

City of Greater Sudbury Green Space Advisory Panel

June 16th, 2010

Presentation to City Council

Green Space Advisory Panel of Council

- Appointed in October of 2007 to assist Council and staff in the implementation of the Parks and Open Space Master Plan and the Official Plan;
- This Advisory Panel has a defined composition and mandate
- Twenty-seven individuals serve on this Panel



The Citizens

- To provide input from every part of the City and contribute to the broadest consensus with respect to the way forward, Council appointed 14 citizens representing most wards:

Ward 1 – Gerard Courtin

Ward 2 – (Franco Mariotti)

Ward 3 – Lorne Taylor, Warren Maskell

Ward 4 – Don Brisbois

Ward 5 – Michel Lauzon

Ward 6 – Elaine Comacchio-Blais

Ward 7 – Keir Kitchen

Ward 8 – No appointment

Ward 9 – Roel Teunissen, Robert Hanson

Ward 10 – Samantha Baulch, Naomi Grant,
Beaumont Nelson

Ward 11 – John Rauh

Ward 12 – Will Morin



The Experts

- The following individuals were appointed on the basis of their community service and expertise with respect to green space issues:
 - Franco Mariotti - Biologist, Environmental Activist, Science North link (Ward 2)
 - Dr. Stephen Monet - Ecologist, Wetlands Specialist, Natural Heritage Background Study (Ward 10)
 - Dr. Peter Beckett - Botanist, Ecologist, Community Environmentalist (Ward 11)
 - Paul Sajatovic - Nickel District Conservation Authority (Ward 2)
 - Will Kershaw - Ministry of Natural Resources Parks Planner (Ward 1/3)
 - Deb McIntosh - Executive Director of Rainbow Routes (Ward 9)



Staff

- Selected for their green space expertise and abilities to implement any recommendations proposed;
- Staff implementation team consists of:
 - Real Carré - Director of Leisure Services
 - Chris Gore - Manager of Community Partnerships
 - Bill Lautenbach - GM of Growth and Development
 - Paul Baskcomb - Director of Planning Services
 - Keith Forrester - Real Estate Coordinator
 - Ian Wood – Chief of Staff to the Mayor
 - Kris Longston - Senior Planner
 - Krista Carré – Senior Planning Technician
 - David Grieve –Planning Technician
 - Terri Korzeniecki - Administrative Assistant



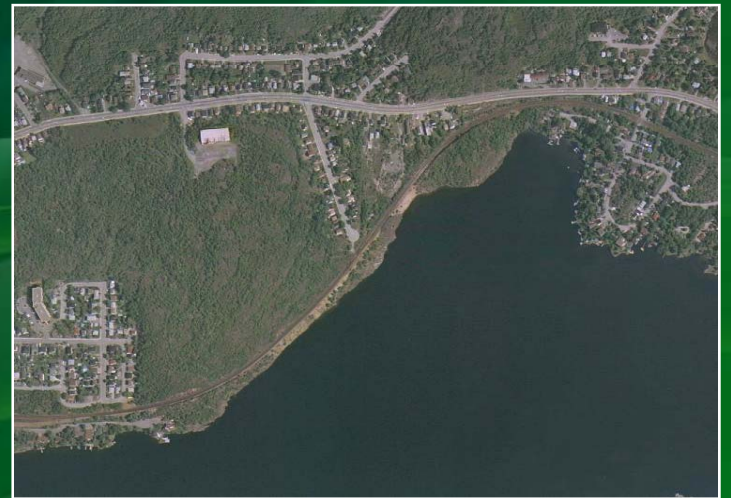
Green Space Advisory Panel Mandate

- Develop a Parks and Open Space Classification System
- Identify Green Spaces suitable for inclusion in a City wide Parks System
- Develop a Green Space rating and evaluation system
- Classify City properties that should be included in the parks system and those that should be declared surplus per a recommended parkland disposal policy

