

This is a common map legend for the surficial geology of northern Alberta. Coloured legend blocks indicate map units that appear on this map. Not all map symbols shown in the legend necessarily appear on this map.

UNIT	UNIT NAME	DESCRIPTION AND GENESIS
<b>QUATERNARY HOLOCENE</b>		
A	Anthropogenic materials	Culturally made or modified geological materials such that their physical properties (e.g., structure, cohesion, compaction) have been drastically altered.
O	Organic deposits	Undifferentiated peat (woody to fibrous muck) occurring in undifferentiated wetlands; commonly underlain by fine-grained, poorly drained glaciolacustrine deposits; includes marshes, swamps, bogs and fens.
OB	Bog peat	Occurs in a peatland with a fluctuating water table and commonly a raised surface; peatland surface is dominated by sphagnum mosses, heath shrubs and short, stunted trees.
OF	Fen peat	Occurs in a peatland with water table at surface and slow internal drainage; peatland surface is dominated by sedges, with grasses and reeds near local pools, and is sparsely treed.
C	Colluvial deposits	Materials that have reached their present position as a result of direct, gravity-induced movement; commonly occurs as slope and slump deposits confined to valley slopes and floors; includes pre-existing bedrock, till, glaciolacustrine, glaciofluvial and eolian sediments, generally poorly sorted.
F	Fluvial deposits	Sediments transported and deposited by streams and rivers; synonymous with alluvial. Includes well-sorted stratified sand, gravel, silt, clay and organic sediments occurring in channel and overbank deposits (e.g., postglacial floodplains, terraces, fans and deltas).
L	Lacustrine deposits	Sediments deposited in and adjacent to recent and modern lakes; offshore sand, silt and clay; littoral (nearshore) beaches and bars; sand, silt and minor gravel; minor organic deposits.
E	Eolian deposits	Wind-deposited sediments; well-sorted, medium to fine-grained sand and minor silt (loess); generally massive to locally cross bedded or ripple laminated; includes both active and vegetated deposits.
<b>PLEISTOCENE</b>		
LG	Glaciolacustrine deposits	Primarily fine-grained, distal sediments deposited in or along the margins of glacial lakes, including sediments released by the melting of floating ice. Includes laminated (rhythmically bedded) to massive fine sand, silt and clay, and may contain ice-rattled stones.
LGL	Littoral and nearshore sediments	Massive to stratified, well-sorted silty sand, pebbly sand and minor gravel; occurs as beaches, bars, spits and foreset deltaic deposits deposited during regression and lowering of glacial lakes.
FG	Glaciofluvial deposits	Sediments deposited by glacial meltwater streams as subaerial or subaqueous outwash. Includes sand and gravel, often stratified, minor silt, and may show evidence of ice melting (slumped structures). Features include meltwater channels, kettle holes, terraces and minor ice-contact sediments.
FGI	Ice-contact sediments	Sediments deposited by glacial meltwater streams in direct contact with glacial ice, either in front of (kame terraces) or within (eskers, crevasse ridges) glacial ice. Includes massive to stratified, poorly to moderately sorted, coarse sediments (predominantly pebble gravel and coarse sand, locally till) and may show evidence of ice melting (slumped structures).
M	Moraine	Nonsorted diamicton (till) deposited directly by glacial ice consisting of a mixture of clay, silt, sand and minor pebbles, cobbles and boulders. Locally, this unit may contain blocks of bedrock, pre-existing stratified sediment and till, and lenses of glaciolacustrine and/or glaciofluvial sediment.
MS	Stagnant ice moraine	Material resulting from the collapse and lateral movement of englacial and supraglacial sediment in response to melting (ablation) of buried stagnant ice at the ice margin; sediment is mainly diamicton, but locally includes stratified sediments of glaciolacustrine or glaciofluvial origin. Characterized by low to high-relief hummocky topography.
MT	Ice-thrust moraine	Terrain resulting from glacio-tectonic transport of originally subglacial material deposited by the glacier more or less intact; deposits may include syngenetic till, as well as masses of pre-existing till, stratified drift and/or bedrock. Characterized by high to moderate relief and features include hill-hole pairs and glacio-tectonic moraine ridges.
MF	Fluted moraine	Glacially streamlined terrain; varies from alternating furrows and ridges to nearly equidimensional smoothed hills; all landforms parallel the local ice flow direction; includes flutes, drums and drumlins.
FP	Preglacial fluvial deposits	Sediments transported and deposited by streams and rivers prior to glaciation. Includes sand and gravel deposits occurring in paleovalleys (i.e., preglacial floodplains, terraces, fans and deltas); ranging from middle Wisconsin to late Tertiary.
<b>PRE-QUATERNARY</b>		
RT	Unconsolidated fluvial gravels	Predominantly well-sorted, quartzite and chert gravel and cobbles; Cordilleran source, Paleogene (Tertiary) to early Quaternary.
R	Bedrock	Undifferentiated; may include clastic sedimentary rock, shale, carbonate and crystalline (Shield), kimberlite and/or coal.

