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Greenspace Advisory Panel Summary Report

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Background

Recognizing the value which parks, trails, open spaces and natural areas hold for the community, City Council created the Green Space Advisory Panel to provide recommendations on our existing and future green space direction. The first Green Space Advisory Panel was appointed by City Council in October of 2007 largely in response to two initiatives identified within the 2006 Official Plan. The first was to develop a parks classification system which would help to guide the acquisition, development and management of parks and open spaces in the City of Greater Sudbury. The second was to help identify natural environment areas in need of municipal protection and appropriate strategies for conservation and acquisition of the same.

In June of 2010, the final report was presented to Council and addressed the following areas:

- Parks classification system
- Parks inventory according to the new classification system
- Surplus parkland disposal policy
- Rating structure for potential acquisitions
- List of green space opportunities by ward

A new Green Space Advisory Panel (Appendix A - Green Space Advisory Panel Members) was appointed in 2011. The panel consists of representatives from most wards in addition to local experts on the environment and park development and preservation. The current Green Space Advisory Panel was assigned the following primary objectives:

- To complete a locational analysis of green space assets in areas across the City to identify where

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gaps exist;

- To complete a connectivity analysis of green space assets to identify needs and opportunities to provide linkages;
- To identify and examine additional green space opportunities and to refine existing information;
- To monitor progress in implementing green space acquisition strategy;
- To provide input to the Official Plan Review.

This report and presentation will provide Council with an update on the work of the Green Space Advisory Panel related to the objectives and tasks completed over the past 2½ years.

Green Space Advisory Panel Members (Citizen Appointments)	
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LeClair, Amanda Lynn	10
Gascoigne, Kyle	11
Clark, Peter M.	12
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