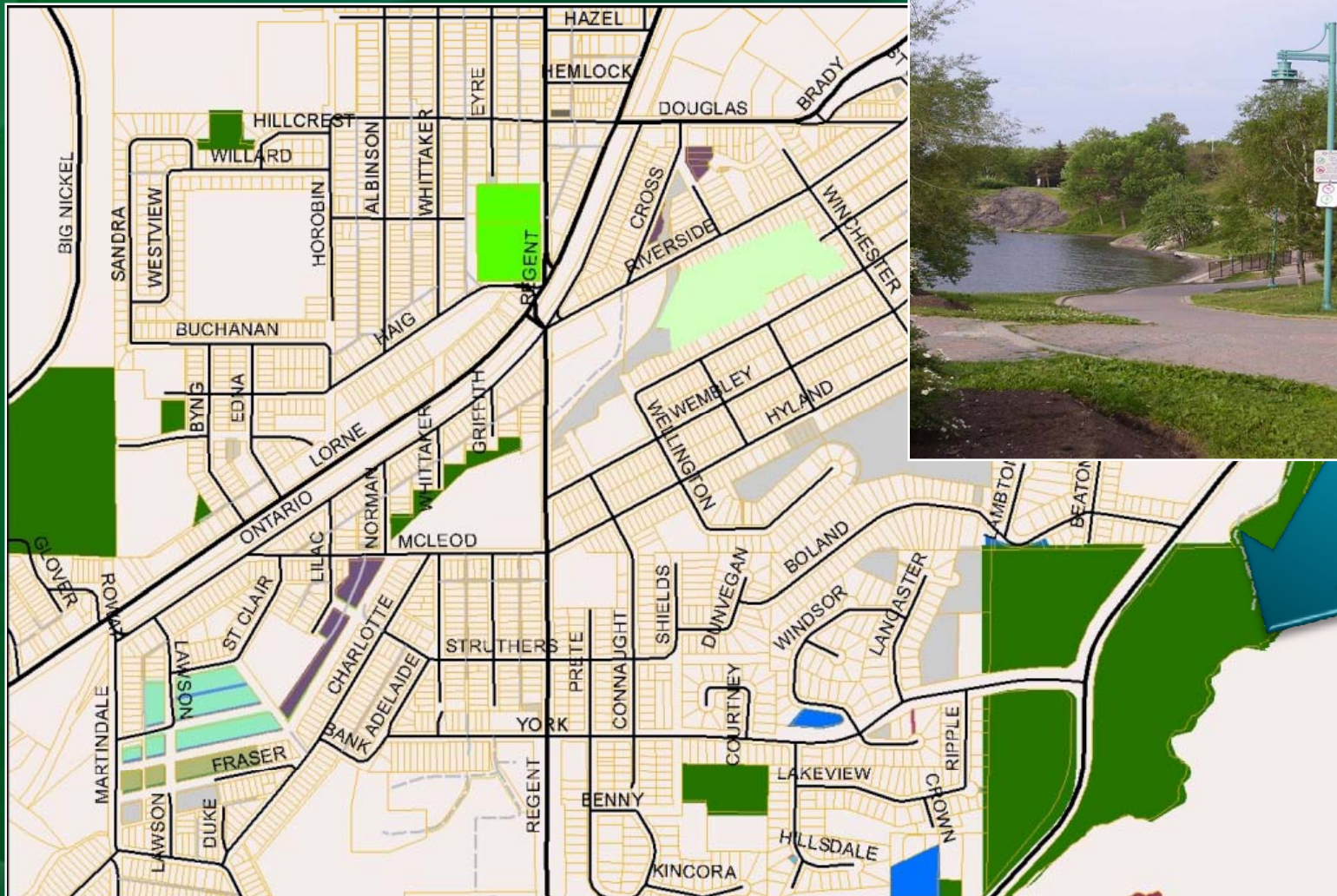


Advisory Panel's Work to Date

- The Panel has met 18 times over the past two and a half years
- The Panel hosted 6 public meetings
- The panel prepared a Final Report with recommendations for:
 1. A Parks Classification System
 2. A list of existing parks classified
 3. A list of potential green space acquisition sites; and
 4. A rating structure for potential acquisitions
 5. A Surplus Parkland Disposal Policy



