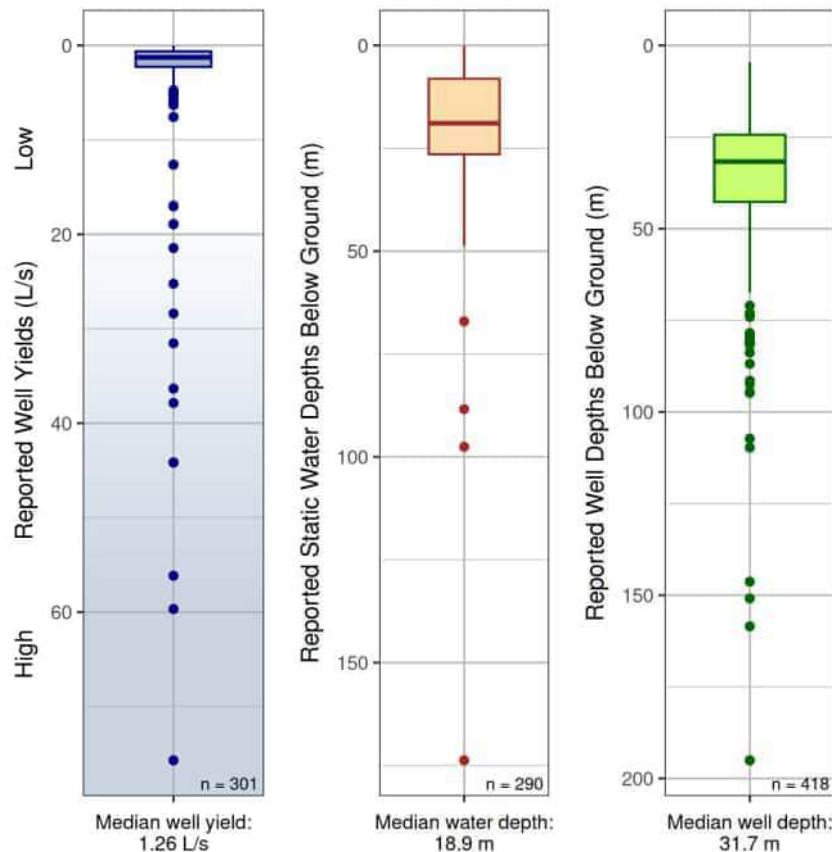
Predominantly unconfined fluvial or glacio-fluvial sand and gravel aquifer found along rivers of moderate stream order with the potential to be hydraulically influenced by the river (subtype = 1b).

#### Aquifer Details

Region	Omineca
Water District	Prince George
Aquifer Area	94 km <sup>2</sup>
No. Wells Correlated	424
Vulnerability to Contamination	High
Productivity	High
Aquifer Classification	IA
Hydraulic Conductivity *	Unknown
Transmissivity *	Unknown
Storativity *	Unknown
No. Water Licences Issued to Wells	38
Observation Wells (Active, Inactive)	378, 342

\* min - max

For Hydraulic Connection see [guidance document](#)



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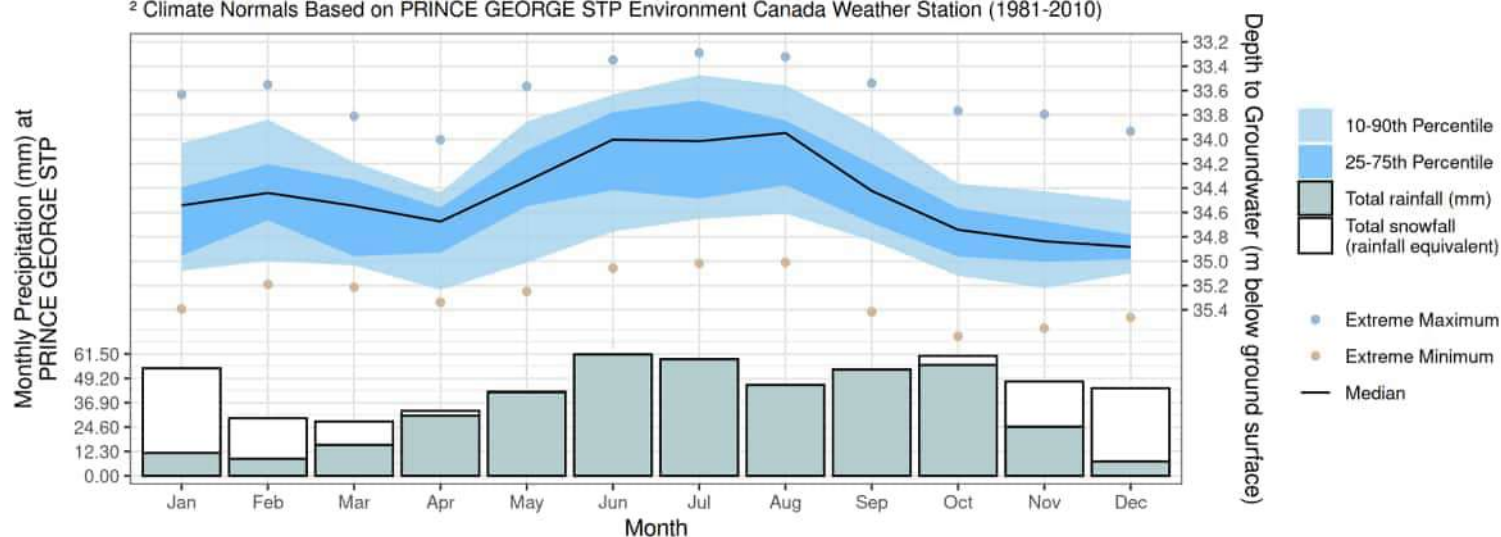
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## Monthly Groundwater Level<sup>1</sup> with Precipitation from Climate Normals<sup>2</sup>

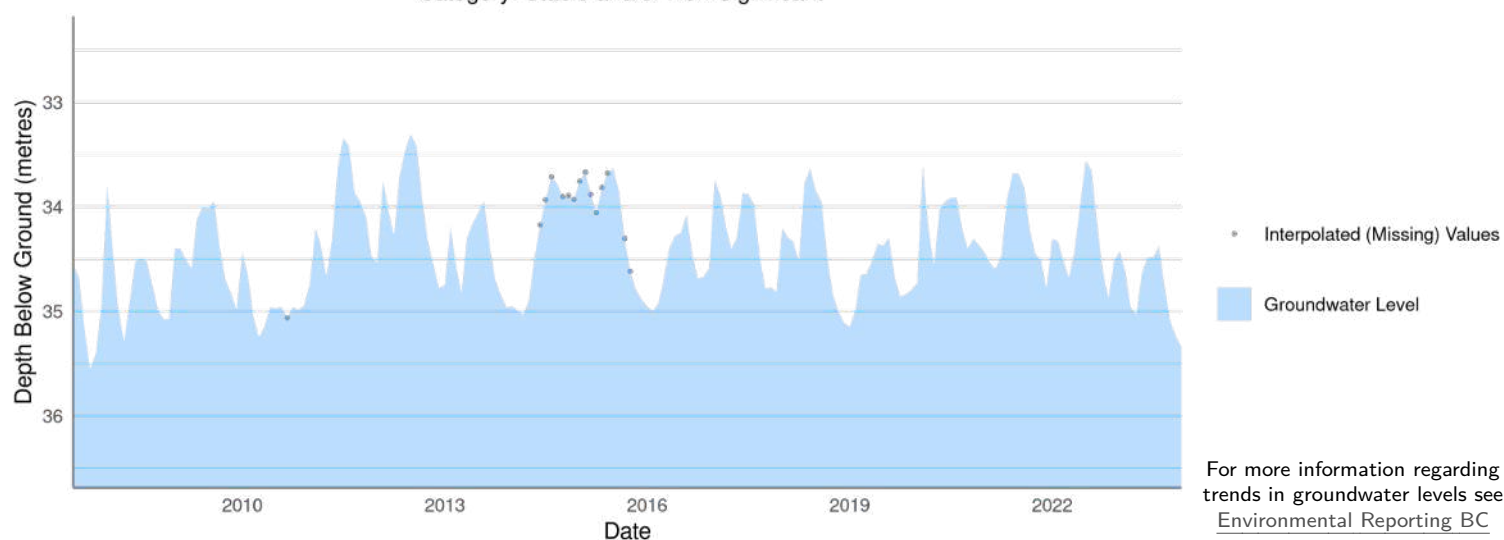
<sup>1</sup> Full Monthly Water Level Summary (18 years of data; 2007-2025)

<sup>2</sup> Climate Normals Based on PRINCE GEORGE STP Environment Canada Weather Station (1981-2010)



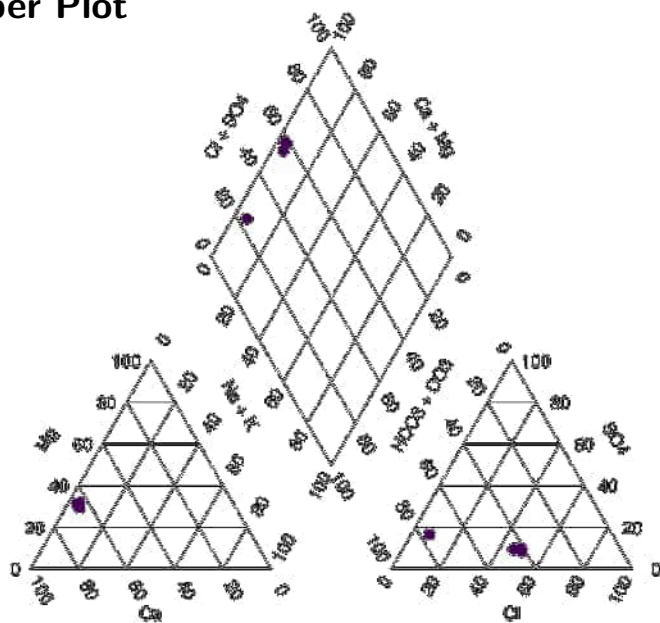
## Groundwater Levels and Long-term Trend

Category: Stable and/or Non-Significant



For more information regarding trends in groundwater levels see [Environmental Reporting BC](#)

