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Parks Plan Update

City of North Bay

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Definitions

Park shall be defined as a municipally owned property that has been identified in the Parks Plan Inventory in the Parks Plan Update 2009, that has an associated development/maintenance strategy either for current or future use, and is designated Park by Council in the Parks By-law.

Park Holding shall be defined as an undeveloped parcel of land that has been acquired by the City as part of a parkland dedication through a Planning Act Application and that has not been developed, named or designated the Parks By-law.

Open Space is defined in the City of North Bay's Zoning By-law as follows:

Permitted Uses:

No land, building or structure shall be erected or used, or caused to be erected or used in any Open Space (0) zone, except for one or more of the following uses; cemeteries, conservation areas, exhibition building, golf courses, local recreational facilities, museums and historical sites, private open spaces, public and private parking, rinks and skating facilities, ski clubs, sporting fields and courts and buildings or structures accessory to the foregoing.

Regulations:

In an Open Space (0) zone no building, structure or land shall be used, or caused to be used, and no building or structure shall be hereafter erected or altered, or caused to be erected or altered in accordance with Zoning By-law 28-80.

NOTE: Open spaces are referenced throughout this document for the purpose of comprehensive planning where open space lands and parks abut each other. Open space policy is contained within the Official Plan and is regulated by way of the Zoning By-law.

1.0 Introduction

1.1 Purpose of the Parks Plan Update

The enlarged City of North Bay drew together three municipalities, North Bay and the former Townships of West Ferris and Widdifield in 1968, which had uncoordinated parks plans. Since amalgamation, the City of North Bay has continued to improve upon the location and strategic placement of parks¹ within the community. This has led to the creation of one overarching plan – the Culture, Recreation and Parks Master Plan (1991).

The purpose of this update to the Parks Master Plan component is to assess the City's progress since the creation of the original plan, while bringing about new strategies for improvements. The primary objective will be to consider potential opportunities for the development of parks over the next **five years**.

The Parks Plan Update 2009 will review the current supply of park area and relation to current planning district populations. To provide a benchmark, the results will be compared to other Ontario communities as well as recognized sustainable community standards. The results of the Sustainable Community Advisory Committee and Parks Planning Charrette are also discussed, identifying the major concerns and suggestions of the represented public. Lastly, the plan will then outline an action strategy based on short, medium and long term objectives.

1.2 How this Plan is Used

This Plan will be used by both City Council and City staff when developing the objectives for parks and open space in the community. Throughout this Plan, Parks are analyzed both from a qualitative and quantitative perspective, and based on a staff review and the comments received from the community, an action strategy has been developed. The Action Strategy, found in Section 6.0, sets out the short, medium and long term goals for the Parks within the community. This Action Strategy will assist both City Council and Staff to

¹ See definition of Park on Page 2 of this Plan

plan for fiscally responsible park growth and management, including capital works. The Plan will be implemented through the Action Strategy developed, and will be dependent on the financial resources of the City. The Action Strategy will be reviewed in conjunction with this Plan.

2.0 The Planning Context

2.1 Introduction

The future development and maintenance of parks is impacted by a number of conditions and variables, most importantly socio-demographic trends. Socio-demographic trends influence the demand for park services and facilities, as well as leisure programs held within the community. Moreover, they significantly affect the way people spend their time and have implications for the preferred use of free time. Changes in socio-demographic factors such as population, age structure, household make up and work patterns are reflective of this.

2.2 Demographic Trends

The total population of the City of North Bay, based on 2006 Census figures, is 53,966.² The largest proportion of the population lives in West Ferris (22.2%), followed by the Old City, with 17.9% of the City's population (see figure 2.1).³

² Statistics Canada. Community Profiles: North Bay, Ontario.

³ New Official Plan: Secondary Plan District Data Report (2005)

Figure 2.1

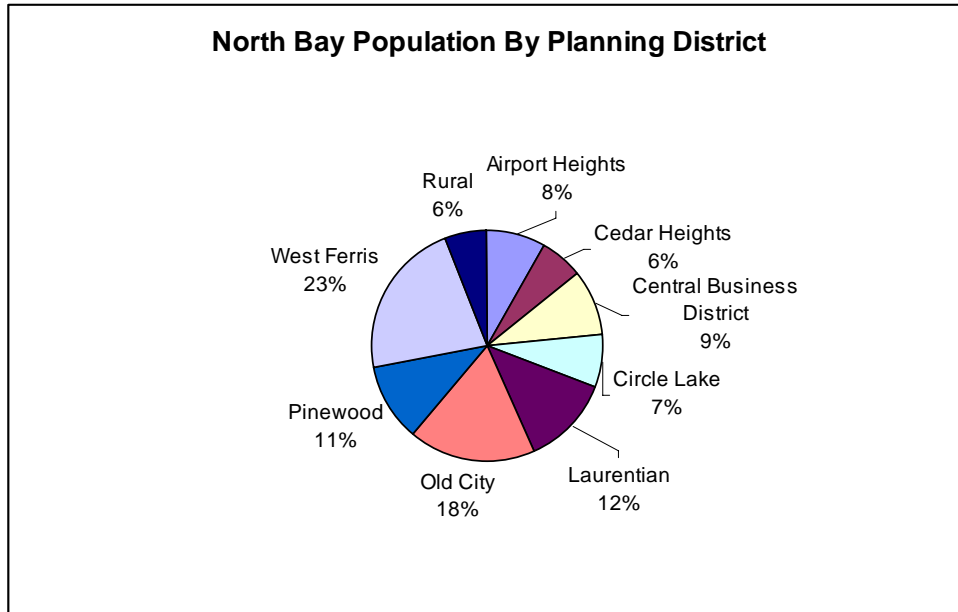
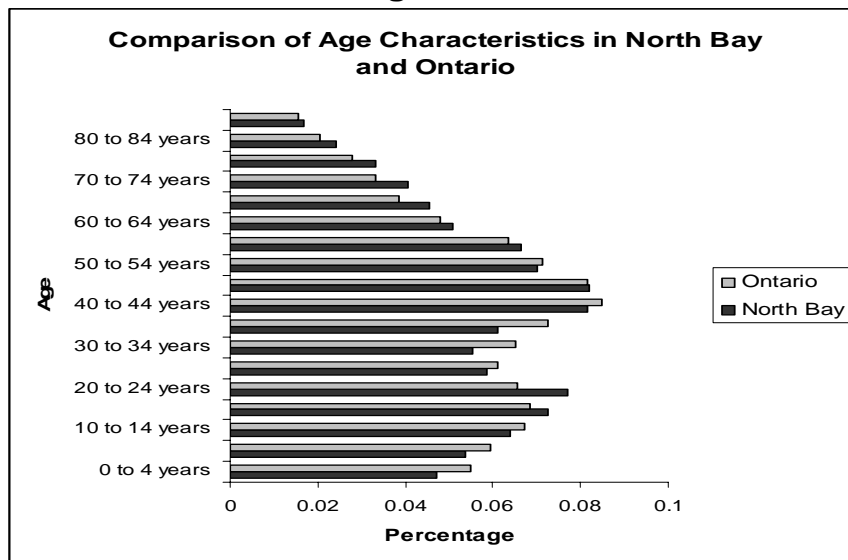


Figure 2.2 illustrates the age structure of the City of North Bay in comparison to the provincial composition. Relative to the population of Ontario, North Bay has a slightly higher median age. The largest proportion of people lie in the 40-49 years range which, along with fewer people within the 0 to 24 age cohorts, displays signs of aging.

Figure 2.2



Population in North Bay has experienced a net increase in the last 10 years, with the population declining between 1991 and 2001 by more than 2600 people, and increasing since 2001 to our current population. Projections made by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. (2009) estimate that population will continue to increase gradually, reaching 56,475 by 2031.



North Bay Waterfront Park

This is due to improved employment conditions, combined with positive in-migration. The City reached its peak population in 1991 the same year the Parks Master Plan was completed. The population in 1991 was 55,405. Therefore, the population forecast represents an increase in population of 1,070. This relative slow population growth will not create an extensive demand for new park area and will have an affect on demand for leisure services, facilities, parks and programs for the foreseeable future. The City should monitor population demographics and adjust their recommendations to represent any changing demographics not predicted.

**Table 2.1
City of North Bay
Residential Growth Forecast Summary⁴**

YEAR	POPULATION
2001	52,771
2006	53,966
2011	54,060
2016	54,601
2021	55,293
2026	55,546
2031	56,475

⁴ Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. (2009) City of North Bay Population, Housing and Employment Forecast Update 2006-2031

2.3 Social and Leisure Trends

The Population, Household and Employment Forecast Update, 2006-2031 prepared by Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. (2009) discusses socio-demographic trends in detail. The following summarizes the major trends within this report that can influence the future direction of parks in North Bay.

In keeping with North American and Provincial trends, North Bay is experiencing an aging population structure. The aging community will likely continue as the proportion of residents aged 25-44 move up through the age brackets.

The Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. report notes:

As of 2006, the 55+ population in North Bay represented approximately 28% of the City's population base. This percentage is forecast to increase considerably to approximately 33-35% (or 1/3) by 2031.⁵

In addition to this, the proportion of migrant seniors has increased from -4% to 15% over the 1991-1996 to 1996-2001 period. This suggests that the demand for housing development and municipal facilities for this demographic group has been strong over the 1996 to 2001 period, and is predicted to continue within the upcoming years.⁶



Trout Lake Waterfront

Planning staff confirm that new developments are increasingly aimed at this demographic.

⁵Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. (2009) City of North Bay Population, Housing and Employment Forecast Update 2006-2031

⁶ Watson and Associates Economists Ltd. (2009) City of North Bay Population, Housing and Employment Forecast Update 2006-2031

The characteristics of the older adults are also changing. They no longer comprise of a largely homogeneous group. Instead, this segment of the population includes the younger and older members, whose needs and interests are different. In response to these changes, the City may consider providing for such interests within parks and leisure services that meet their diverse needs.

Another socio-demographic trend is that of rising obesity, specifically in the youth of North Bay. The Healthy Active Living Report⁷ that was completed in February of 2007 for the City of North Bay suggests that “the study area, [North Bay], compares unfavourably to provincial figures on almost all health indicators”. This includes, diabetes; high blood pressure; percent of people who smoke; those who are limited in terms of home, school, work or other areas due to mental, physical or health problems; obesity in adults and youth; leisure time and physical activity; as well as the consumption of daily fruits and vegetables. The report findings suggest a need for interventions to improve the quality of health among area residents. The *Healthy Active Living Report* identifies a positive relationship between opportunities and physical activity patterns of adults. Therefore, parks should be built in ways that recognize the needs and interests of community residents. They must also offer choices to suit the different ways people use the resource.

Walking has been identified as one of the most common physical activities among people of all ages, cultures, incomes and abilities. Studies suggest that people want to walk more. Parks trails and greenways are a low cost resource to users and enable people to walk more. They provide opportunities for physical activity that is close to home and encourage walking by connecting community destinations such as work, school and shopping areas.

⁷ The Healthy Active Living Report is available on the City’s website or by contacting the Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services Department.

3.0 Parkland Standards

3.1 Sustainable Community Standards

The parkland standards listed in *Land Use Made Plain* have been used for sustainable community standards and are also used as guidelines for park supply. They outline six categories of parkland types which relate to our parkettes, neighbourhood park/playground, district park, city wide park, linear park or trail. Table 3.1 demonstrates how each are defined and standardized.

Although the scale of park types is generally not conducive to North Bay, these standards are referenced as a tool for the purposes of this study.

Table 3.1: Sustainable Parkland Standards⁸

TYPE	USE	HA/1000 POPULATION	SERVICE AREA	DESIRABLE SIZE
Minipark	For concentrated or limited population or specific group	0.1 to 0.2 Ha	Radius < 1/4 mile	< 0.4 Ha or less
Neighbourhood Park/Playground	For intense activities as well as general playground use	0.4 to 0.8 Ha	Radius between 0.4 to 0.8 km Population < 5,000	> 10 Ha
Community Park	For diverse uses including intense recreational facilities and natural outdoor recreation	2 to 3.2 Ha	Radius 1-2 miles (1.6 to 3.2 km) several neighbourhoods	> 10 Ha
Regional/Metropolitan Park	For natural or designed outdoor recreation	2 to 4 Ha	1 hour driving several communities	> 80 Ha
Regional Park Reserve	Generally with 80% area for conservation and resource management and 20% for nature-	Variable	1 hour driving several communities	> 400 Ha depending on resource preservation and management needs

⁸ Leung, Hok-Lin. *Land Use Made Plain*. Second Edition.

	oriented outdoor recreation. May include active play areas			
Linear Park	For recreational travel. May include active play areas	N/A	N/A	N/A

3.2 Parks Plan Parkland Standards

North Bay parklands standards as referenced in the 1991 Parks Plan are listed in Table 3.2. The City's current parkland inventory exceeds the recognized parkland standards.

Table 3.2
North Bay's 1991 Parks Plan Parkland Standards⁹

Type of Park	General Size	Minimum Requirements
Parkette	< 0.5 Ha	-
Neighbourhood	1.8 to 3.0 Ha	1.0 Ha / 1000 population
District	6.0-10.0 Ha	1.6 Ha / 1000 population
City Wide ¹⁰	Variable	5.4 Ha / 1000 population

3.3 Comparison to Provincial and Other Community Standards

Table 3.3 illustrates the park standards from across Ontario in order to compare North Bay's with other community standards.

Table 3.3
Community Standards Across Ontario

CITY	STANDARD (Ha / 1000 population)
Ajax	3.18
Barrie	2.0
Brampton	1.7
Guelph ¹¹	11.5
Greater Sudbury	4.0 ¹²

⁹ City of North Bay Community Services Department. *1991 Culture, Recreation and Parks Master Plan*.

¹⁰ Linear parks are included within the City Wide Parks.

¹¹ Includes school owned properties

Hamilton	2.95
Kitchener	1.0-2.0
London	No standards
Mississauga	3.20
Milton	4.0
Niagara Falls	4.9
North Bay	8.0
Oakville	3.2
Oshawa	3.83
Sault Ste. Marie	No standards ¹³
St. Catherine's	6.0
Thunder Bay	No standards ¹⁴
Timmins	No standards ¹⁵
Waterloo	1.3
Whitby	2.0

Based on Table 3.3, North Bay far exceeds the general standards for Ontario communities. The standards within the 1991 Parks Plan exceed sustainable community planning practice standards and other Ontario communities parkland standards.

The City should continue to apply parkland standards appropriately to ensure there is a suitable supply of parkland within the community.

¹²City of Greater Sudbury. *Official Plan* *does not take into account school properties, Jason Ferrigan, *Senior Planner*

¹³ Peter Tonazzo, *Planner in Sault Ste. Marie*

¹⁴ Leslie McEachern, *Manager of Planning in Thunder Bay*

¹⁵ Janet Rooney, *Planner in Timmins*

4.0 Inventory

4.1 Introduction

To assess whether the current standards are being met, an inventory has been created (Appendix A) and is summarized here by park type and by planning district to analyze the standards individually.

4.2 The City as a Whole

Parkland in North Bay has been accumulated for many years through the five percent parkland dedication that take place prior to subdivision registration. The City normally obtains parkland in consultation with the developer of the new subdivision that where possible, is adjacent to or can connect easily to current and proposed parkland. The City can also use this tool to acquire additional parkland in areas of the City where it is deficient, or to protect significant natural features.

Analyzing the City's current parkland allows the opportunity to assess whether or not the parkland standards outlined in Table 3.2 are being achieved. The parkland standards provide a guideline against which the City can monitor the amount and type of parkland provided around the community. By monitoring the standards, the City is able to help identify where parkland may be required. For the purpose of this Plan, privately owned lands (with the exception of school properties) are not included.

Since the development of the 1991 Parks Master Plan and the development of the City's Official Plan in 1973, the City has recognized the historical use of school properties in the provision of parkland in the Community.



Chippewa Secondary School

This historical incorporation of school properties into the City's inventory of available park acknowledges that these properties are used by the surrounding neighbourhood for recreational purposes. This Plan continues to account for school properties throughout the community in comparison of available parkland for each type of park category. The City has negotiated a Facility Use Agreement with the four School Boards so that neither school boards nor the City duplicate efforts towards the provision of sports fields and playgrounds.

The City has divided up parkland in six separate categories; parkettes, neighbourhood, district, city wide, trails and linear parks and park holdings. Each is defined and discussed subsequently. Each park within the City of North Bay has been given a classification based on the four types of parks identified below for the purpose of this update. It is important to note that many parks across the community actually fall within more than one classification. Parks such as the City's Waterfront or Armstrong Park serve as City Wide Parks, but they also act as district and neighbourhood parks for the residents in the surrounding neighbourhoods. Throughout this report, Parks have been classified based on their broadest use.

4.2.1 Parkettes

Parkettes are defined as a small area of land used for aesthetic purposes (visual relief) and/or passive recreation. The area may be part of a large park area. Ideally, they are associated with city monuments, fountains and ornamental pockets of lands (floral beds). They are usually located at street intersections and along major corridors.



Main Street & Fraser Street Parkette

**Table 4.1
City Parkettes**

Name	Planning District	Area (Ha)
Aerospace Defence Park	Airport Heights	0.97
City Hall Parkette	Central Business District	0.59
Main St & Fraser St Parkette	Central Business District	0.05
Main St & Cassells St Parkette	Central Business District	0.02
Copeland St Parkette	Central Business District	0.02
Richardson's Fountain Parkette	Central Business District	0.00
Fisher Street Parkette	Old City	0.35
Cassells & Victoria Floral Island	Old City	0.01
Jacques Cartier Monument	Pinewood	0.10
Algonquin Regiment Memorial Parkette	Pinewood	0.01
Jane St & Bloem St Parkette	Pinewood	0.02
Premier Rd Floral Island	West Ferris	0.02
	TOTAL	2.16

There are currently 12 parkettes in North Bay, each of which is located along street intersections and major corridors. The 1991 Parks Plan has no minimum requirement for parkettes however it is suggested that the general size should be less than 0.5 hectares.

4.2.2 Neighbourhood Parks

Neighbourhood level parks and recreational facilities should be designed to accommodate neighbourhood interest preferences. Where there are young families and/or senior citizens in an area, facilities and programs should be tailored more specifically to the particular needs of these groups.

Neighbourhood parks are typically centrally located within safe and convenient walking distance of the majority of neighbourhood residents (optimum service radius is 400 metres or a 5 minute walking distance). Where possible the park should be designed with street frontage for visibility and safety, and be coordinated with



Graniteville Playground

elementary school sites. Neighbourhood parks should be a sufficient size to accommodate a variety of recreational facilities to avoid duplication. These may include sports fields (baseball, softball, soccer and football), outdoor rinks, neighbourhood centres, playground equipment, paved areas for informal games, shaded areas for passive recreation, and facilities for parents and guardians.

In total, there are 32 neighbourhood parks along with 28 school sites which contribute to the neighbourhood parks total. The neighbourhood parks are listed in Table 4.2 and Table 4.3 below.

Table 4.2
City Neighbourhood Parks

Name	Planning District	Area (Ha)
Fricker Wallace Park	Airport Heights	1.17
Greenhill Park	Airport Heights	2.48
Kenwood Hills Parkland Holdings	Airport Heights	5.86
Kenwood Hills Playground	Airport Heights	1.01
Laurentian Heights Parkland Holdings	Airport Heights	2.91
Stone Manor East Parkland Holdings	Airport Heights	0.08
Stone Manor West Parkland Holdings	Airport Heights	0.11
Kiwanis Playground	Central Business District	0.34
Belleview Park	Cedar Heights	0.89
Circle Lake Playground	Circle Lake	1.42
Pumphouse Playground	Circle Lake	0.23
Sage Road Park	Circle Lake	4.31
Graniteville Playground	Laurentian	0.83
Veronica Park	Laurentian	1.25
Metcalfe Park	Old City	1.35
Police Playground	Old City	1.25
Rockview Park	Old City	0.31
Bourke Playground	Pinewood	0.63
Kennedy Park	Pinewood	6.92
Kinette Playground	Pinewood	1.65
Besserrer Road Parkland Holdings	Rural	4.14
Feronia Playground	Rural	0.48
Four Mile Lake Playground	Rural	2.97
Maple Ridge Playground	Rural	0.68
Coombes Park	West Ferris	2.20
Kerr Park	West Ferris	1.58
Mariah Street Parkland Holdings	West Ferris	0.06

Marshall Avenue Park	West Ferris	0.98
Prince Edward Portage Park	West Ferris	0.67
Superior Crescent Park	West Ferris	0.89
Van Horne Park	West Ferris	0.14
West Ferris Lions Park	West Ferris	3.13
	TOTAL	52.92

For the purposes of this update the City's most recent population is compared to the 1.0 hectare per 1000 population standard. Based on the 1991 Parks Plan parkland standards and population data, the City of North Bay should have 53.97 hectares of neighbourhood parkland.¹⁶ North Bay generally meets this standard without including school properties. The City of North Bay has formalized agreements with the four local district school boards (Facility Use Agreement) as part of the community use of schools initiative by the Provincial government, to utilize School Board outdoor and indoor facilities. Table 4.3 lists the school properties, which are considered in the neighbourhood level park calculations.

Table 4.3
Elementary School Neighbourhood Parkland Properties

Name	Planning District	Area (Ha)
Vincent Massey Public School	Airport Heights	2.02
Mother Saint Bride Elementary School	Central Business District	0.98
St. Joseph Elementary School	Central Business District	0.97
JW Trusler Public School	Cedar Heights	2.25
Sacred Heart School	Cedar Heights	1.08
EW Norman Public School	Circle Lake	1.96
John XXIII Separate School	Circle Lake	2.53
Ecole Odyssee Élémentaire Catholique	Laurentian	1.98
Ecole St. Anne	Laurentian	1.10
ET Carmichael Public School	Laurentian	1.53
Laurentian Public School	Laurentian	1.75
Centennial Public School	Old City	4.14
Corpus Christi Separate School	Old City	1.29
Dr. MacDougall Public School	Old City	1.73
Ecole St. Vincent	Old City	1.32

¹⁶ 53,966 population / (1 ha/ 1000 population) = 53.97 ha based on current population

Pavillion Heritage	Old City	0.32
St. Hubert Elementary School	Old City	2.25
Ecole St. Paul	Pinewood	1.00
King George Public School	Pinewood	0.49
Pinewood Public School	Pinewood	1.55
St. Alexander Catholic Elementary School	Pinewood	2.29
Ecole Publique Heritage	West Ferris	2.82
Ecole St. Raymond	West Ferris	1.51
Marshall Park Public School	West Ferris	2.50
Our Lady of Fatima Catholic School	West Ferris	1.48
St. Francis Separate School	West Ferris	1.63
Sunset Park Public School	West Ferris	4.01
Tweedsmuir Public School	West Ferris	1.06
	TOTAL	49.56

The total of school-owned and City-owned neighbourhood parkland together is 102.48 hectares. With the current neighbourhood park standard being 53.97 hectares, the City of North Bay together with school properties exceeds the 1 hectare /1,000 population standards by more than 48 hectares.

4.2.3 District Parks

District parks accommodate the social, cultural, educational and physical activities of particular interest to several neighbourhoods (i.e. planning district) with the major emphasis on facilities for organized sports and other competitions. Smaller areas should be set aside for landscaping and passive recreation. District parks are typically located in a manner which is reasonably central to the service population and directly accessible by public transit, automobile and bicycle (optimum service radius is 1.6km or a 20 minutes walking distance). Frontage on a major traffic route is desirable with facilities provided for off-street parking.

The parks should be developed as focal points for organized and non-organized team sports, athletic activities and casual recreation. This requires the provision of fairly expensive and sophisticated facilities. These may include regulation size and non-regulation size softball and baseball diamonds, football and soccer fields, track and field areas, night lighting and spectator facilities, swimming pools, arenas, major playgrounds and community centres. There are a total of seven district parks within the limits of the City of North Bay (Table 4.4).



Armstrong Park

**Table 4.4
City District Parks**

Name	Planning District	Area (Ha)
Optimist Ball Fields	Circle Lake	3.61
Armstrong Park	Circle Lake	3.8
Centennial Park	Laurentian	5.07
Thomson Park	Old City	15.38
Larocque Road Parkland Holdings	Rural	8.39
Lee Park/Amelia Park	West Ferris	10.3
Sam Jacks Recreation Complex	West Ferris	2.72
	TOTAL	49.28

The guideline listed in the 1991 Parks Plan is 1.6 hectares per 1000 population. Therefore, the City should have 86.35 hectares dedicated to district parks. Table 4.5 identifies the intermediate and secondary school sites that are considered district level parks.

Table 4.5
Intermediate and Secondary School District Parkland Properties

Name	Planning District	Area (Ha)
Ecole Odyssee Secondaire Catholique	Laurentian	3.12
Widdifield Secondary School	Laurentian	7.53
WJ Fricker Senior Public	Laurentian	3.36
Chippewa Secondary School	Old City	8.75
Ecole Cité Des Jeunes	Old City	4.11
St. Joseph-Scollard Hall Secondary School	Old City	5.89
Ecole Secondaire Catholique Algonquin	Pinewood	3.82
Silver Birches Public School	West Ferris	2.99
West Ferris Secondary School	West Ferris	10.30
	TOTAL	49.86

With intermediate and secondary school properties combined with municipally owned parks, the City of North Bay has 99.141 hectares dedicated to district parks. Based on park current standards, North Bay exceeds the suggested 85.38 hectares of district parkland.

4.2.4 City Wide Parks

City wide parks are developed for the enjoyment of a diversified population including individuals, family groups and community organizations. Opportunities for both active and passive recreation, social and cultural activities, and the conservation and preservation of natural environment areas, historic sites and wildlife habitats should be encouraged at this level.



North Bay Waterfront Park

City wide parks are generally distributed throughout the municipality and readily accessible by means of public transit, private automobile and trail access where viable. Secondary means of public access in the form of pedestrian walkways and bicycle paths are also desirable. City wide parks should be multi-purpose in design or contain specialized uses. Multi-purpose parks often offer a wide range of recreation opportunities such as swimming, boating, picnicking, hiking and areas for active play.

Table 4.6 identifies all 21 municipally owned city wide parks found within the boundaries of North Bay. The standard according to the 1991 Parks Plan is 5.2 hectares/1000 population.

**Table 4.6
City Wide Parkland**

Name	Planning District	Area (Ha)
Airport Lookout	Airport Heights	1.24
Memorial Park	Central Business District	0.65
Waterfront Park	Central Business District	21.26
Escarpment West Property	Cedar Heights	6.81
Camelot Lake Park	Circle Lake	0.84
Birchaven Cove	Circle Lake	4.54
Delaney Lake Walkway	Circle Lake	2.58
Lang Park	Circle Lake	1.52
Escarpment East Property	Laurentian	1.02
O'Brien Street Park	Laurentian	1.47
Chippewa Creek Ravine	Old City	4.59
Kinsmen Beach	Pinewood	0.38
La Vase Park	Rural	159.45
Springdale Acres	Rural	4.08
Black Forest Park	Rural	62.54
Portage Park	Rural	2.40
Peninsula Road Park	Rural	173.14
Silver Beach	West Ferris	0.38
Parks Creek Park	West Ferris	4.20
Sunset Park	West Ferris	0.78
Champlain Park	West Ferris	11.71
	TOTAL	465.55

**Table 4.7
Post Secondary School City Wide Parkland Properties**

Name	Planning District	Area (Ha)
Nipissing University/Canadore College	Cedar Heights	107.22
	TOTAL	107.22

Based on the 1991 Parks Plan standards, the minimum guideline for City Wide parks in North Bay is 294.90 hectares. The City's standards have been surpassed by 277.87

hectares. Even when school property is excluded from the City wide parkland calculation, North Bay well exceeds the current standards.

4.2.5 Trails and Active Transportation

North Bay provides a wide variety of walking and biking paths which are also referred to as linear parks. North Bay currently has two designated paved trails; the Kate Pace Way and the Kinsmen Trail. Table 4.8 lists the estimated distance of each which are not included in the City Wide Parkland calculation. Both paths bisect the City and connect to other trails to provide linkages to a variety of park, residential and commercial areas.



Kate Pace Way

In addition to these two paved trails, many City parks include trail systems that connect neighbourhoods and other parkland. The estimated distance for these trail systems are included in Table 4.8 as Parkland Trails.

Within the municipality there are varieties of types of trails that serve a wide cross section



Kinsmen Trail

of users. Not all trails are owned by the municipality. Many are owned and operated by community organizations but contribute to the overall inventory of trail available to the community none the less. These include trails systems such as Nordic Ski Trails, snowmobile trails, Laurier Woods Trails, Education Centre Trails as well as trail systems owned by the North Bay, Mattawa Conservation Authority.

Table 4.8
North Bay Trail Systems

Trail Type	Distance (Kilometres)
Kate Pace Way	15.296
Kinsmen	5.923
Parkland Trails (within municipal parks)	24
Other Community Owners	54.97
TOTAL	100.189

North Bay has an established Trails and Active Transportation Committee that is made up of Municipal representatives and key trail partners. This committee has the responsibility to develop a 'Trails and Active Transportation Master Plan' for the City of North Bay and oversee its implementation and ongoing development. This Committee works in partnership with local and regional trail organizations as well as community trail users.

Ongoing initiatives include parkland trails development, as well as the concept of active transportation which expands beyond traditional trails to include urban non-motorized transportation corridors such as sidewalks and bike routes.

The Committee has drafted a plan that identifies prioritized trails and active transportation initiatives. These initiatives as well as new ones are reviewed and considered as part of the Capital budget process on an annual basis. (See Appendix E for the Trails and Active Transportation Strategy)

4.2.6 5% Parkland Holdings

Through the subdivision development process, the City often acquires lands for future parkland use. The Planning Act provides the option to either acquire a portion of the private lands being developed or receive a cash contribution in lieu of the parkland. These lands, known as 5% parkland dedications are the preferred option where additional property will be required in the district to maintain an appropriate level of parkland and when the subject properties are suitable. When lands are acquired through subdivision growth, the City undertakes a planning process, which includes public consultation with neighbourhoods, to determine the appropriate long term development plan for the 5% parkland holdings. The existing 5% parkland holdings have unique maintenance strategies and are at varying stages of development. For purposes of this study these holdings have been calculated by category and planning district. Future 5% parkland dedications, as identified through approved draft plans of subdivision, are considered when assessing standard parkland requirements and future requirements but were not included in the existing parkland calculations.

4.2.7 Parkland Summary

The City of North Bay is surpassing the 1991 Parks Plan standards, as can be seen in Table 4.8a below.

**Table 4.8a
Total Parkland per Type of Park (Ha) Compared to 1991 Standards**

Type of Park	City Parkland	School Properties	Total	1991 Standard	Difference
City Wide	465.56	107.22	572.78	291.42	281.36
District	49.28	49.86	99.14	86.35	12.79
Neighbourhood	52.92	49.56	102.48	53.97	155.73
Parkette	1.98	N/A	1.98	N/A	N/A

4.2.8 Other Private Parkland Opportunities

It is also important to note that there are many undesignated properties that serve as parkland not mentioned within the inventory, including both publicly and privately owned land not within the control of the City of North Bay. This includes areas such as Laurier

Woods, Laurentian Ski Hill, the Escarpment, Department of National Defence land, and the Nordic Trails, which are parks and open spaces that are widely used by the public.¹⁷ As referenced in Table 4.8b, there are an additional 204.38 Ha of non-municipally, publicly owned lands within the settlement area available for recreational use, which if included in the calculations, North Bay would further exceed parkland standards for those districts.

**Table 4.8b
Parkland and Open Space within City Limits owned by the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority used by the public**

Name	Description	Planning District	Area (Ha)
Escarpment	Natural wooded area and trails	Cedar Heights	146.19
Laurentian Skill Hill	Downhill ski, multiuse trails and observation area	Laurentian	47.69
Laurier Woods	Natural wetland and trails	Old City, West Ferris	46.5

This undesignated parkland contributes immensely to the City Wide and district park total area, even though it is not being taken into consideration for the purpose of this report. When making final assumptions about meeting current standards and sustainable community standards, this should be taken into consideration. Table 4.9 illustrates the amount of parkland needed within the City of North Bay to surpass the sustainable community standards referenced in Table 3.1.



Laurentian Skill Hill

¹⁷ It is also worth noting the unique partnership agreement between the City and Heritage North Bay to develop a central park concept to link the waterfront and downtown core. The Community Waterfront Park concept, when developed, will provide not only the Central Business District, but the entire city a four season park and recreation resource connected to the City’s waterfront park.

