

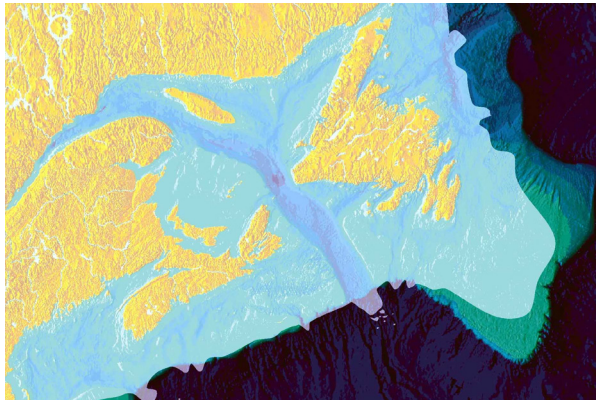
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One of the Kluskap stories describes a time when it was winter all year round. Kluskap and the Spirit of Winter had a battle. Kluskap lost and it became winter year-round. A related story talks about how Kluskap had to take his people south and recruit the Spirit of Summer to come back to Mi'kma'ki. After the four seasons returned, there was a remnant piece of ice on the Cobequid mountains. The erosional features on the top of the Cobequids attest to ice covering them in the late glacial period more than 11,000 years ago. Does this story stretch back that far? The climatic history of the region possibly relating to this story can be found at <http://www.mikmaweydebert.ca/home/ancestors-live-here/debert/an-ice-age-world/>.



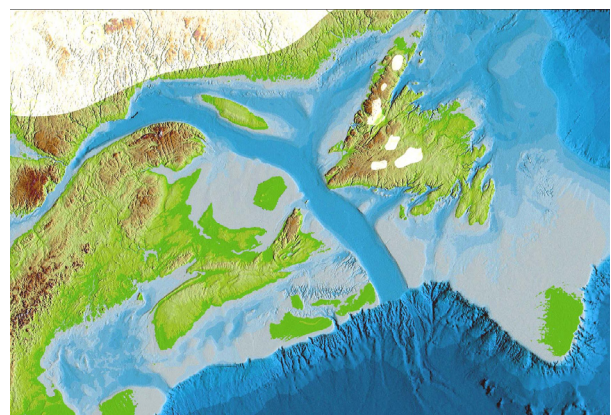
Gerald Gloade's imagining of the Spirit of Winter. Courtesy of Gerald R. Gloade.



Ice coverage across Mi'kma'ki, 21,000 calendar years ago.



Ice coverage and exposed land areas, 15,000 calendar years ago.



Ice coverage and exposed land areas, 11,000 calendar years ago.