

#### **Role in aquifer management is to:**

•develop broad understanding of occurrence of aquifers, aquifer/aquitard, surface water/groundwater relationships and groundwater quality

•Carry out studies which allow us to work toward an understanding of sustainable withdrawal of groundwater from aquifers

•Carry out broad-scale groundwater monitoring

•Develop mathematical models of aquifers including aquifer/aquitard interaction, pumping centers, surface water/groundwater interaction

•Provide sustainable groundwater development capacities of aquifers to Water Rights and provide support in evaluation of development impacts



## Previous Studies of Sandilands Geology and Hydrogeology

- Installation of first monitoring well (1966)
- Teller and Fenton (1980)
- Regional test drilling as part of Groundwater Availability studies (1980, 1985)
- GSC/ITM Rotosonic drilling (1992)
- Test drilling and monitoring well installation in 1990's (WS)
- Development of 3-D geological model (ITM)
- Studies by GSC and others 2000's
  - M. Sc. thesis by A. Cherry
  - Ph. D. thesis by G. Ferguson
  - Installation of additional monitoring wells by GSC and province
  - Seismic reflection studies by GSC
  - PVWC studies and pumping test



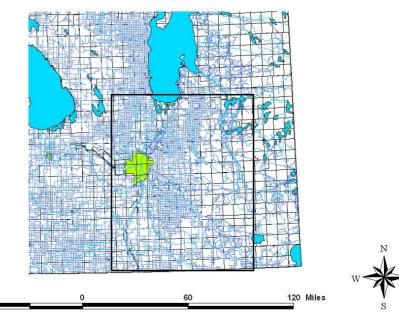
### Future Studies

- Continuing work by GSC including reflection seismic
- Additional regional test drilling and monitoring well installations by WS
  - Including MW installations and monitoring in aquitards
- Improvements to geological model in cooperation with ITM
- Water quality sampling and analysis/age dating by WS
- Incorporation of Sandilands Region into 3-D digital model from Sandilands Region to Capital Region
- Monitoring results from PVWC development?

# 3-D Model

- Mathematical model into which we incorporate available information on
  - geology,
  - hydraulic properties of aquifers and aquitards
  - Recharge/discharge
  - Surface water bodies, drains, wetlands
  - Groundwater withdrawal
  - Groundwater quality boundaries

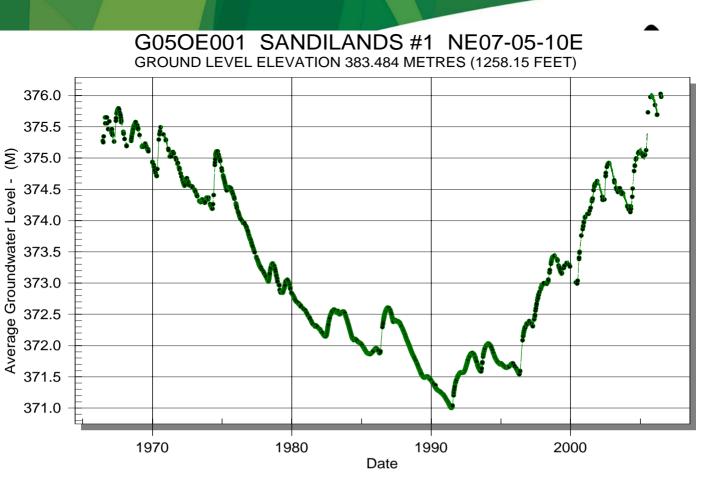
Groundwater Resource Evaluation Initiative Approximate Extent of Study Area





# 3-D Model

- Model is calibrated against known monitoring and pumping information
- Model is upgraded on a regular basis as additional information is collected
- Can "run" model to evaluate impacts of current and future development, interface with field programs to collect more data, estimate recharge and discharge rates and areas
- Model becomes the management tool for the aquifer systems
- Will be several years before we complete the model and are fully comfortable with applying it.



G05OB004 WINKLER #2 SW04-03-04W GROUND LEVEL ELEVATION 272.817 METRES 9895.07 FEET)