Table 4.9
Total Parkland per Type of Park (Ha) Compared to
Sustainable Community Standards

Type of Park	Total	Sustainable Community Standards*	Difference
City Wide	572.78	215.86	356.92
District	99.14	107.9	-8.76
Neighbourhood	102.48	43.17	59.31
Parkette	1.98	5.4	-3.42

* at low end of range

The above deficiencies shown on table 4.9 are more than offset by opportunities at City Wide Parks and plans to achieve these standards have been identified in the Action Strategy in Section 6.0 of this Plan.

4.3 Analysis By Planning District

By looking at planning districts individually the City will be able to analyze, at the neighbourhood level, future considerations for parkland and recognize potential opportunities for linkages regarding trails and active transportation routes. Qualitative suggestions and comments received by the Sustainable Community Advisory Committee and the public during the Parks Planning Charrette are incorporated within this section, as well as Appendix C to this Plan. Table 4.10 shows the population within each district. West Ferris and the Old City are the most populated planning districts within North Bay.

**Table 4.10
Population in Each Planning District¹⁸**

Planning District	Population
Airport Heights	4,487
Cedar Heights	3,363
Central Business District	4,831
Circle Lake	3,994
Laurentian	6,700
Old City	9,658
Pinewood	5,790
West Ferris	11,959
Rural	3,184
TOTAL	53,966

4.3.1 Public Participation

Through the preparation of the City's New Official Plan, a Sustainable Community Advisory Committee (SCAC) was developed, with representatives from social, environmental and economic sectors in the community. The SCAC, with the assistance of a consultant, prepared a report which identified over 100 principles related to the future growth and development of the City. The principles developed have been considered in the development of the New Official Plan and this Plan. Appendix B contains the principles developed by the Sustainable Community Advisory Committee, as it relates to Parks and Open Space.

In addition to the valuable work completed by the Sustainable Community Advisory Committee, a full day Parks Planning Charrette was on June 14th, 2008. During the Charrette, the existing inventory of parks, open space and trails were presented and based on this information the public was asked to develop potential new park and open space concepts for each of the nine planning districts. The purpose of the Parks Planning Charrette was to acquire a better understanding of local interests related to parks and open spaces.

¹⁸ Secondary Planning Districts Data, August 2005

The work that the participating members provided was extremely beneficial to the City, and is presented within a separate document titled *Parks and Open Space Planning Charrette Report 2008*, found in Appendix C. The information collected is organized by separate planning districts to allow for more detailed suggestions to be presented. General concepts are also offered, which represent repeated suggestions.

The information contained in Appendix B and C has been considered in conjunction with the analytical inventory prepared by staff, which is outlined below.

4.3.2 Planning District Analytical Inventory

Table 4.11 and Table 4.12 show comparisons of parkland area within each planning district and the difference between existing and recommended parks according to the 1991 Parks Plan.

Table 4.11
Comparison of Parkland Area (Hectares) in Each Planning District

Planning District	Existing Parks Area¹⁹	Parkette	Neighbourhood Park²⁰	District Park²⁰	City Wide Park	Future 5% Holdings
Airport Heights	17.86	0.97	15.64	0	1.24	9.3
Central Business	24.88	0.68	2.29	0	21.91	0
Cedar Heights	118.26	0	4.22	0	114.03	17.58
Circle Lake	27.33	0	10.45	7.41	9.47	21.23
Laurentian	30.01	0	8.44	19.08	2.49	12.06
Old City	53.04	0.36	13.97	34.12	4.59	0
Pinewood	18.84	0.13	14.51	3.82	0.38	0
Rural	418.66	0	8.27	8.39	401.6	0
West Ferris	69.74	0.02	24.69	26.32	17.07	0.12
TOTAL	776.56	1.98	102.48	99.14	572.78	60.29

¹⁹ School properties and existing Parkland holdings are included in total.

Based on the above analysis, those districts that are less population (as seen in table 4.10) have the largest amount of existing park area. It should be noted that the Cedar Heights Planning District includes the Education Center trails and green space with a total of 107.22 of the 118.26 hectares indicated. Airport Heights and Pinewood have the least amount of parkland followed by the Central Business District (CBD).

The CBD has a low amount of neighbourhood parkland within its district considering its high population density. This is not unusual due to its long history of development well before parkland standards and opportunities to acquire public spaces through tools like the Planning Act existed. The realization of the Community Waterfront Park and underpass to the North Bay Waterfront Park will offset the current deficiency.

It is recognized the CBD is largely hard surfaced. The City proposes to continue its urban forestry program practices (i.e. Main Street, Oak Street, Cassells Street and Third Avenue). Further street scaping and parkette development is planned for Algonquin Avenue, the Richardson Fountain Parkette and Leger Square at City Hall. Development of new parkette spaces will also be considered as opportunities arise.

It is anticipated that the Cedar Heights and Airport Heights planning districts will be the focus of a majority of the City's population growth over the next 20-25 years. In some cases, there are subdivision developments planned for these areas, which will increase the amount of parkland through parkland dedication under the *Planning Act*. As these draft plans have not been registered yet, the City has not been granted ownership of these lands.

There is a high proportion of City Wide parkland in North Bay, which is accessible to the entire community. City Wide Parks should be readily accessible by public transit, trails and automobile. Many of the City's City Wide Parks also serve the neighbourhood park function as well as does Champlain Park with its children's playground.

The planning districts are also served by other parkland and recreation facility providers including the publicly and privately owned Laurentian Ski Club, the North Bay Mattawa

Conservation Authority lands, the recreation facilities provided by the Department of National Defence (DND), Laurier Woods Park and Nordic Trails.

The nine (9) planning districts will require further detailed planning by staff and the neighborhoods as development opportunities present themselves. Please see the attached Planning District Maps (Schedules 1-9) showing the existing and the preliminary proposed park land for each planning district.

Table 4.12
Existing Park Area Compared to the Parkland Requirements in the 1991 Parks Plan

Planning District	Existing Parks Area (Ha)²⁰	Proposed Future Park Area (Ha)²¹	Parkland Requirement (8 Ha / 1000 population)	Difference (Ha)
Airport Heights	17.86	9.3	35.90	-8.74
Cedar Heights	118.26	17.58	26.90	108.94
CBD	24.88	0	38.65	-13.19
Circle Lake	27.33	21.23	31.95	16.61
Laurentian	30.01	12.06	53.60	-11.53
Old City	53.04	0	77.26	24.22
Pinewood	18.84	0	46.32	-27.48
Rural	418.24	0	25.47	393.19
West Ferris	68.1	0.12	95.67	-25.81
TOTAL	776.56	60.29	431.72	456.21

The results from this table show that North Bay offers a significant amount of parkland to its residents. In terms of providing additional parkland, one of the challenges that will need to be addressed is finding additional parkland opportunities within the older built up planning districts (Old City, Pinewood) that will serve the present and future demographics.

²⁰ School properties and existing Parkland holdings are included in total.

²¹ Proposed future 5% Parkland Dedications as outlined by current approved draft plans of subdivision.

5.0 Key Findings/Observations

In terms of the preceding information, there are a number of key findings and observations that are outlined below, which form the basis of the Action Strategy in Section 6.0 of this Plan.

5.1 A Growing Population

Since the population is projected to grow slowly in North Bay over the next thirty (30) years, suitable park supply should continue to be added appropriately to the City's parkland total. With the current parkland total exceeding the 1991 Park Plan standards, it is important to recognize that the City faces parkland challenges and opportunities within each planning district that are not solely based on park size, type and number. The City will continue to cultivate relationships (programming, maintenance) with other providers like the four School Boards, Conservation Authority and YMCA. The Parkland Action Strategy in Section 6.0 outlines the policies, goals and objectives to assist moving forward these park challenges and opportunities.

5.2 An Aging Population

The aging population in the City of North Bay is growing and it is expected to represent approximately 33% of the city's total population by 2031²². Planning for this demographic shift is necessary. There has also recently been an emphasis on the need to differentiate between seniors; more specifically those who enjoy a more recreational type of living, compared to those who may be more dependent on care and service. This should be taken into consideration and implementation strategies should be created to address this concern.

²² Watson & Associates Economists Ltd. (2009) City of North Bay Population, Housing and Employment Forecast Update 2006-2031

5.3 Neighbourhood Parks

Another observation was the need for more neighbourhood parks in two of the older planning districts. This will pose a challenge due to their built up nature and sufficient land availability. The City's Parks and Recreation Department will continue to meet with both established and new neighbourhood groups to discuss their Neighbourhood Park requirements, provide design workshops and programming needs. Neighbourhood Parks are designed to address the changing demographics and accessibility issues.

The City provides capital funding for playground improvements through the Five Year Capital Budget and encourages financial assistance from service clubs and other funding agencies.

5.4 District & City Wide Parks

The City of North Bay meets the requirements for District and City Wide Parkland, when combining both City-owned and School Board owned lands, based on the current population when using the standards created in the 1991 Parks Plan. However, the Parks and Recreation staff have indicated that there is a need for more soccer and ball fields to meet current and future demands. The need for a sport complex to house these fields and address consolidation efficiencies was recommended in the 2005 City Sport Field Study. The land acquisition and complex design is scheduled for 2009.

5.5 Meeting Sustainable Community Standards

Since the City of North Bay's is currently gauging its parkland standards based on the standards developed in the 1991 Parks Master Plan, the City could benefit from upgrading the guideline to be inclusive of different types of environments and parks, similar to the Sustainable Parkland Standards outlined in Table 3.1.

As the City is currently surpassing its 1991 Parks Plan standards, changing the standards to reflect those of sustainable communities would be further improvements towards a healthier community. The City would be demonstrating how innovative strategies can

produce a community that is more environmentally sound, economically prosperous, and attractive.

5.6 Trails and Active Transportation

Under the City's current Trails and Active Transportation plan initiatives are identified that facilitate people using alternative forms of transportation to access various areas within the City. The City will continue to review opportunities to develop trails, walkways, and bike routes that connect people to parks, schools, and business and promote alternate transportation forms. This strategy supports healthy active living and a healthy environment.

5.7 Abandoned Schools

Undeveloped and developed school board properties are recognized for the role they play in the provision of parks, open space and indoor facilities to the community at large. Should a school board property be offered for sale, the City will review this Plan to determine if the property or portion of the property is required for park, open space or other municipal purposes. The City cannot guarantee that school board properties will be available for the long term in public ownership. Should the ownership of school properties become available; the City will consider the need of parkland in that particular neighbourhood. The purchase of the property would be based on Parks funding available for both land costs and the ongoing property maintenance cost.

5.8 Financial Implications

Any financial implications related to 'Action Strategies' indicated in this Parks Plan Update (i.e. park land purchase, new development and or improvements) will flow through the City's established Operating and Capital Budget process.

6.0 Action Strategy - Policies, Goals and Objectives

<u>Action Strategy</u>	
<p>Based on the information gathered through the Sustainable Community Advisory Committee, the Parks Planning Charrette and the quantitative analysis of the existing and proposed parks throughout the City included in this report, The Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services Department has prepared the following 'Action Strategy' to address the short, medium and long-term goals of the community, as resources allow. The strategy will be reviewed on an annual basis and updated as necessary as part of the departments Business Plan. The Parks Plan Update will be formally reviewed every five years.</p>	
Objective	Time Frame²³
The department will provide the necessary park policies to help govern park services and involve all affected parties in their development.	S to L
Upgrade Leger Square (City Hall reflecting pool area) – providing for a decorative lock stone cultural/art activity area in conjunction with the North Bay Library.	S
Undertake a feasibility study for a pedestrian/maintenance bridge over the La Vase River connecting Champlain Park to La Vase Park	S
Ensure developers are complying with Subdivision Agreements regarding one tree per front lot and their parkland dedication requirements.	S
Ensure that industrial and commercial developments require professional prepared landscape plans and that these developments are inspected by Parks Staff for compliance.	S
That the Trails and Active Transportation Strategy be reviewed annually as part of the City's Five Year Capital Budget for all affected departments.	S
That park land dedication be considered in the development of the Airport Industrial Parks, including the strategies of the Trails and Active Transportation Plan.	S
Identify and post signage identifying the historical/heritage aspects of our parks and city features. Mapping should also be provided for the general public and visitors.	S

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S = Short Term (0-1 year) M = Medium Term (1-3 years) L = Long Term (3-5 years)

Develop a strategic plan for the placement and installation of signage for trails and parks throughout the City.	S
Continue to follow the recommendations and action plan for City sports fields as detailed in the 2005 City Sports Field Study.	S
Continue parks capital playground renovations and improvement program meeting CSA Standards and the new accessibility requirements.	S
Develop a Trails Maintenance and Capital Improvement Plan with the North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority for the Pace Way and Kinsmen Trails.	S
Develop a strategy to identify the type and location of park required to ensure it is considered in any future development within each planning district.	S
Continue to strengthen and improve upon the City/ Four School Board Facility Use Agreement as part of the Provinces "Community Use of Schools Program". Continue working on the joint field maintenance and rotation strategy.	S to M
That an Operation Manual be developed for the organized neighbourhood groups to assist them with their facility developments and programs. Also to encourage other neighbourhood groups to organize as the opportunity arises.	S to M
Develop a Multi Use Sport Field Complex beginning with a Strategic/Development Plan with partners once a suitable location is confirmed.	S to M
Continue the parks capital building improvements and new shelter/washroom construction as detailed in the 2006 Building Study.	S to L
Continue the parks capital tree replacement/enhancement program.	S to L
Continue working with and improving upon our partnerships with other park and recreational facilities providers such as the YMCA, Conservation Authority, Education Complex, Canadian Forces Base and any new opportunities to partner with other providers.	S to L
Continue to play an active role in the City's Energy Conservation/ Innovation Plan. Monitor and report annually on the department's energy consumption.	S to L
Continually investigate parks and leisure needs in the community and reflect these needs within the parks plan. Review the Parks Master Plan every five (5) years beginning July 2013.	S to L
Develop streetscape design guidelines incorporating landscaping features for all new road construction and re-construction.	M
Complete a downtown/old city inventory – available opportunities to develop parkettes, primarily suited for an ageing population (park benches, shade trees).	M
That the City provide a web presence regarding crown lands within the City of North Bay, including access points, in collaboration with the MNR.	M

<p>That an inventory of lake shore road allowances be undertaken, and a public process undertaken, to determine which road allowances have merit to be designated park land.</p>	<p>M</p>
<p>Develop an overall tree inventory and management plan for the City's trees that is feasible in scope and cost.</p>	<p>M</p>
<p>That an Escarpment trail design be developed with associated nodes/lookouts, while considering connectivity to development at the base of the escarpment and future development at the brow of the Escarpment.</p>	<p>M to L</p>
<p>Develop Environmental/Forestry/Maintenance Plans for each park property.</p>	<p>M to L</p>
<p>That owners of the North Bay Escarpment be approached regarding the transfer of non-developable lands to the City of North Bay and through the negotiations, the Escarpment be defined, in collaboration with interested parties.</p>	<p>L</p>

Appendix A – Park Inventory



PARKLAND INVENTORY

North Bay, ON

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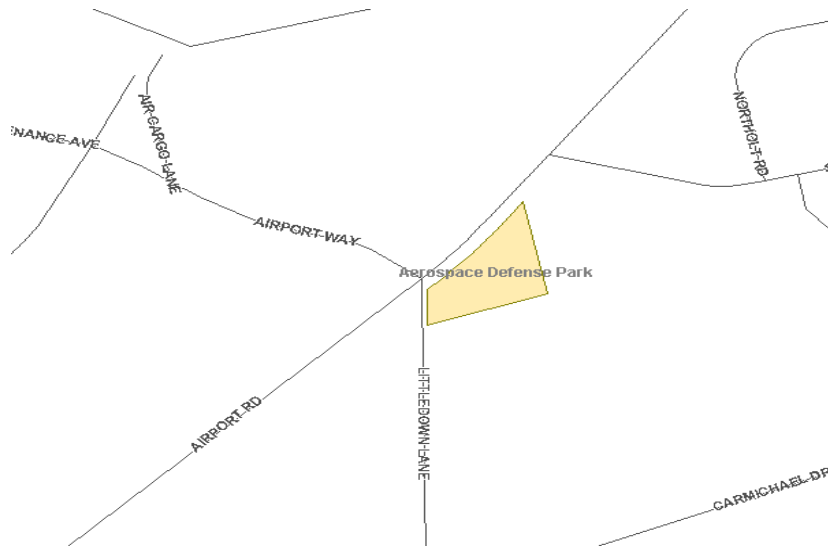
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AIRPORT HEIGHTS PLANNING DISTRICT

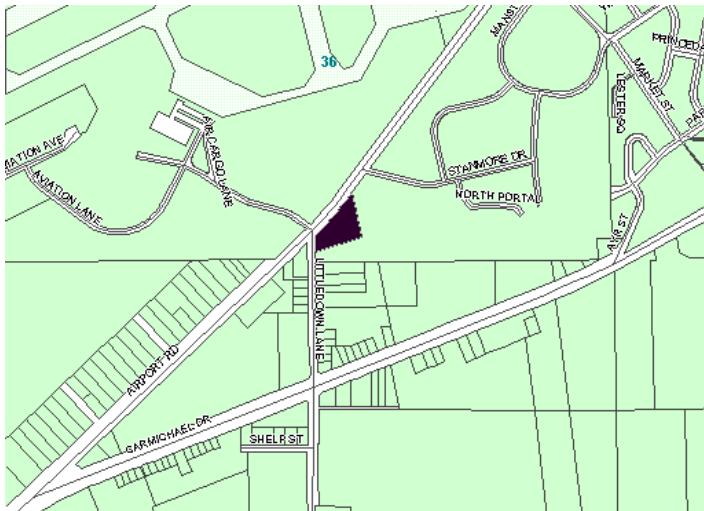


Identification:

- o **Type:** District Park
- o **Area:** 0.97 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Airport Heights

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Grass cutting contracted to others paid for by City Parks Department.



Program & Community Development:

- o Needs long range plan for management of artifacts and maintenance of the grounds.

Aerospace Defense Park

Concession A, Part Lot 16, RP36R-10359, Parts 16 & 19, Part Parcel 18726 W/F⁴



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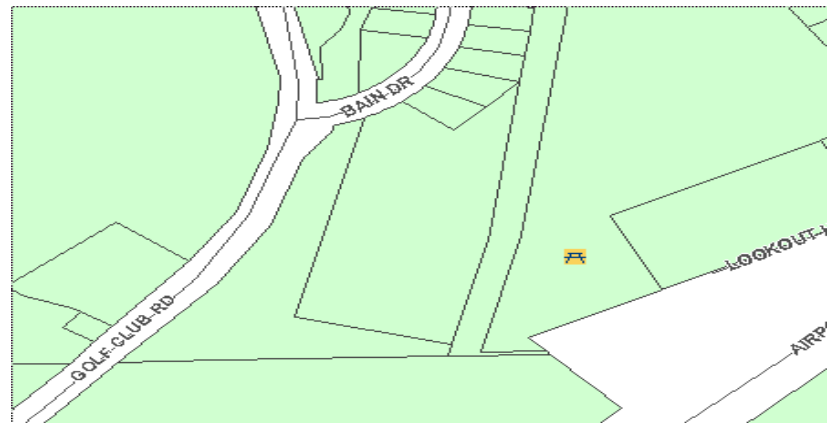
- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 1.24 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Airport Heights

Amenities/Description:

- o Parking, Benches, Picnic Tables
- o Million dollar view of the City

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Escarpment Trail linkage
- o Upgrade hard and soft landscaping
- o Forestry Plan
- o Review dusk to dawn lighting

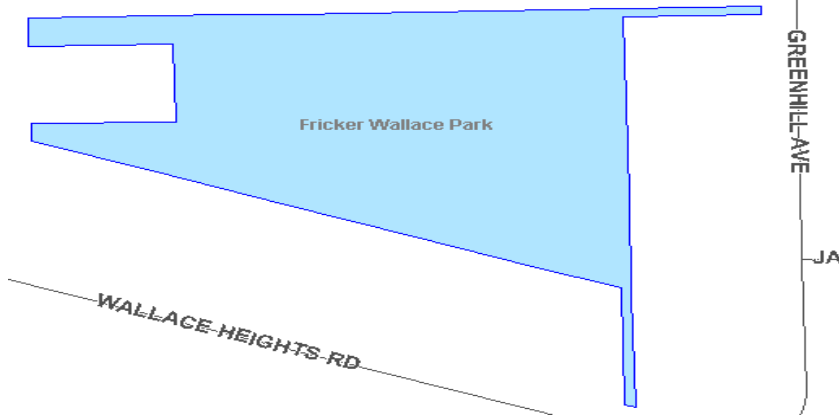


Program & Community Development:

- o Great opportunity for a descriptive sign describing the City and the view
- o Perhaps a looking glass standard
- o Requires an entrance identification sign

Airport Lookout Park

Part Lot 19, Concession "B"

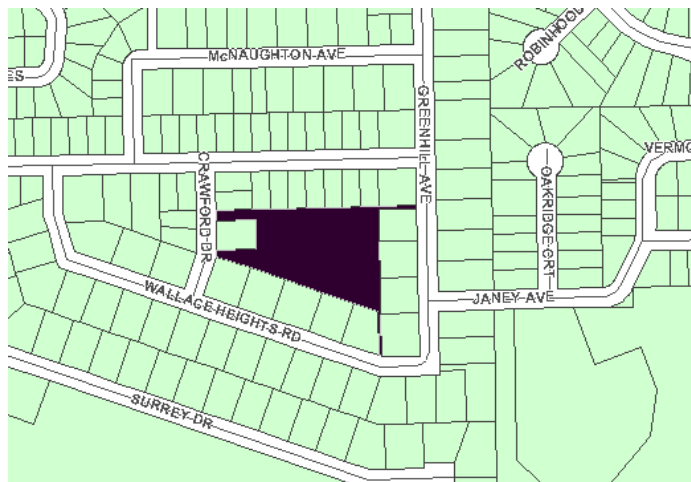


Identification:

- **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- **Area:** 1.17 Ha
- **Owner:** City of North Bay
- **Location:** Airport Heights

Amenities/Description:

- It has been left in its natural state as requested by the neighbourhood, similar to Kennedy Park



Maintenance Strategies:

- Forestry Plan required
- Requires management plan

Fricker Wallace Park

Block "A" Plan M-312



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 2.48 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Airport Heights

Amenities/Description:

- o Building – Skate change room and washrooms
- o Supervised outdoor rink – lit
- o Jr. and Sr. play equipment
- o 70% natural area with trails

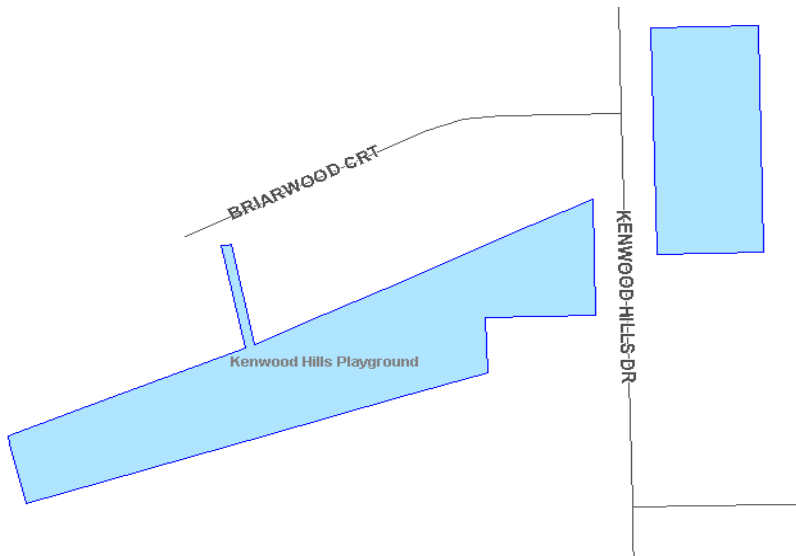
Maintenance Strategies:

- o Trail maintenance Plan
- o Forestry Plan required

Greenhill Park

Block “B” M-270, M-485 & Block “A” M-285, M-315

251 Pearce St

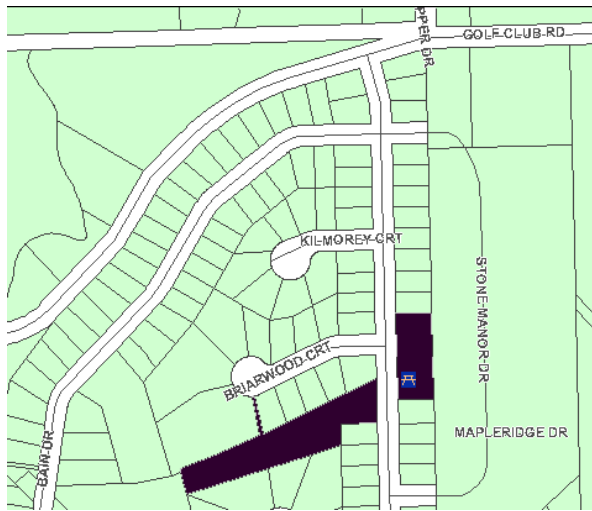


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- o **Area:** 1.01 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Airport Heights

Amenities/Description:

- o Play Equipment - Junior

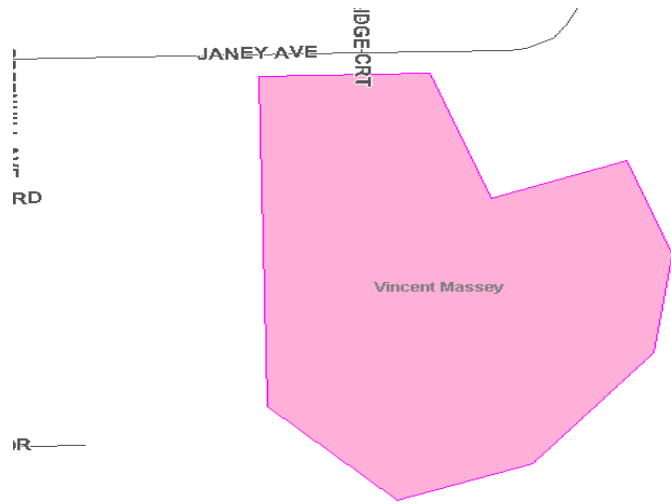


Maintenance Strategies:

- o Forestry Plan required
- o Trail plan required as connecting properties develop with new subdivisions.

Kenwood Hills Playground

Plan 36M580 Blocks 45-49



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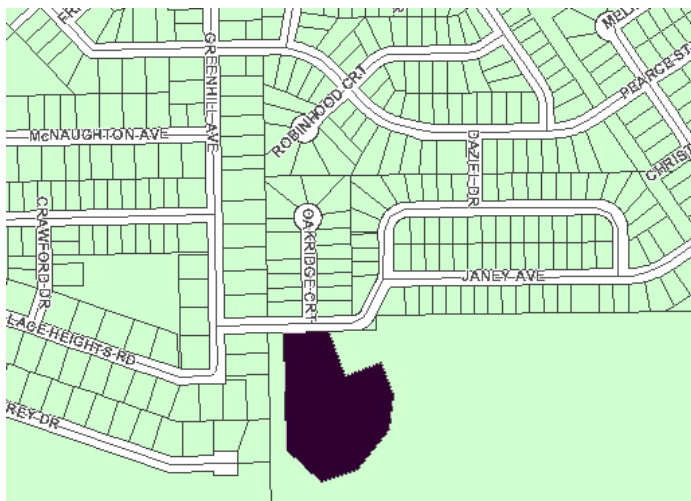
- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 2.02 Ha
- o **Owner:** Near North District School Board

Amenities/Description:

- o Main Board Office location

Joint Agreement with City of North Bay and School Boards in order to access indoor and outdoor facilities. This will maximize the beneficial use of these properties while ensuring their maintenance as well.

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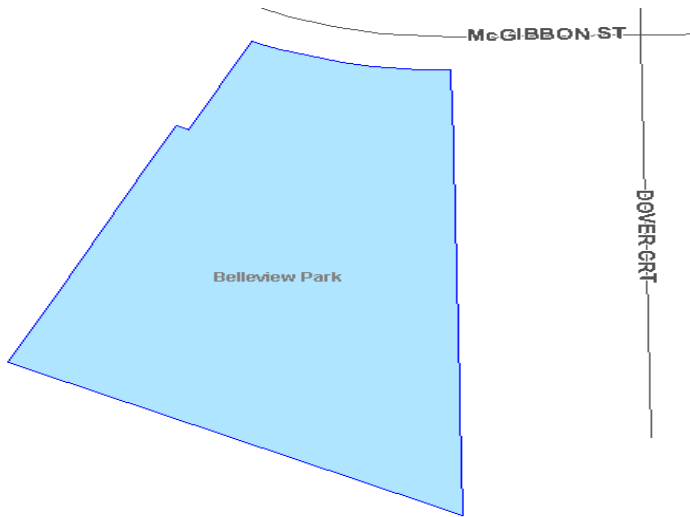


Vincent Massey Public School

School Property



CEDAR HEIGHTS PLANNING DISTRICT

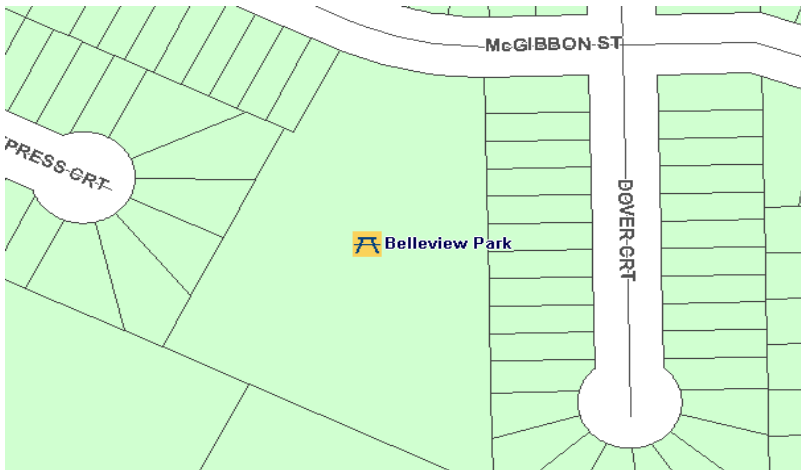


Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 0.89 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Cedar Heights

Amenities/Description:

- o Open Play Area
- o Basketball Pad
- o Senior Playground equipment (2006)



Maintenance Strategies:

- o Possible future outdoor rink site
- o Basketball pad relocation

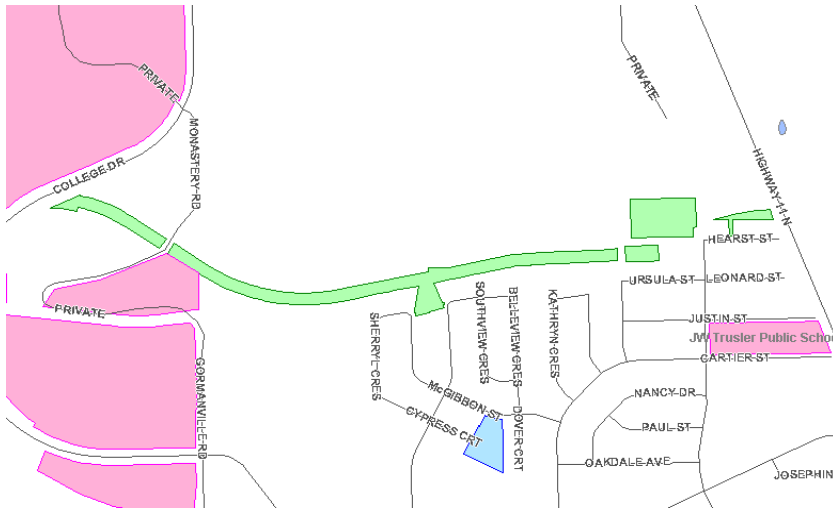
Program & Community Development:

- o Neighbourhood meeting established new park design for playground equipment (replaced 07/08)

Belleview Park

Block "B" and Part Block "A", Plan M-480

20 McGibbon St

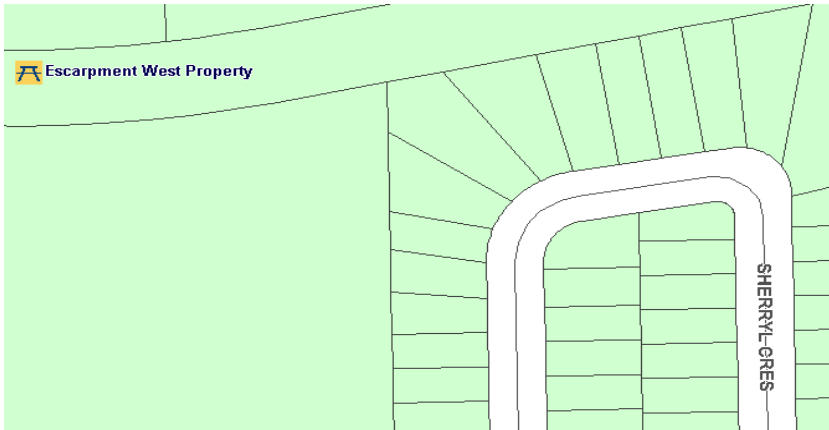


Identification:

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- o **Area:** 6.81 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Cedar Heights

Amenities/Description:

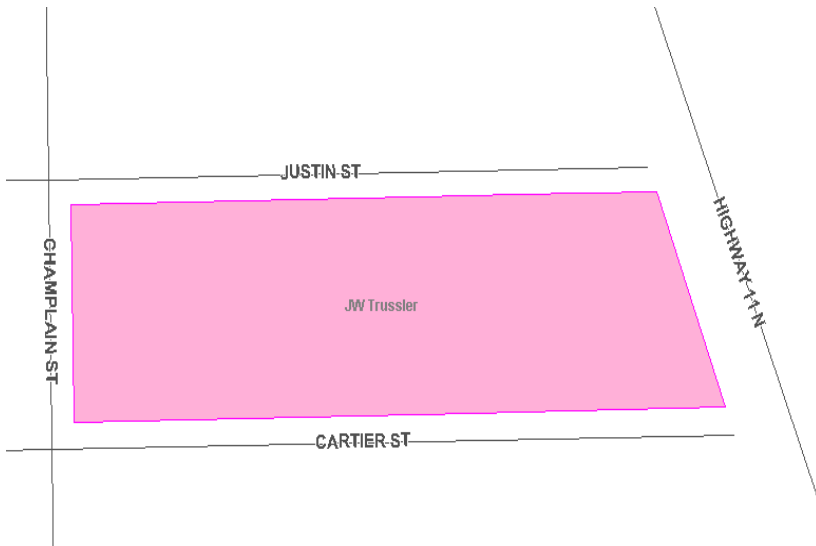
- o Buffers the escarpment from further building



Maintenance Strategies:

- o Tree survey/diagnostic required for maintenance program

Escarpment Property

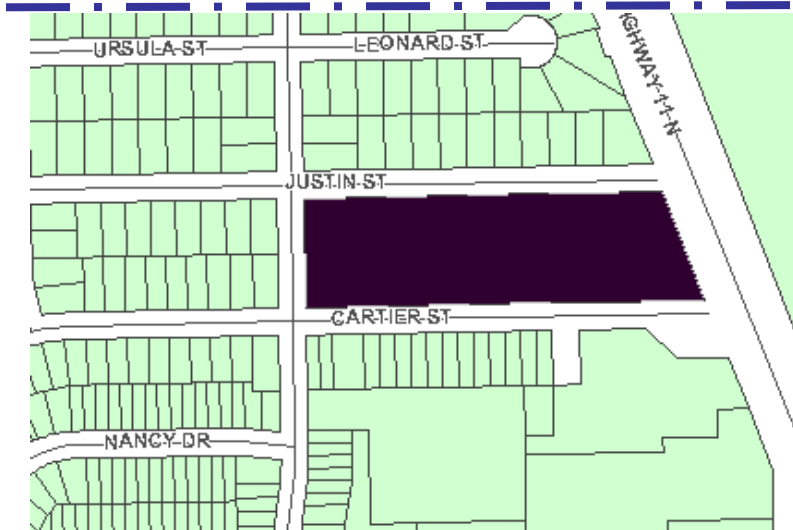


Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 2.24 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing Board of Education
- o **Location:** Cedar Heights

Information:

- o Special agreement for ball field maintenance and use

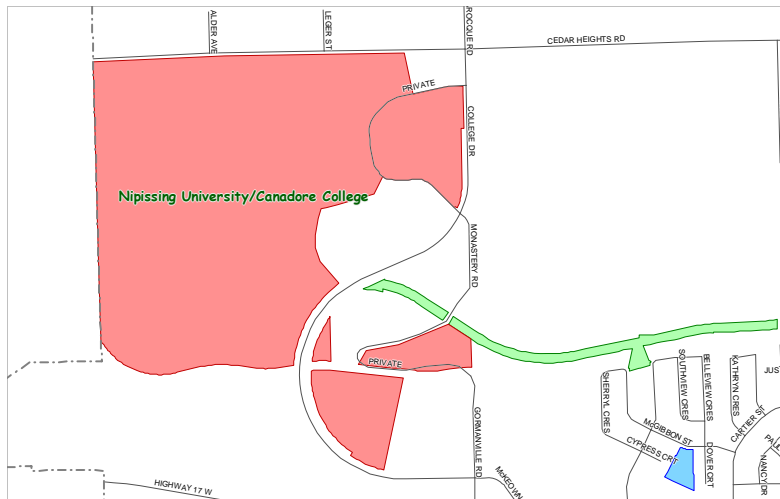


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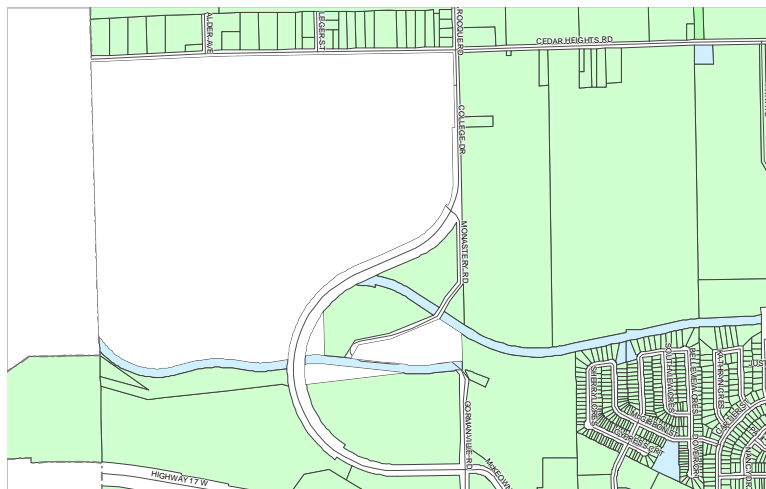
JW Trusler Public School

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 107.22 Ha
- o **Owner:** Canadore College Board of Governors
- o **Location:** Cedar Heights

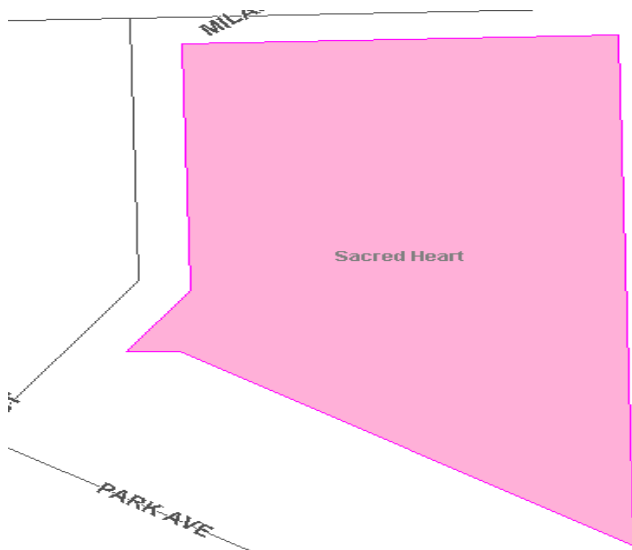


Amenities/Description:

- o City use of Duchesne Trail Network
- o Investigating other agreements (property, student placements, etc.)

Nipissing/Canadore

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 1.01 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing/Parry Sound Board
- o **Location:** Laurentian

Joint Agreement with City of North Bay and School Boards in order to access indoor and outdoor facilities. This will maximize the beneficial use of these properties while ensuring their maintenance as well.

Expires June 21st, 2011



Sacred Heart School

School Property



PINEWOOD PLANNING DISTRICT



Identification:

- o **Type:** Parkette
- o **Area:** 0.07 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Pinewood

Amenities/Description:

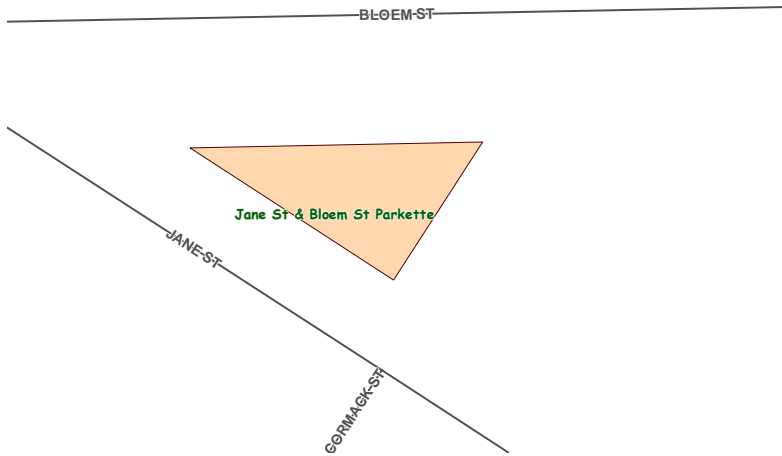
- o This monument commemorates the Algonquin Regiment
- o New sod and walkway 2008



Maintenance Strategies:

- o Regular turf and walkway maintenance

Algonquin Regiment Memorial



Identification:

- o Type: Parkette
- o Area: 0.02
- o Owner: City of North Bay
- o Location: Pinewood

Amenities/Description:

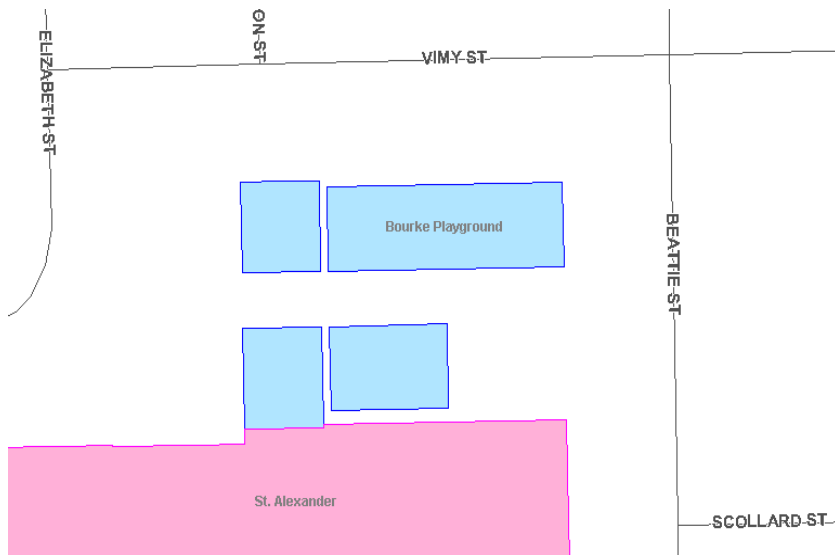
- o Small green space



Maintenance Strategies:

- o Provide deciduous plant material at center of turf area

Bloem & Jane Street Parkette



Identification:

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- o **Area:** 0.63 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Pinewood

Amenities/Description:

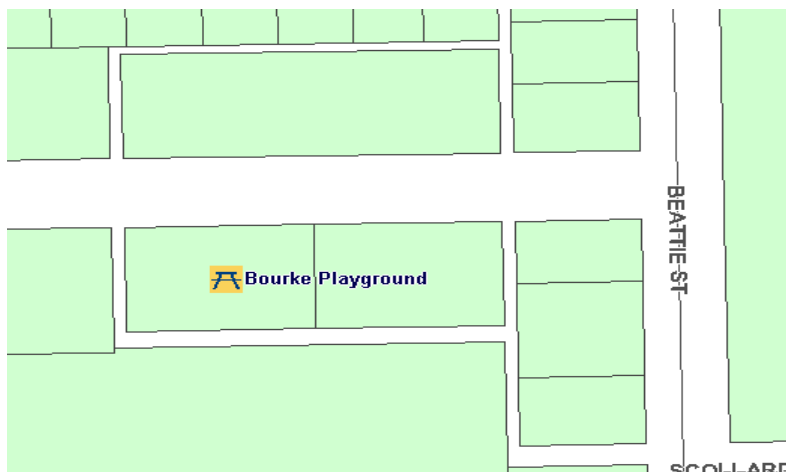
- o Building – meeting, change rooms, washrooms
- o Skating Oval
- o Parking

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Park Upgrades 2010

Program and Community Development:

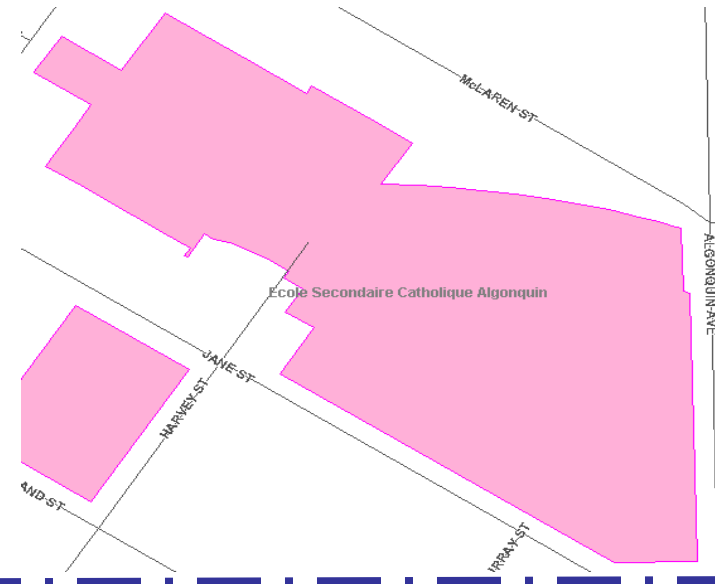
- o Neighbourhood meeting will take place to discuss a total redesign of the grounds with new amenities and tree planting plan
- o Meet with school officials and PTA on future park facility planning opportunities.



Bourke Playground

Lots 307-316, 320-323, 429-433, and Parts of Lawson and Lavery Streets, Plan 178

849 Beattie St



Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 3.92 Ha
- o **Owner:** Conseil Scolaire de District du Nord
- o **Location:** Pinewood

Amenities/Description:

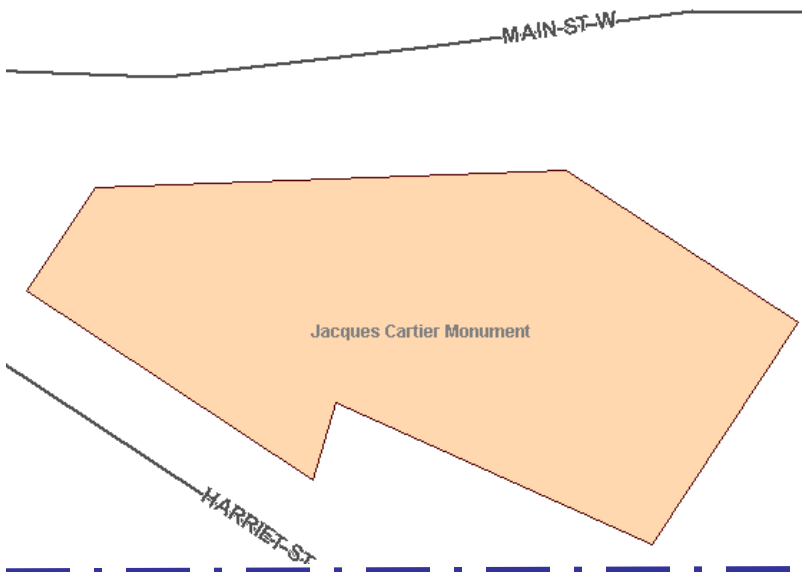
- o Special Agreement on Soccer Field in process

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ESCA

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** Parkette
- o **Area:** 0.10 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Pinewood

Amenities/Description:

- o Monument – This monument to commemorate the 300th anniversary of Jacques Cartier’s first voyage to Canada is located at Main Street West and Harriet Street
- o The inscription translates to “Jacques Cartier – 1534 to 1934 – erected by the French Canadian Circle and the Federation of French-Canadian Women – North Bay, Ont.”

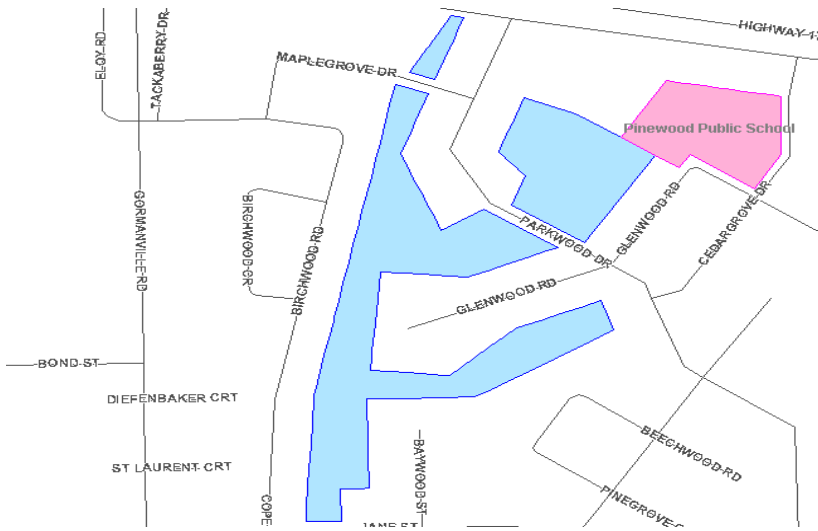


Maintenance Strategies:

- o Monument requires renovations

Jacques Cartier Monument

Plan 89 Part Lot 1-5 MC

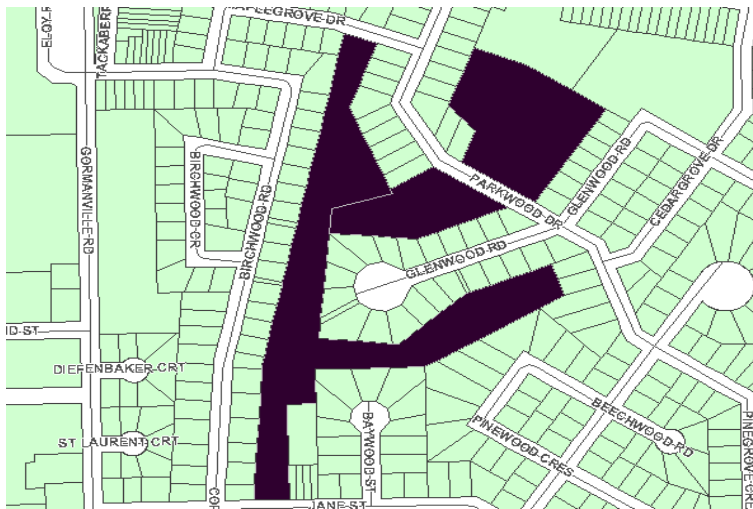


Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 6.92 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Pinewood

Amenities/Description:

- o Linear greenbelt park left in it's natural state backing onto many Pinewood residential properties



Maintenance Strategies:

- o Pathways and stream banks require regular fall maintenance by parks staff
- o Signage with map of park area and “you are here” would be helpful
- o Some encroachment maintenance issues
- o Forestry Plan/Watercourse Plan

Program & Community Development:

- o Named after John Kennedy

Kennedy Parkway

Plan M-155, Block Units A-E & G

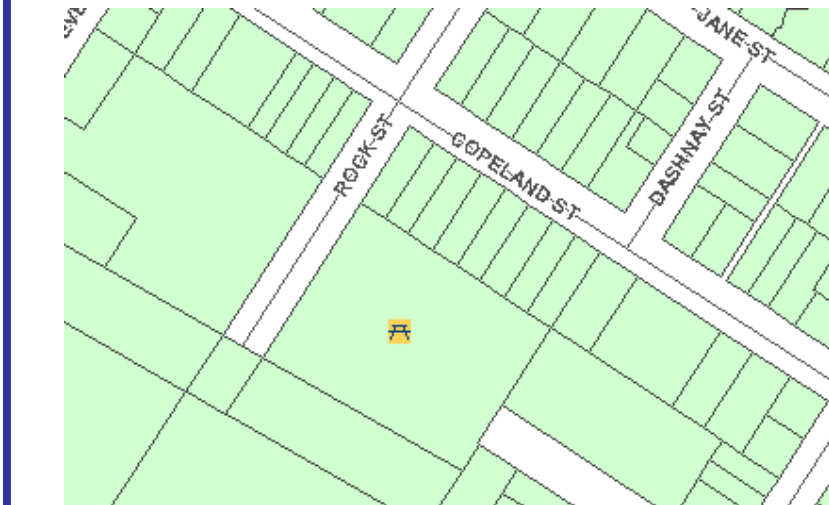


Identification:

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- o **Area:** 1.65 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Pinewood

Amenities/Description:

- o Building – meeting, skate change area
- o Washrooms
- o Outdoor rink – lit
- o Junior & Senior Play Equipment 2001
- o Philips Junior Ball Field



Maintenance Strategies:

- o Two way identification signage at road/entrance
- o Building upgrades to washroom/skate change area as per building study
- o Play equipment upgrade within 4 years
- o Hard and Soft Landscaping plan
- o Trail Plan to link to Kate Pace Way

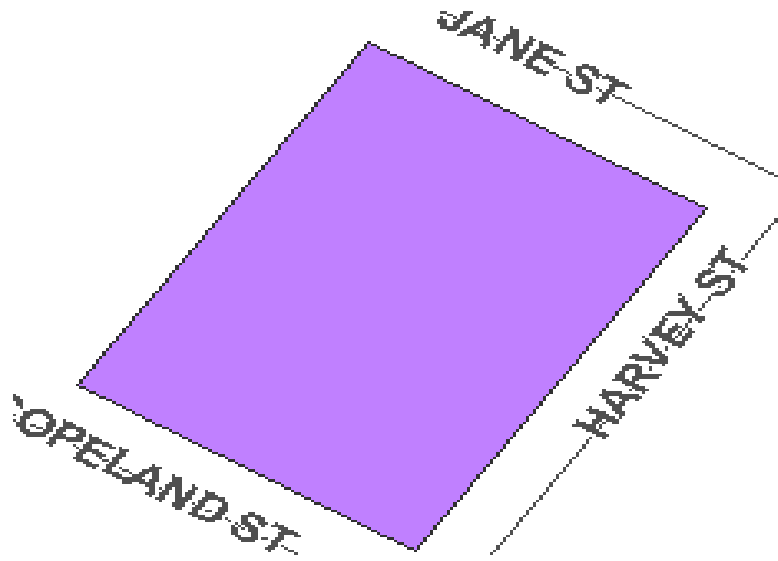
Program & Community Development:

- o Larger meeting area utilized by theatre guild
- o Storage for beach and recreational programs
- o Seasonal minor ball scheduled

Kinette Playground

Plan 15 Lots 104-113 & CNR Plan 15 Lots 71-75

430 Rock St

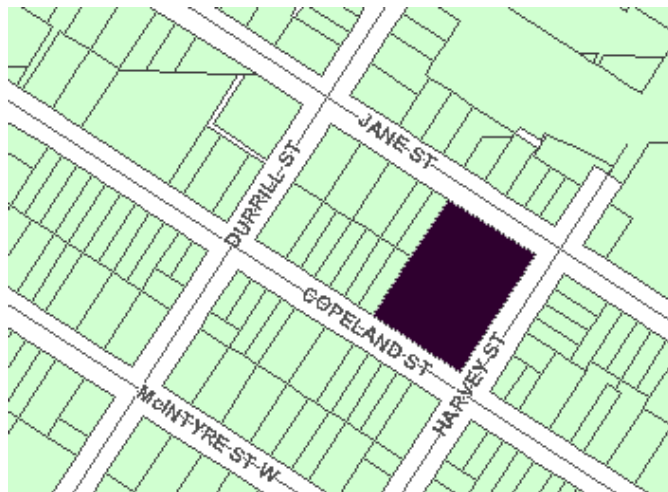


Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 0.49 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Pinewood

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King George Public School

Plan 13 Lot 218 to 220, Lot 273 to 275



Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide
- o **Area:** 0.38 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Pinewood

Amenities/Description:

- o Storage building
- o Unsupervised beach

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Forestry & Beach Plan required
- o Walkway and stair plan to beach area
- o Shelter/Washrooms

Program & Community Development:

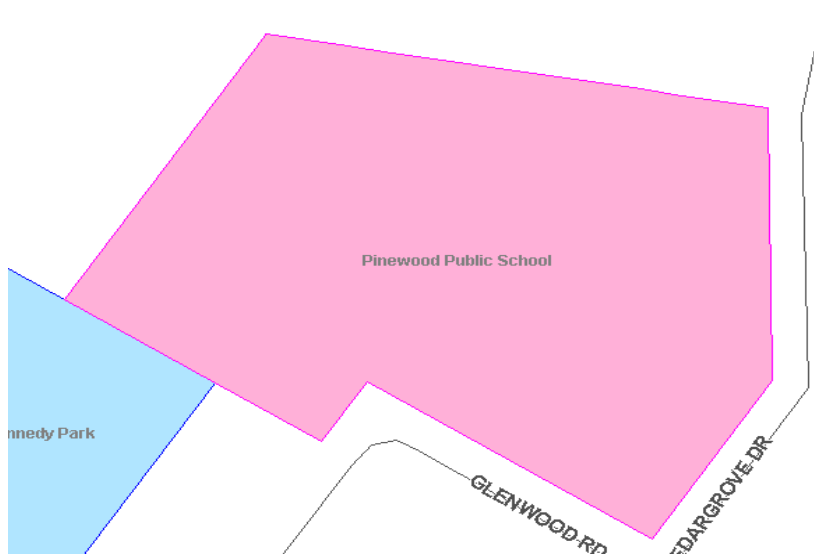
- o Community meeting for park design



Kinsmen Beach

Plan 53, L.V.W.X.

1445 Henry St

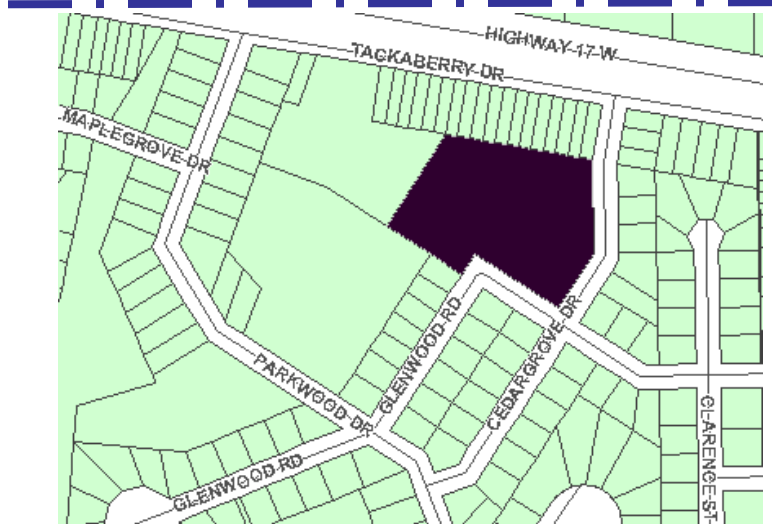


Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 1.38 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing Board of Education
- o **Location:** Pinewood

Information:

- o Excellent trail linkage opportunities with Kennedy Park trail system

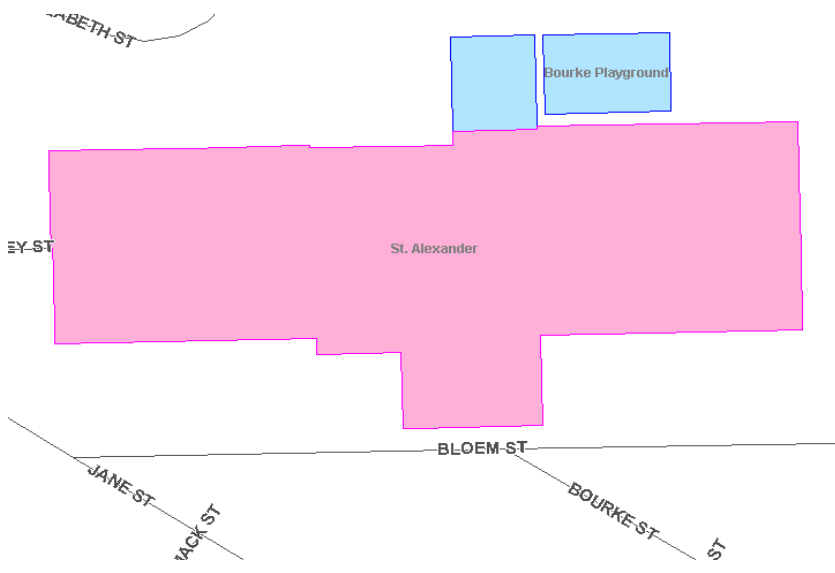


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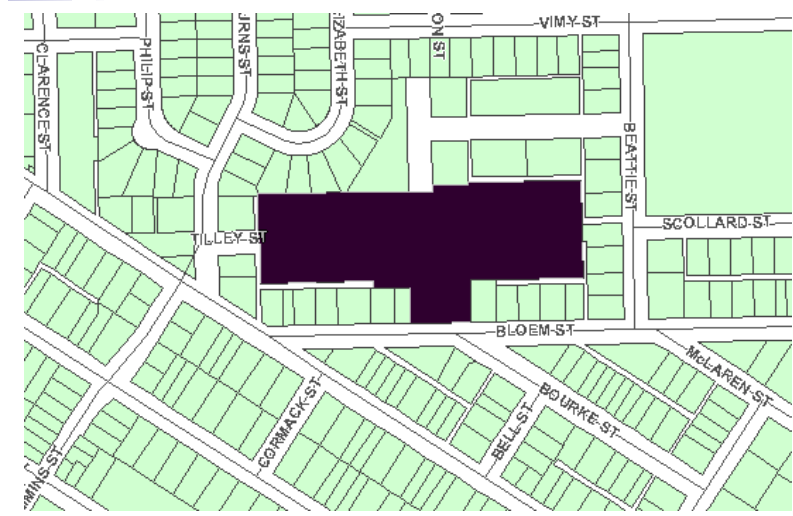
Pinewood Public School

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 2.37
- o **Owner:** Nipissing/Parry Sound District
- o **Location:** Pinewood

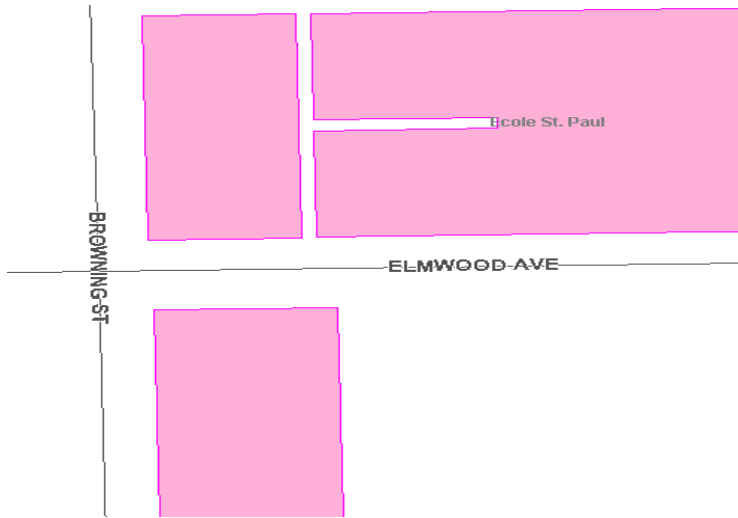


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St. Alexander School

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 1.03 Ha
- o **Owner:** Conseil Scholaire de District du Nord
- o **Location:** Pinewood

Information:

- o City pays all outdoor rink utility cost at this location



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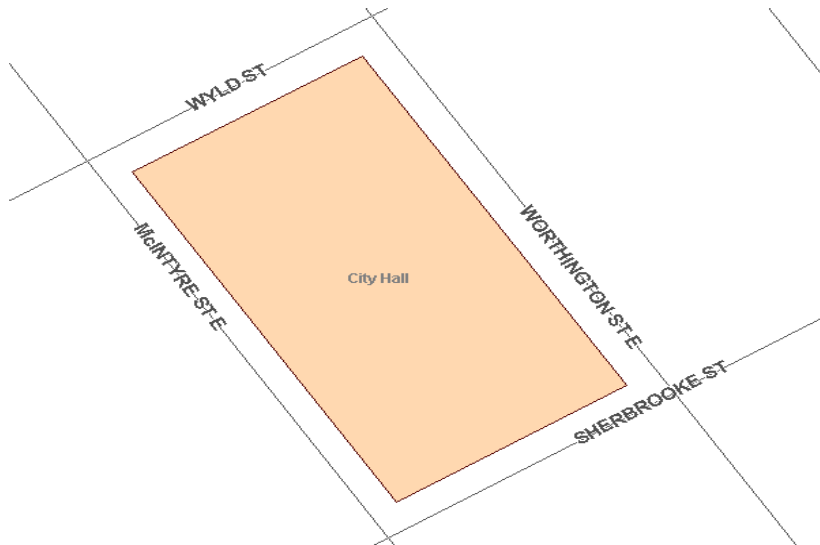
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Ecole St. Paul