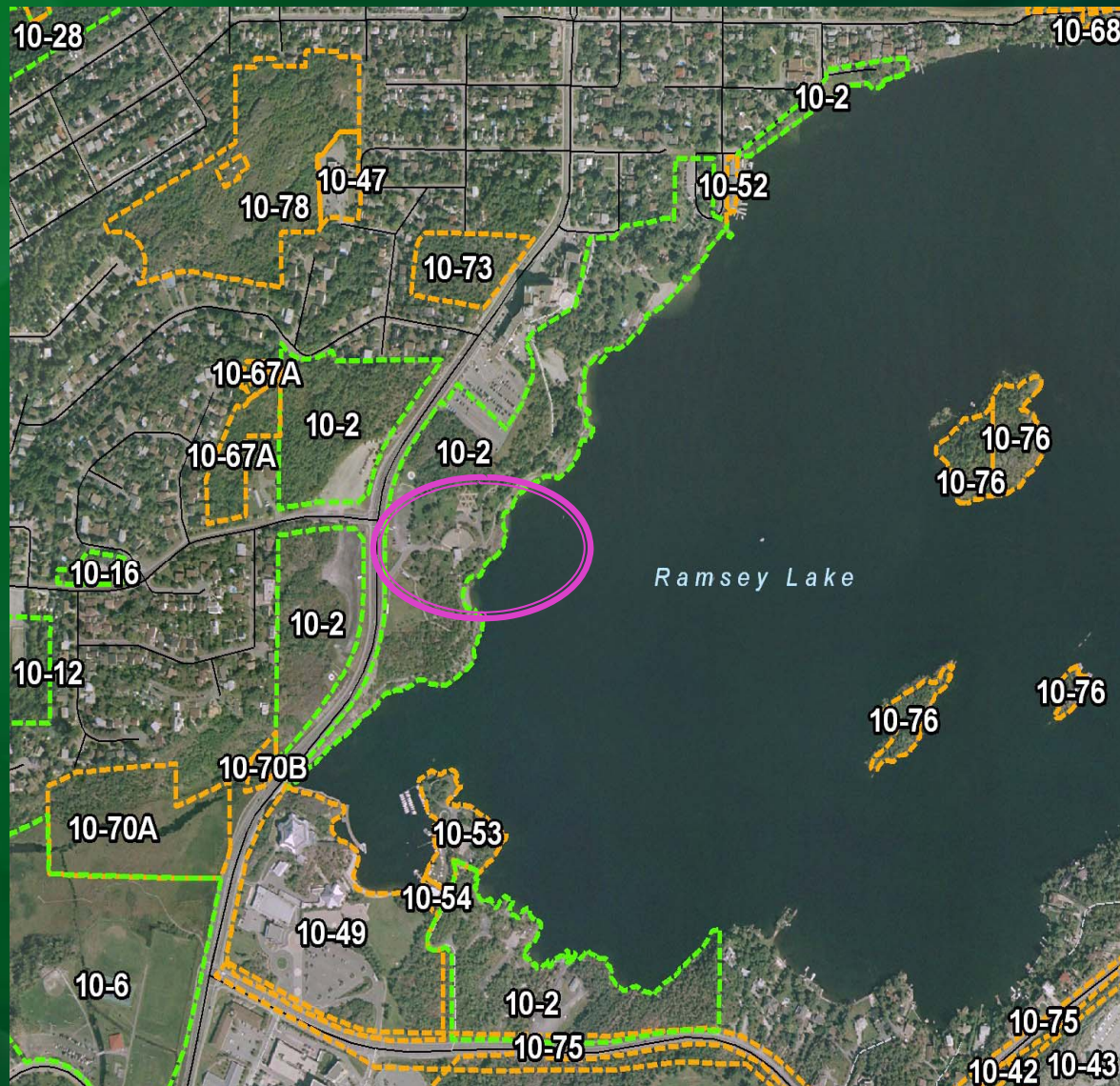
Public lands map



Classifying Green Space

- **Green Space / Open Space** - interchangeable terms; all spaces, some of which may not be parklands.
- **Parklands** - green space that is important as a system with recreation & conservation benefits for Greater Sudbury.
- **Park Types** - Parkland is classified as to one of seven types:
 - ☐ Neighbourhood;
 - ☐ Community;
 - ☐ Regional;
 - ☐ Linear;
 - ☐ Natural;
 - ☐ Cultural/Historical Special Purpose; or,
 - ☐ Ecological Reserve.