## Piper Plot

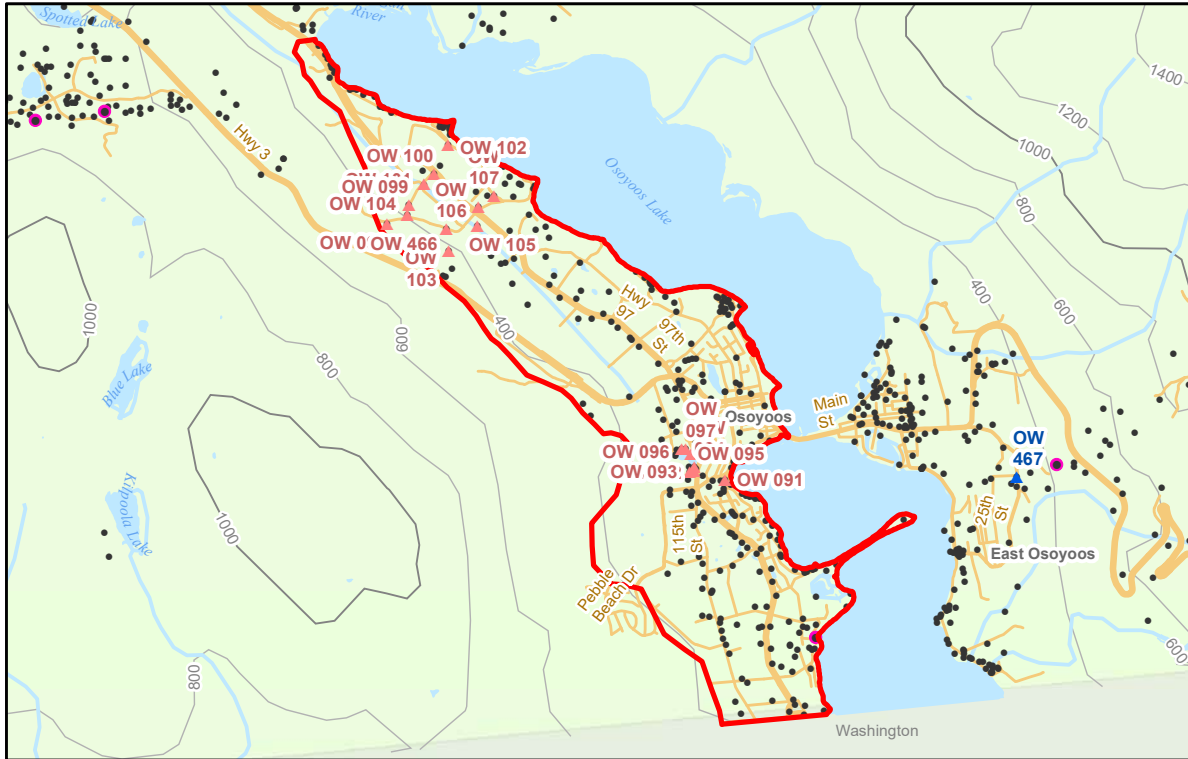


The groundwater samples are typically of the Ca-Mg-Cl-HCO<sub>3</sub> & Ca-Mg-HCO<sub>3</sub> type. Ca & Mg are the dominant cations, which indicates a less evolved/short flow path recharge area type of groundwater. The fact that HCO<sub>3</sub> is the dominant anion shows the source is primarily recent precipitation in the shallow alluvial sand and gravel aquifer #92. Cl enrichment could be attributed to anthropogenic activities such as application of chemical fertilizers, road salt and/or sewage effluents in the area. [For EMS water chemistry data, see EMS ID E269903.](#)



# Aquifer #193

## Osoyoos West



### Legend

- Registered Water Well - Artesian
- Registered Water Well
- ▲ Active Observation Well
- ▲ Inactive Observation Well
- Aquifer Boundary

### Aquifer Description (Mapping Report - 2012):

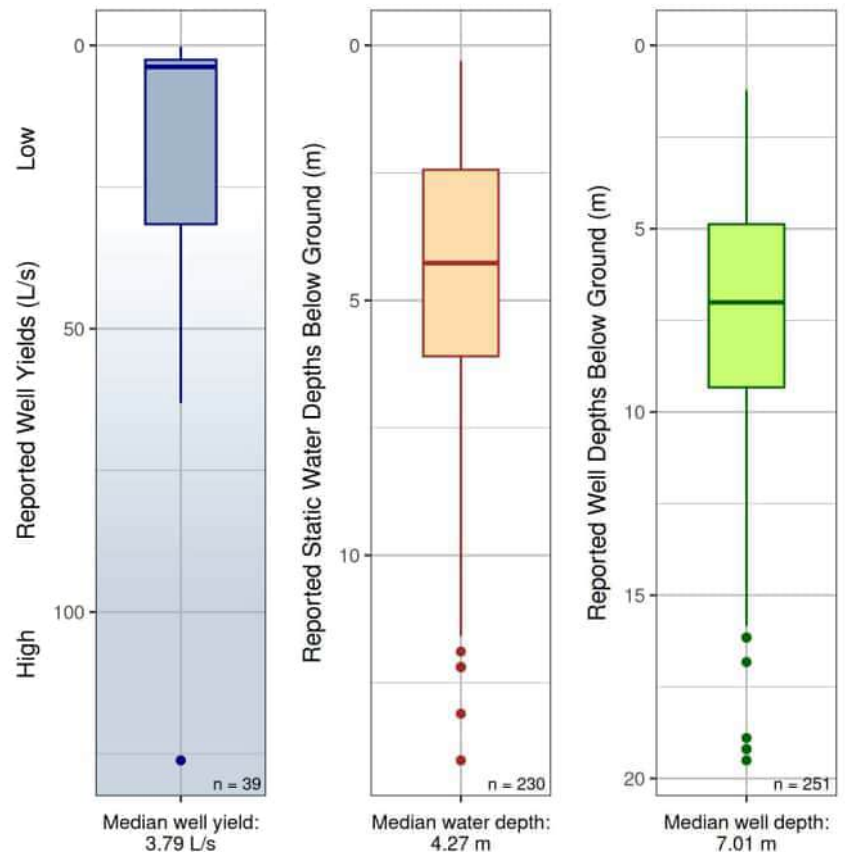
Unconfined glacio-fluvial outwash or ice contact sand and gravel aquifer generally formed near or at the end of the last period of glaciation (sub-type = 4a).

### Aquifer Details

Region	Thompson-Okanagan
Water District	Penticton
Aquifer Area	14 km <sup>2</sup>
No. Wells Correlated	252
Vulnerability to Contamination	High
Productivity	High
Aquifer Classification	IA
Hydraulic Conductivity *	$1.3 \times 10^{-3}$ - $4.1 \times 10^{-3}$ m/s (n=6)
Transmissivity *	$8.3 \times 10^{-3}$ - $3.6 \times 10^{-2}$ m <sup>2</sup> /s (n=6)
Storativity *	$4.9 \times 10^{-2}$ - $8.6 \times 10^{-2}$ (n=4)
No. Water Licences Issued to Wells	1
Observation Wells (Active, Inactive)	14 inactive wells

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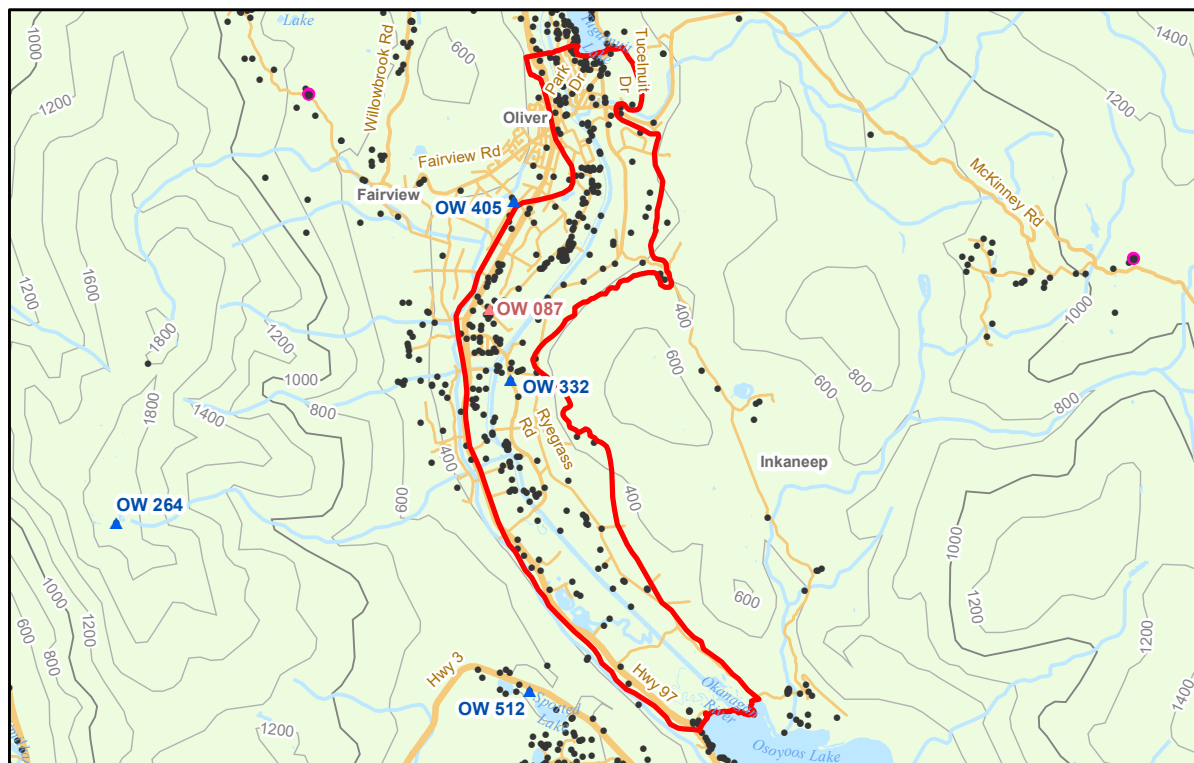
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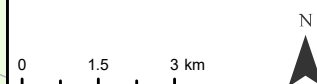






## Legend

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- Aquifer Boundary



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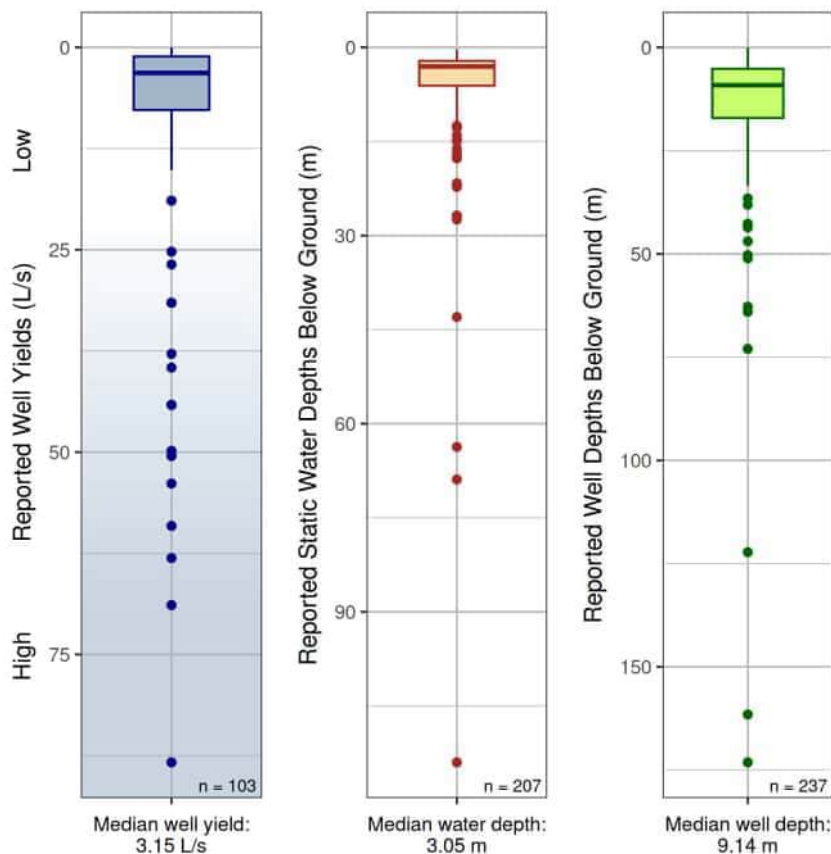
Predominantly unconfined fluvial or glacio-fluvial sand and gravel aquifer found along major rivers of higher stream order with the potential to be hydraulically influenced by the river (subtype = 1a).