School Property



CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT PLANNING DISTRICT



Identification:

- o **Type:** Parkette
- o **Area:** 1.17 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Central Business District

Amenities/Description:

- o Civic square
- o benches

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Hard and soft Landscaping required
- o Interlock former pool area for events.
- o Lighting upgrades required
- o Plan for long term lock stone replacement

Program & Community Development:

- o 2008 consultation with library and CBACH with regard to development of “Leger Square” concept for programming
- o People place
- o Programming opportunities in conjunction with Farmers Market



City Hall Parkette

Lots 203-209 & 277-283, Plan 10

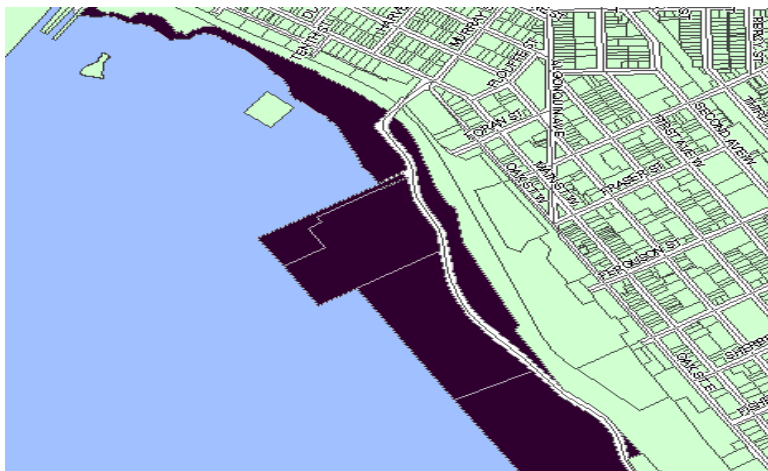


Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 21.26 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Central Business District

Amenities/Description:

- o Golden Mile Beach, King's Landing, Boathouses, Marathon Beach, Volleyball courts, ACT/Rotary Shelters, Kiwanis Bandshell, Heritage Railway/Carousels, Heritage Gardens, Parking, Washroom/Change Rooms, 270 slip marina, Marina building/office, storage, deepwater boat ramp, ACT playground, Kate Pace Way, Les Compagnons Sculpture & two scenic lookout areas

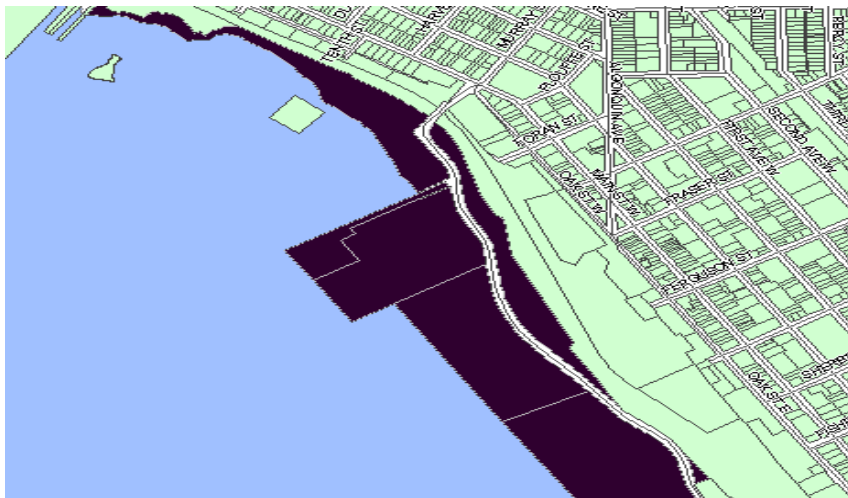


Maintenance Strategies:

- o New wash/change rooms & summer crew quarters required
- o Phase II Irrigation, 2008 construction of pedestrian underpass from Oak Street to Memorial – completion 2009
- o Pedestrian circulation plan required
- o Investigating divestiture re Marina

Waterfront Park

221 Memorial Dr

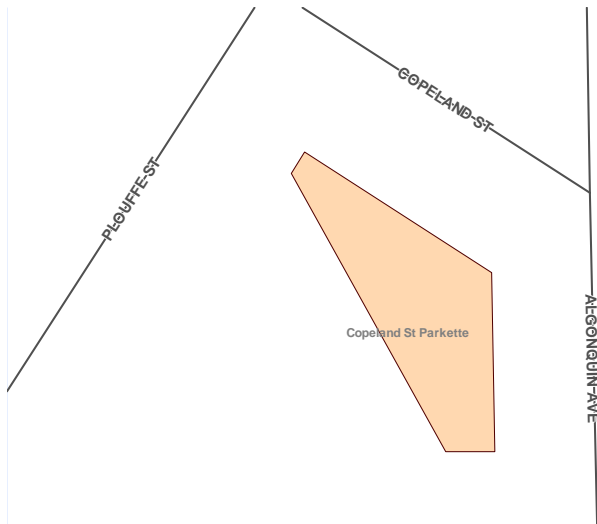


Program & Community Development:

- o Marathon Beach supervised June to August. Second Carousel to be moved to Central Park
- o Three designated vendor locations. Two food by bandshell determined by RFP, third in area in front of overlook, big bike rental
- o Numerous municipal and community special events
- o Fishing derbies,
- o Agreement to lease property where Chief I is moored, operated as restaurant
- o Chief Commanda II cruise ship ticket office and slip located on Kings Landing,
- o Blue Sky Sailing School operates out of boat house leased from City
- o Gardens maintained in partnership with Heritage Gardeners, 300 volunteers
- o ACT funding partner for playground, Marina leased from Small Crafts Harbours

Waterfront Park

(continued)



Identification:

- o **Type:** Parkette
- o **Area:** 0.02 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Central Business District

Amenities/Description:

- o Existing turf area

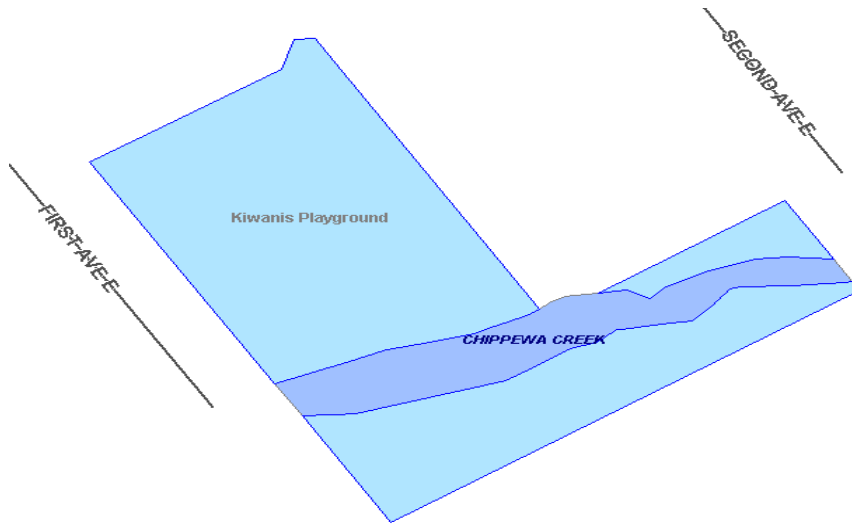


Maintenance Strategies:

- o Trees and benches

Copeland Street Parkette

Part Lot 121, Plan 13
0 Algonquin Avenue



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 0.34 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Central Business District

Amenities/Description:

- o Building – meeting, washrooms
- o Part of Kinsmen Trail

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Capital Improvement Plan
- o Forestry and Creek Plan

Program & Community Development:

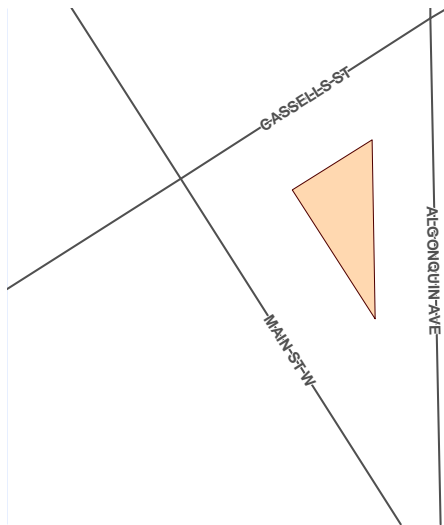
- o Due to the chronic spring flooding problem, the equipment & outdoor rink was removed. The playground building remains and is being used by the Lapidary Club for the past 15 years
- o Higher ground was recently given over to the Waterfront Friends to use as a nursery for the future planting of the CP Lands Central Park project



Kiwanis Playground

Lots 87, 89, 126-128, Plan 20

644 First Ave, East



Identification:

- o **Type:** Parkette
- o **Area:** 0.02 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Central Business District

Amenities/Description:

- o Small leisure area with picnic tables and shade

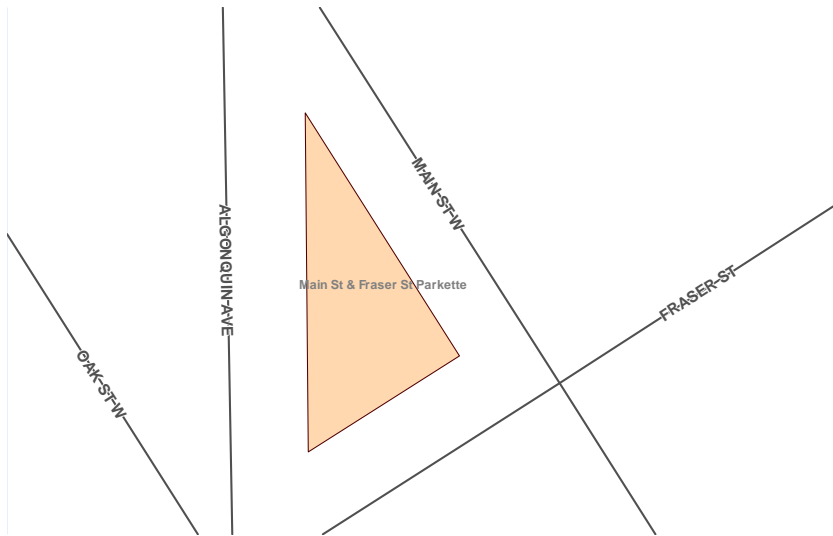


Maintenance Strategies:

- o Continue regular maintenance, replace table as required

Main West & Cassells Street Parkette

Lot 22, Plan 13



Identification:

- o **Type:** Parkette
- o **Area:** 0.05 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Central Business District

Amenities/Description:

- o Hard surface rest area with benches and table

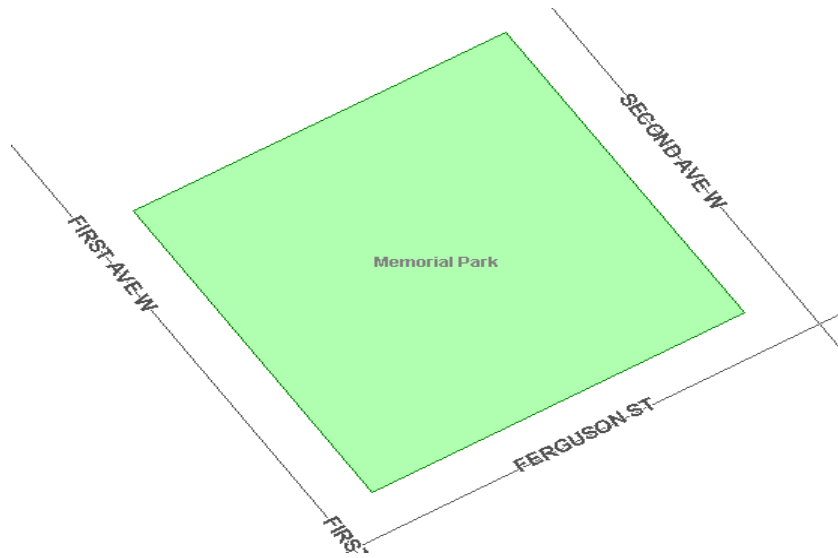


Maintenance Strategies:

- o Repair planter, repaint walls and perennial plantings

Regis Parkette (Main & Fraser)

Lot 1, Plan 10
0 Main Street



Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 0.65 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Central Business District

Amenities/Description:

- o Ceremonial Park
- o Cenotaph
- o Floral Shrub Beds

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Main entrance sign required – design to fit park setting
- o Identification signage required

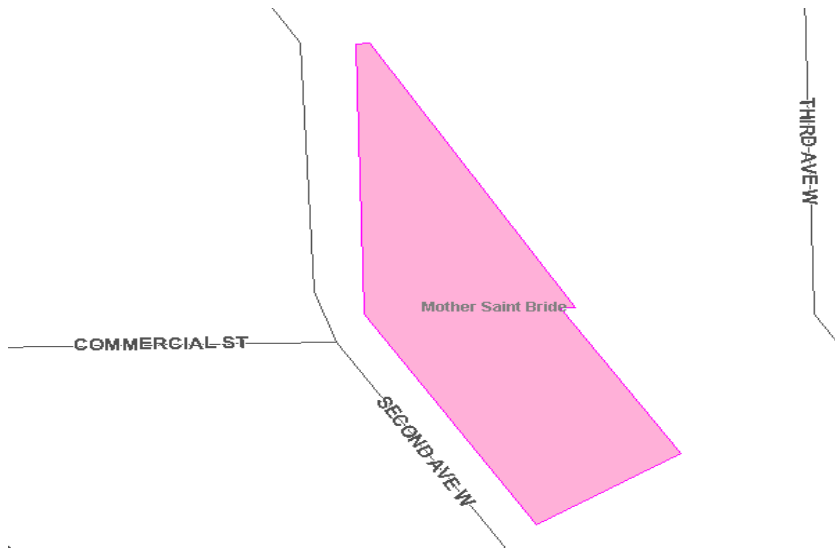
Program & Community Development:

- o 2008- Has received over \$850,000 in memorial improvements over the past 5 years through the efforts of Project Flanders and the City
- o Dedicated grounds



Memorial Park

Lots 453-456 & 515-518, Plan 21

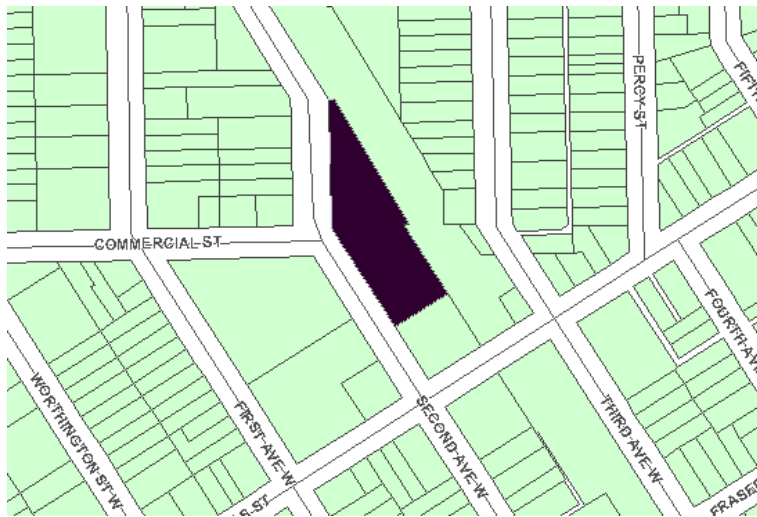


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- o **Area:** 0.49 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing Board of Education
- o **Location:** Old City

Information:

- o New junior soccer field 2008

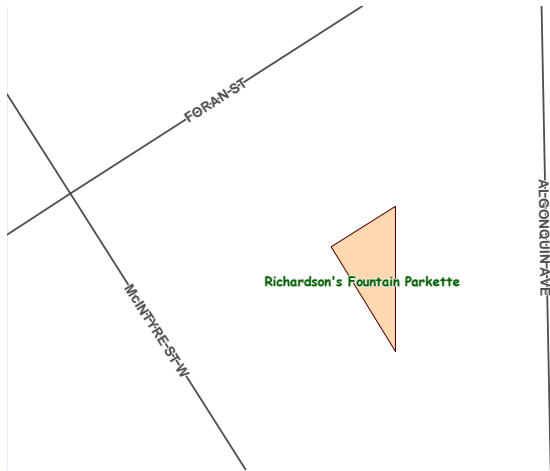


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Mother St. Bride School

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** Parkette
- o **Area:** 0.0 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Central Business District

Amenities/Description:

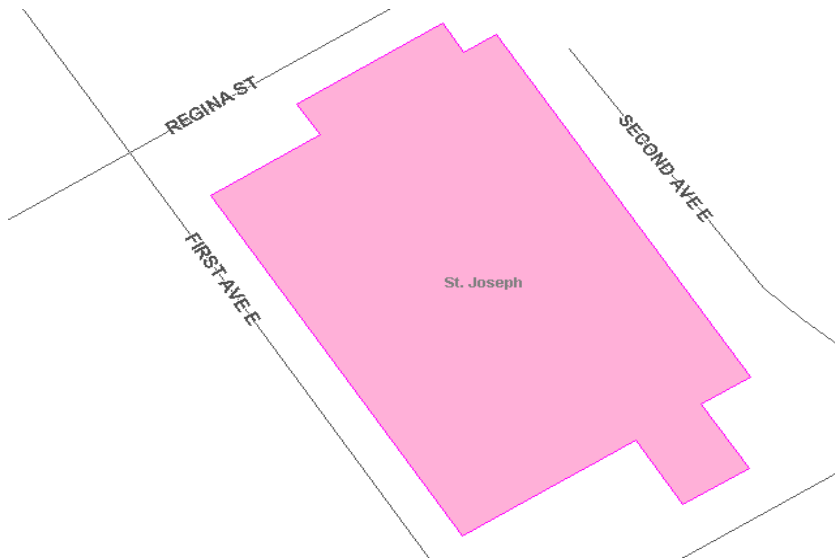
- o Water fountain and planter bed



Maintenance Strategies:

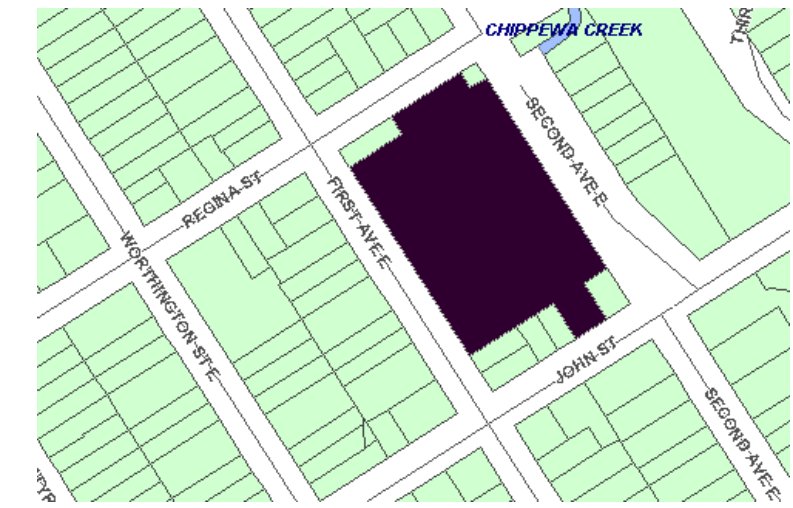
- o Consider Engineering plans for Algonquin Ave. upgrades

Richardson's Fountain



Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 0.88 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing/Parry Sound
- o **Location:** CBD



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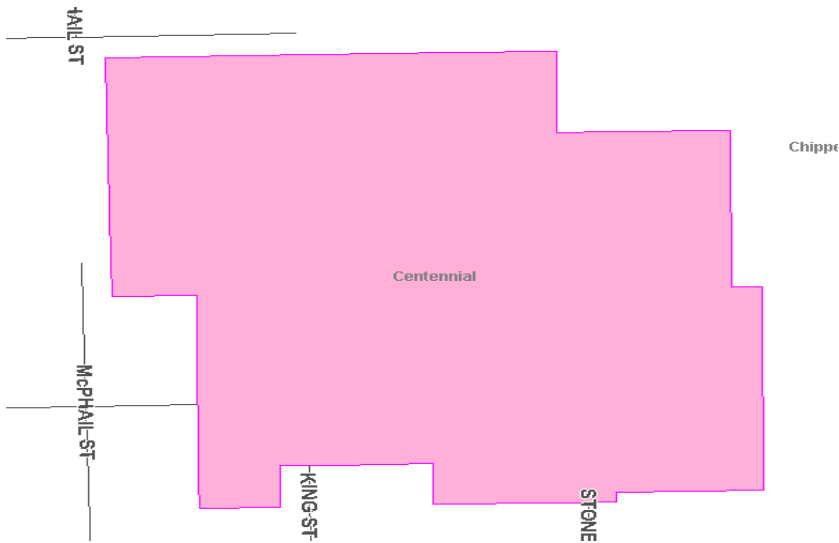
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St. Joseph Elementary School

School Property



OLD CITY PLANNING DISTRICT

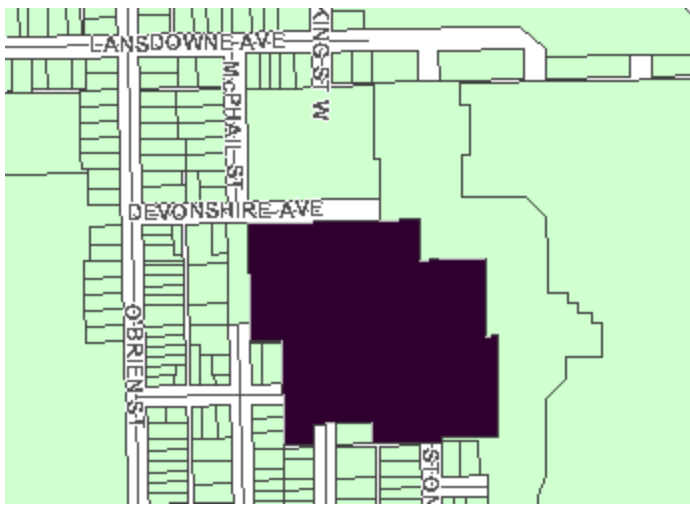


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- o **Area:** 3.82 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing Board of Education
- o **Location:** Old City

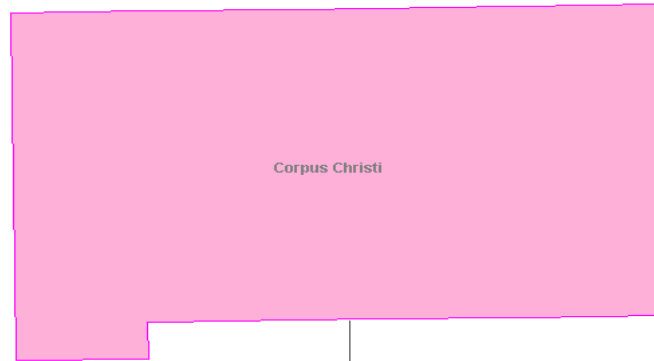
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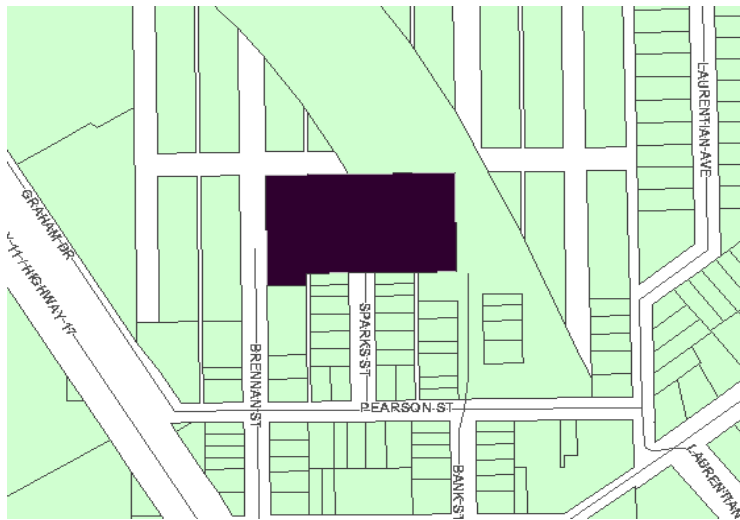
Centennial Public School

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 1.23 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing/Parry Sound District
- o **Location:** Laurentian

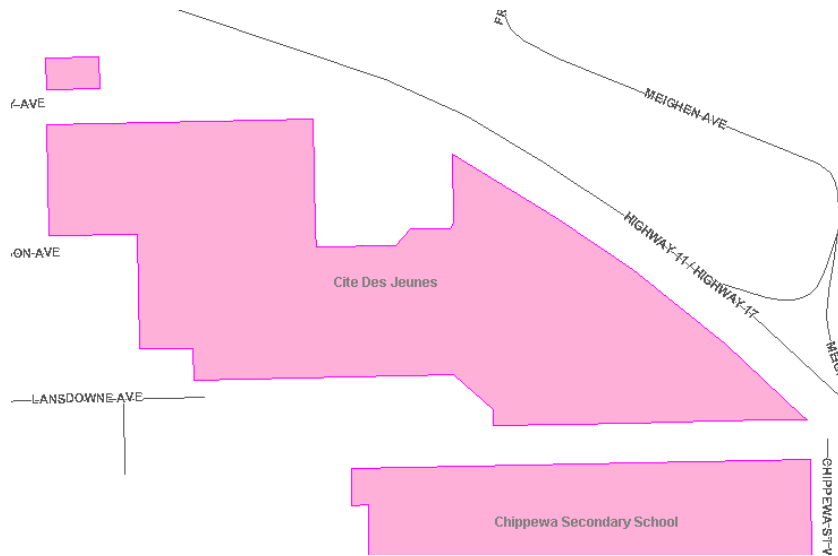


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Corpus Christi Separate School

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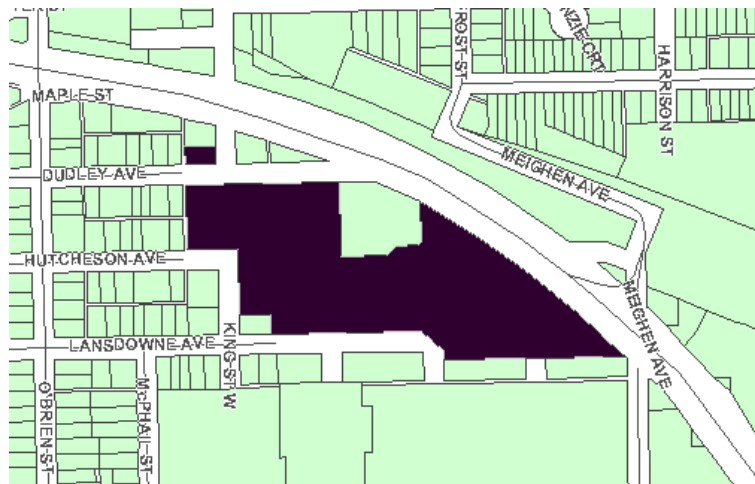


Identification:

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- **Area:** 2.84 Ha
- **Owner:** Conseil Scolaire de District du Nord
- **Location:** Old City

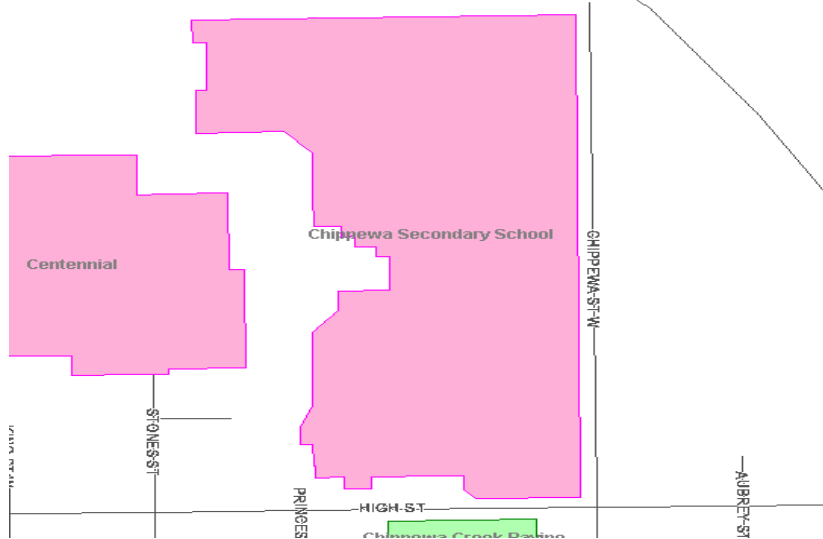
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Ecole Cité des Jeunes

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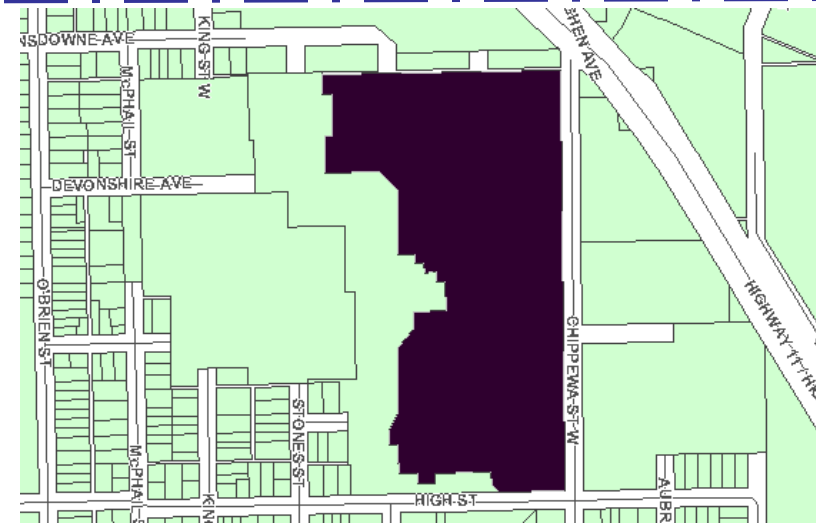


Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 8.48 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing Board of Education
- o **Location:** Old City

Information:

- o Adjacent to Chippewa Creek & Trail
- o Excellent football field

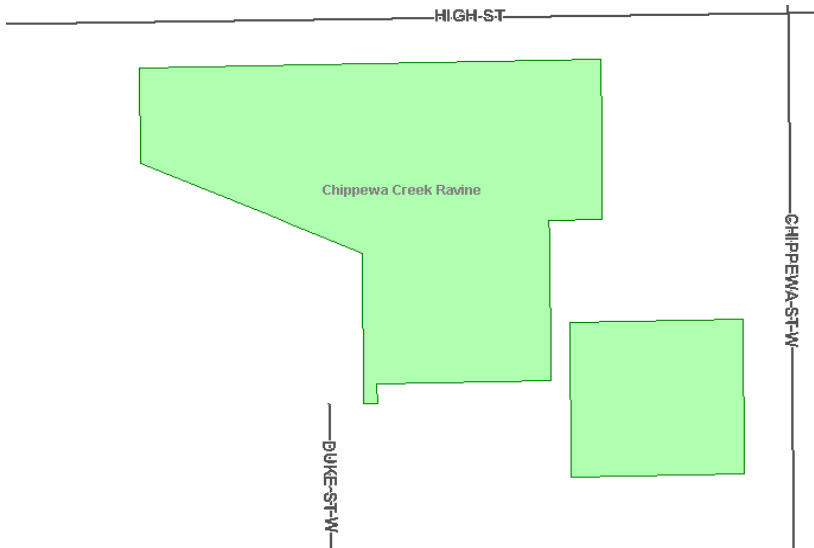


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Chippewa Secondary School

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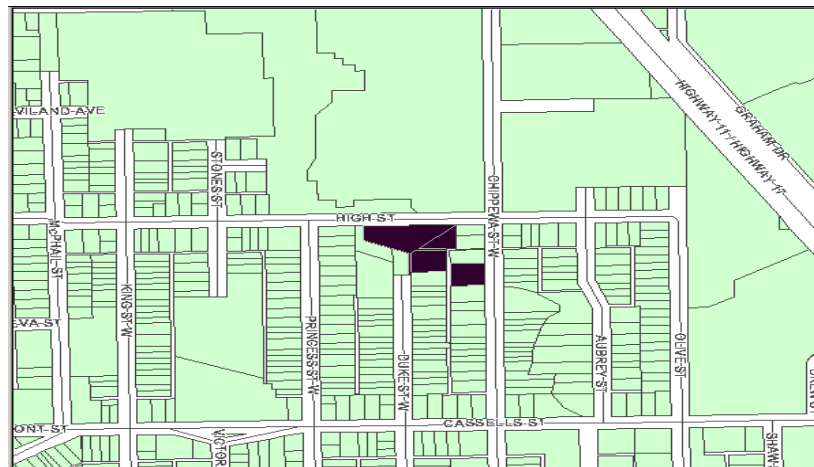


Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 4.59 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Old City

Amenities/Description:

- o Natural area along Chippewa Creek with small pedestrian footpaths which have developed over the years going to and from Chippewa High School.