Regional Park



Identify

Identify from:

Location:

| Field | Value |
|------------|--|
| FID | 291 |
| Shape | Polygon |
| Layer | Existing Park |
| Location | Bell Park |
| Perimeter | 124664.053204 |
| Area | 237137510.296 |
| Acres | 37.81 |
| Hectares | 15.3 |
| Ward | 10 |
| ID | 10-2 |
| Park_Class | Regional/Cultural/Historical/Special Purpose Park |
| Ownership | Public - CGS |
| Zoning | P3 |
| Other_Des | Parks & Open Space |
| TWP | McKim |
| Facts_Feat | Negh/TtLt/Wtrfrnt/Bch/PlyStrct/Amph/Trl&Brdwlk/ETC |
| Park_Name | Bell Park (2of4) |
| Conservati | |
| Risk_Level | |
| Acquisitio | |

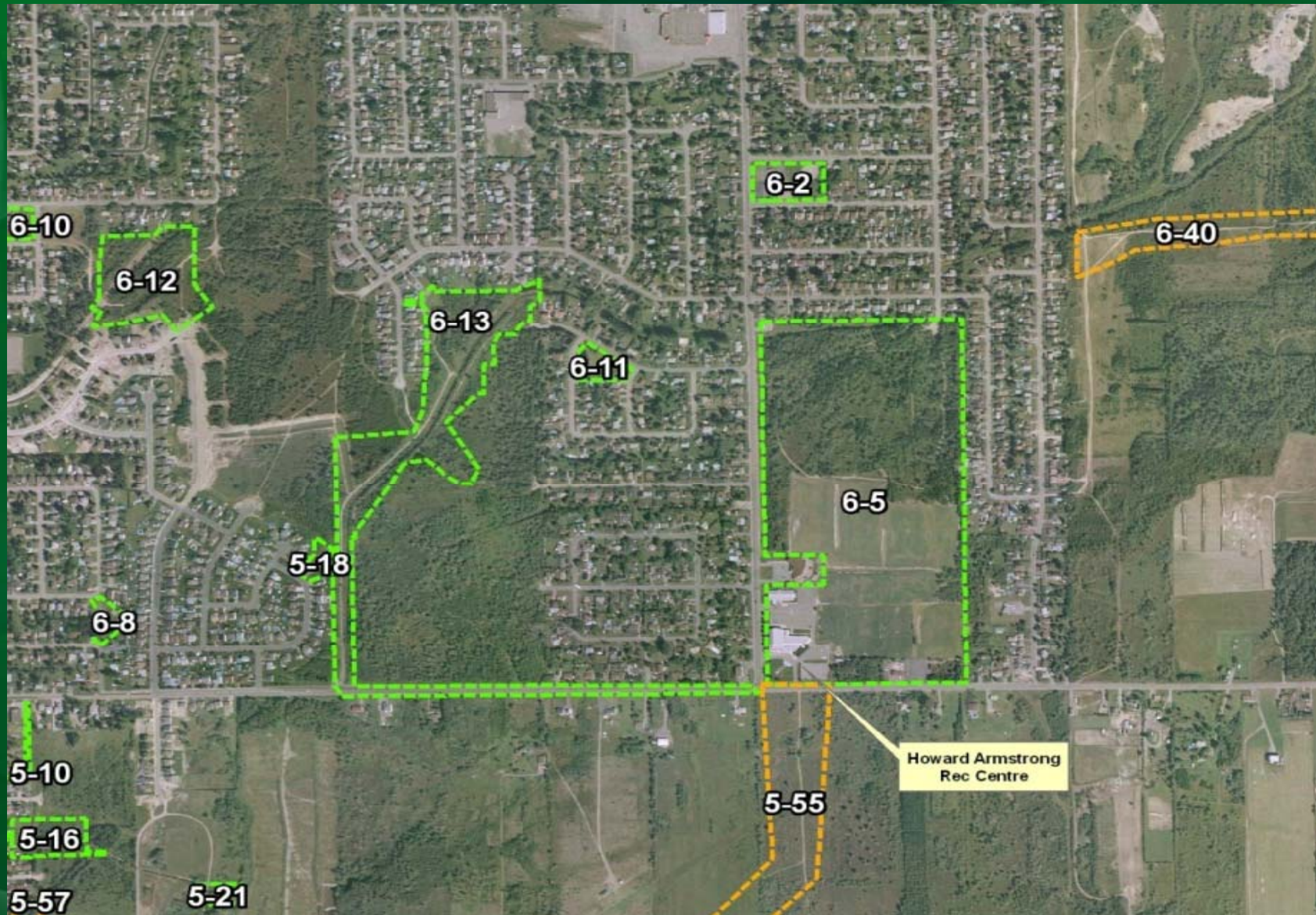
Identified 1 feature

**Sudbury
Bell Park**

Ward 1 – Existing City Parks Classified

| # | Park Name | Park Classification | Twp | Ward | Size (ha) | Facilities/ Features | Owner | Zoning | Other Pertinent Designation |
|------|---------------------------------------|--|-------|------|-----------|--|-------------------|----------------|---|
