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TITLE: An investigation of the sensitivity of high Arctic permafrost to climate change

OBJECTIVES OF RESEARCH:

This project looks at the impact of climate change on high arctic permafrost conditions and high arctic landscapes. The aims of this project are: (1) to monitor climate conditions for different types of landscape (eg tundra, mountains, coasts, wetlands ...) and assess how much the climate is changing, (2) to determine the amount and rate of landscape change caused by warming and melting permafrost, and (3) to map these changes from for the period 2007-2011. The information collected in this study will improve our general understanding about climate and permafrost as well as help to predict how the land will respond as climates warm. This study also contributes new information about high Arctic permafrost and ground ice conditions, the sensitivity of high arctic permafrost to climate change and background data upon which landscape changes can be documented. Another component of this project looks at long-term changes in high Arctic landscapes by looking at how rock surfaces are being weathered and eroded. This research will help northern understand how landscapes are changing and will change in the future.

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DATA COLLECTION IN NU:

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LOCATION: Ellesmere Island, Axel Heiberg Island

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