Maintenance Strategies:

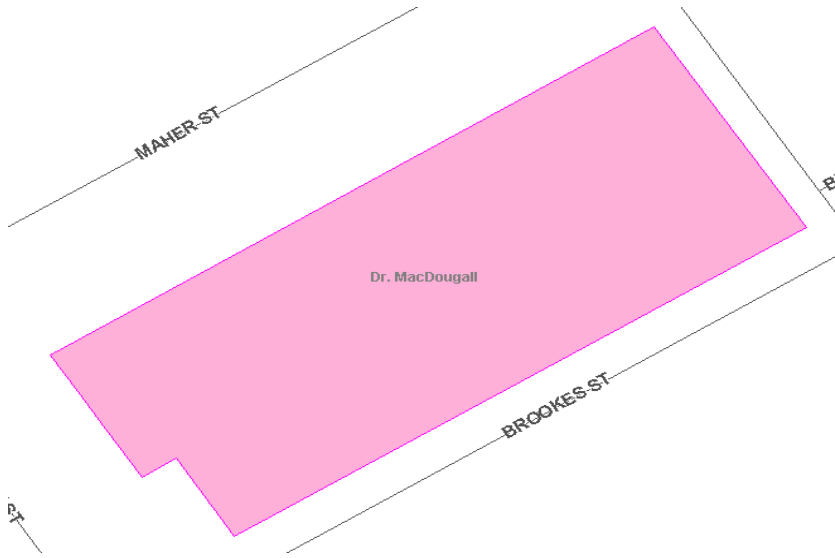
- o Part of Kinsmen Trail System maintained by North Bay Mattawa Conservation Authority

Program & Community Development:

- o Nipissing Botanical Garden organization
- o Considering development of linear arboretum and designation as botanical garden

Chippewa Creek Ravine

Part Lot 4, Lots 5-8, Plan 97

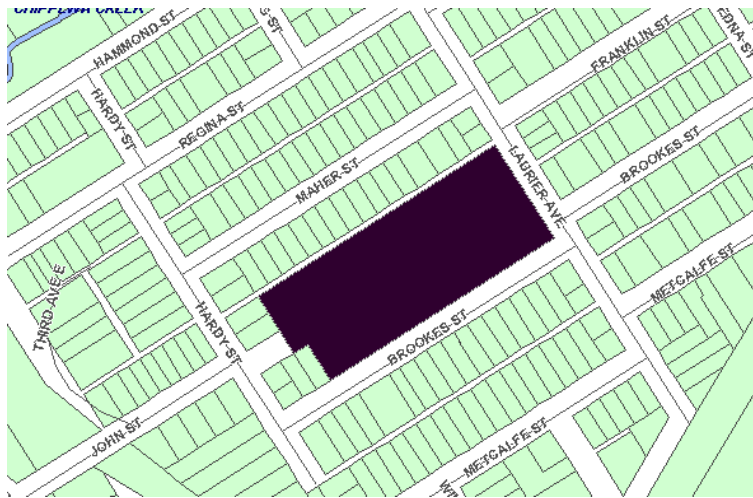


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Dr. MacDougall Public School

School Property

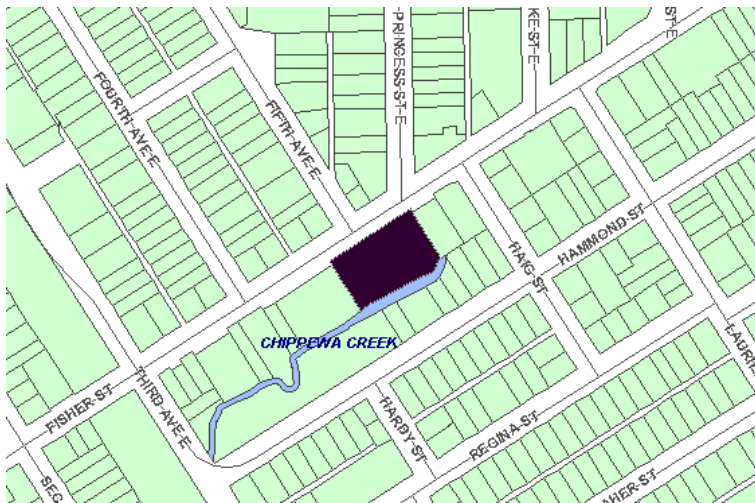


Identification:

- o **Type:** Parkette
- o **Area:** 0.35 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Old City

Amenities:

- o Picnic Areas, Kinsmen Trail



Maintenance Strategies:

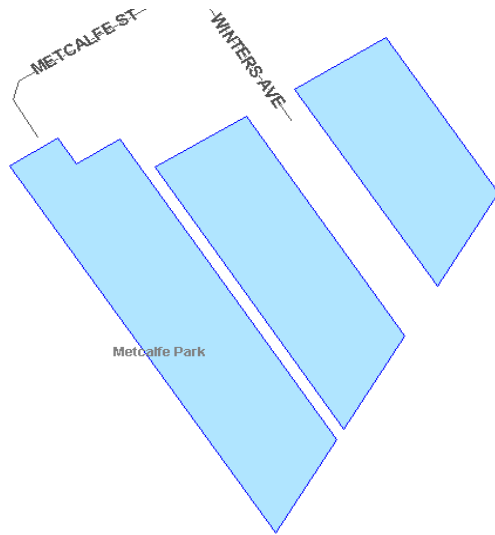
- o Trail head sign
- o Tree planting

Program & Community Development:

- o Flood plain, prone to flooding each spring

Fisher Street Parkette

Part Lot 4, Lots 5-8, Plan 97

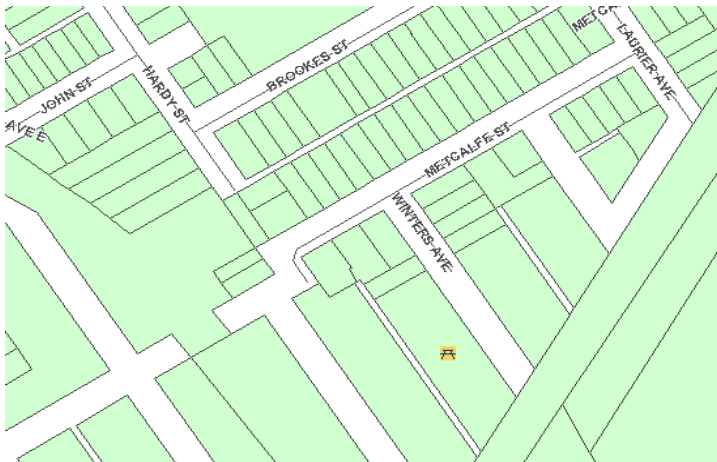


Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 1.66 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Old City

Amenities/Description:

- o Natural park areas. Metcalfe portion includes unopened streets with level natural areas
- o Trail linkage opportunities form Kinsman Trail through Metcalf Park to Laurier Woods

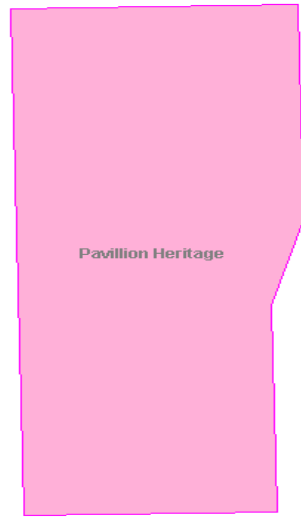


Maintenance Strategies:

- o No plans have been made to develop these areas. Check circulation.
- o Forestry Plan

Metcalf / Rockview Parks

Plan 36R-3912 Part 1 Plan 73 Lots 124, 135, 140, 157, 167, 172

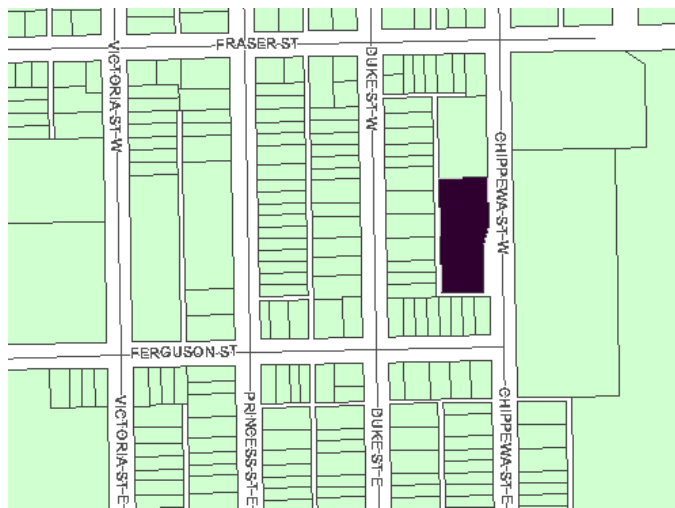


Identification:

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- o **Area:** 0.32
- o **Owner:** Conseil Scholaire Publique du Nord
- o **Location:** Old City

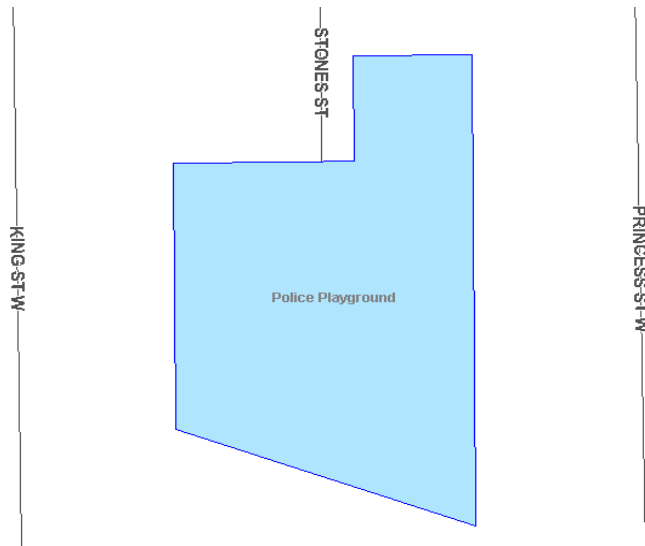
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Pavillon Héritage

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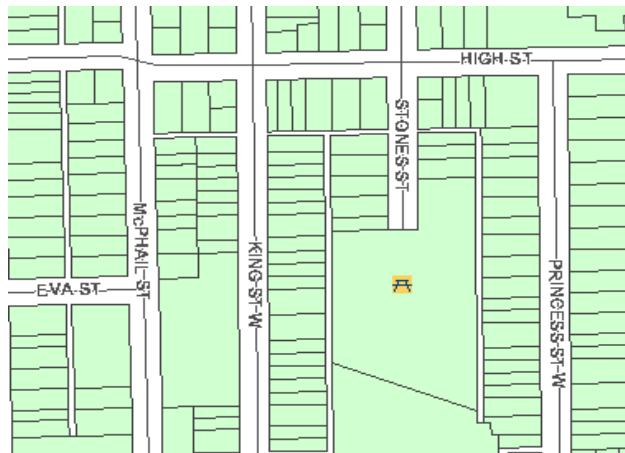


Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Acreage:** 1.25 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Old City

Amenities/Description:

- o Building – meeting
- o Skate change area
- o Washrooms

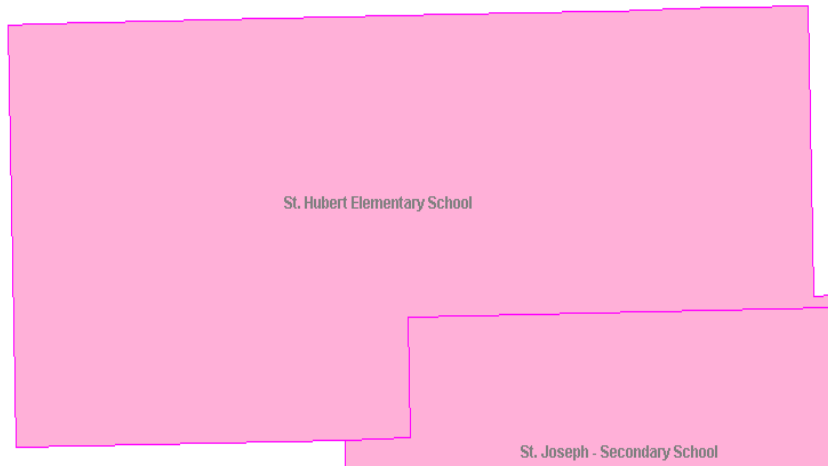


Maintenance Strategies:

- o Upgrade open play area with proper drainage, sod and irrigation.
- o Review all access pathways for upgrading
- o Review pedestrian lighting
- o Forestry Plan

Police Playground

Lots 231-244, Plan M-165, Lots 114-118, 131-137, Part Lots 119, 120 & 139,
 Part Stone Street, Plan M-186 (430 Stones St)

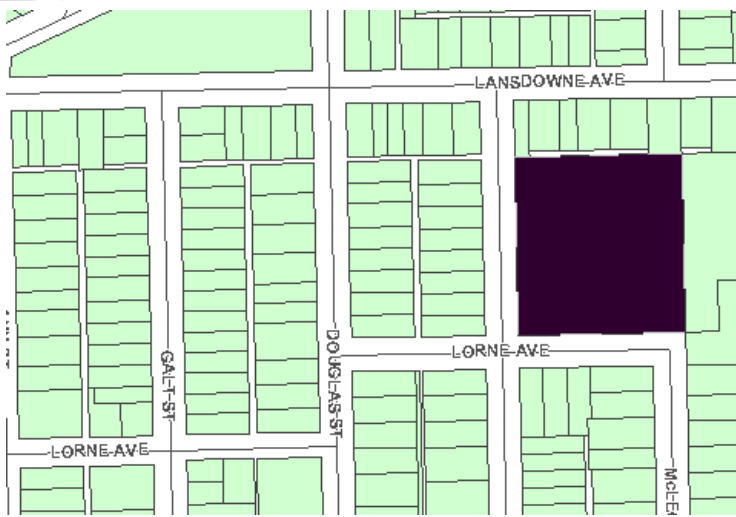


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- o **Acreage:** 2.25 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing/Parry Sound District
- o **Location:** Old City

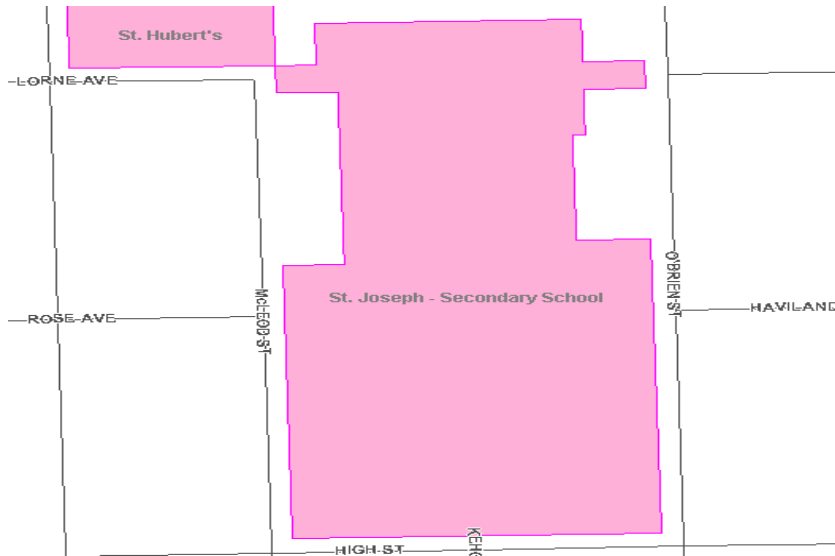
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St. Hubert Elementary School

School Property

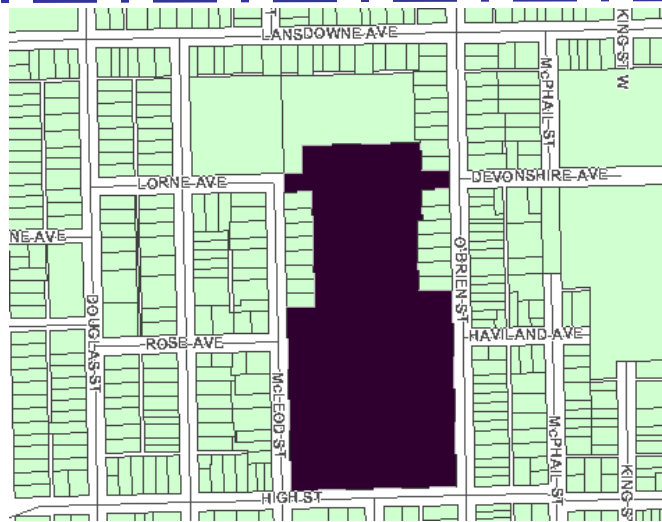


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- o **Acreage:** 5.40
- o **Owner:** North Bay Collegial Institute
- o **Location:** Old City

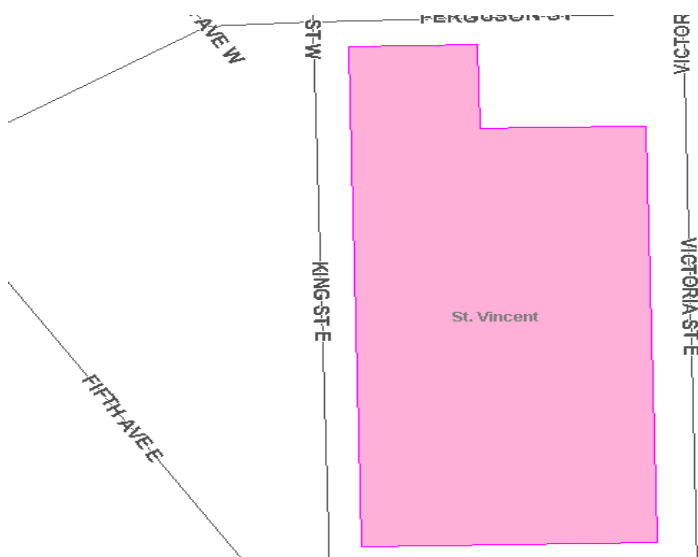
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St. Joseph-Scollard Hall

School Property

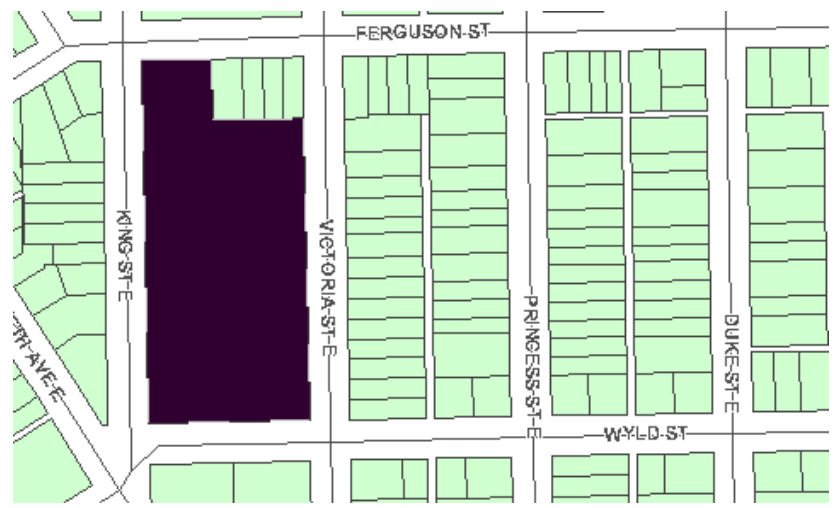


Identification:

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- **Acreage:** 1.34
- **Owner:** Conseil Scholaire de District du Nord
- **Location:** Old City

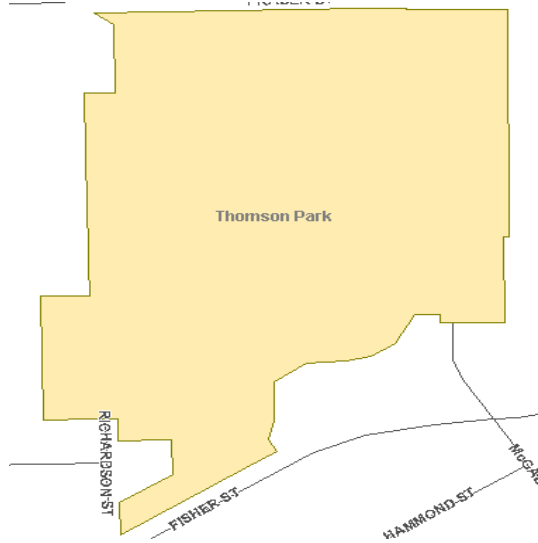
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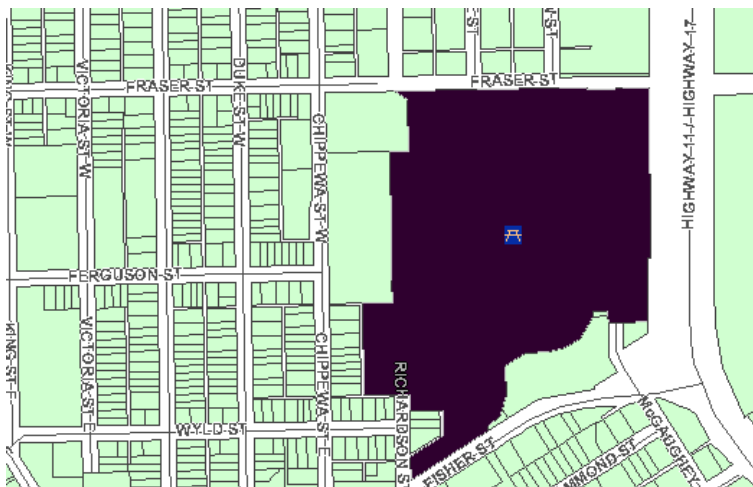
Ecole St. Vincent

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** District Park
- o **Acreage:** 15.38 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Old City

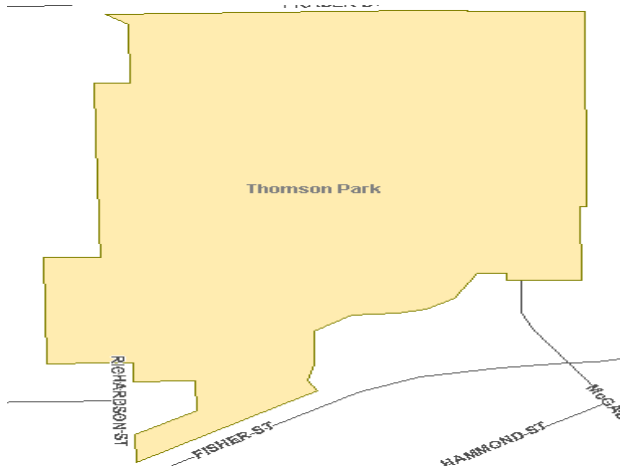


Amenities/Description:

- o Fischer Athletic Field – lit
- o Troy & Johnson Ball Fields – lit
- o Three junior soccer fields
- o Horse Shoe Pits
- o Sliding Hill
- o Junior & Senior Play Equipment
- o Jogging Trail, Picnic Shelter & Kinsmen Trail

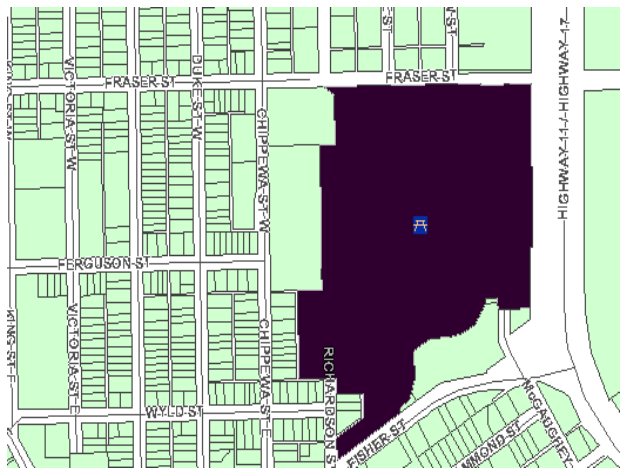
Thomson Park

Lots 15-45, 68-121, 150-175, 322-324, 358-404, 419-437, 440-442, 444-448, 450-453, 514-515, Streets & Lanes, Plan 93; & Lots 7-28, 56-78, 180-254, 281-312, 345-357, Streets & Lanes, Plan M-189



Maintenance Strategies:

- o Signage improvements
- o Pedestrian bridges replacement, 5 yrs
- o Shelter/washroom construction
- o Area around the shelter is used for various sport support facilities & should have a turf stone type of surface to accommodate vehicles and heavy traffic
- o Develop parking lot in the north east corner of the park/road allowance adjacent to the junior soccer fields



Program & Community Development:

- o Seasonal league play & tournaments
- o Beer tents
- o Home of Bulldogs football
- o Families First event w/ Fireworks
- o Extended programming in fall to accommodate high school football, fall soccer leagues, and touch football

Thomson Park (cont.)



WEST FERRIS PLANNING DISTRICT



Identification:

- o **Type:** District Park
- o **Area:** 1.95 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Central Business District

Amenities/Description:

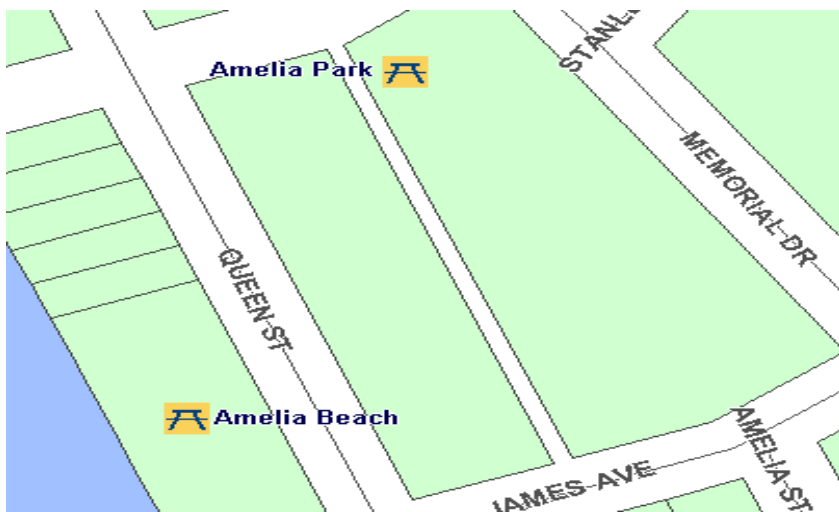
- o Amelia Ball Field – lit, Scorers Box, Amelia Junior Soccer Field, Washrooms, Parking
- o Unsupervised beach area - no swimming signs posted

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Additional boat ramp parking needed adjacent to Chippewa Creek
- o Tree Planting Plan
- o Hard and Soft Landscaping plan required
- o Design Plan implementation

Program & Community Development:

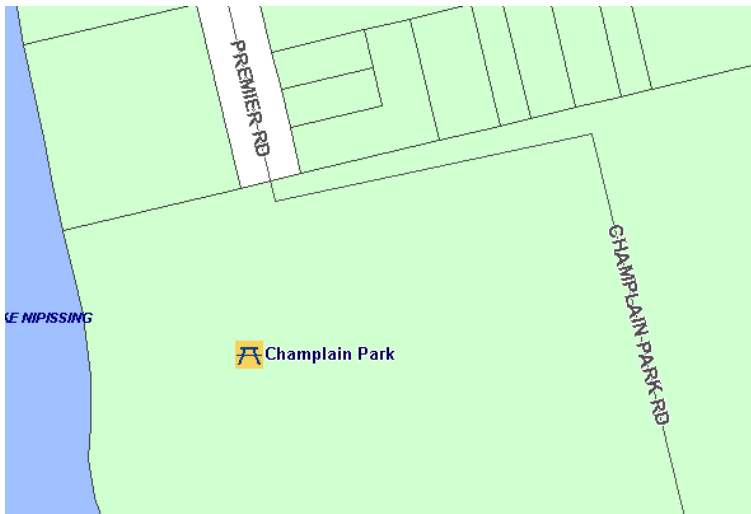
- o Seasonal allocation of sports fields
- o Ball Field women and youth only due to balls on roadway and properties
- o Beach area, no swimming signs posted due to high bacterial counts – due to Chippewa Creek



Amelia Park & Beach

Plan 82, Lots 82-93, 26-40, 125-132

755 Memorial Dr



Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 11.71 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** West Ferris

Amenities/Description:

- o Samuel de Champlain monument, unsupervised beach, boat ramp, picnic areas, washroom/change rooms, junior and senior playground equipment (2001), natural areas, snow machine trails & parking

Maintenance Strategies:

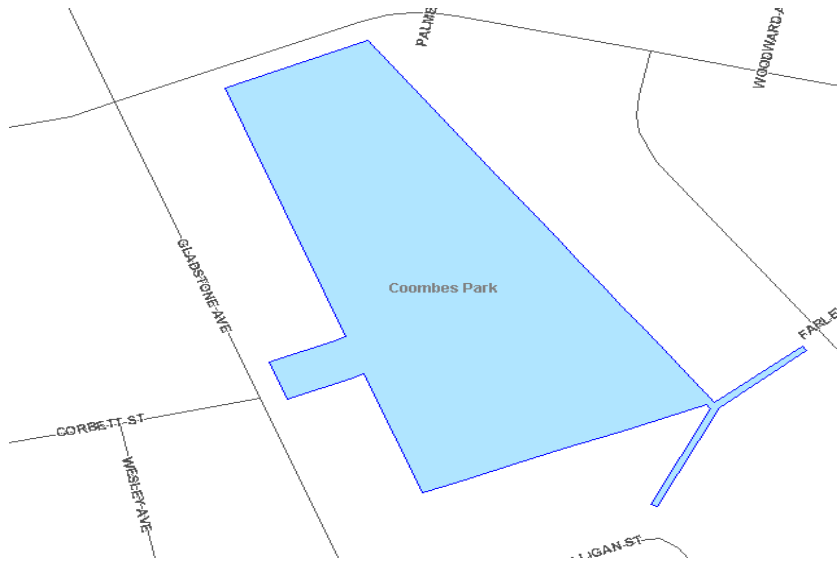
- o Signage review
- o Upgrade washroom/change room facility
- o Review additional parking lot (25 spaces max)
- o Trail/ pathway construction
- o Picnic shelter construction
- o Review the idea of a pedestrian bridge across the La Vase River
- o Upgrade La Vase boat ramp and trailer turnaround area
- o Forestry/Beach/River Shoreline Plan required

Program & Community Development:

- o Artifact Exploration Site
- o Picnics, unsupervised beach
- o Historical significant – opportunities to market

Champlain Park

Plan D, 94 Units, 6, 10, 11, 12; NR-482 Part 1, Part Plan M-207
1250 Premier Rd



Identification:

- **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- **Area:** 2.20 Ha
- **Owner:** City of North Bay
- **Location:** CBD

Amenities/Description:

- Passive park
- Walking/Exercise Pathways
- Peace Park



Maintenance Strategies:

- Define the parking lot off of Gladstone
- Trail and Forestry Plans
- Potential for exercise stations

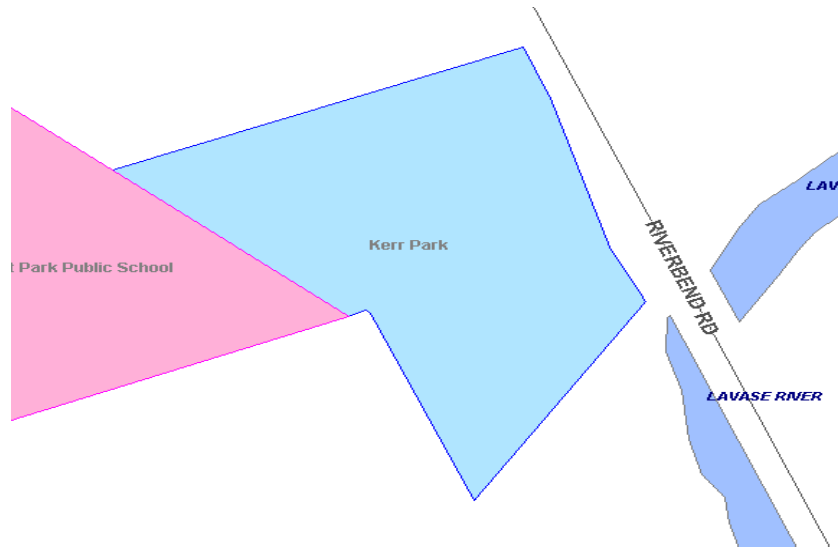
Program & Community Development:

- No play equipment requested.
- Picnics

Coombes Park

Block "A", Plan M-364

39 Joseph St



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 1.58 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** West Ferris

Amenities/Description:

- o Building – meeting, washrooms and skate change area
- o Supervised outdoor rink – lit
- o Junior soccer field
- o Large open play area



Maintenance Strategies:

- o Septic system review
- o Sewage services – long term

Program & Community Development:

- o Formerly Riverbend Park – name changed at the request of the Kerr Family who donated the land to West Ferris Township many years ago
- o City has an agreement with Sunset School adjacent to the park for mutual use of our outdoor facilities at no charge

Kerr Park

Plan 48-44-06-63, Lot 35, Concession 13



Identification:

- o **Type:** District Park
- o **Area:** 8.35 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** West Ferris

Amenities/Description:

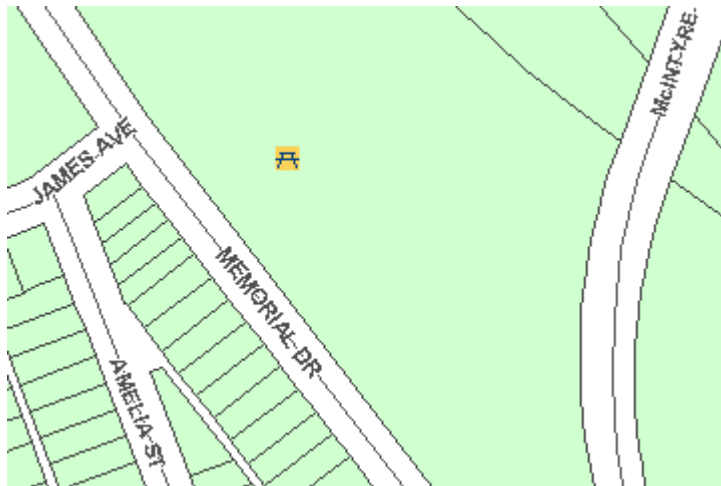
- o Parks Maintenance Building
- o Equipment Storage yard
- o CF-100
- o Jr. Sr. Playground Equipment
- o Kiwanis Picnic Shelter/storage/washrooms
- o Parking
- o Picnic Areas
- o Skating Oval - unsupervised
- o Shiners and Nicolet Monuments
- o Kate Pace Way
- o Veterans Ballfield & Soccer Field
- o ONR Soccer Field
- o Building –change rooms/washrooms/office

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Forestry Plan
- o Soft and hard landscape plans
- o Athletic Field Plan

Program & Community Development:

- o Kiwanis Club funding partner is development of Playground, Seasonal League Play
- o Location for events-Summer in the Park, picnics, walkathons, licensed events Country Music Open



Lee Park

Part Lots 19 & 20, Concession “D”



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 0.98 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** West Ferris

Amenities/Description:

- o Bisected by Parks Creek and the Kate Pace Way
- o Park area is the termination point for the linear parkway known as the Kate Pace Way
- o An asphalt rest/stop area was created in this portion of the park in 2006 for the trail users

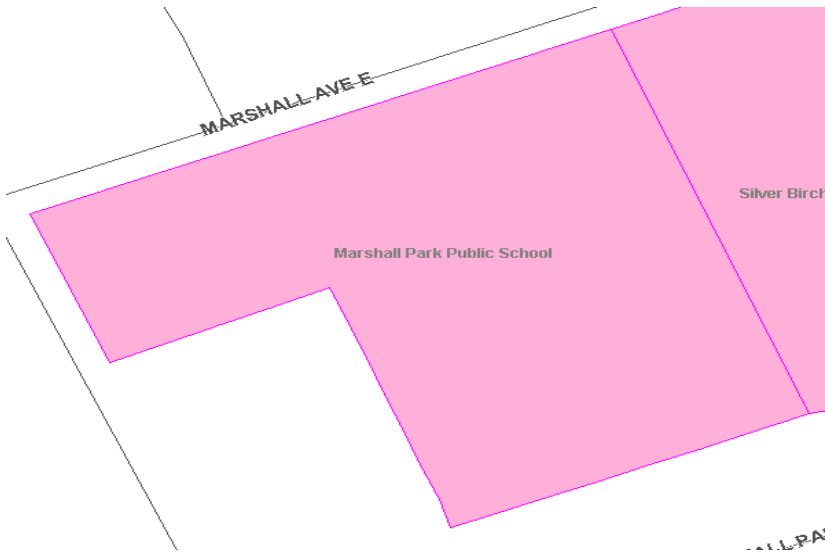


Development & Maintenance Strategies:

- o Will be left in it's natural state

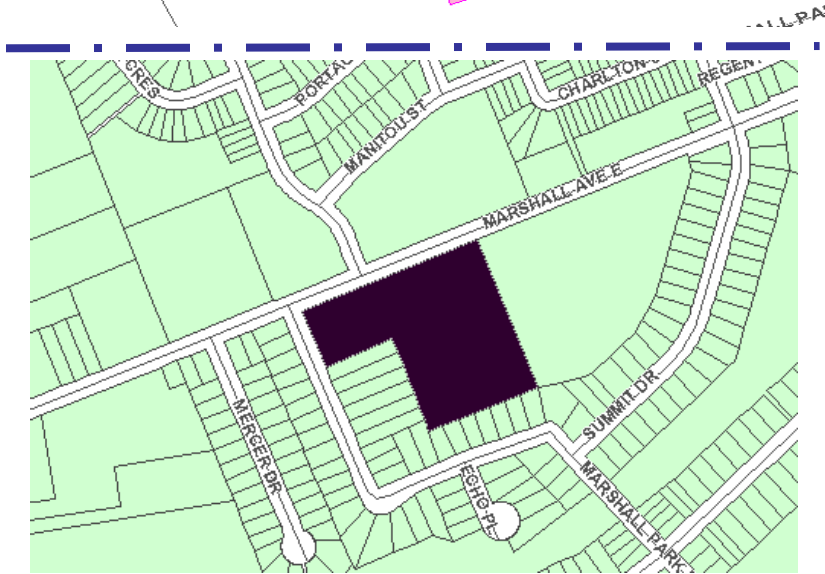
Marshall Avenue Park

Plan M-354, Block "E" & "H"



Identification:

- **Type:** School Property
- **Area:** 2.51 Ha
- **Owner:** Nipissing Board of Education
- **Location:** West Ferris

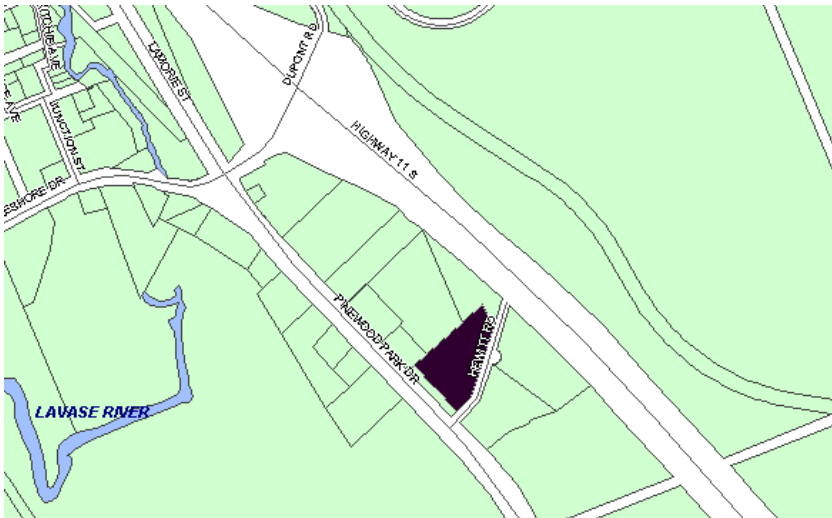
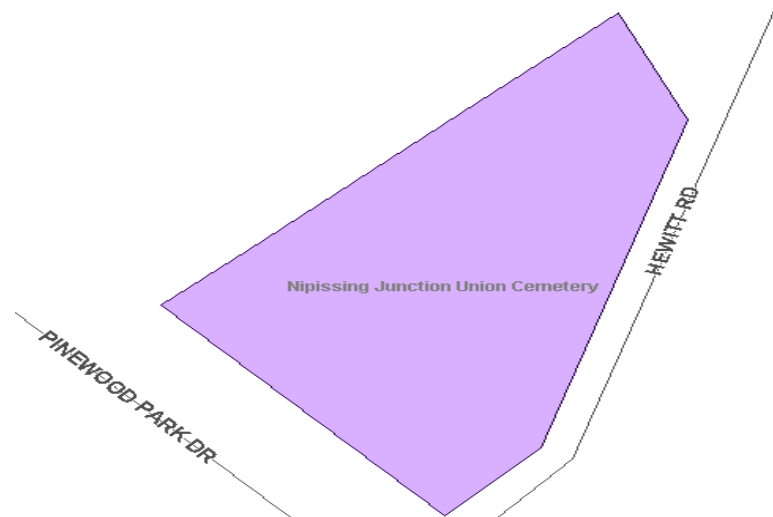


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Marshall Park Public School

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** Cemetery
- o **Area:** 1.66 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** West Ferris

Amenities/Description:

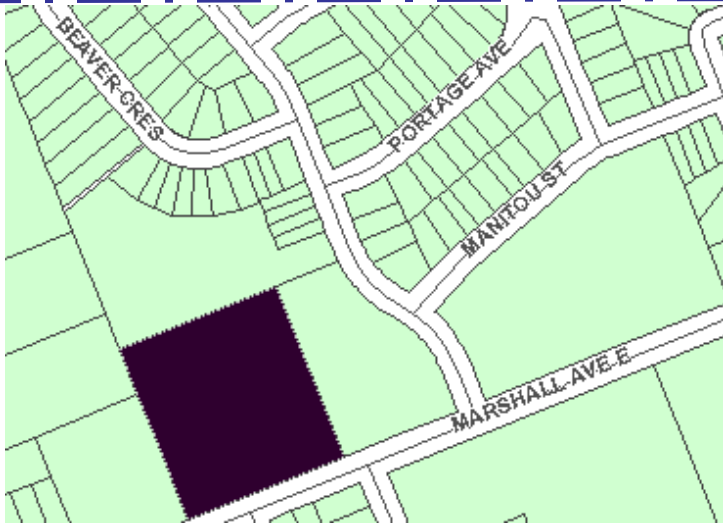
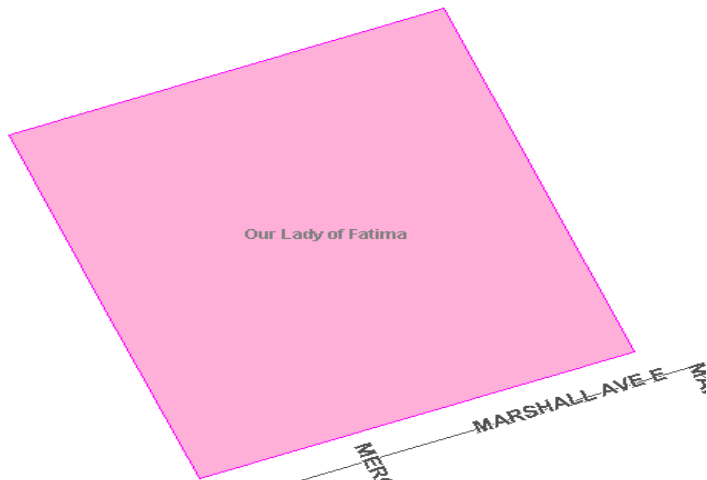
- o Abandoned Cemetery
- o Maintained by City Parks Department

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Tree Planting Plan
- o Survey update

Nipissing Junction Union Cemetery

Concession 13 Part Lot 31 & 32, Parcel 804 W/F & Parcel 794 W/F



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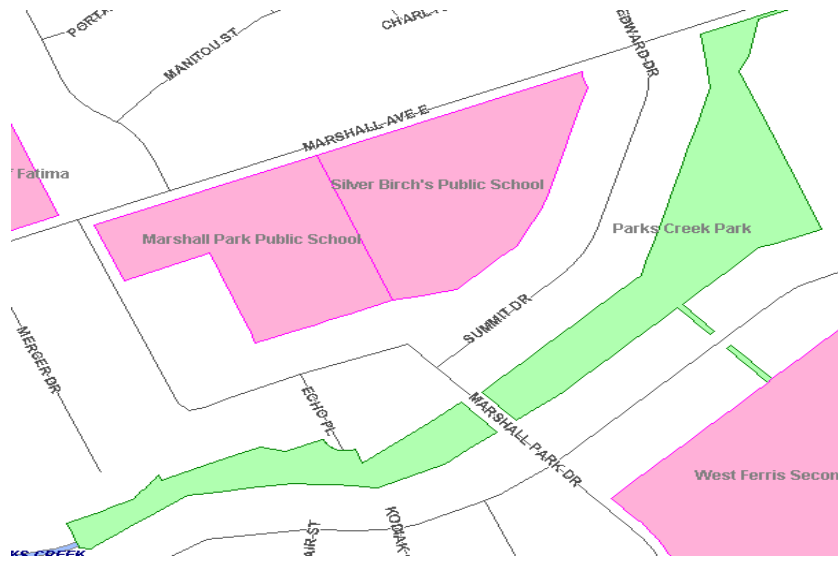
- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 1.49 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing/Parry Sound District
- o **Location:** West Ferris

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Our Lady of Fatima School

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 3.84 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** West Ferris

Amenities/Description:

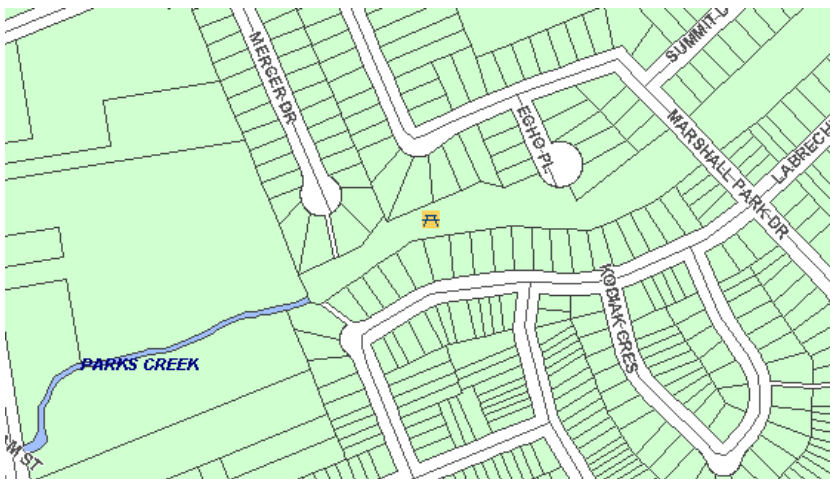
- o Linear Walkway

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Forestry Plan
- o Walkway extension to Marshall Ave/Marshall Park Drive
- o Natural Creek banks

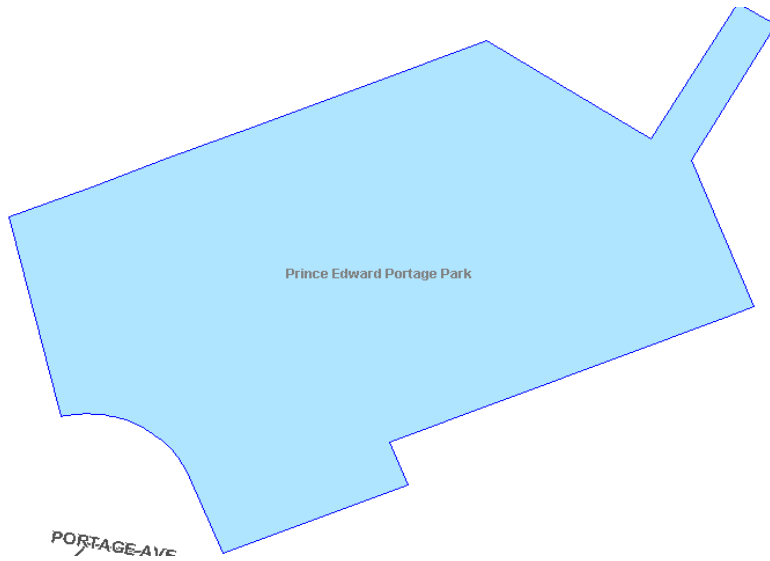
Program & Community Development:

- o Stone dust pathway south of Marshall Avenue monitored by NBMCA
- o Snow machine access to Lake Nipissing



Parks Creek Park

Plan M-368, Block "A", Plan M-355, Block "F"; Plan M-465, Block "A", Plan M-211, Cr. (451 Lakeshore Dr)

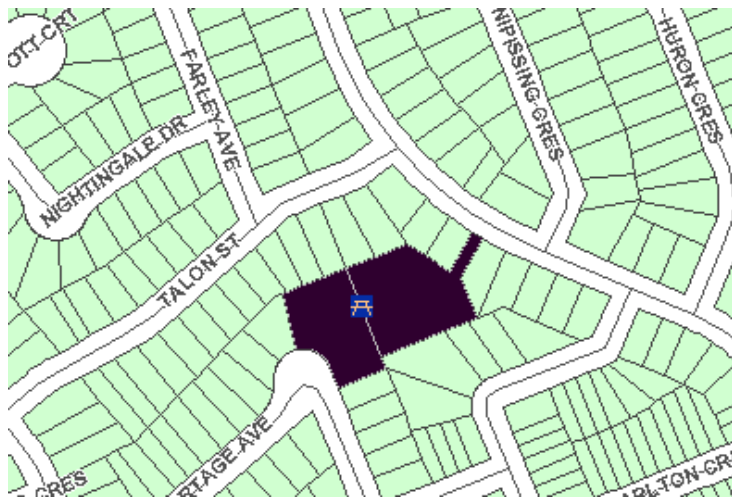


Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 0.67 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** West Ferris

Amenities/Description:

- o Passive Park



Maintenance Strategies:

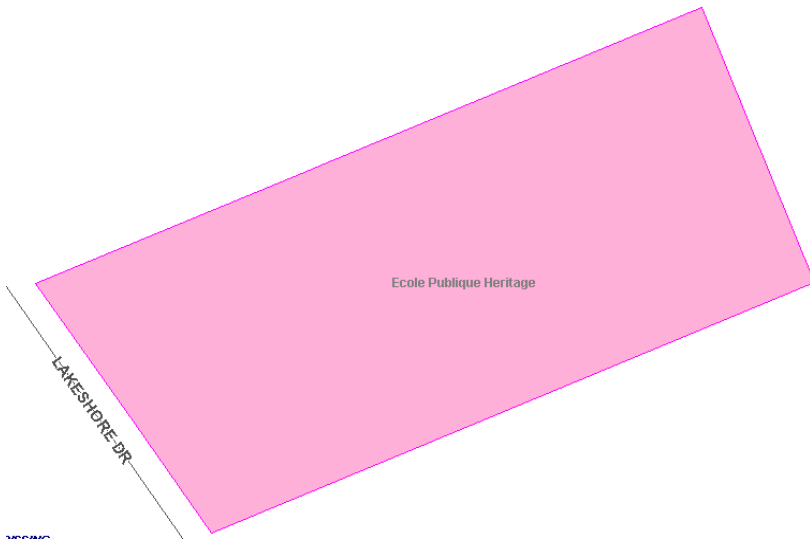
- o Review pathway requirements
- o Forestry Plan

Program & Community Development:

- o Passive Picnic Area

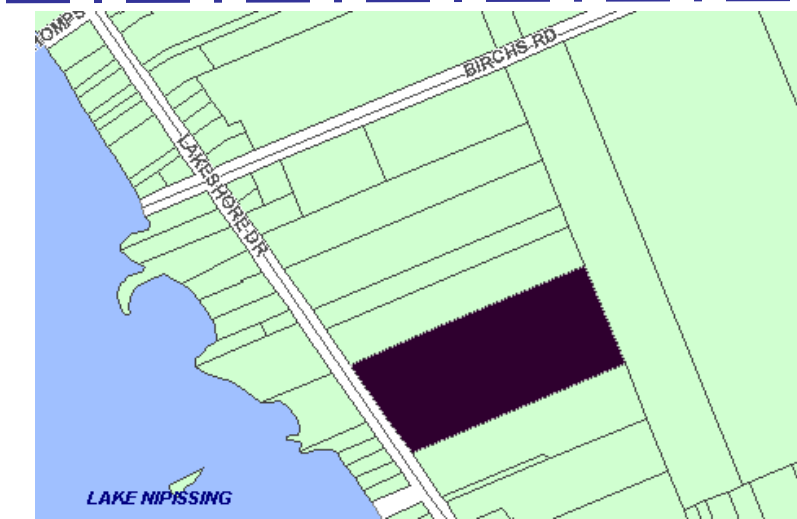
Prince Edward Portage Park

Plan M-310, Block "E" & Plan M-431, Block "A"



Identification:

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- o **Area:** 2.82 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing Board of Education
- o **Location:** West Ferris

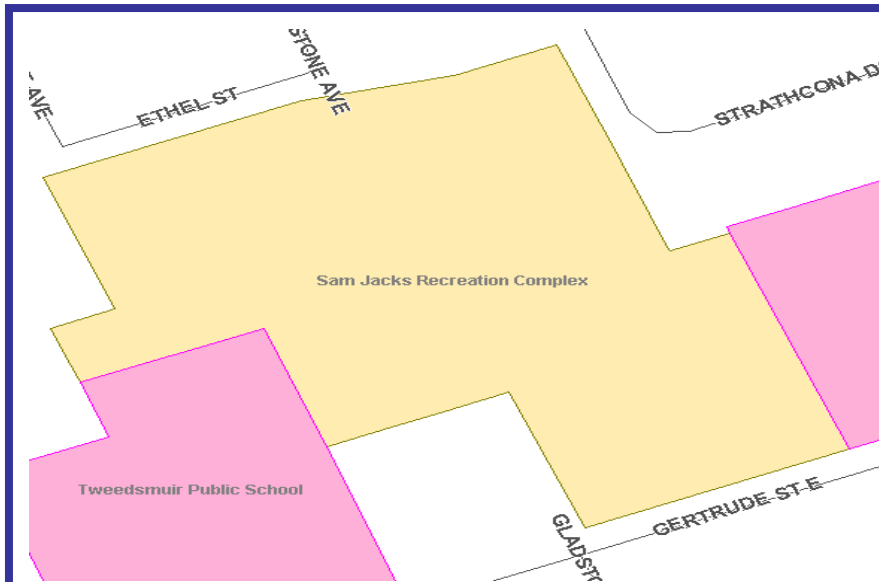


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Ecole Publique Héritage

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 2.69 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** West Ferris

Amenities/Description:

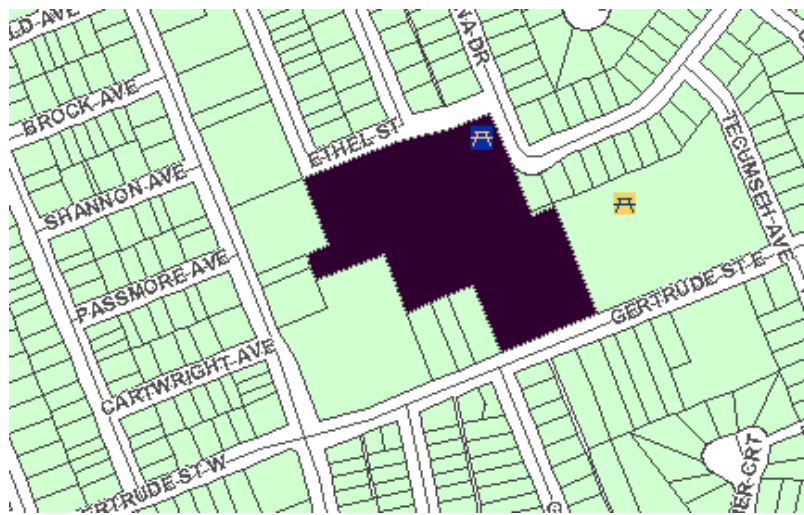
- o 3 Tennis Courts – lit
- o Ike Bowness and Tapper Gray Ballfields
- o Parking
- o Portable Summer Skate Park

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Tennis courts (3) surface improvements for 2010

Program & Community Development:

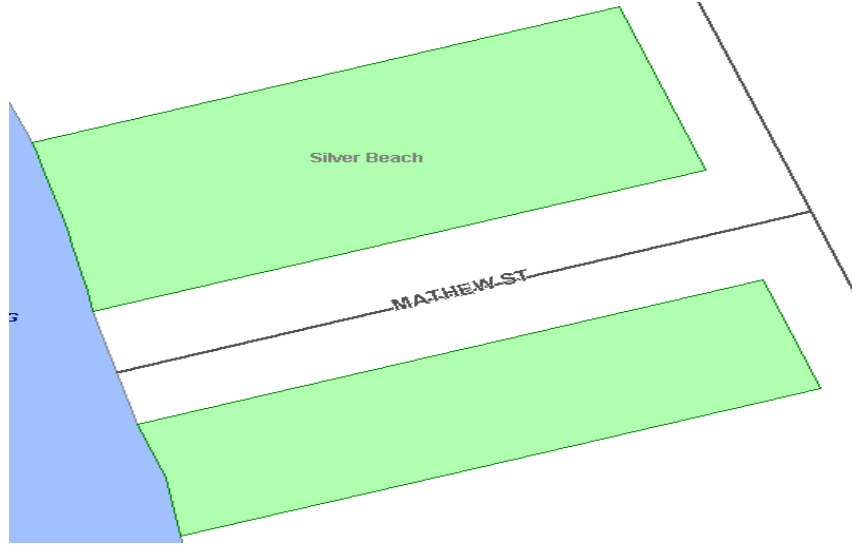
- o Summer Youth Centre



Sam Jacks Recreation Complex

Part Lots 39 & 40, Concession 18, including Part 1, Plan 36R-4001

42 Gertrude St E



Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide
- o **Area:** 0.38 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** West Ferris

Amenities/Description:

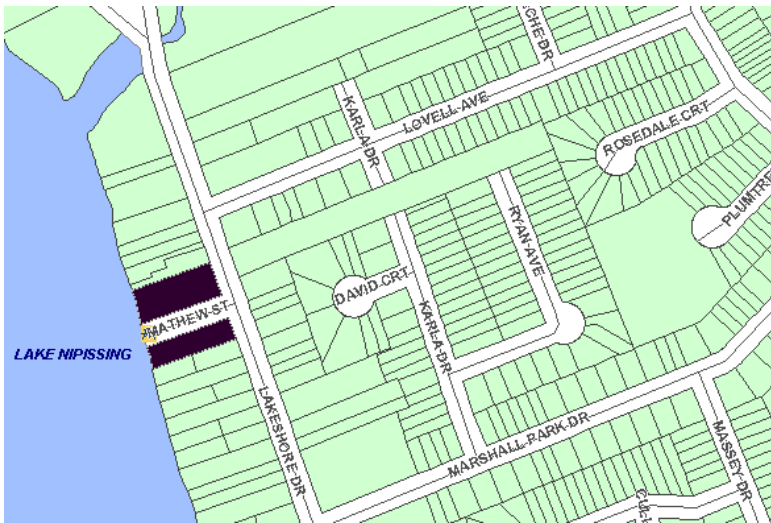
- o Swimming beach – unsupervised
- o Basketball pad
- o Picnic Areas
- o Parking

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Play equipment required
- o Basketball pad repairs
- o Washroom/change room/picnic shelter
- o Parking lot improvements
- o Forestry plan

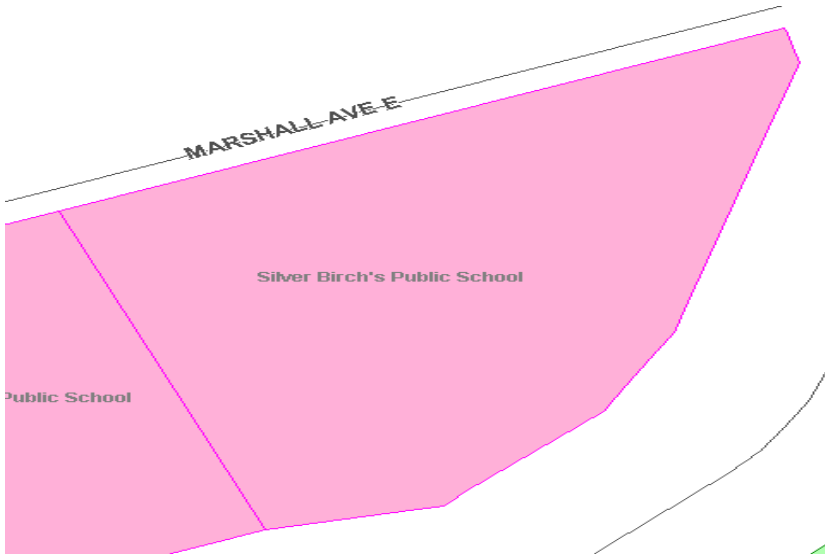
Program & Community Development:

- o Picnics
- o Winter access to Lake Nipissing
- o Used by neighbourhood



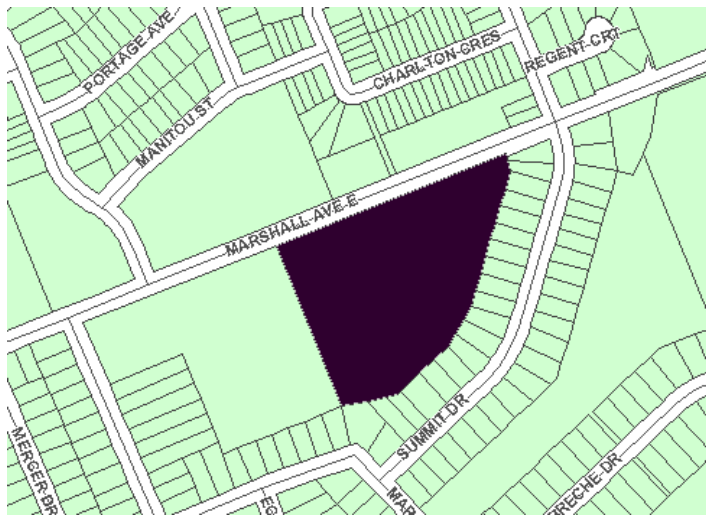
Silver Beach

Plan M-211, Lots 128-132, 47-49, 50, 51



Identification:

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- o **Area:** 2.98 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing Board of Education
- o **Location:** West Ferris

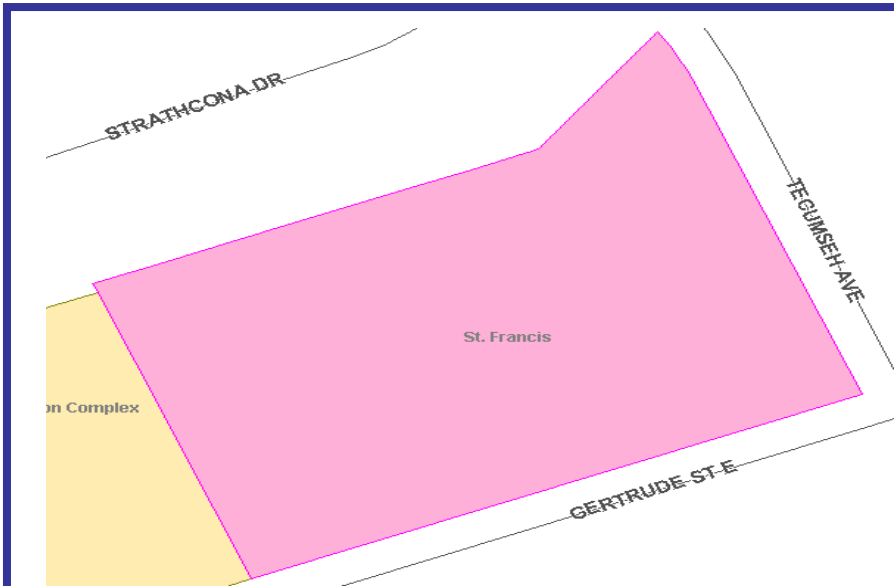


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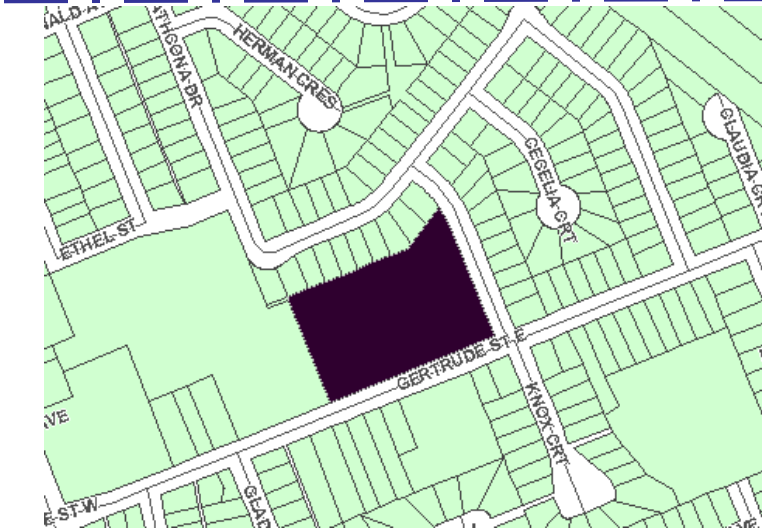
Silver Birches Public School