| 1-1 | St. Charles Lake Park | Neighbourhood Park | McKim | 1 | 0.9 | Natural Area/ Waterfront/Tot Lot | Public-CGS | R1 | Living Area 1 |
| 1-2 | Byng | Neighbourhood Park | McKim | 1 | 0.1 | Tot Lot | Public-CGS | I | Institutional |
| 1-12 | Quinn Logan | Neighbourhood Park | McKim | 1 | 0.3 | Tot Lot | Public-CGS | R6 | Living Area 1 |
| 1-4 | Delki Dozzi Park | Community Park | McKim | 1 | 17.2 | | Public-CGS | P, PS | Parks & Open Space |
| 1-6 | Gatchell Pool | Community Park | McKim | 1 | 1.2 | Swimming Pool | Public-SBE | I | Institutional |
| 1-8 | Junction Creek Waterway (Parts 1 & 2) | Linear Park | McKim | 1 | 3.7 | | Public-CGS /SDCSB | CO, I, M1-2, P | Mixed Use Commercial/Parks & Open Space |
| 1-11 | Queen's Athletic Field | Regional Park | McKim | 1 | 2.3 | | Public-CGS | P | Parks & Open Space |
| 1-14 | Southview Drive Greenbelt | Natural Park | McKim | 1 | 4.0 | | Public – CGS | P | Parks & Open Space |
| 1-16 | Corsi Hill | Historical/Cultural/ Special Purpose Park | McKim | 1 | 0.4 | Hilltop with Scenic Views/ Neighbourhood Park | Public-CGS | R1 | Living Area 1, Parks & Open Space |