### Aquifer Details

Region	Thompson-Okanagan
Water District	Penticton
Aquifer Area	29.4 km <sup>2</sup>
No. Wells Correlated	238
Vulnerability to Contamination	High
Productivity	High
Aquifer Classification	IIA
Hydraulic Conductivity *	$6 \times 10^{-3}$ - $3.9 \times 10^{-2}$ m/s (n=5)
Transmissivity *	$2.2 \times 10^{-2}$ - $1.5 \times 10^{-1}$ m <sup>2</sup> /s (n=6)
Storativity *	$2.6 \times 10^{-1}$ - $2.9 \times 10^{-1}$ (n=2)
No. Water Licences Issued to Wells	17
Observation Wells (Active, Inactive)	332, 87

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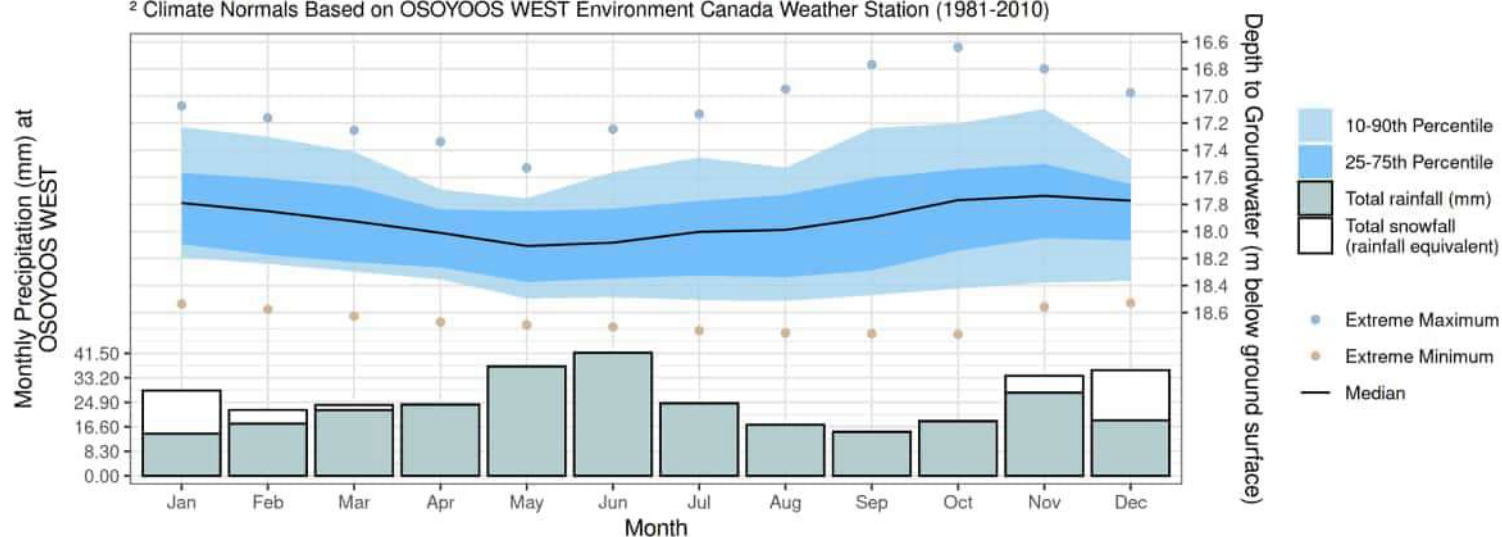
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## Monthly Groundwater Level<sup>1</sup> with Precipitation from Climate Normals<sup>2</sup>

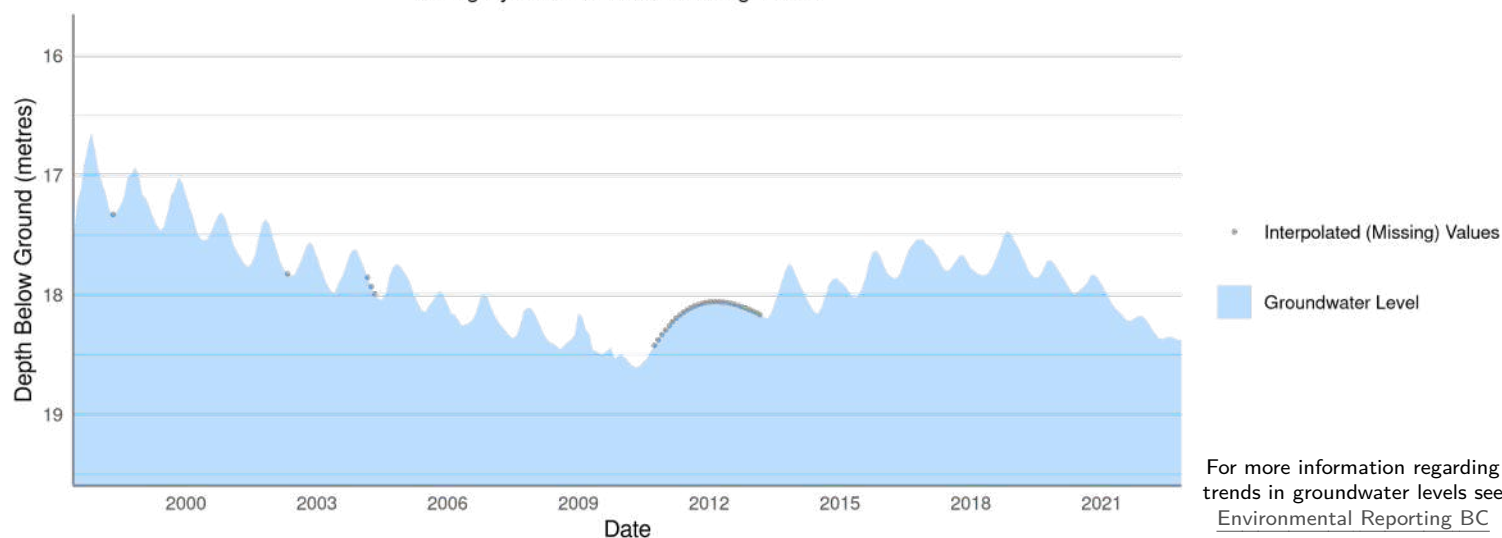
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<sup>2</sup> Climate Normals Based on OSOYOOS WEST Environment Canada Weather Station (1981-2010)

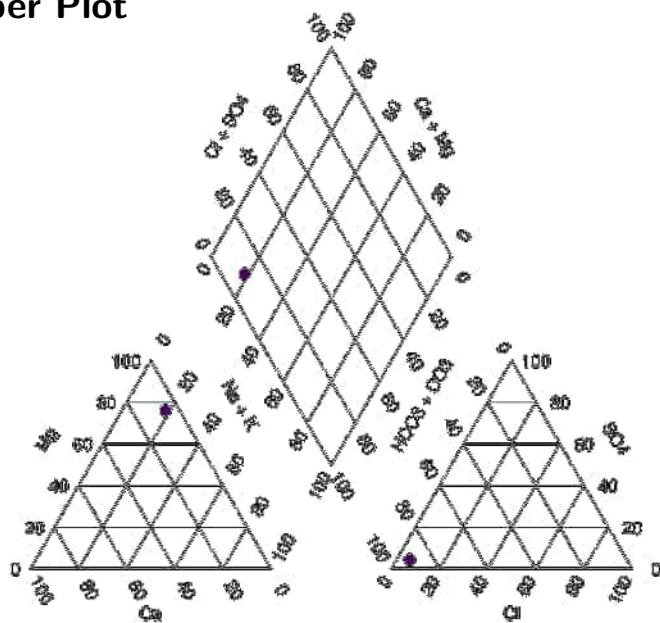


## Groundwater Levels and Long-term Trend

Category: Stable and/or Non-Significant



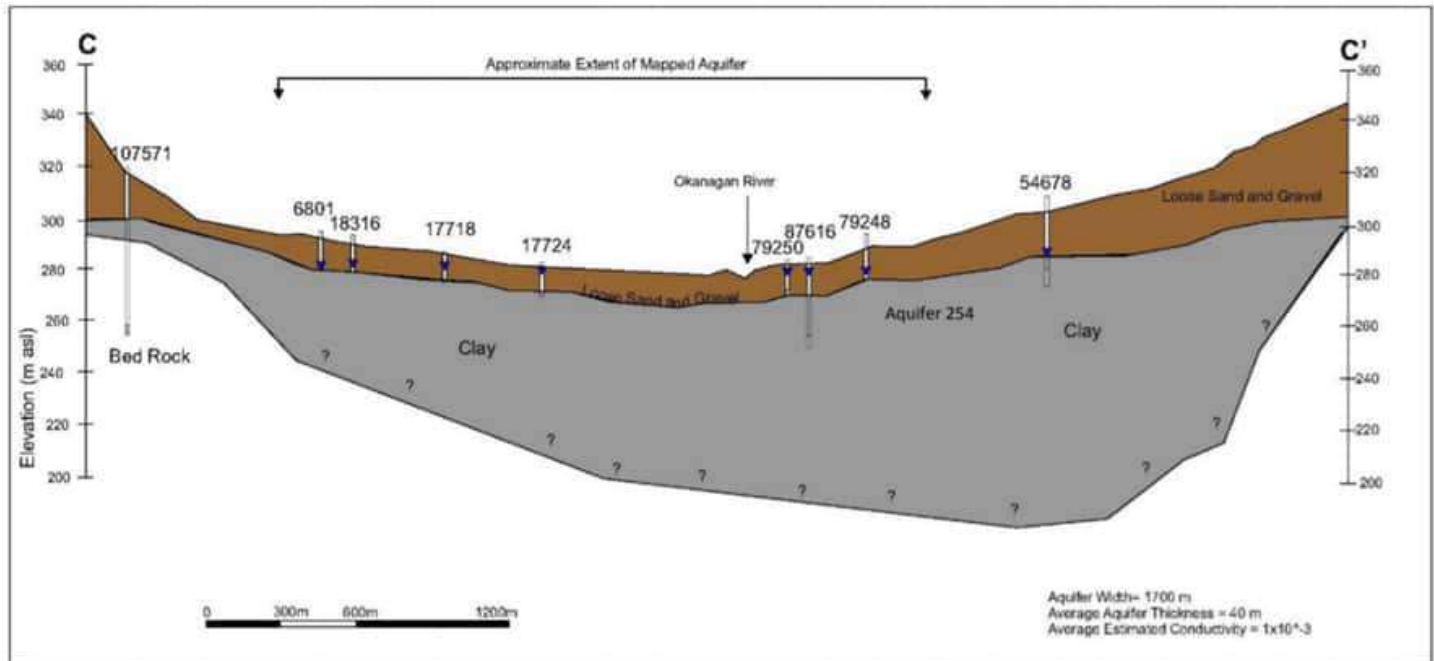
## Piper Plot



The groundwater samples are typically of the Mg-HCO<sub>3</sub> type. Mg is the dominant cation, which indicates a less evolved/short flow path recharge area type of groundwater. The fact that HCO<sub>3</sub> is the dominant anion shows the source is primarily recent precipitation in the shallow predominantly unconfined fluvial or glacio-fluvial sand and gravel aquifer #254. For EMS water chemistry data, see EMS ID E232063.