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 1.60 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing/Parry Sound District
- o **Location:** West Ferris

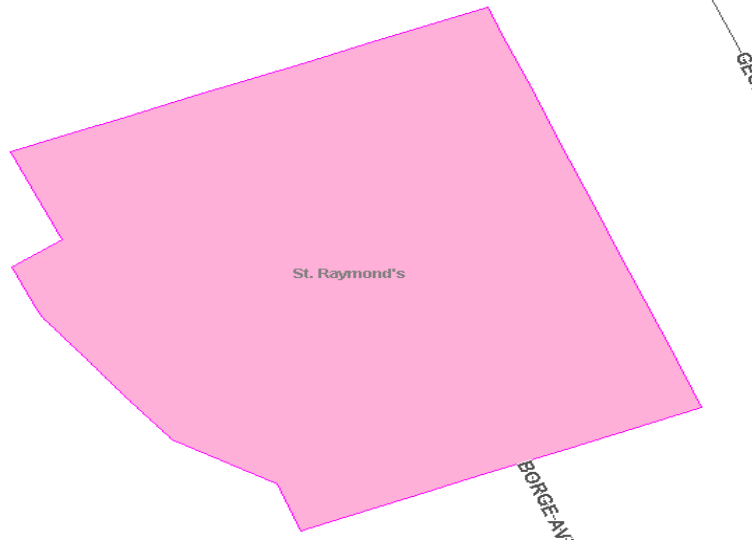


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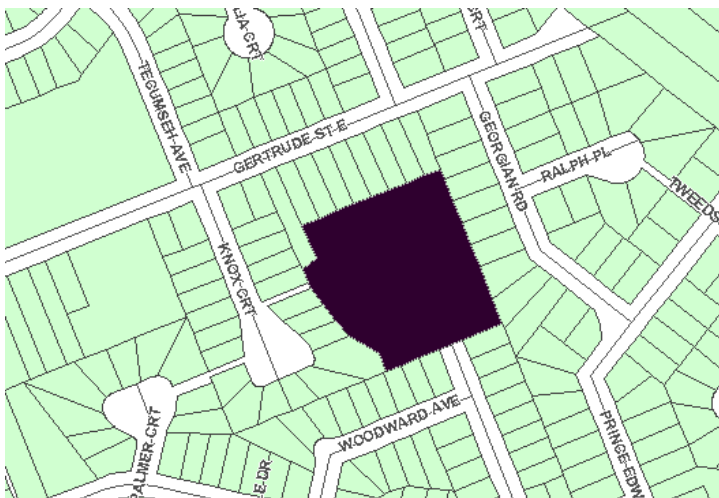
St. Francis Separate School

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 1.91 Ha
- o **Owner:** Conseil Scolaire de District du Nord
- o **Location:** West Ferris



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Ecole St. Raymond

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 0.78 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** West Ferris

Amenities/Description:

- o Unsupervised swimming beach
- o Washroom/change room
- o Shallow boat ramp
- o Junior playground (2002)



Maintenance Strategies:

- o Forestry Plan
- o Swings
- o Picnic Shelter

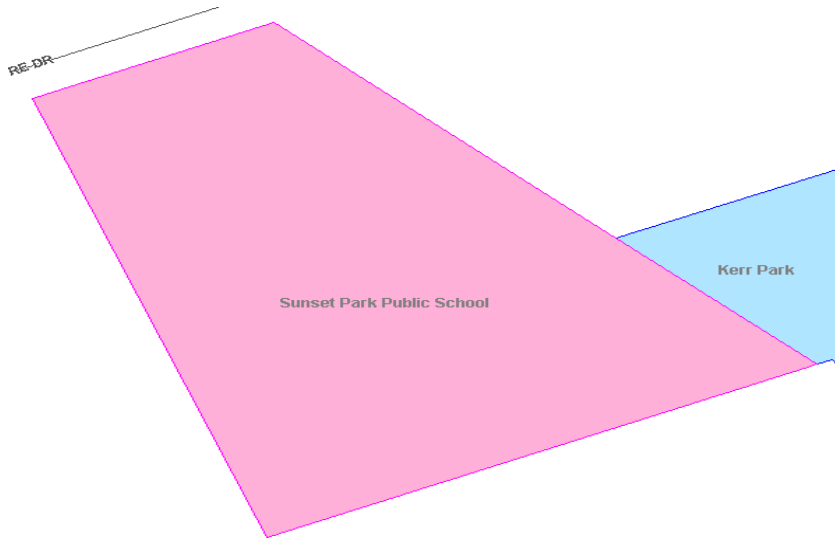
Program & Community Development:

- o Shallow beach – 3-4 feet
- o Popular site for weddings/photos
- o Picnics
- o Tourists on walks from hotels
- o Winter snow machine access to lake

Sunset Park

Plan M-203, Lots 62-70

65 Sunset Blvd

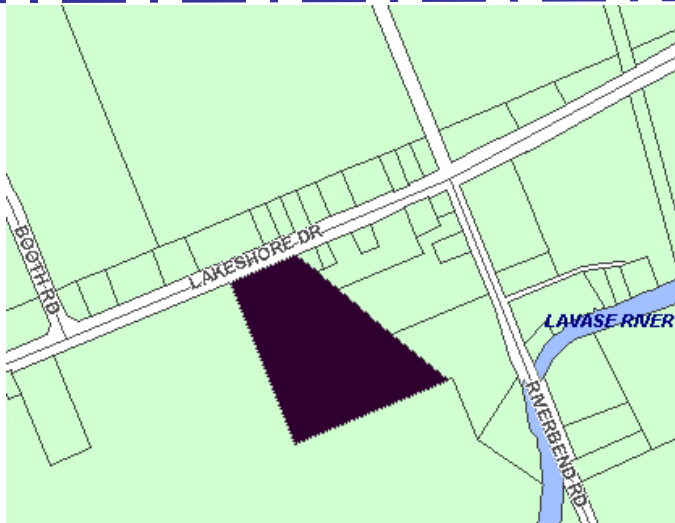


Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 4.00 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing Board of Education
- o **Location:** West Ferris

Information:

- o Special agreement for track and field use for school/city use of school yard or playground

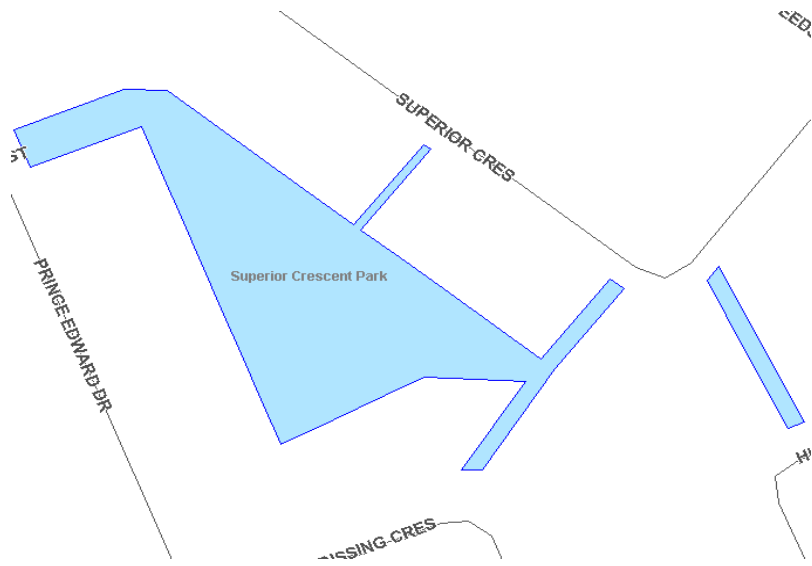


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Sunset Park Public School

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 0.89 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** West Ferris

Amenities/Description:

- o Open play area
- o Playground Equipment Sr. 2007



Maintenance Strategies:

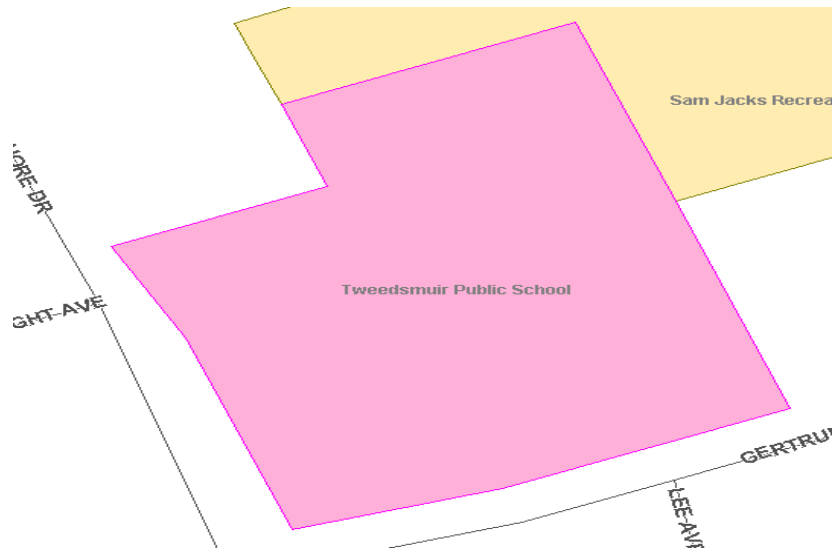
- o Forestry Plan

Program & Community Development:

- o Neighbourhood meeting 2007

Superior Crescent Park

Block "B", Plan M-310

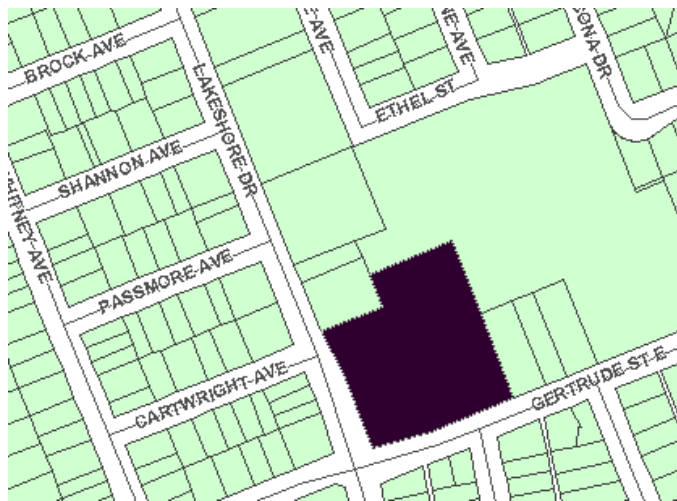


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- o **Area:** 1.06 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing Board of Education
- o **Location:** West Ferris

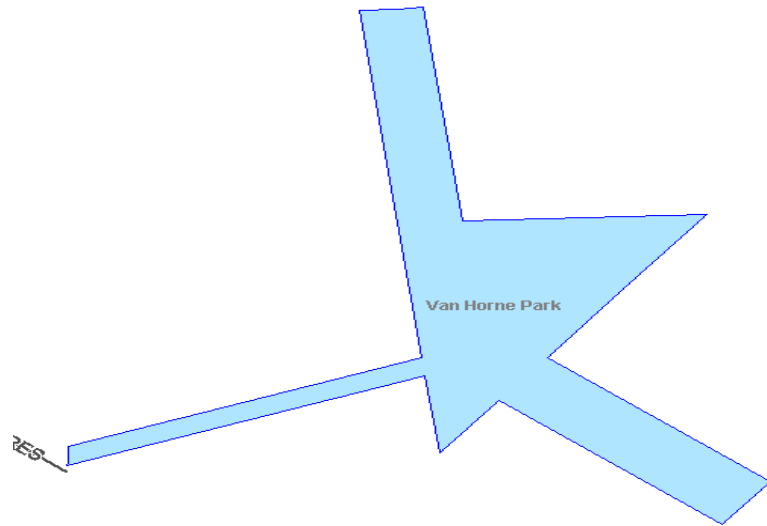
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Tweedsmuir Public School

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Acreage:** 0.14 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** West Ferris

Amenities/Description:

- o Turf area with pedestrian access from three neighbourhoods



Maintenance Strategies:

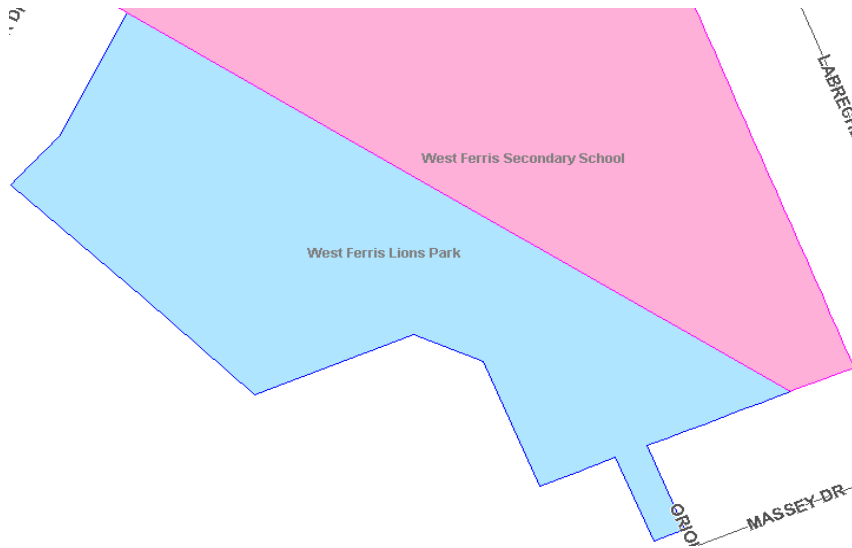
- o Pedestrian circulation only

Program & Community Development:

- o Park's property lines are well defined by private fences and hedges

Van Horne Park

Plan M-327, Block "B"

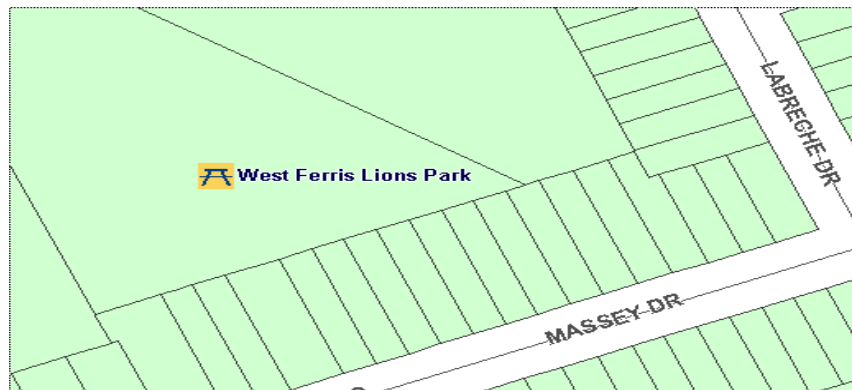


Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 3.13 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** West Ferris

Amenities/Description:

- o Utility Rink building
- o Unsupervised Outdoor Rink – lit
- o Jr. Sr. Play Equipment – 2008
- o Port a John for winter rink
- o Open play area



Maintenance Strategies:

- o Entrance sign refurbishment required
- o Park landscape and tree improvements

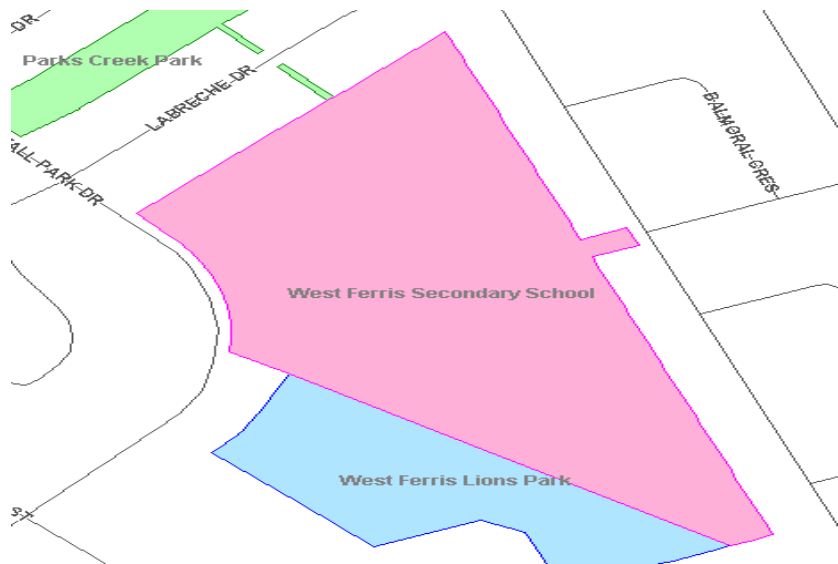
Program & Community Development:

- o Neighbourhood meeting 2008
- o Ferris Lions Club project

West Ferris Lions Park

Plan 36R-3173, Part 1 & 2, Block “K” & “J”

152 Massey Dr

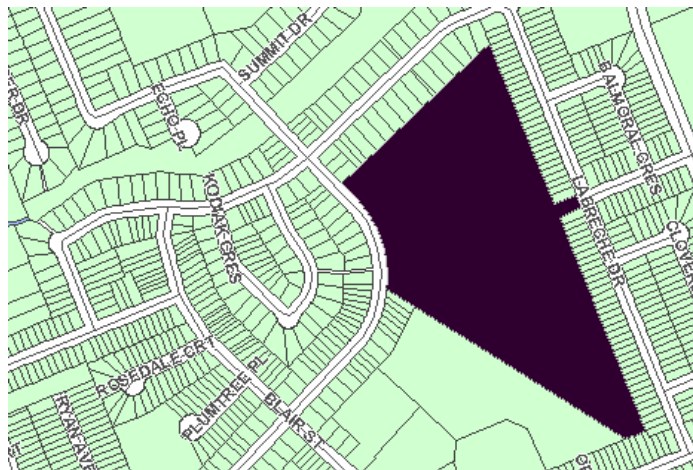


Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 10.84 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing Board of Education
- o **Location:** West Ferris

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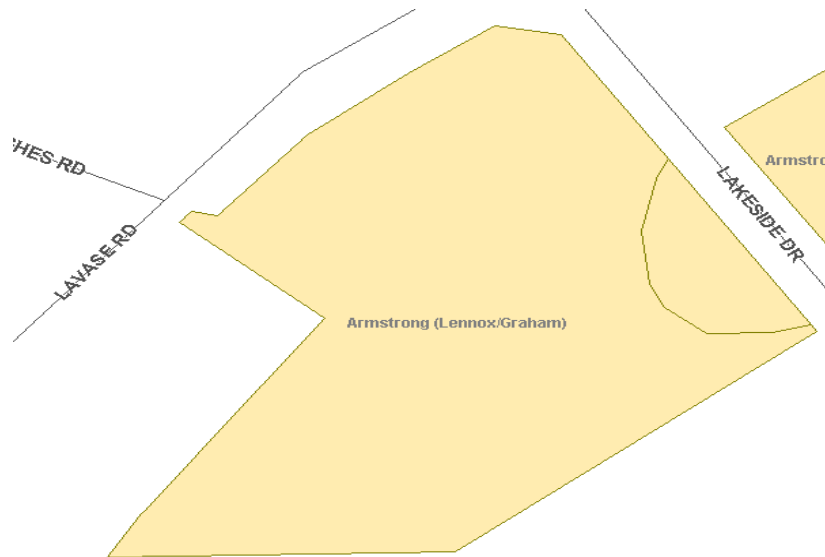


West Ferris Secondary School

School Property



CIRCLE LAKE PLANNING DISTRICT



Identification:

- o **Type:** District Park
- o **Area:** 3.8 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Circle Lake

Amenities/Description:

- o Olmsted Beach - supervised
- o Canoe Club building
- o Jr. Play equipment
- o Boat ramp
- o Washroom/change room
- o Parking



Maintenance Strategies:

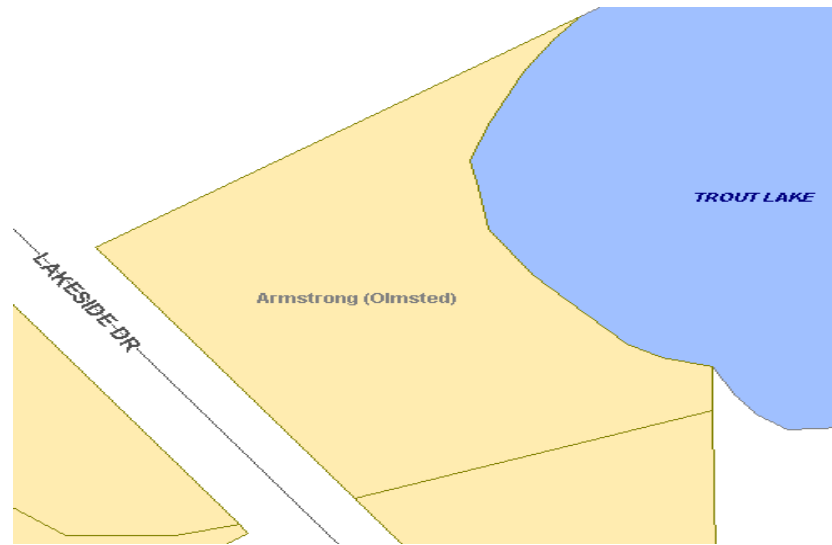
- o Boat ramp turnaround improvements
- o Forestry Plan

Program & Community Development:

- o Lifeguards on Duty June to August
- o Shallow beach – 3 to 4 feet
- o Swimmer’s itch problem
- o Canoe Club agreement w/ City

Armstrong Park (Beach Side)

Lying in front of Part Lot 16, Concession “C”, Parts 1, 2, and 3, Plan 36R-5810
60 Lakeside Dr



Identification:

- o **Type:** District Park
- o **Area:** 1.16 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Circle Lake

Amenities/Description:

- o Lennox Ballfield – lit
- o Graham Soccer Field – lit
- o Parking



Maintenance Strategies:

- o Sport field irrigation and drainage repairs
- o Forestry Plan
- o Upgrade the parking lot

Program & Community Development:

- o Storage unit agreement for parking lot
- o Seasonal use of sports fields

Armstrong Park (West Side)

Lying in front of Part Lot 16, Concession "C", Parts 1, 2, and 3, Plan 36R-58 P4



Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 4.54 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Circle Lake

Amenities:

- o Supervised beach and docks
- o Washroom/change room
- o Parking
- o Picnic areas
- o Natural Areas

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Washout problems
- o Water and sewer to site
- o New lifeguard /Shelter Building required
- o Security lighting

Program & Community Development:

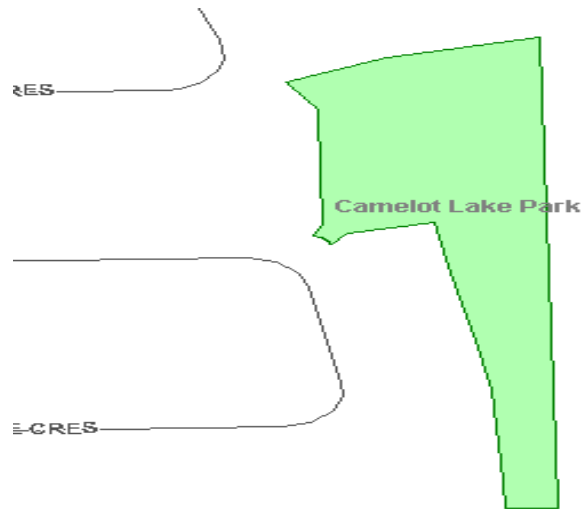
- o Lifeguards on duty June to August
- o Swimming lessons offered
- o Swimmers itch problem
- o Water depth 10+ past docks
- o Issues with vandalism, night gatherings, broken glass



Birchaven Cove

Plan M-379, Block C 36R-3303, Parts 1, 2; 36R-2688, Parts 1, 2, & 3

465 Lakeside Dr

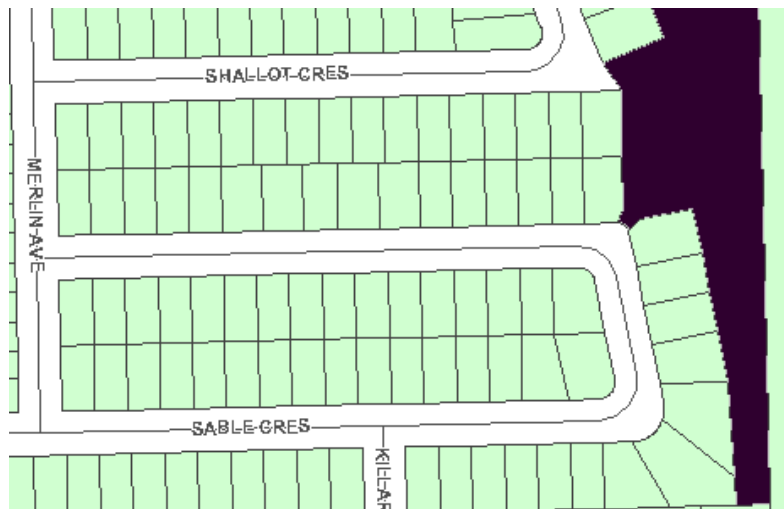


Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 0.84 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Circle Lake

Amenities/Description:

- o Natural Shoreline and Park Area - Access to Trout Lake

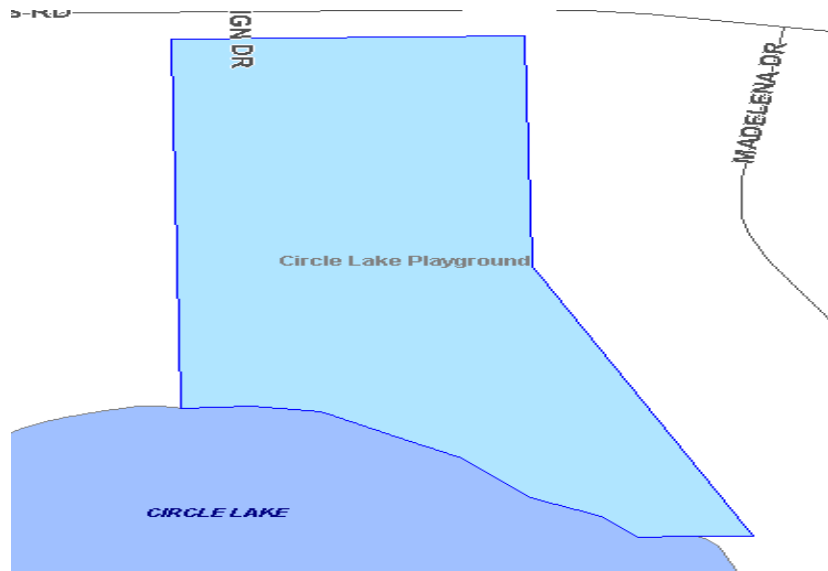


Maintenance Strategies:

- o Canoe dock constructed by others will require review by Parks staff for stability
- o Canoe storage “at own risk” signs to be installed spring 2008 along with possible canoe rack
- o Forestry/Beach Plan required
- o Signage and improved pedestrian access

Camelot Lake Park

Block “A”, Plan M-474



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 1.42 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Circle Lake

Amenities/Description:

- o Building – Meeting, skate change room, washrooms
- o Supervised Outdoor Rink – lit
- o Play equipment – Sr. 2006
- o Unsupervised lake front – Circle Lake
- o Parking
- o Trails connection to Trout Lake Trails system



Maintenance Strategies:

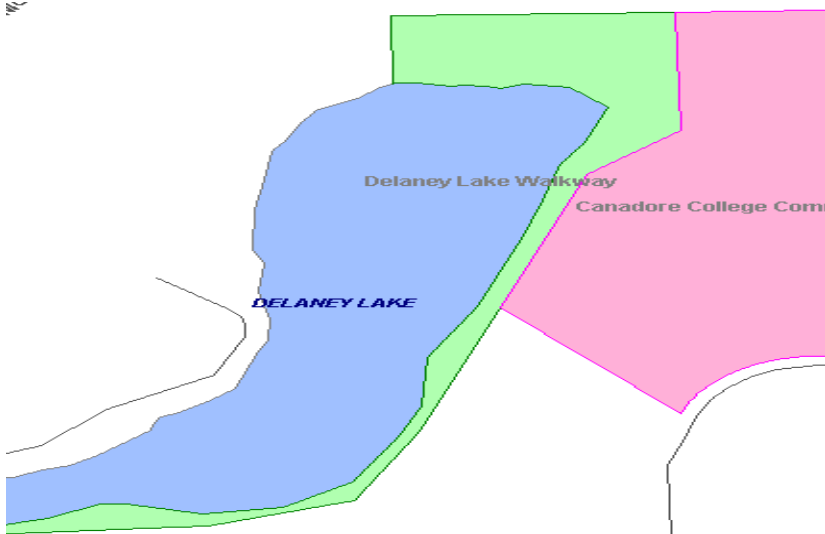
- o Forestry & Beach Plan required
- o New Community Building
- o Swings
- o Development of parking area
- o Fishing stones
- o Hard and soft landscaping

Program & Community Development:

- o 2006 Home Depot & Kaboom play project
- o Friday evening dances, volunteer hosted, fundraising for new building, Monster Pond Hockey annual event

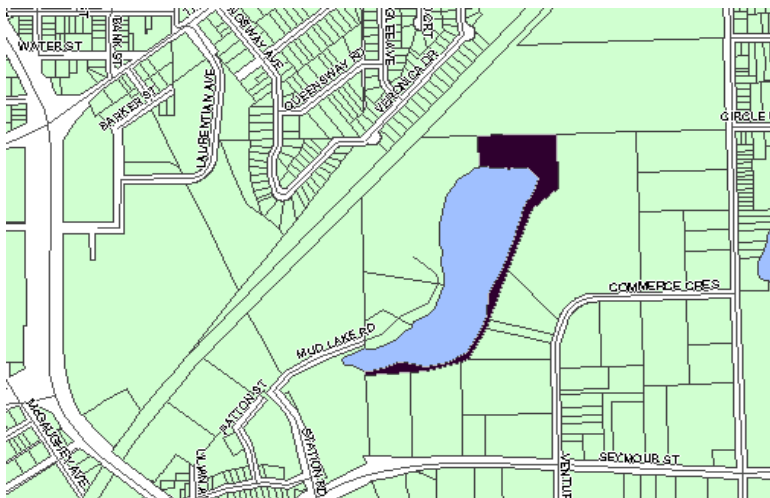
Circle Lake Playground

Block “J” Plan M-362
275 Lakeheights Rd



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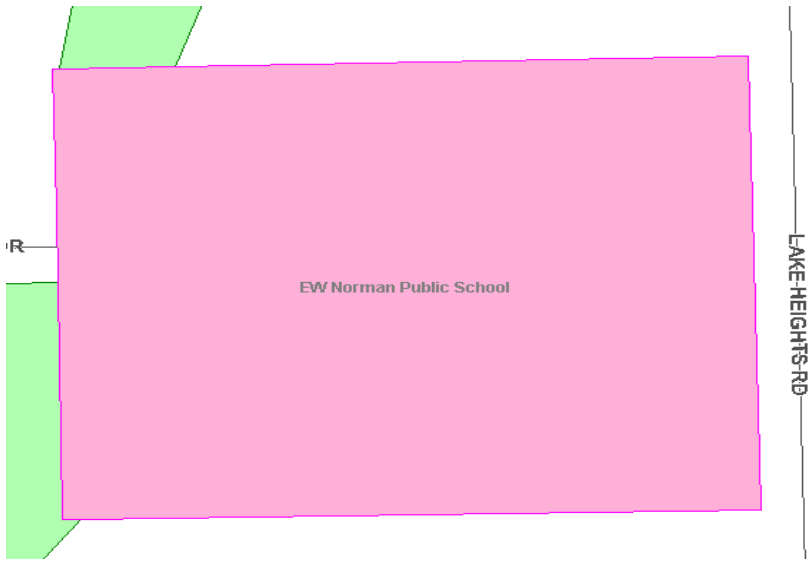
- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 2.70 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Circle Lake



Maintenance Strategies:

- o Possible connection to Pete Palangio Arena / Optimist Ball Park Field

Delaney Lake Walkway



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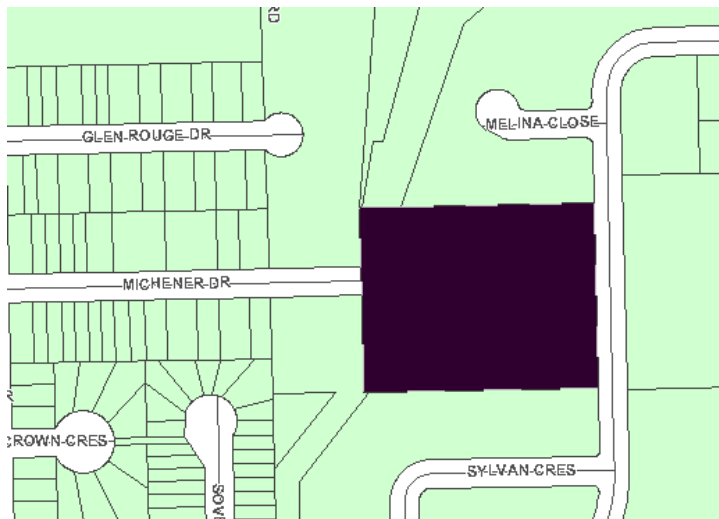
- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 2.13 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing Board of Education
- o **Location:** Circle Lake

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Check Lang Park Trail Linkages Agreement

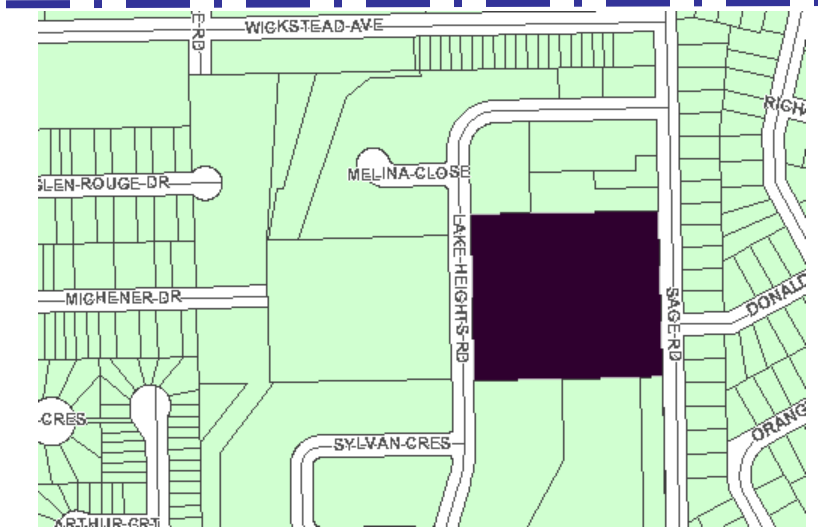
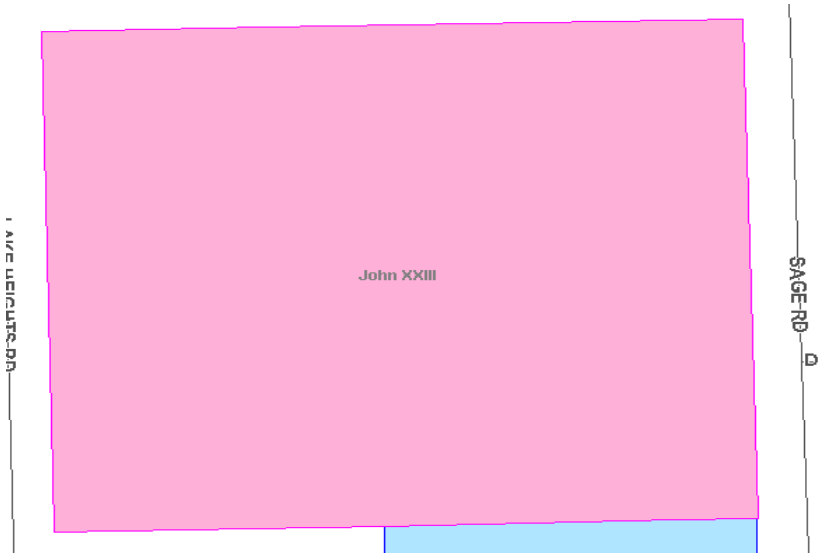
Joint Agreement with City of North Bay and School Boards in order to access indoor and outdoor facilities. This will maximize the beneficial use of these properties while ensuring their maintenance as well.