Park Classification-Types of City Parks



Potential Green Space Sites

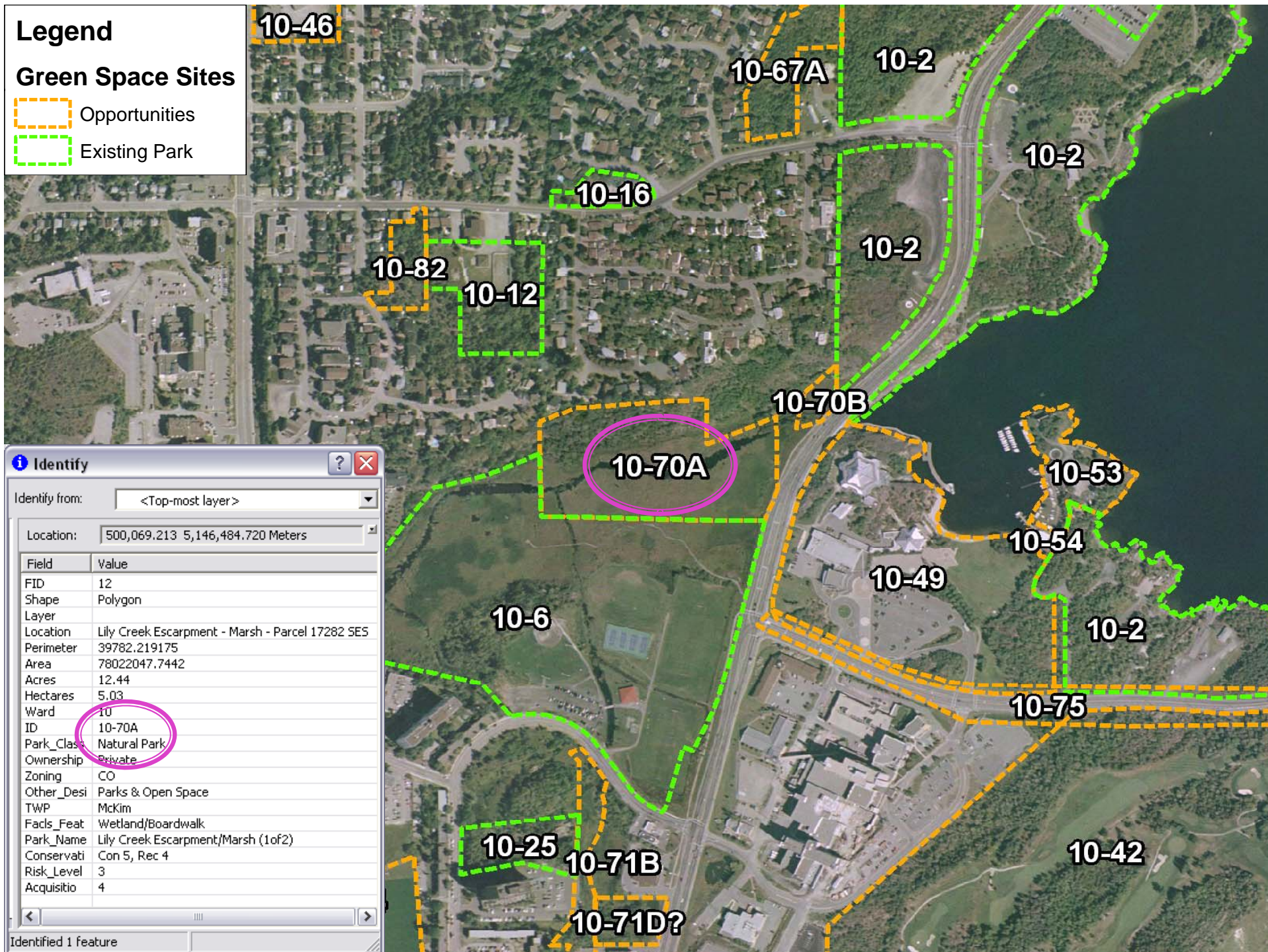
- Assessment tools were developed to evaluate potential green space acquisition based on their recreation and conservation values and development threats for both public and private lands identified.
- The panel identified and discussed potential green space acquisition opportunities in each Ward for both public and private lands.