## Water Budget

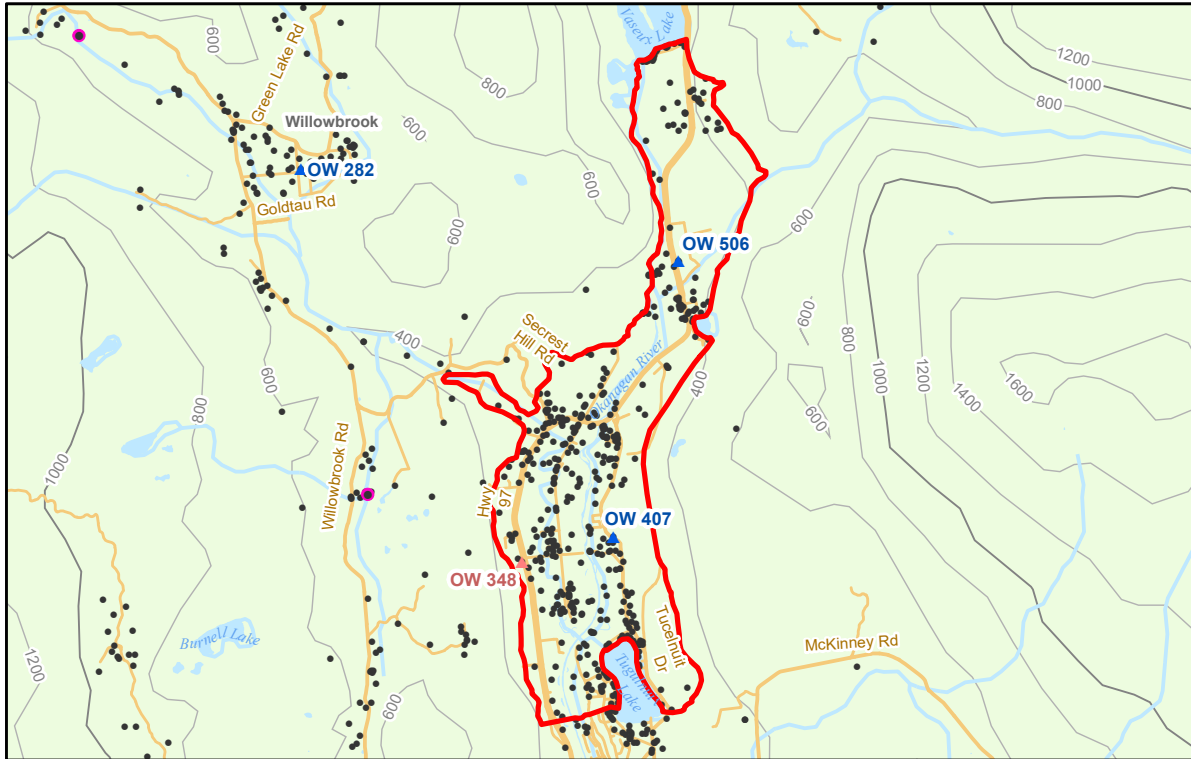


Aquifer 254 is thought to be the southern continuation of Aquifer 255 and extends south from Tuc-El-Nuit Lake to Osoyoos Lake. The mostly unconfined aquifer is composed of Okanagan River floodplain deposits, and in places, glacio-fluvial deposits and is thought to be connected to adjacent Aquifer 256. Aquifer 254 is believed to have the main characteristics:

- Also a highly productive aquifer supporting a number of municipal wells;
- Located within historically agricultural and urban areas; and
- Likely the second most heavily used aquifer in the study area (Aquifer 254, 255, 256).

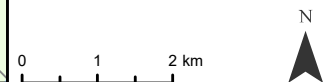
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## Legend

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- ⬮ Aquifer Boundary



## Aquifer Description (Mapping Report - 2016):

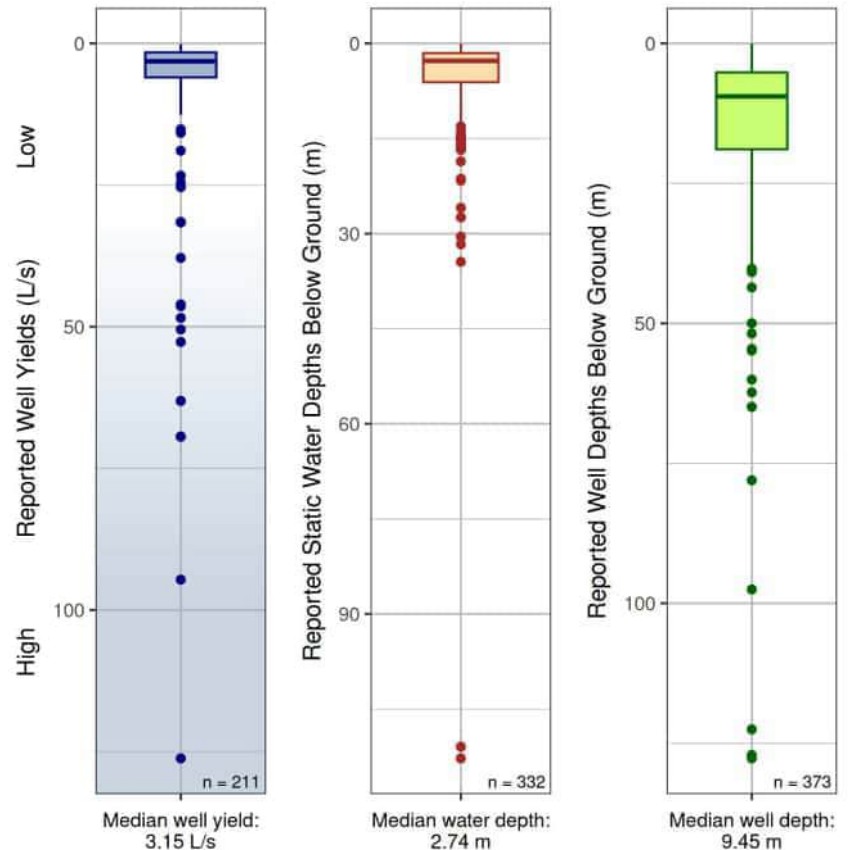
Predominantly unconfined fluvial or glacio-fluvial sand and gravel aquifer found along major rivers of higher stream order with the potential to be hydraulically influenced by the river (subtype = 1a).

### Aquifer Details

Region	Thompson-Okanagan
Water District	Penticton
Aquifer Area	13.7 km <sup>2</sup>
No. Wells Correlated	380
Vulnerability to Contamination	High
Productivity	Moderate
Aquifer Classification	IA
Hydraulic Conductivity *	Unknown
Transmissivity *	Unknown
Storativity *	Unknown
No. Water Licences Issued to Wells	31
Observation Wells (Active, Inactive)	407, 506, 348

\* min - max

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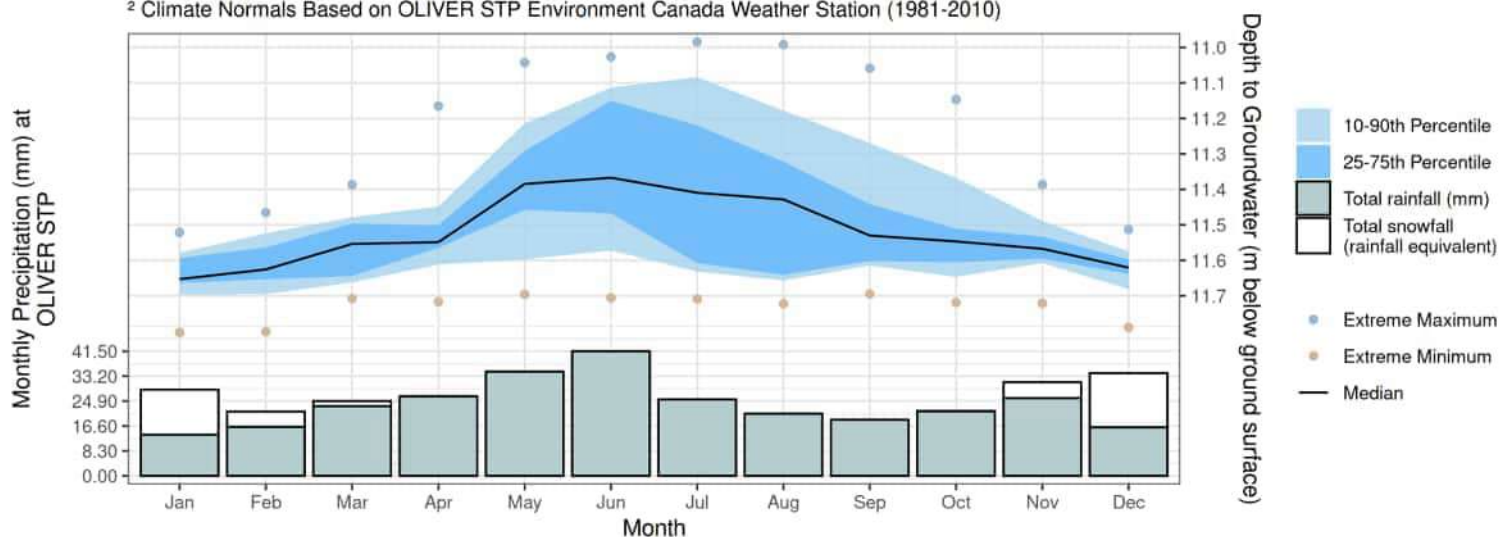
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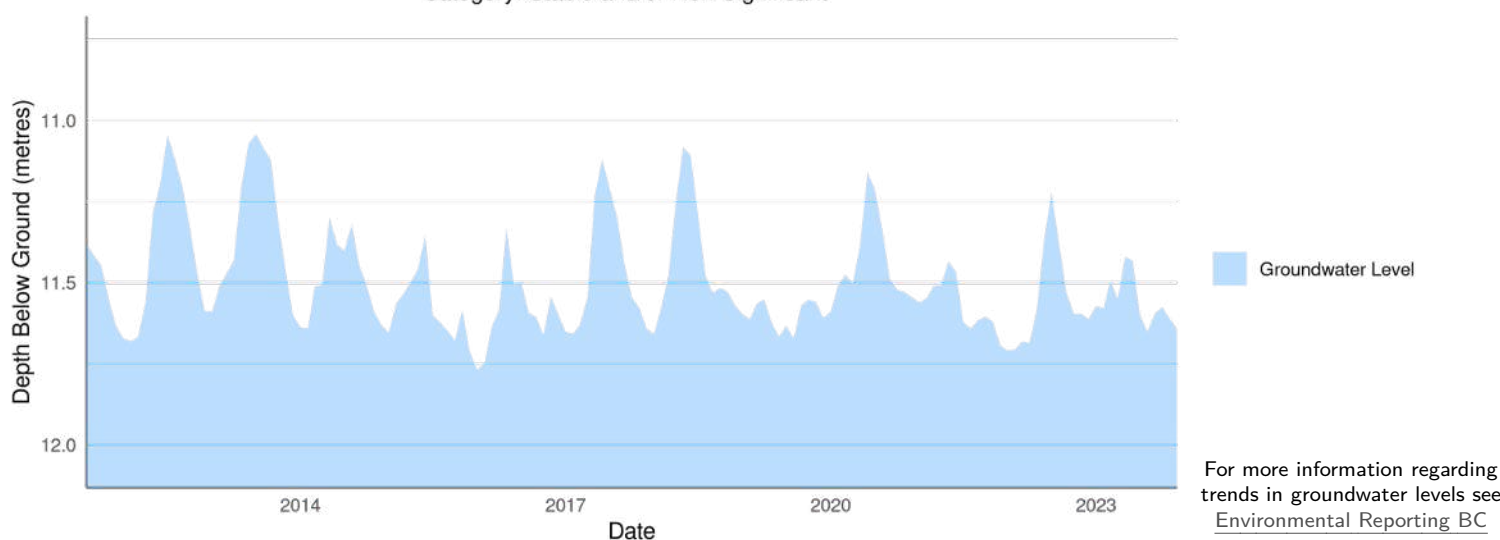
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<sup>2</sup> Climate Normals Based on OLIVER STP Environment Canada Weather Station (1981-2010)

