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Marginal Notes

In 2008, the Ontario government announced plans to permanently protect half of the Far North region of Ontario and launched a planning process to support this goal (Far North Information Knowledge Management Program). During the initial stages of planning, the need for primary landscape data became apparent. A terrain mapping project to remotely predict surficial materials was initiated by the Ontario Geological Survey in response to this information need.

SPOT imagery (4 colour bands and the panchromatic band), a digital elevation model and its derivatives and the Ontario Hydro Network vector drainage shape files (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources 2010) are the primary data sources for this remote predictive mapping exercise. A multiresolution segmentation algorithm, using different image layer weights, scale parameters and homogeneity criterion, within an object-based image analysis software is used to achieve meaningful objects representing various surficial material types. Objects are then classified based on digital signature, internal variability of signature and proximity to certain vector layers and certain adjacent material types.

Limited helicopter-supported field work combined with the examination of archival information (Riley and Boissonneau unpublished field notes and photographs), Geological Survey of Canada, Operation Winsk unpublished field notes; Skinner 1973; Sanford, Norris and Bostock 1968; Sanford and Norris 1975; and Thorleifson, Wyatt and Warman 1983, and their unpublished field notes) provided the ground control on the classification of objects. In addition, information from the various other Far North Information Knowledge Management Program projects, such as base data and land cover information (Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, in progress), has been used in the interpretation and classification of the surficial materials.

The maps show only the surface material distribution. For better definition of wetland types please refer to the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Far North Land Cover 2005–2009 digital series of maps. Older deposits that occur along many of the deeply incised river valleys are not depicted. However, the reader is encouraged to review books by Skinner (1973) and Thorleifson, Wyatt and Warman (1985) for further information and details on the older sediments exposed along rivers within the Hudson Bay Lowland.

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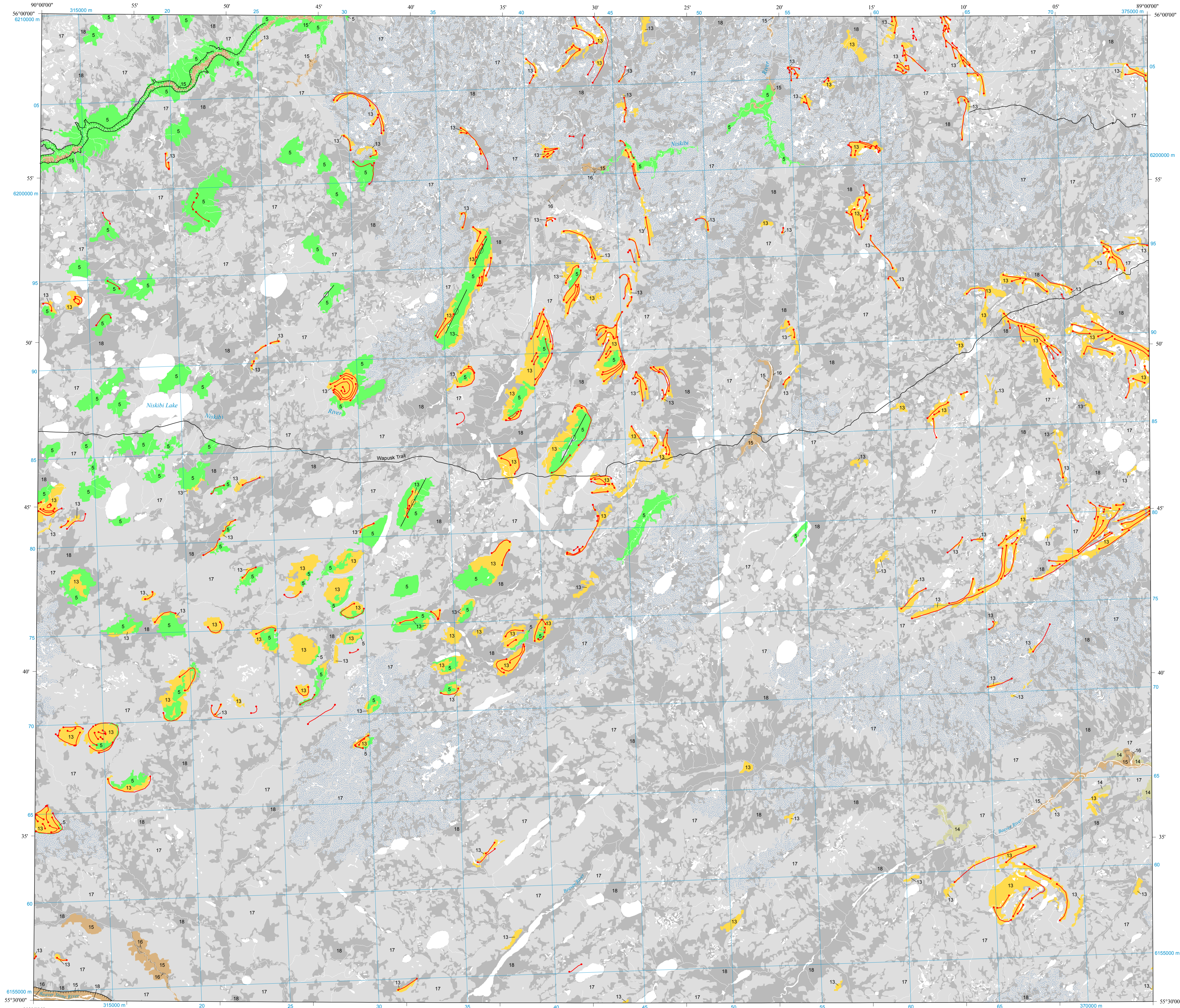
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LEGEND*