**SYMBOL LEGEND**

Permafrost; relic and/or active	
Thermokarst depression	
Landslide and active layer failure scar (small)	
Landslide and active layer failure scar (large)	
Eolian forms; dune ridges	
Beach or strandline	
Wave-cut bench	
Escarpment	
Meltwater channel (minor)	
Meltwater channel (minor, flow indicated)	
Meltwater channel (major)	
Meltwater channel (major, flow indicated)	
Crevasse filling	
Ice-contact slope	
Kettle	
Esker, direction of paleoflow unknown	
Esker, direction of paleoflow indicated	
Drumlinoid or streamlined landform	
Drumlinoid, down-ice flow indicated	
Buried drumlinoid or streamlined landform	
Minor moraine ridge	
Major moraine ridge	
Iceberg scour	
Ice thrust ridge	
Striation (direction unknown)	
Striation (direction known)	
Bedrock outcrop	
Gravel and/or sand pit	
Section of stratigraphic interest	

**BASEMAP LEGEND**

Road-paved-primary	
Road-gravel-primary	
Road-improved	
Road-unimproved	
Trail-truck	
River	
Lake	
UTM, Zone 11 Grid	
Contour, intervals 50 metres	

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**UNIT NOTATION**

Example: sandy GLACIOLACUSTRINE plain

Textural modifier: s GL p  
Geomorphic unit: L

**Textural Modifier**

Textural characteristics may be applied to the terrain classification as a prefix based on field observations or by inference from distinctive genesis and/or morphology. When two modifiers are given, the second letter is the dominant texture, with the first letter indicating the secondary texture; i.e., sc for sandy clay.

p = pebble  
g = gravel  
s = sand  
sl = silt  
c = clay  
a = sand-silt-clay

**GENETIC & GEOMORPHIC MODIFIERS**

c crevasse fill  
d doughnut rings and ridges  
e eroded  
f fan  
g gullied  
h hummock  
k collapse  
m meander  
p plain  
r ridged  
s slumped  
t terrace  
u undulating  
v veneer  
w washboard  
y dissected  
z delta

**Complex**

Where two or more classes of terrain are interspersed in a mosaic or repeating pattern on a scale too small to warrant meaningful differentiation, the proportion of each component in the combination is given in a two or three position designation set off by slashes denoting arbitrary percentage limits. For example:

\*MplLgV means the area is underlain by approximately 60% morainal plain and up to 40% glaciolacustrine veneer.  
\*MvLgVFG means at least 60% of the area is underlain by morainal veneer, with up to 40% glaciolacustrine veneer and less than 15% glaciofluvial plain.  
\*LgV/Ip means more than 60% of the area is underlain by a glaciolacustrine plain, with less than 15% moraine.