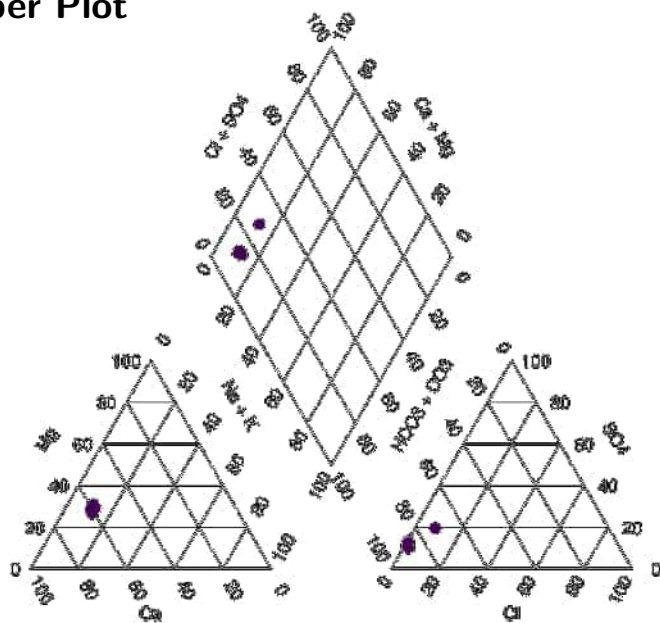


## Groundwater Levels and Long-term Trend

Category: Stable and/or Non-Significant



## Piper Plot



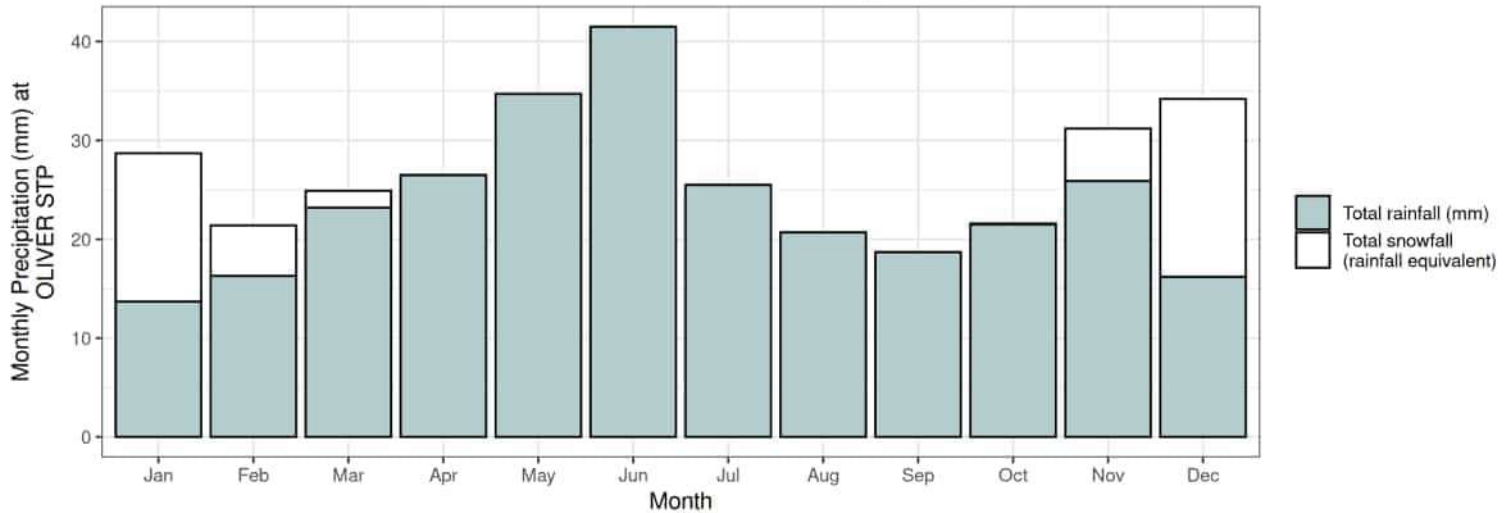
The groundwater samples are typically of the Ca-Mg-HCO<sub>3</sub> type. Ca & Mg are the dominant cations, which indicates a less evolved/short flow path recharge area type of groundwater. The fact that HCO<sub>3</sub> is the dominant anion shows the source is primarily recent precipitation in the unconfined sand and gravel #255. For EMS water chemistry data, see EMS ID [E284853](#).



## Monthly Groundwater Level<sup>1</sup> with Precipitation from Climate Normals<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> No Monthly Water Level Summary (only 4 years of data; 2021-2025)

<sup>2</sup> Climate Normals Based on OLIVER STP Environment Canada Weather Station (1981-2010)

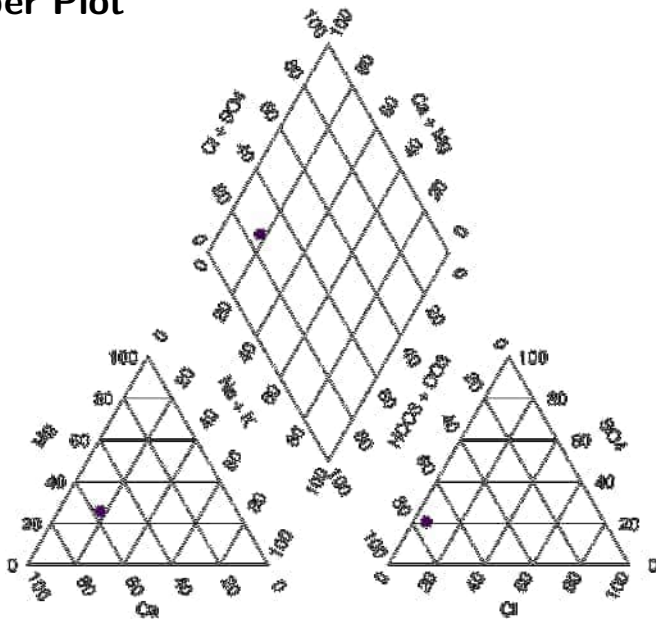


## Groundwater Levels and Long-term Trend

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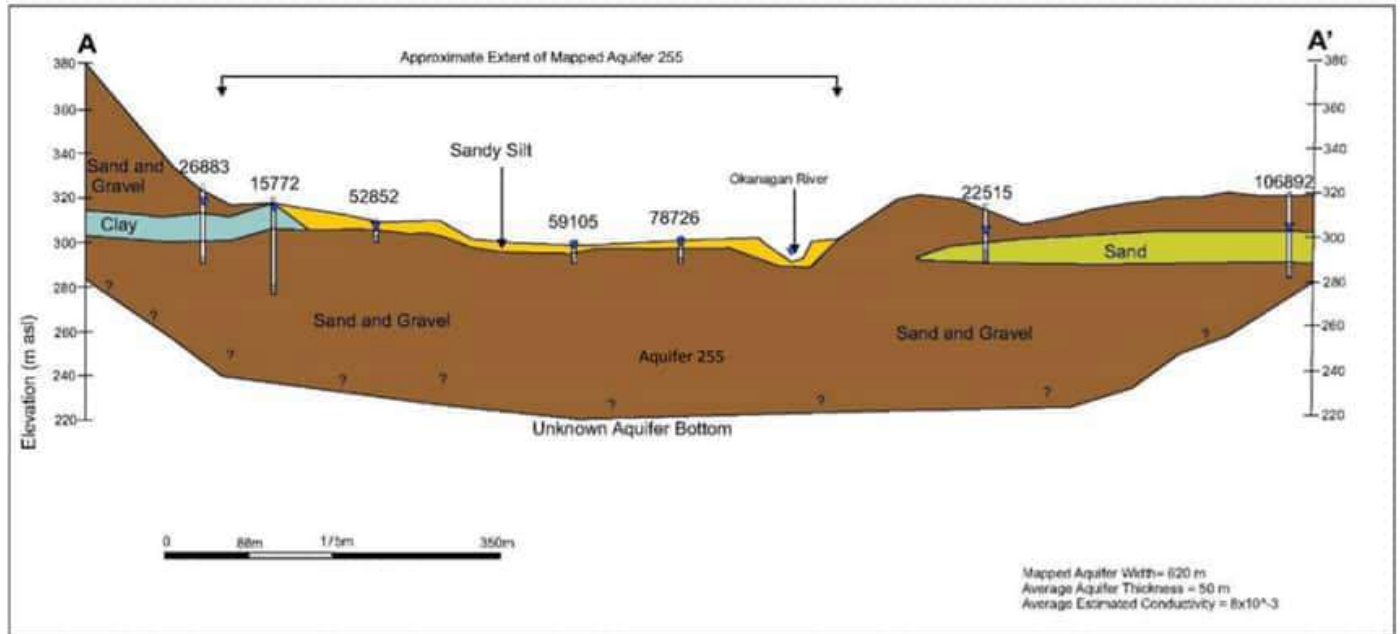
## Piper Plot



The groundwater samples are typically of the Ca-Mg-HCO<sub>3</sub>-SO<sub>4</sub> type. The groundwater facies signify less evolved water in the shallow predominantly unconfined sand and gravel aquifer #255. SO<sub>4</sub> enrichment could be attributed to anthropogenic activities such as application of chemical fertilizers and/or sewage effluents in the area. [For EMS water chemistry data, see EMS ID E326591.](#)



## Water Budget

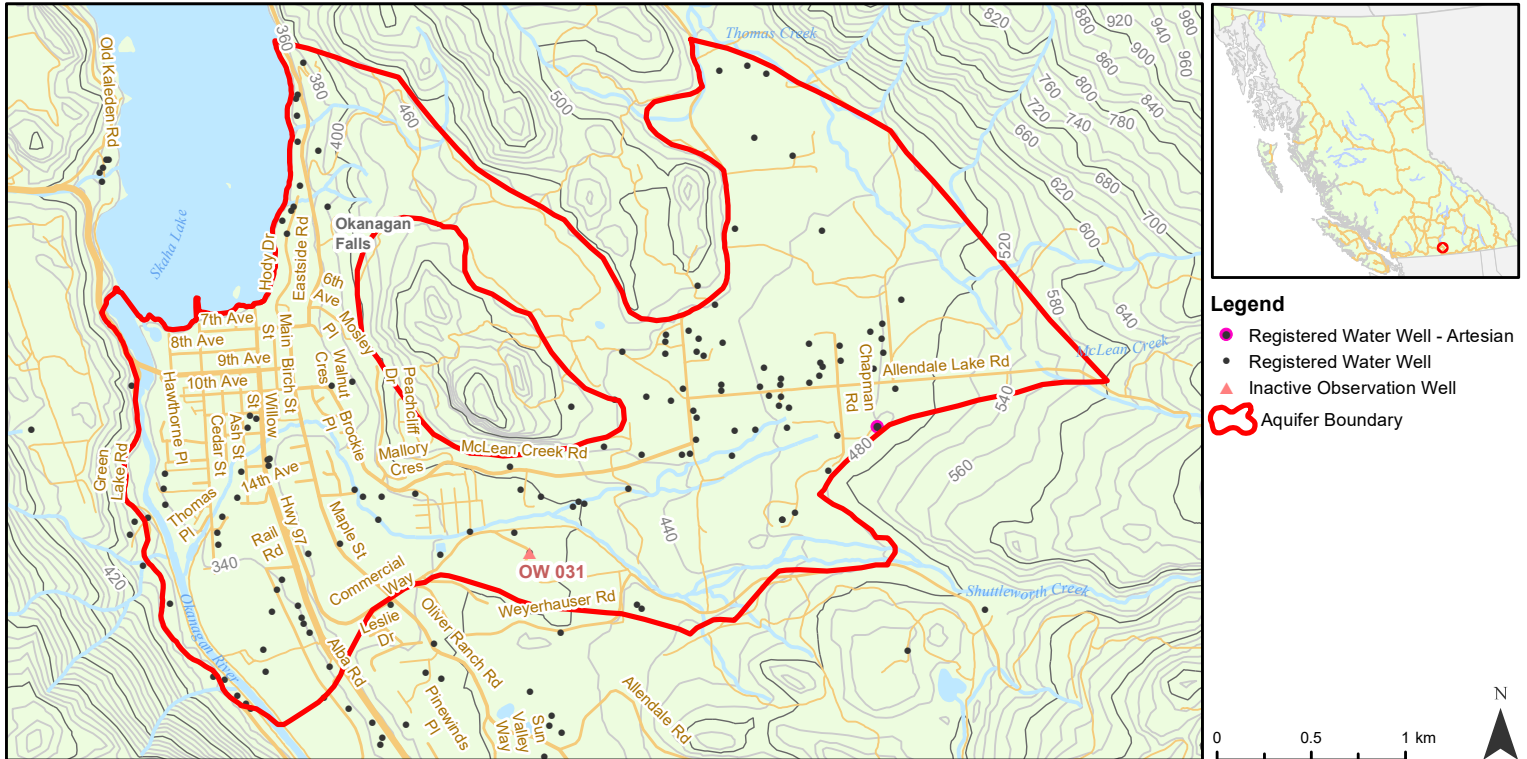


Aquifer 255 extends from the south end of Vaseux Lake to Tuc-El-Nuit Lake and is composed of a combination of deeper glacio-fluvial and terrace deposits and shallower Okanagan River floodplain deposits. The aquifer occurs under unconfined to semi-confined conditions and ranges in thickness to 40 m or more north of Oliver. Aquifer 255 is believed to have the following main characteristics:

- Potentially the most productive of the study area aquifers (254, 255, 256);
- Discharges to Aquifer 254, which we consider the southern extension of the same aquifer;
- Located proximal to the above described major sources of surface water recharge, and with better water quality than aquifers to the south; and
- Potentially the most heavily used of the study area aquifers.