PHANEROZOIC

CENOZOIC

QUATERNARY

- 20 **Marine Mud-Flat Deposits:** Sand, silt and clay; deposited in mud flats and offshore bars within the tidal zone.
- 19 **Marine Salt-Marsh Deposits:** Silt and clay with organic matter, minor sand; deposited in salt marshes along present-day coast.
- 18 **Organic Deposits:** Peat, muck and/or marl; deposited in fen wetlands.[‡]
- 17 **Organic Deposits:** Peat, muck and/or marl; deposited in bog wetlands.[‡]
- 16 **Fluvial Deposits (recent):** Stratified sand and gravel; may include silt, minor clay. Deposited in bars and channels of present-day rivers and creeks.
- 15 **Fluvial Deposits (abandoned):** Stratified sand and gravel; may include silt, minor clay. Deposited in bars and channels along abandoned terraces of rivers and creeks.
- 14 **Marine Deltaic Deposits:** Stratified sand and gravel; silt, minor clay. Deposited at the mouths of rivers and creeks entering a postglacial sea.
- 13 **Marine Beach and Nearshore Deposits:** Stratified sand and gravel; minor silt. Deposited primarily in the shore zone and nearshore zone of a postglacial sea.
- 12 **Marine Basin Deposits:** Massive to stratified silt and clay; minor sand. Deposited in basinal areas of a postglacial sea.
- 11 **Glaciolacustrine Deltaic Deposits:** Stratified sand and gravel; may include minor silt and clay. Deposited at the mouths of rivers and creeks entering a proglacial lake.
- 10 **Glaciolacustrine Beach and Nearshore Deposits:** Stratified sand and gravel; minor silt. Deposited primarily in the shore zone and nearshore zone of a proglacial lake.
- 9 **Glaciolacustrine Basin Deposits:** Stratified silt and clay; minor sand. Deposited in basinal areas of a proglacial lake.
- 8 **Glaciofluvial Outwash Deposits:** Stratified sand and gravel; including minor silt, clay. Deposited in bars and channels in rivers flowing from a glacier.
- 7 **Glaciofluvial Ice-Contact Deposits:** Stratified sand and gravel; including minor silt, clay, till and flowtill. Deposited in eskers, kames, deltas and subaqueous fans and in end and recessional moraines along a glacier margin.
- 6 **Till:** Massive to bedded diamictin; clayey silt to clay matrix, clast content low to moderate, moderate to high matrix carbonate content, may contain discontinuous layers or lenses of stratified gravel, sand, silt and/or clay; includes flowtills. Deposited at the base or along the margins of a glacier.
- 5 **Till:** Massive to bedded diamictin; sandy silt to silt matrix, clast content moderate to high, low to high matrix carbonate content, rare discontinuous layers or lenses of stratified gravel, sand, silt and/or clay, or flowtills. Deposited at the base or along the margins of a glacier.
- 4 **Till:** Massive to bedded diamictin; silty sand to sand matrix, clast content moderate to high, low to moderate matrix carbonate content, rare discontinuous layers or lenses of stratified gravel, sand, silt and/or clay, or flowtills. Deposited at the base or along the margins of a glacier.
- 3 **Thin Sediment over Bedrock:** Thin, near-continuous cover of Quaternary sediments overlying undifferentiated bedrock. Quaternary sediments are commonly less than 1 m thick; however, areas of outcrop indicated on the map may contain small areas where the cover exceeds 1 m in thickness, but are too small to delineate at this map scale.