Legend

Green Space Sites

-  Opportunities
-  Existing Park



Potential Parkland Acquisition Opportunities by Ward

| # | Park Name | Park Classification | Twp | Ward | Size (ha) | Owner | Zoning | Other Pertinent Designation | Conservation & Recreation Value | Level Of Risk | Acquisition Priority |
|-------|---|--------------------------------------|---------|------|-----------|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|
| 1-39 | CPR lands along Junction Creek @ Martindale | Linear Park | McKim | 1 | 12.6 | Private-CPR | CO, M2 | Parks & Open Space/General Industrial | Con 5 Red 5 | 1 | 5 |
| 2-66 | O'Donnell Roast Beds | Cultural/Historical /Special Purpose | Graham | 2 | 102.5 | Private - Vale Inco | RU | Rural/General Industrial | Con 5 Rec 1 | 3 | 4 |
| 3-60 | Dowling Riverside Par | Natural Park | Dowling | 3 | 15.5 | Public – CGS Private | P, M6, RU R1.D18 | Parks & Open Space | Con 5 Rec 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 4-45 | Snowdon/Jean Street Hill | Natural Park | McKim | 4 | 4 | Public – CGS | R2 | Living Area 1 | Con 3 Rec 4 | 2 | 5 |
| 5-56 | Yorkshire to Whitson Riv. Corridor | Linear Park | Blezard | 5 | 7.2 | Private | RU | Living Area 1, Park/Rural | Con 2 Rec 4 | 3 | 4 |
| 6-36 | Depatie Sugarbush | Cultural/Historical /Special Purpose | Hanmer | 6 | 32.7 | Private | RU | Urban Expansion Reserve | Con 5 Rec 3 | 3 | 4 |
| 7-68 | Green Falls (Vermilion River) | Natural Park | Carpeol | 6/7 | 40.9 | Public Private | RU | Rural/Park/Aggregate | Con 4 Rec 4 | 4 | 5 |
| 8-53 | Junction Creek | Linear | Neelon | 8 | 1.2 | Private | C5, M1 | Park/Regional Centre/Mixed Commercial | Con 4 Rec 2 | 4 | 5 |
| 9-61 | St. Charles Lake Hilltop | | Broder | 9 | 6.9 | Private | RU, R1-9 | Living Area 1, Park, Rural | Con 4 Rec 3 | 5 | 5 |
| 10-74 | Ramsey Lake Hiill | Natural Park | McKim | 10 | 4.2 | Public – CGS Private | R2, R4 | Living Area 1 | Con 4 Rec 3 | 5 | 5 |
| 11-59 | Second Ave – Bancroft | Linear Park | McKim | 11 | 4.2 | Public – CGS Private | PS, C, R1 | Living Area 1, Park, Regional Centre | Con 1 Rec 4 | 4 | 5 |
| 12-45 | Kathleen Morin Hilltop | Natural Park | McKim | 12 | 107 | Public – CGS Private | R4.D59-28, P | Parks & Open Space | Con 4 Rec 3 | 3 | 4 |

Potential Acquisition Priority Rating System



Surplus Parkland Disposal Policy – Appendix J

Criteria to determine if Parkland is surplus and may be sold by the City.:

1. Consider parkland for disposal if site is deemed non-essential for current or future use, within the context of service area standards, and a balanced, connected parks system.
2. Consider parkland for disposal if there is ample supply and type of the same park and open space or facility in the neighborhood, ward, and community based on the adopted classification system, and service area standards.
3. Parkland disposal should conform to the policies of the Official Plan.
4. Waterfront properties owned by the municipality will not be offered for sale or disposal except in the case of municipal shore allowances
5. Other surplus Parks and Open Space lands may be considered for sale subject to:
 - a. There are overlapping service areas,
 - b. There are no facilities or site facilities are significantly underutilized,
 - c. There are no important ecological or environmental functions present, or no recognized natural heritage features,
 - d. The lands are located within an area that has an oversupply of existing and planned parkland, following the target of 4 ha per 1000 residents, within 800m of residential areas without crossing a major barrier. Generally, a neighbourhood should be served by both a neighbourhood park and natural park, based on the adopted classification system.
 - e. The lands are not needed for future parks as identified by the parks classification system or municipal infrastructure requirements.

Other Green Space Recommendations

- Budget for park and open space acquisition
- Utilize the Panels work as input in the five year review of the City Official Plan
- Continuation of the Panel during the term of the next Council with renewed membership and mandate



Recommendation Summary

- Adopt Parks and Open Space Classification System;
- Adopt the surplus parkland disposal policy;
- Approve in principle of natural assets for inclusion in the City's park system and the rating methodology for parkland acquisitions;
- Prepare a budget option or set aside funding for park and open space acquisition;
- Continuation of Panel; and
- Input into Official Plan five year review.