**Stratigraphic Sequence**

Where materials of different origins or textures are known to be superimposed or can be confidently inferred, the sequence is indicated in conventional order using vertical separators, such as:

\*sLgV | Mp Thin sandy glaciolacustrine sediment deposited on morainal plain

**Transitional Association**

Locally, two or more terrain units are juxtaposed by reason of related origin, temporal sequence or ambiguous geomorphic distinction. In the last case, both components may be present. Such situations are identified by a compound designation marked by a hyphen. Examples: \*FGz-LgV indicating ice-contact delta indistinguishable from glaciolacustrine delta, or \*FGk-MSH indicating ice-contact kame and kettle topography that blends with hummocky stagnant ice moraine.

**Morphologic Overprint**

Where a sequence of geomorphic processes has produced a multi-aspect or compound terrain fabric, the geomorphic modifier suffixes are appended in the inferred order of superposition. \*Mpy means a plain of till has been moulded into ridge forms and finally dissected by modern streams. \*FGtr means a glaciofluvial plain has been discontinuously covered by ice-contact hummocks and ridges.

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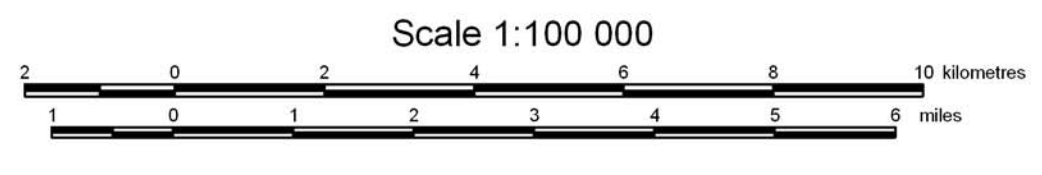
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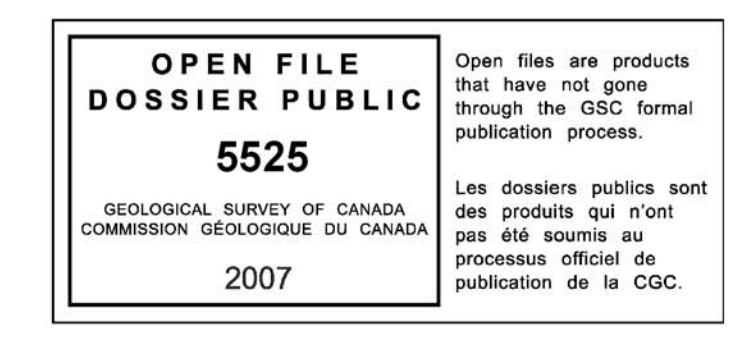
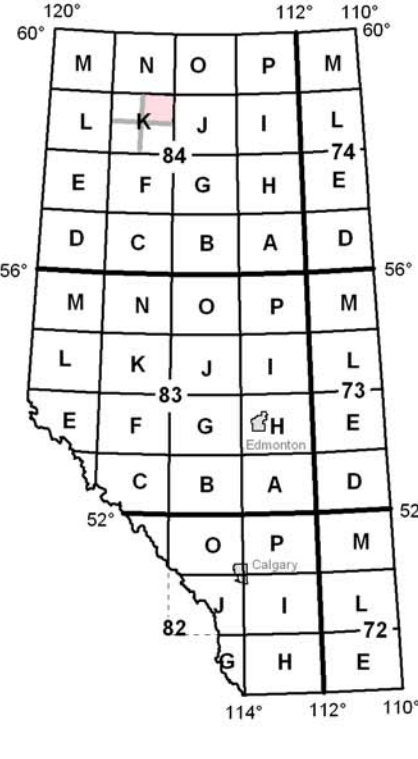
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**Surficial Geology of the Bushe River - Ponton River Area (NTS 84K/NE)**

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Projection: Universal Transverse Mercator  
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