

### LEGEND

**PALEOZOIC**

**CARBONIFEROUS**

**HORTON GROUP (undivided)**

(Chc) sandstone, shale and conglomerate

**DEVONIAN**

**TRAFALGAR PLUTONIC SUITE**

(DTfmg) NELSON LAKE (DTfmg) and EAST LOON LAKE (DTfmg) MONZOGRAHITE: pink to grey, fine- to medium-grained, equigranular; muscovite monzogranite to syenogranite

(DTmmg) LONG JOHN LAKE (DTmmg), MOOSE LAKE (DTmmg), SELOAM LAKE (DTmmg) and LOWER ROCKY LAKE (DTmmg) MONZOGRAHITE: pink to buff, medium- to coarse-grained, equigranular; muscovite monzogranite to syenogranite

(DTwcmg) WEST LOON LAKE (DTwcmg), LITTLE LAKE (DTwcmg) and BOTTLE BROOK LAKE (DTwcmg) MONZOGRAHITE: grey, coarse-grained to megacrystic; biotite-muscovite monzogranite to granodiorite

(DTt) TWIN LAKES (DTt) GRANDODORITE: dark grey, medium- to coarse-grained, equigranular to locally megacrystic; biotite granodiorite; locally displays magma-mingling textures; biotite-tonalite (DTtb) envelopes common

(DTt) TEN MILE LAKE (DTt), BOG ISLAND LAKE (DTt) and PORCUPINE LAKE (DTt) TONALITE: smaller unnamed bodies of tonalite (DTtu): dark grey, fine- to coarse-grained; biotite tonalite to quartz-diorite to minor gabbro

**ORDOVICIAN**

**HALIFAX GROUP**

(Oghb) GLEN BROOK FORMATION (Oghb): grey, laminated metasilstone; locally abundant trace fossils

**CAMBRIAN**

**HALIFAX GROUP**

(Chc) LUNARD FORMATION (Chc): grey to black, laminated slate to metasilstone interbedded with thin metasilstone; abundant sulphide minerals

**GOLDENVILLE GROUP**

(Cgb) BEAVERBANK FORMATION (Cgb): grey to pink, cotecule-bearing metasilstone

(Cgh) TAYLOR HEAD FORMATION (Cgh): grey, thickly bedded metasilstone

(Cgl) GOVERNOR LAKE FORMATION (Cgl): grey, thickly bedded metasilstone with minor siltstone; very magnetic

### Symbols

Outcrop ..... x

Ditchhole (after Fisher, 2006) ..... x

Mineral occurrence (Au - gold, the barium, Fe - iron, Pb - lead, Ag - silver, Zn - zinc) (after Orsby et al., 2009) ..... x

Radiometric date (Ma)

U-Pb: zircon, m - monazite (after Dostal et al., 2009) ..... Uz 37434

"Ar"/"Ar": biotite, m - muscovite, a - amphibole (after Foster and Reynolds, 1998) ..... Ab 37434

Bedding: tops known (inclined, overturned) ..... /

Bedding: tops unknown (inclined, vertical) ..... /

Cleavage: first generation (inclined, vertical) ..... /

Cleavage: second generation (inclined) ..... /

Fold axis: first generation (see style elsewhere) ..... /

Intersection lineation: first generation ..... /

Intersection lineation: second generation ..... /

Mineral lineation or bounding axis: first generation ..... /

Geological contact (apparent) ..... /

Fault (apparent) ..... /

Anticline, syncline (apparent) ..... /

Gold district outline ..... /

Rock in water ..... /

Collector highway ..... /

Hard surface road ..... /

Loose surface/resource access road ..... /

Trail, footpath, cart track ..... /

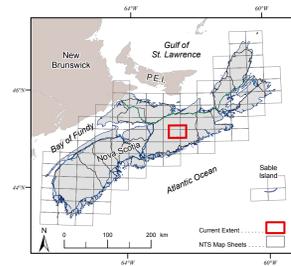
River, stream ..... /

County boundary ..... /

Transmission line (angle line) ..... /

Swamp ..... /

Lake ..... /



**Descriptive Text**

In 2008, a detailed (1:10 000 scale) bedrock mapping and sampling project was initiated in the Governor Lake area in Colchester, Guysborough, Halifax and Pictou counties. It includes parts of NTS map sheets 11E/01, 02, 07 and 08 (White et al., 2009). This area was previously included in the Lacombe Complex, which was considered to be basement gneissic units with upper amphibolite- to granulite-facies metamorphic assemblages (e.g., Clarke et al., 1993; Kontak and Reynolds, 1994; Dostal et al., 2006; Giles et al., 2006; Owen et al., 2010).

The results of this project do not support this interpretation (White et al., 2009). Units previously identified as gneisses are igneous units with magma-mingling or mafic dyke textures. Based on structural studies, the igneous units were intruded synchronously with deformation in the host Galdenville and Halifax groups during the Middle Devonian to Early Carboniferous Neotectonic Orogeny. Therefore, the term Lacombe Complex should be abandoned and models for the tectonic evolution of the Meguma Terrane modified accordingly.

Geological contacts east of highway 374 are largely based on the extrapolation of mapped units and the use of second vertical derivative aeromagnetic data (King, 1997a, b).

**Map Notes**

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Shaded relief image derived from a 25 m Digital Elevation Model of the Province of Nova Scotia, DEM 50, version 2, 2006. Azimuth of 0°, sun angle of 45°, and a vertical exaggeration of 5.

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## Bedrock Geology Map of the Governor Lake Area, Part of NTS Sheets 11E/01, 11E/02, 11E/07 and 11E/08, Colchester, Guysborough, Halifax and Pictou Counties, Nova Scotia

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Scale 1:50 000

1 0 1 2 3 4 km

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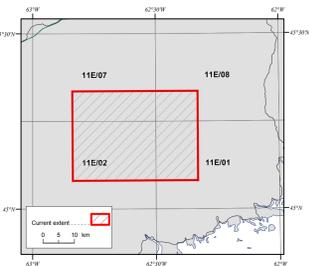
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