**Reference:** Geller, D. and B. Manwell. 2016. Monthly Water Budgets for Aquifers in the Oliver, B.C. Area (Aquifers 254, 255 and 256). Water Science Series, WSS2016-07. Prov. B.C., Victoria B.C.





## Aquifer Description (Mapping Report - 1997):

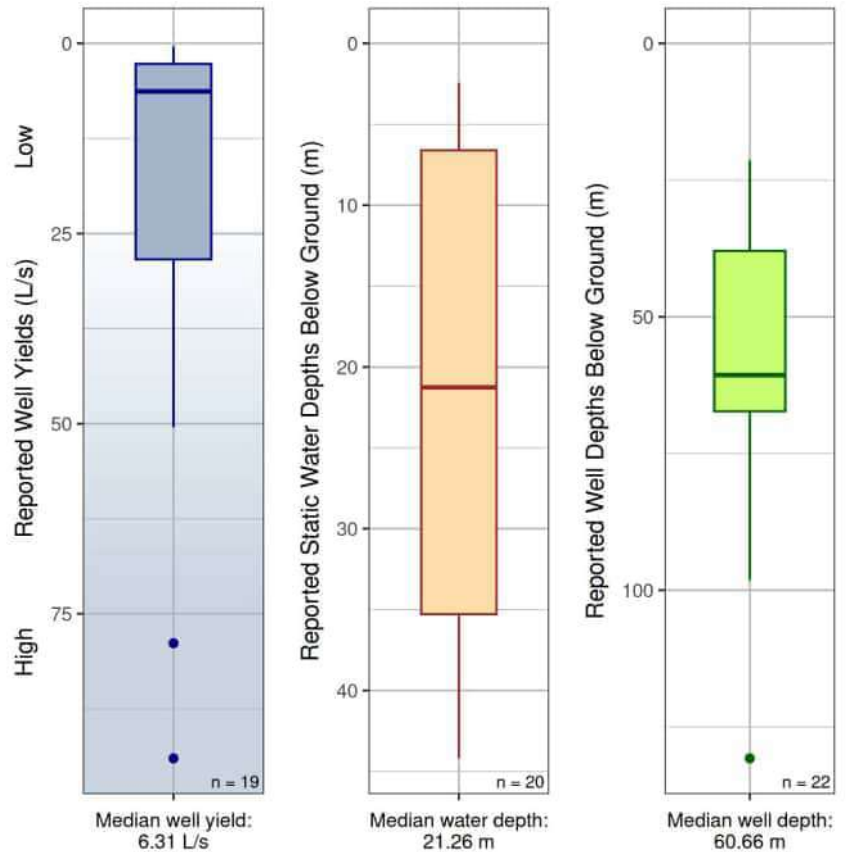
Unconfined glacio-fluvial outwash or ice contact sand and gravel aquifer generally formed near or at the end of the last period of glaciation (sub-type = 4a).

### Aquifer Details

Region	Thompson-Okanagan
Water District	Penticton
Aquifer Area	9.1 km <sup>2</sup>
No. Wells Correlated	22
Vulnerability to Contamination	Moderate
Productivity	Moderate
Aquifer Classification	IIB
Hydraulic Conductivity *	3.4x10 <sup>-4</sup> m/s (n=1)
Transmissivity *	4.2x10 <sup>-3</sup> m <sup>2</sup> /s (n=1)
Storativity *	Unknown
No. Water Licences Issued to Wells	17
Observation Wells (Active, Inactive)	None

\* min - max

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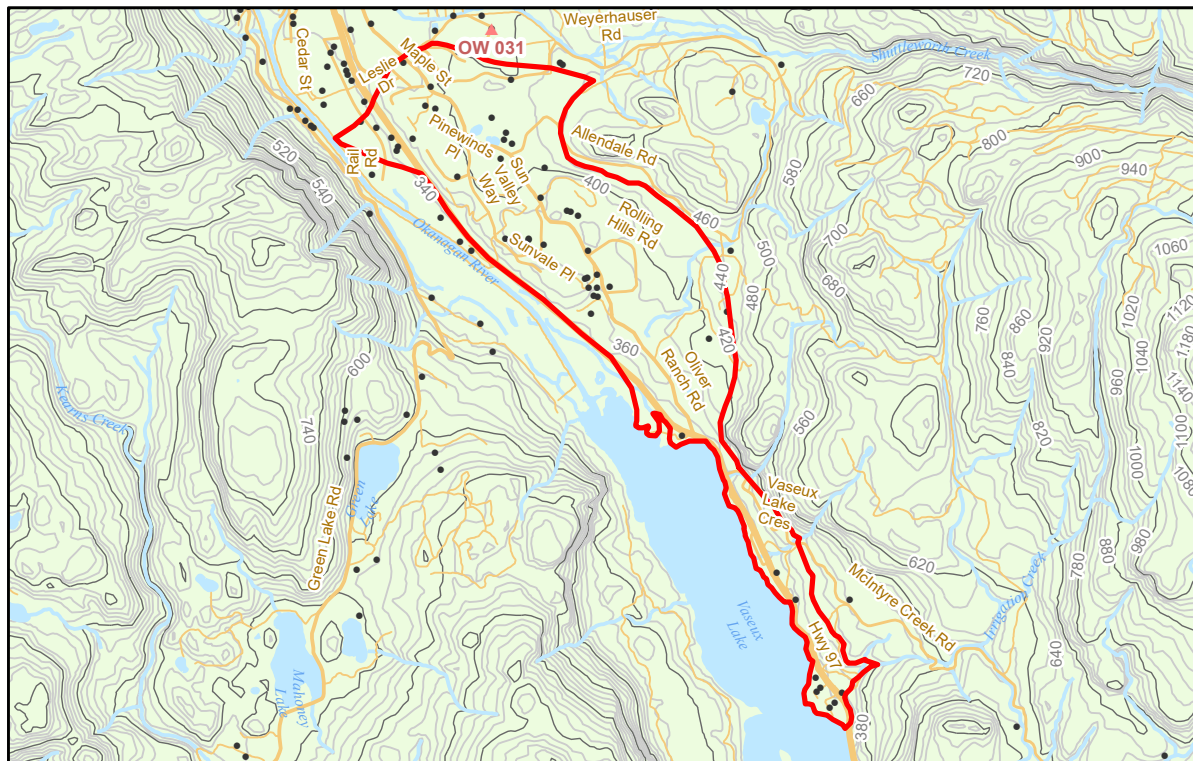


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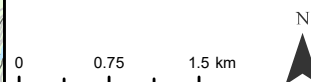
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- Aquifer Boundary



## Aquifer Description (Mapping Report - 2016):

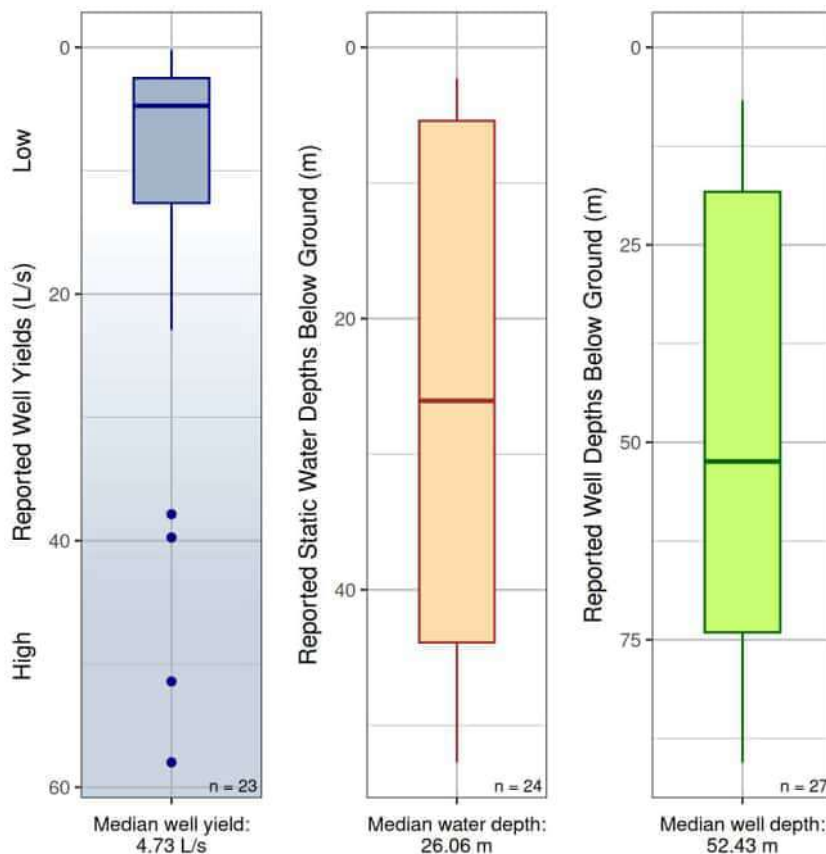
Predominantly unconfined fluvial or glacio-fluvial sand and gravel aquifer found along major rivers of higher stream order with the potential to be hydraulically influenced by the river (subtype = 1a).

