

GEOLOGICAL COMPLICATION OF THE KIRKLAND LAKE AREA, ABITIBI GREENSTONE BELT

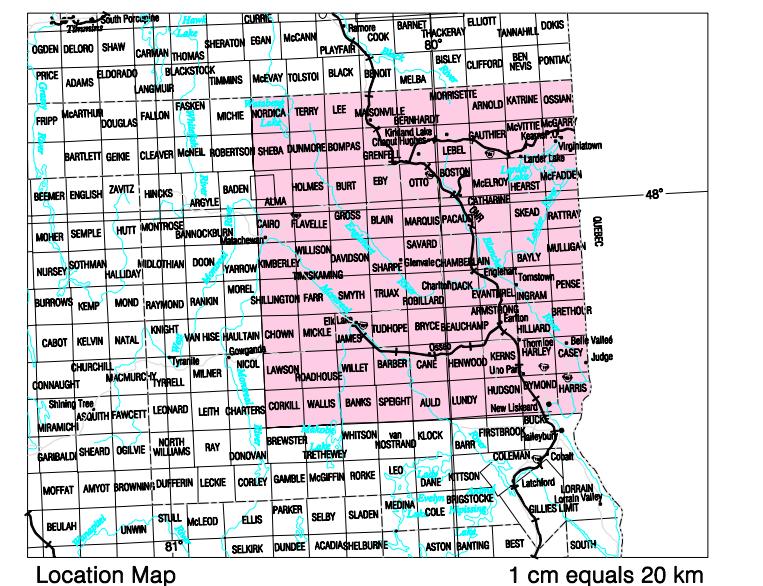
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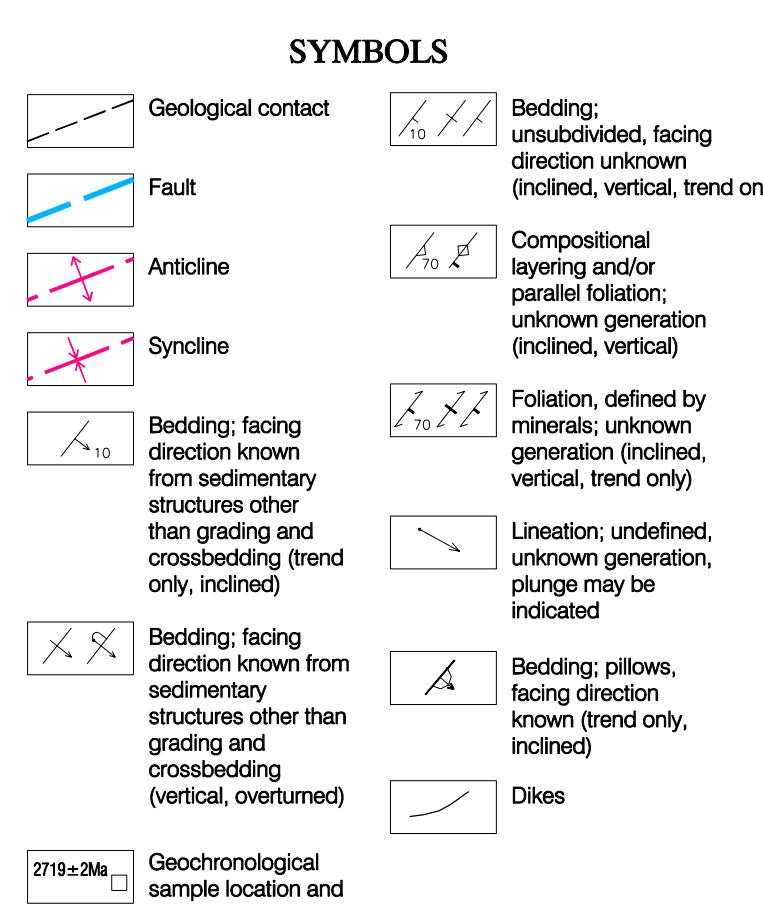


THE ABITIBI SUBPROVINCE

The Abitibi Subprovince is an 800 by 300 km Archean "greenstone" domain situated along the southern margin of the Superior Province. It is bounded to the west by the Timmins Belt and to the east by the Superior Province. The Abitibi greenstone belt was considered to be the most extensive and complex greenstone belt in the world. The extent of the extensive granitic complexes west of Timmins. New mapping and interpretation of the Abitibi greenstone belt has shown that the Swartz greenstone belt contains many of the structures in the Timmins greenstone belt. The Abitibi greenstone belt is one of the most extensively explored greenstone belts in the world at the regional level of a once-extinct Abitibi greenstone belt called the Kapuskasing Structural Zone.

The Abitibi greenstone belt is one of the world's largest, best preserved and most extensively explored greenstone belts in the world. The Kirkland Lake map shows the area from about 7 km east of the town of Mattawa to the Quebec border. Rocks are classified on the basis of their dominant lithology using textures, structures and both supracrustal and plutonic rocks. Most of the rocks are metasedimentary. Geological information has been primarily compiled from previous mapping. New interpretations of the distribution of lithologic units, structural and metamorphic zones and ages have been derived from the use of the reprocessed geophysical data for this area (Gupta 1995, 1996) and the results of the fieldwork carried out for the further subdivision of the metasedimentary rocks.

Several potential gold mines are found in this area, including those of the Kirkland Lake and Larder Lake camps respectively. Gold-bearing veins and shear zones are common in the greenstone and are displaced by numerous cross-cutting faults. The Kirkland Lake-Larder Lake fault zone is the main significant brittle-bounding structure in this area.



SYMBOLS

Geological contact
Fault
Anticline
Syncline
Unconformity
Clastic Metasedimentary Rocks
Metacarbonate Rock/Intrusions
Metacarbonate Rock/Intrusions (Uncomformable Tholeiitic-Type)
Metacarbonate Rock/Intrusions (Tholeiitic-Type)
Metacarbonate Rock/Intrusions (Plutonic)
Metacarbonate Rock/Intrusions (Spherulitic)
Metacarbonate Rock/Intrusions (Schistose-textured)
Metacarbonate Rock/Intrusions (Calc-silicic)
Metacarbonate Rock/Intrusions (Tholeiitic)
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