PALEOZOIC, MESOZOIC AND CENOZOIC (TERTIARY)

- 2 **Bedrock:** Undifferentiated bedrock with a thin, discontinuous cover of Quaternary sediments. Quaternary sediments rarely exceed 0.5 m in thickness; however, areas of outcrop indicated on the map may contain small areas where the cover exceeds 1 m in thickness, but are too small to delineate at this map scale.

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MAP P.3629

SURFICIAL GEOLOGY

ISLAND RIVER AREA
NORTHWEST,
NORTHERN ONTARIO

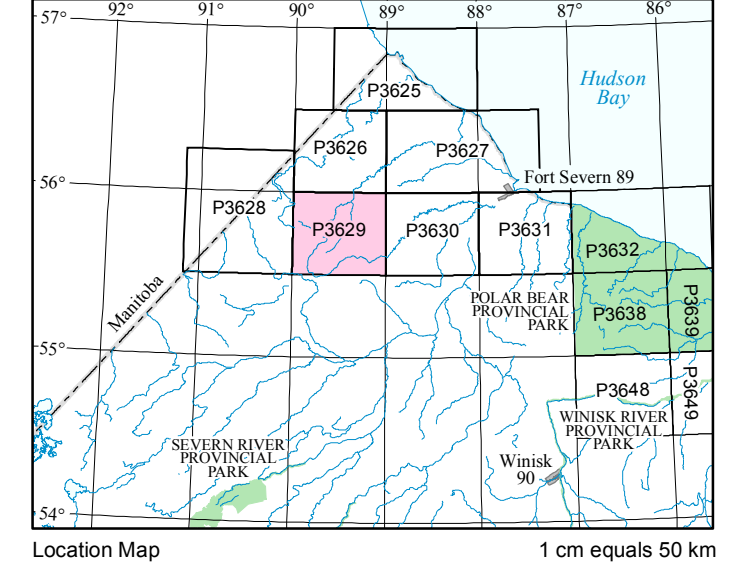
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SYMBOLS*

- Bedrock outcrop[‡]
- Lineament observed on remotely sensed imagery
- Brow of large landslide or failure scar
- Base of terraced escarpment (abandoned glaciolacustrine or marine shore/lake)
- Base of terraced escarpment (margin of abandoned or modern, fluvial or glaciofluvial terrace)
- Trend or crest of abandoned or modern beach bar or spit
- Base of large ice-contact slope
- Trend of large moraine or moraine crest
- Trend of minor moraine or moraine crest; includes De Geer (or washboard) moraines
- Area of hummocky moraine
- Area of palimpsest moraine
- Area of ribbed landforms; includes ridges (or ribbed) moraine, scabland-type erosional features and/or megaripples
- Trend of esker or esker crest
- Glacial erosion features carved into the bedrock surface (includes striations, grooves, etc.); direction of ice movement known, unknown[‡]
- Streamline form with positive relief; includes drumlins, drumlinoid ridges and crag-and-tail features
- Streamline form with negative relief; includes futes
- Large iceberg keel mark
- Large sand dune (aeolian)
- Area of extensive palsas
- Area of suspected land features
- Indian Reserve, park boundary, township
- Utility
- Road, railroad

* The symbols list applies to Preliminary Maps P-3625 to P-3758, and P-3767. All symbols may not be present on this map.

‡ As presented on published and unpublished maps.

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