### Aquifer Details

Region	Thompson-Okanagan
Water District	Penticton
Aquifer Area	5.4 km <sup>2</sup>
No. Wells Correlated	28
Vulnerability to Contamination	High
Productivity	High
Aquifer Classification	IIIA
Hydraulic Conductivity *	$2.6 \times 10^{-3}$ - $6 \times 10^{-3}$ m/s (n=2)
Transmissivity *	$2.4 \times 10^{-2}$ - $5.6 \times 10^{-2}$ m <sup>2</sup> /s (n=2)
Storativity *	Unknown
No. Water Licences Issued to Wells	15
Observation Wells (Active, Inactive)	None

\* min - max

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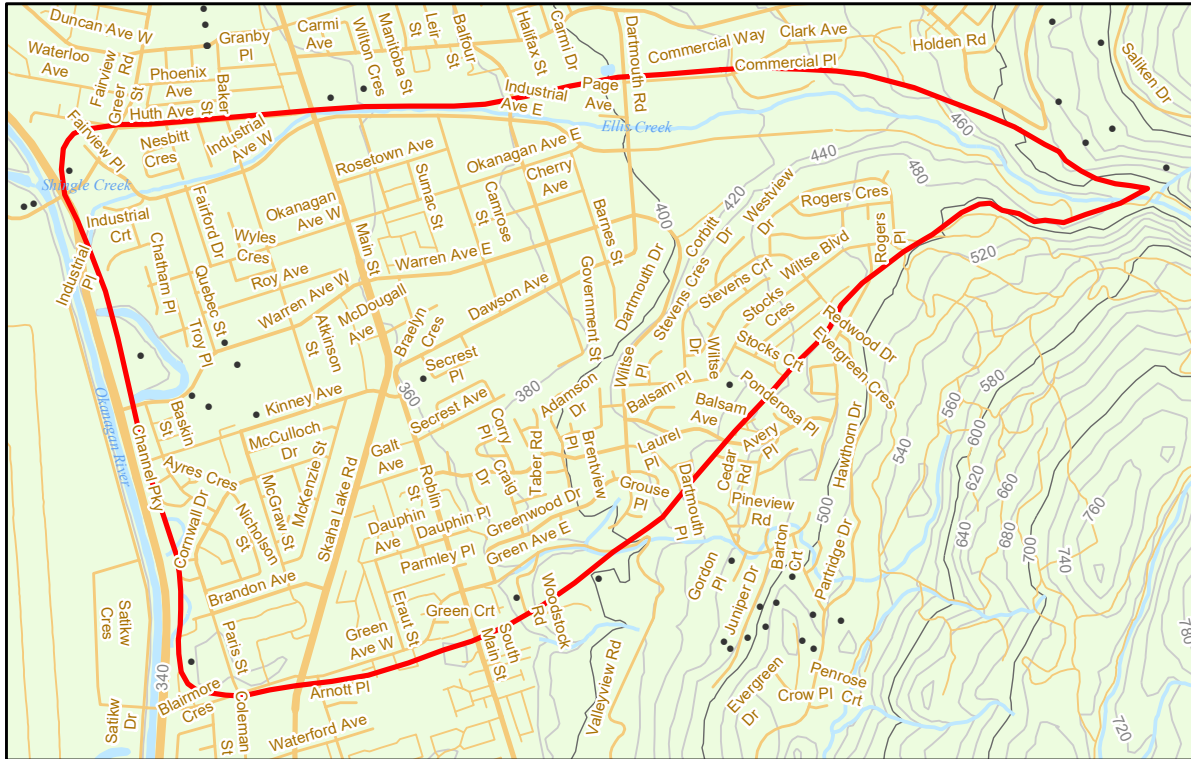


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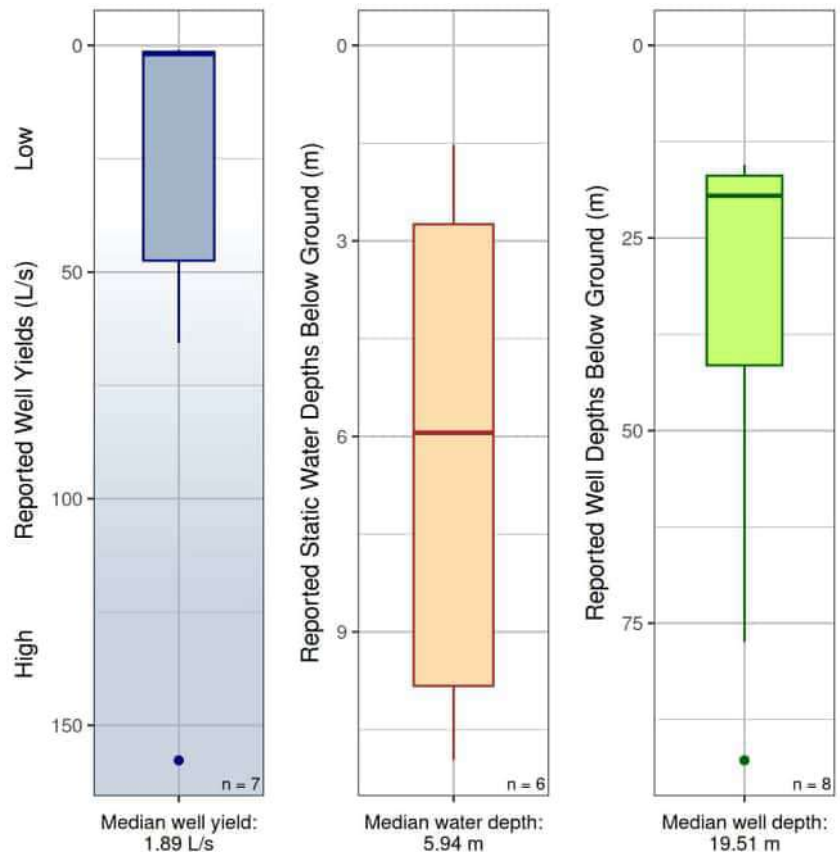
- Registered Water Well
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## Aquifer Description (Mapping Report - 1997):

Alluvial or colluvial fan sand and gravel aquifer typically occurring at or near the base of mountain slopes, either along the side of valley bottoms, or if formed during the last period of glaciation, raised above the valley bottoms (sub-type = 3).

### Aquifer Details

Region	Thompson-Okanagan
Water District	Penticton
Aquifer Area	4.7 km <sup>2</sup>
No. Wells Correlated	8
Vulnerability to Contamination	Moderate
Productivity	High
Aquifer Classification	IIB
Hydraulic Conductivity *	$1.3 \times 10^{-3}$ m/s (n=1)
Transmissivity *	$1.3 \times 10^{-2}$ m <sup>2</sup> /s (n=1)
Storativity *	Unknown
No. Water Licences Issued to Wells	1
Observation Wells (Active, Inactive)	None



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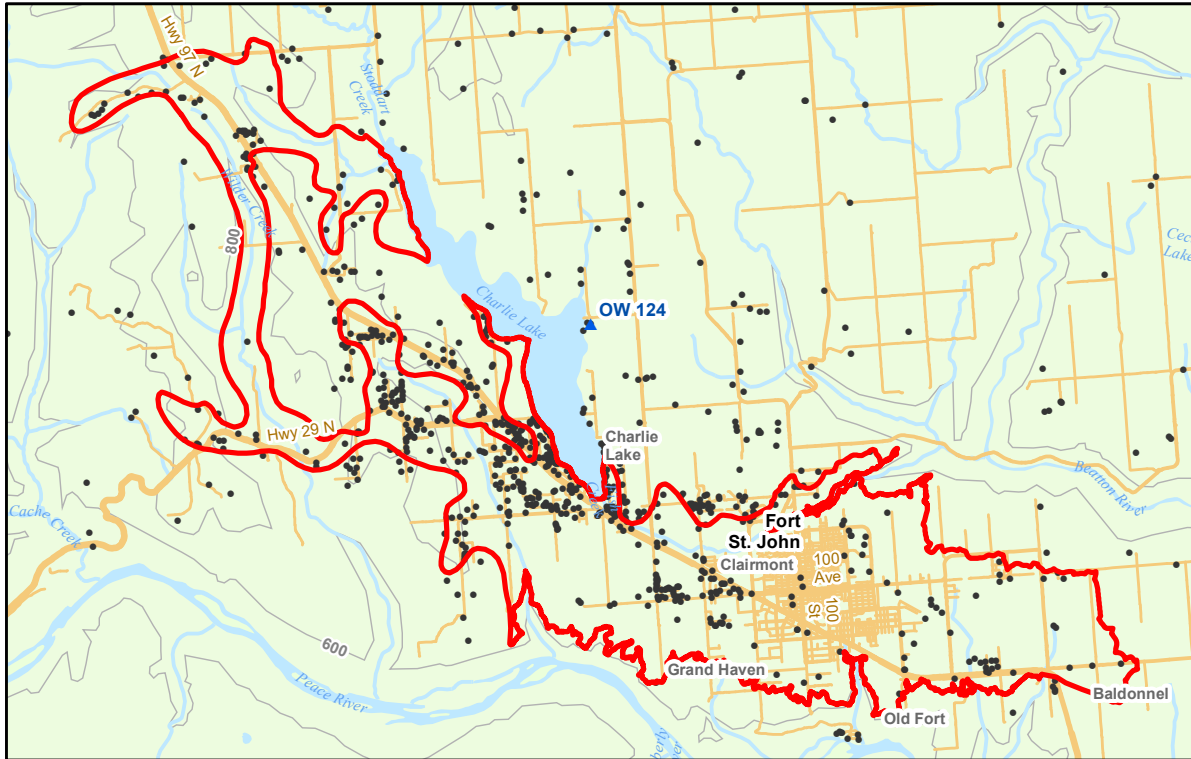
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# Aquifer #444

## Fort St. John Overburden Aquifer System



### Legend

- Registered Water Well
- ▲ Active Observation Well
- Aquifer Boundary

### Aquifer Description (Mapping Report - 2022):

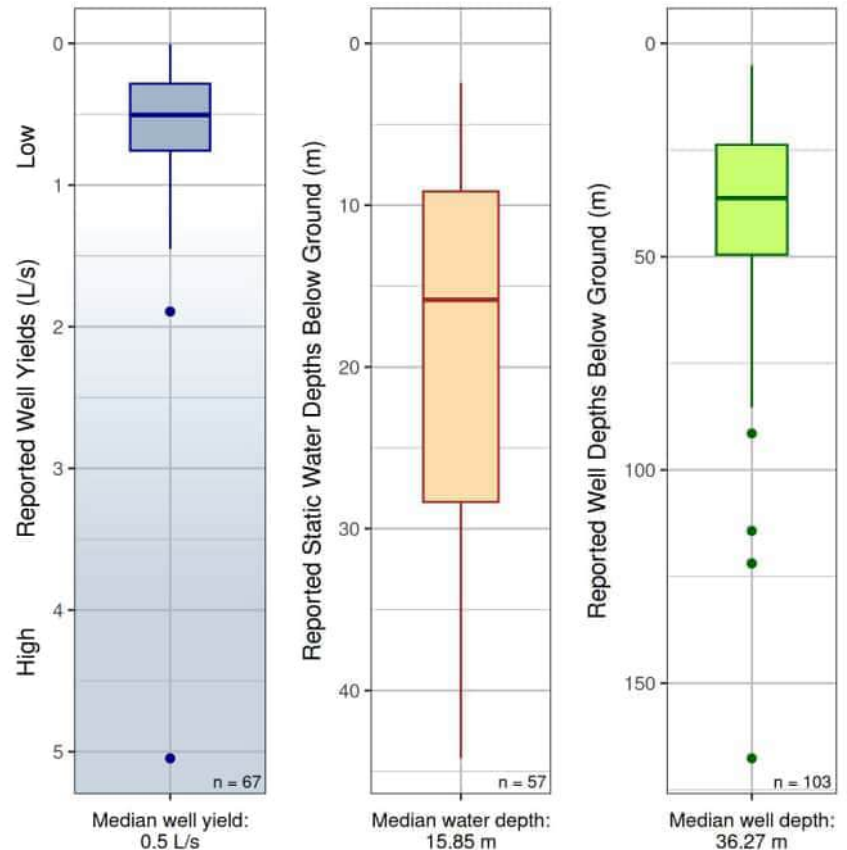
Unconfined glacio-fluvial outwash or ice contact sand and gravel aquifer generally formed near or at the end of the last period of glaciation (sub-type = 4a).

### Aquifer Details

Region	Northeast
Water District	Peace River
Aquifer Area	178.6 km <sup>2</sup>
No. Wells Correlated	103
Vulnerability to Contamination	High
Productivity	Moderate
Aquifer Classification	IIIA
Hydraulic Conductivity *	Unknown
Transmissivity *	Unknown
Storativity *	Unknown
No. Water Licences Issued to Wells	3
Observation Wells (Active, Inactive)	None

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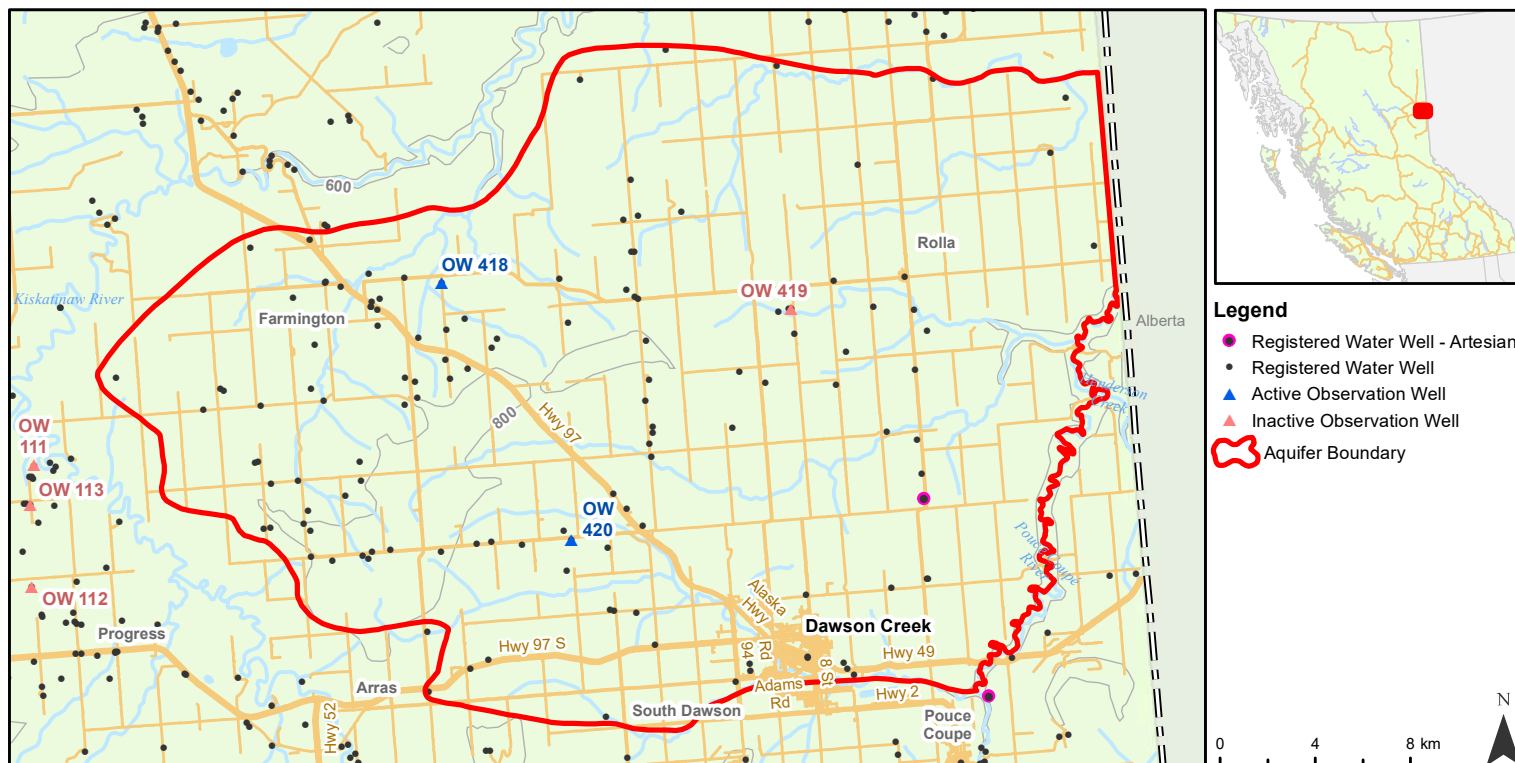
Where the aquifer is close to the surface or at a topographically elevated position, recharge could occur via distributed infiltration of precipitation and snowmelt. The southeastern portion of the aquifer may be directly recharged by Charlie Lake, while other portions of the aquifer may also be directly recharged by various other minor surface water bodies (e.g., Fish, Tea, and Wilder creeks). Groundwater is interpreted to flow primarily towards Wilder Creek and Charlie Lake in the northern portion of the aquifer (west of Charlie Lake), and towards Fish Creek, Montney Creek, and Peace River in the southern portion of the aquifer (southeast of Charlie Lake).

**Reference:** T. Lengyel, Hinnell, A.C., and J.J Clague 2022. Peace-Beaton Aquifer Mapping and Hydrostratigraphic Characterization, Water Science Series, WSS2022-04. Province of British Columbia, Victoria.



# Aquifer #851

## Dawson Creek Overburden Aquifer



### Aquifer Description (Mapping Report - 2023):

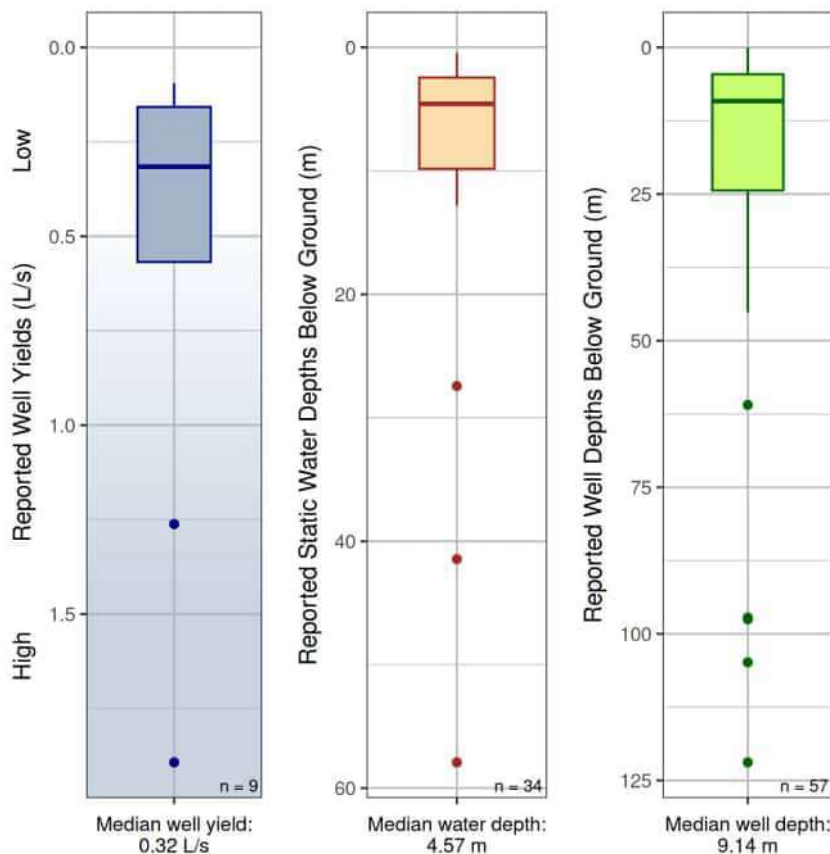
Confined glacio-fluvial sand and gravel aquifer underneath till, in between till layers, or underlying glacio-lacustrine deposits (subtype = 4b).

#### Aquifer Details

Region	Northeast
Water District	Peace River
Aquifer Area	866.3 km <sup>2</sup>
No. Wells Correlated	61
Vulnerability to Contamination	Moderate
Productivity	Moderate
Aquifer Classification	IIIB
Hydraulic Conductivity *	Unknown
Transmissivity *	Unknown
Storativity *	Unknown
No. Water Licences Issued to Wells	2
Observation Wells (Active, Inactive)	None

\* min - max

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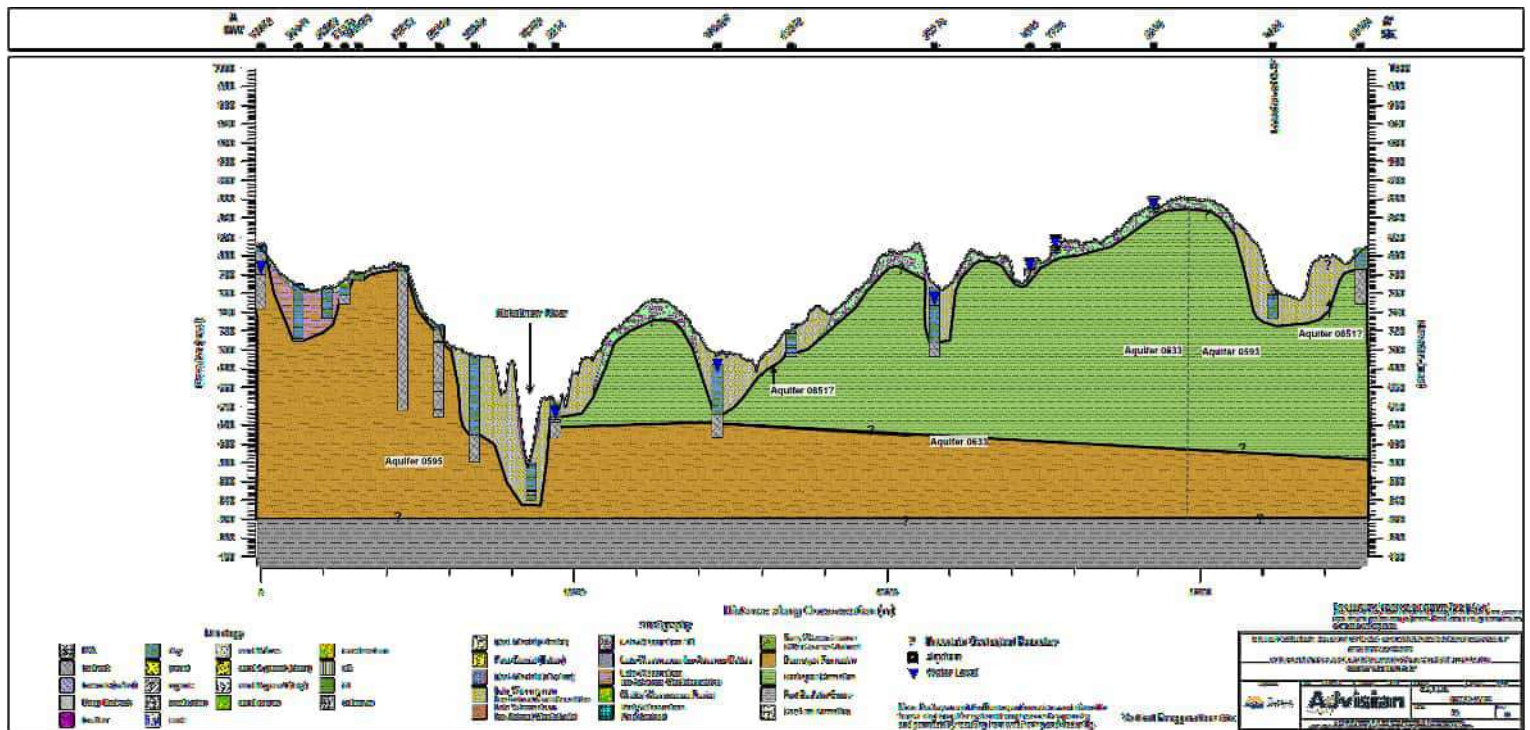
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## Cross-Section



Dawson Creek Overburden Aquifer 851 is primarily a low conductivity unit comprised of glaciolacustrine clay/glacial till with localized discontinuous coarse-grained sediments (fine- to medium-grained sand) that may locally support lower intensity groundwater production. Permeability is interpreted to be associated with secondary porosity (through fracturing).

Recharge to the aquifer could occur via distributed infiltration of precipitation and snowmelt through the thin overburden. Much of the recharge is expected to occur in the spring associated with snowmelt. Groundwater is interpreted to flow primarily towards the Kiskatinaw and Pouce Coupé rivers.

Groundwater may be hydraulically connected with minor tributaries of the Kiskatinaw and Pouce Coupé rivers. Groundwater is also inferred to be hydraulically connected with the underlying bedrock aquifers 593 and 633.

**Reference:** Lengyel, T., J. Deri-Takacs, A.C. Hinnell, and J.J. Clague, 2023. Kiskatinaw-Peace Aquifer Mapping and Hydrostratigraphic Characterization, Water Science Series, WSS2023-04. Province of British Columbia, Victoria.