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EW Norman Public School

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 2.13 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing/Parry Sound District
- o **Location:** Circle Lake

Development & Maintenance Strategies:

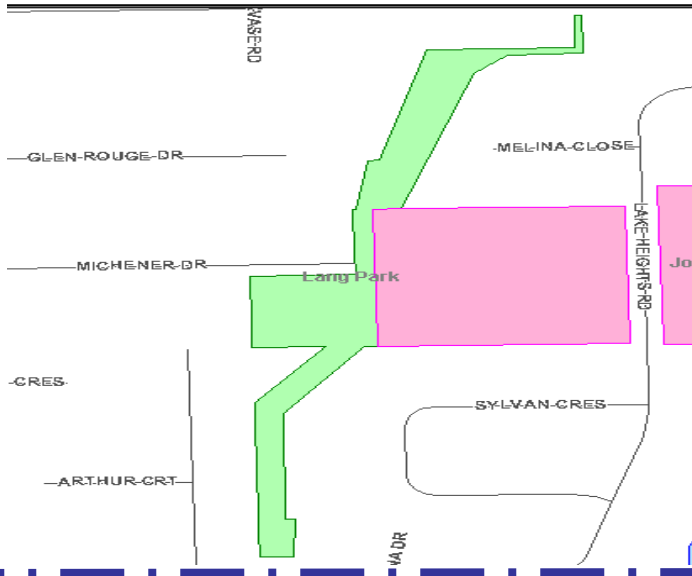
- o Sage Park linkages

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John XXIII Separate School

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 1.52 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Circle Lake

Amenities/Description:

- o Linear Walkway-stone dust
- o Natural state

Maintenance Strategies:

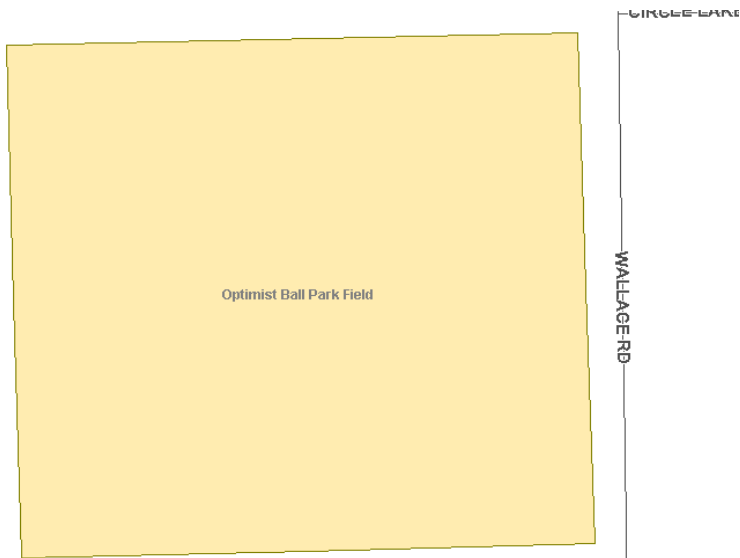
- o Entrance and trail signs required
- o Pathway edge maintenance
- o Tree planting

Program & Community Development:

- o Review EW Norman School Pathway linkages agreement
- o Integral part of Trout Lake trail system
- o Name review

Lang Park

Plans 36R-5226, M-294 Block A, Part Parcel 5934 W&F

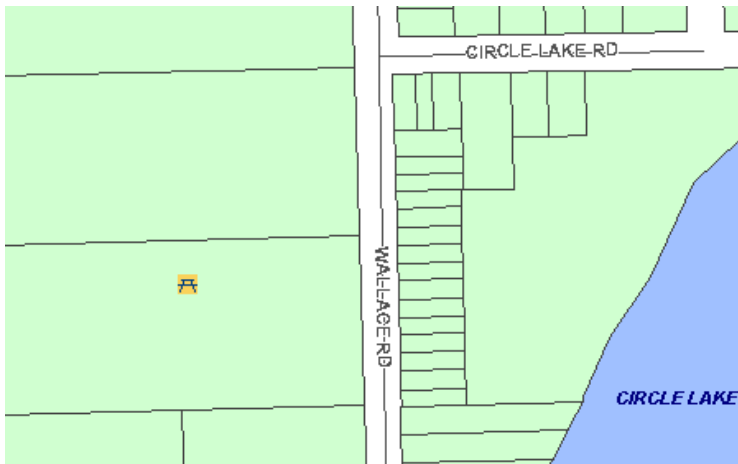


Identification:

- o **Type:** District Park
- o **Area:** 3.61 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Circle Lake

Amenities/Description:

- o Kelly and Handley Ball fields – lit
- o Batting Cage
- o Scoreboard
- o Parking
- o Portable Toilets June



Maintenance Strategies:

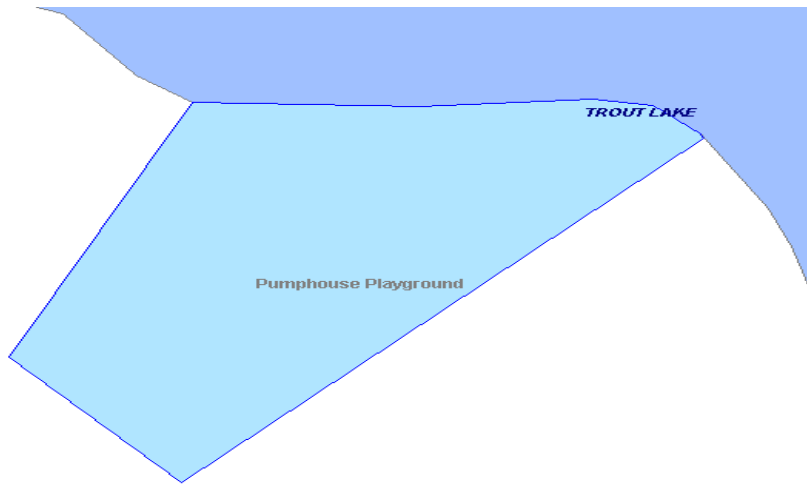
- o Future gazebo/shelter between fields
- o Irrigation system required

Program & Community Development:

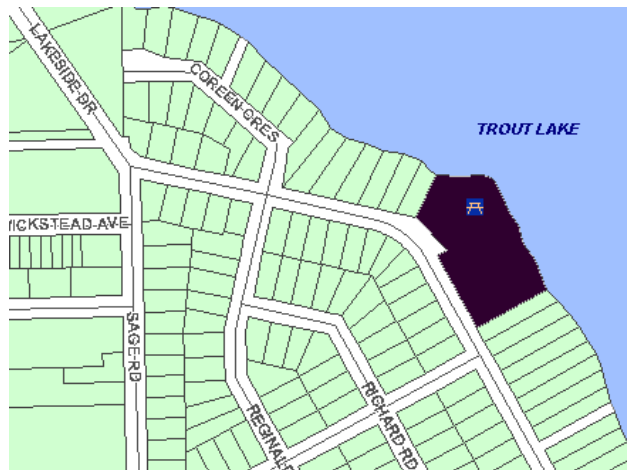
- o Ball cage owned by North Bay Baseball – not in use (investigate)
- o Located adjacent to Pete Palangio Arena, use of arena washrooms during July and August

Optimist Ball Park Field

Part Block “B”, Plan M-455, Part 4, Plan 36R-3508



SIDE-DR



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 0.23 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Circle Lake

Maintenance Strategies:

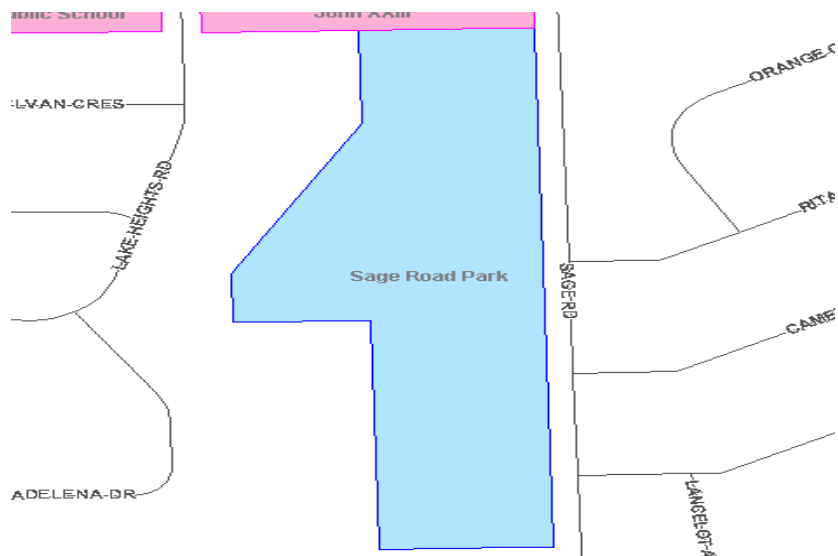
- o New playground construction is set for 2010
- o Blue Sky sailing club would like to have a Trout Lake operation located here. Review site with engineering in 2009 once old building is removed.
- o Tot playground, beach picnic area and Sailing Club dock are planned.

Program & Community Development:

- o Playground was removed in 2005 to make way for expansion of pump house building. A budget was set aside in the project for its relocation to the far west end of the property

Pumphouse Playground

Lot 25, Plan 235



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 4.31 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Circle Lake

Amenities/Description:

- o Linear Trail
- o Natural Areas

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Forestry plan required
- o Signage
- o Trail maintenance plan

Program & Community Development

- o Forms an integral part of the proposed Trout Lake Trail System connecting Circle Lake Playground & Armstrong Park

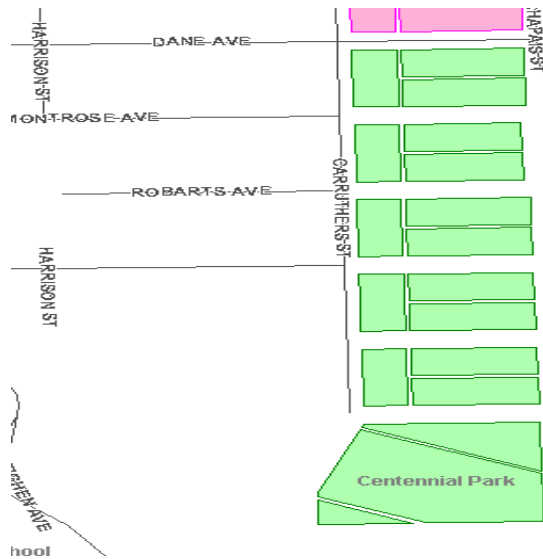


Sage Road Park

Plan M-362 Block N



LAURENTIAN PLANNING DISTRICT



Identification:

- o **Type:** District Park
- o **Area:** 5.07 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Laurentian

Amenities/Descriptions:

- o Building – meeting room skate change area, kitchen, washrooms
- o Centennial Ballfield – lit
- o Supervised outdoor rink – lit
- o Port-a-Johns during rink/ball season
- o Trails
- o Junior sliding hill
- o Junior/Senior playground equipment

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Forestry Plan
- o Park and Walkway plan
- o Interpretive/nature trail strategy

Program & Community Development:

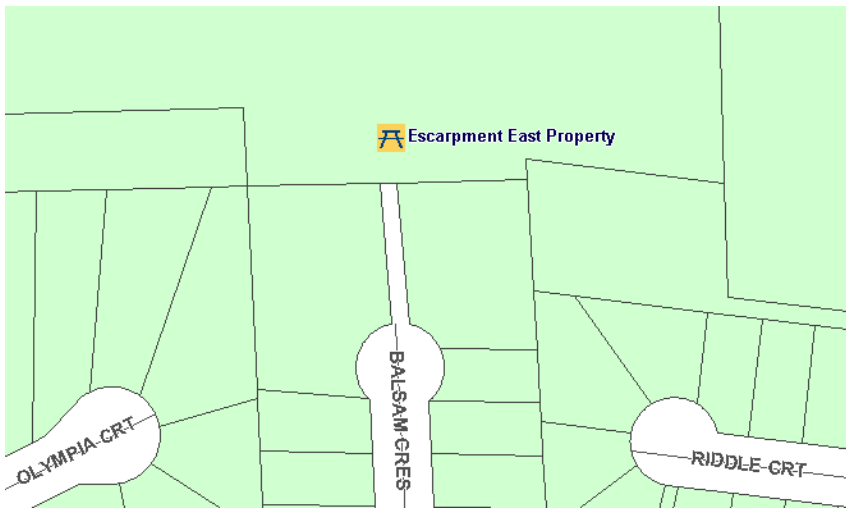
- o Possible school development in area



Centennial Park / Laurentian Playground

Lots 2481-2567, Plan M-177

E-DR



Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 1.02 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Laurentian

Amenities/Description:

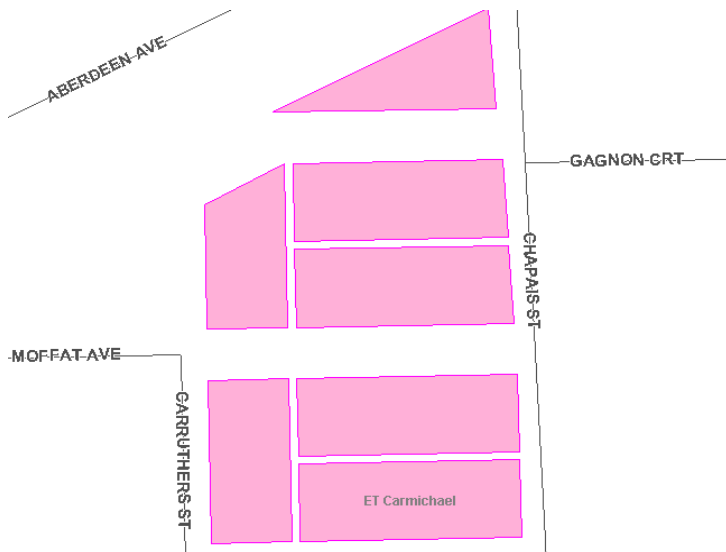
- o 4 acre linear parcel running in an east west direction located in the middle of Laurentian Planning District
- o Left in it's natural state and acts as a building buffer protecting the escarpment's natural features

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Tree survey/diagnostic required for maintenance program

Escarpment East Property

Plan M – Block “A”, “B” & “C, Plan NR-371;
Pt. 10 & Pt. 16, Plan NR-2367; Pt. 1, 2, 3, 7, 8 & 9



Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 2.10 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing Board of Education
- o **Location:** Laurentian

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Link to Laurentian Park

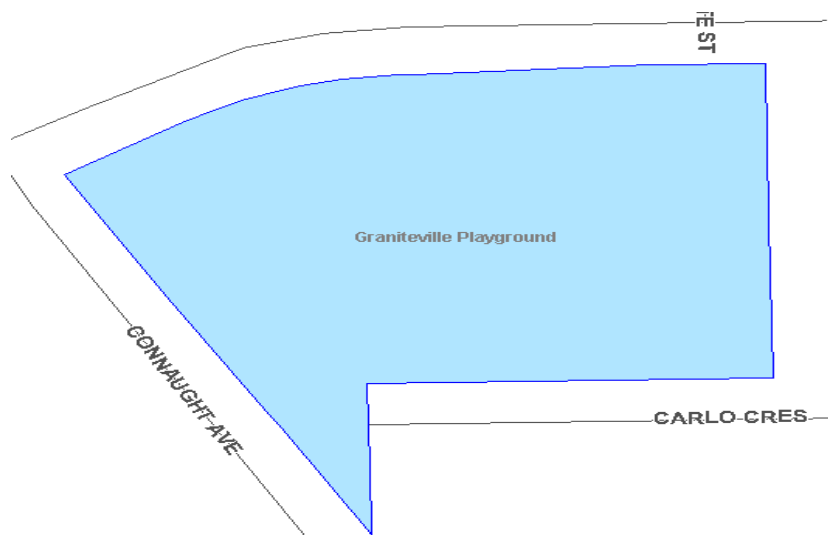
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ET Carmichael Public School

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 0.83 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Laurentian

Amenities/Description:

- o Building-meeting room, skate change area, washrooms
- o Building 2 – Utility Rink building
- o Supervised Outdoor Rink – lit
- o Play equipment – Jr. Sr. 2006
- o Pathways
- o Natural Areas



Maintenance Strategies:

- o Building repairs
- o Forestry Plan

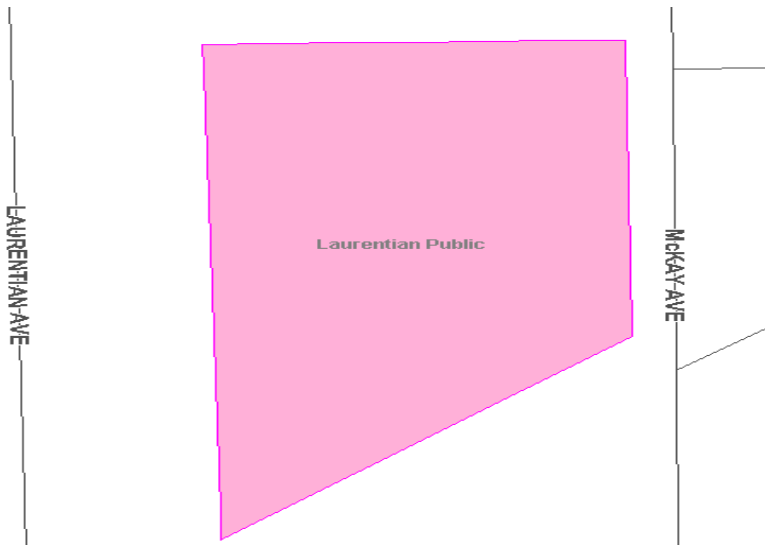
Program & Community Development:

- o Neighbourhood meeting 2005/06

Graniteville Playground

Block A, B Plan M-301 Pt. 1 NR-1678, 1967

100 Carlo Crescent



Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 1.74 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing Board of Education
- o **Location:** Laurentian

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Laurentian Public School

School Property

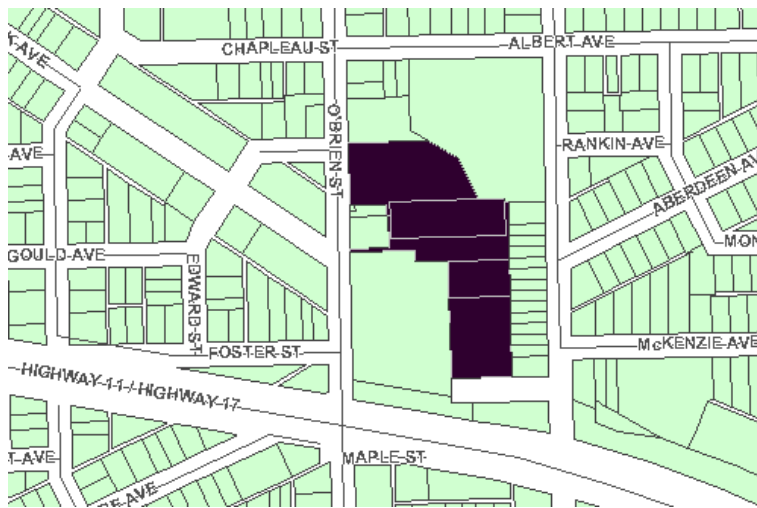


Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 1.46 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Old City

Amenities/Description:

- o Linear Walkway next to creek
- o Naturalized areas



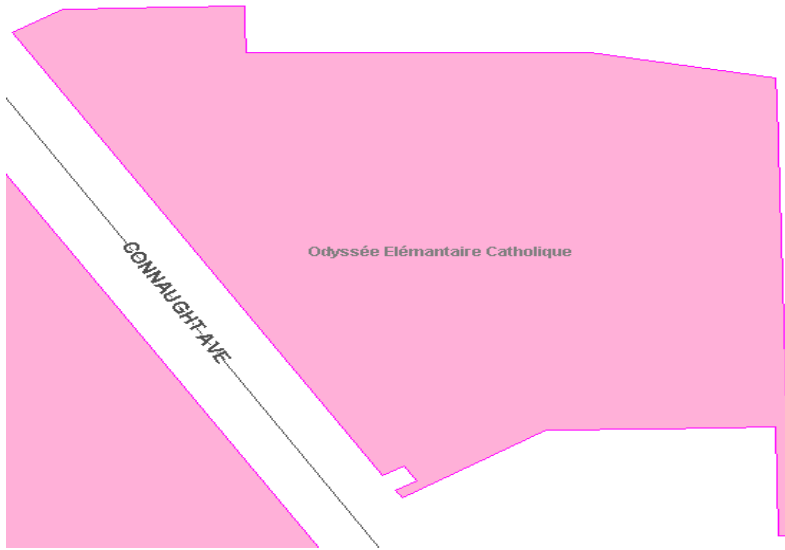
Maintenance Strategies:

- o Entrance Signs

Program & Community Development:

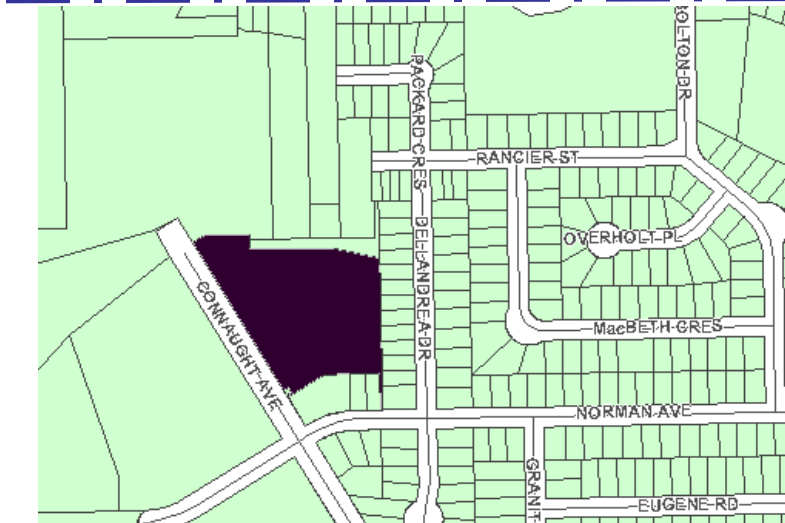
- o Part of Kiwanis Trail System along Chippewa Creek

O'Brien Street Park



Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 1.97 Ha
- o **Owner:** Conseil Scolaire Publique du Nord
- o **Location:** Laurentian

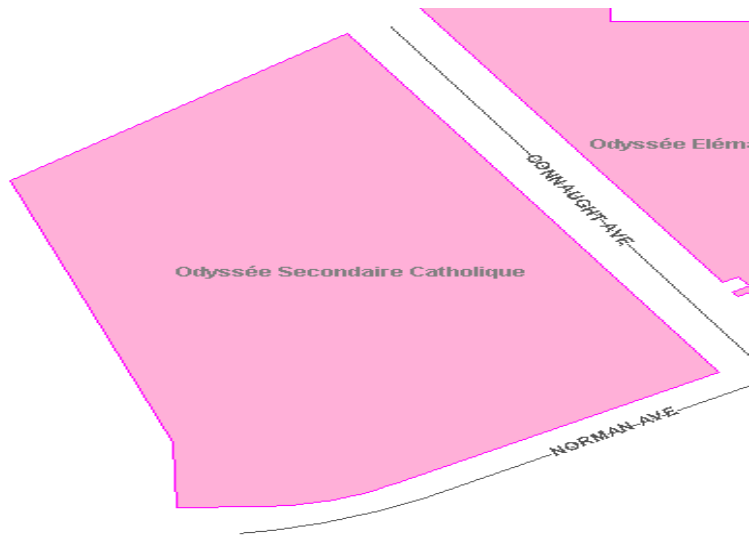


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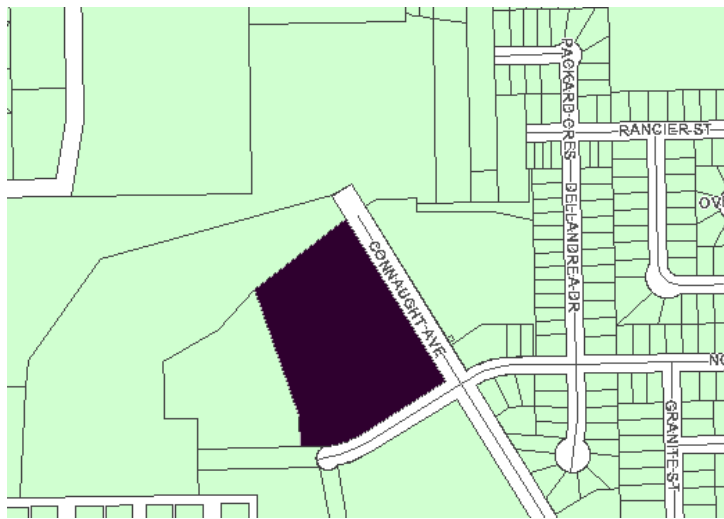


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- o **Area:** 3.11 Ha
- o **Owner:** Conseil Scolaire Publique du Nord
- o **Location:** Laurentian

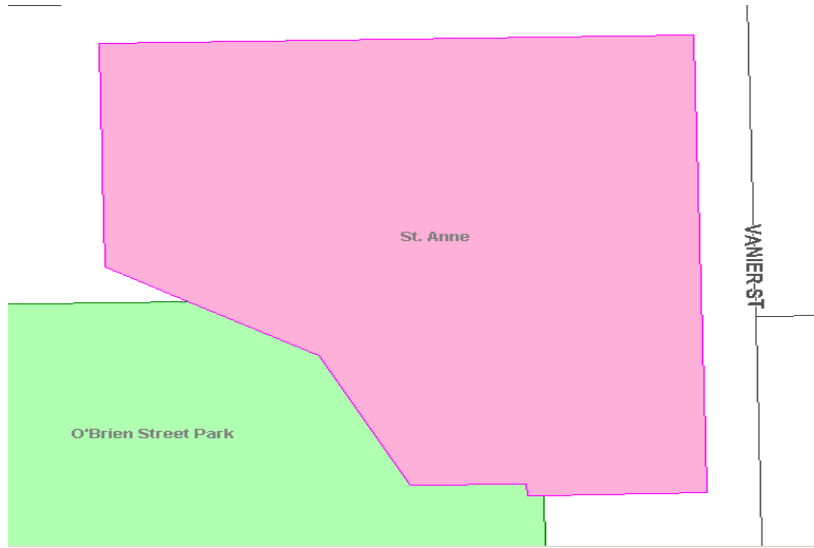
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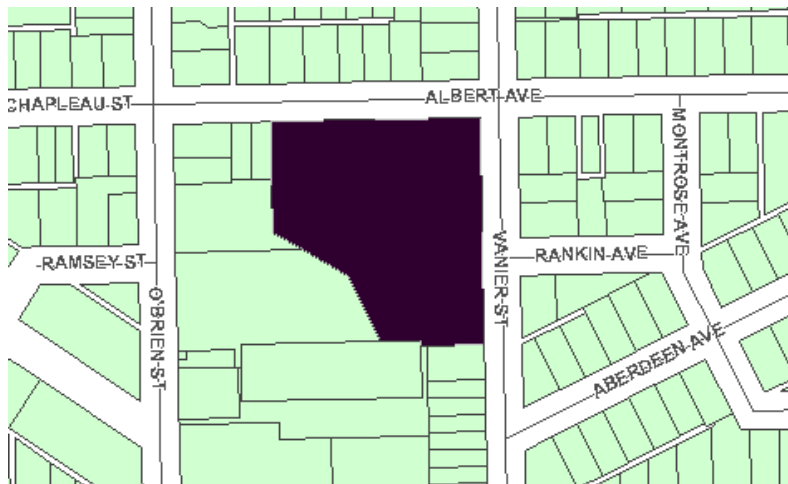


Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 0.91 Ha
- o **Owner:** Conseil Scolaire de District du Nord
- o **Location:** Laurentian

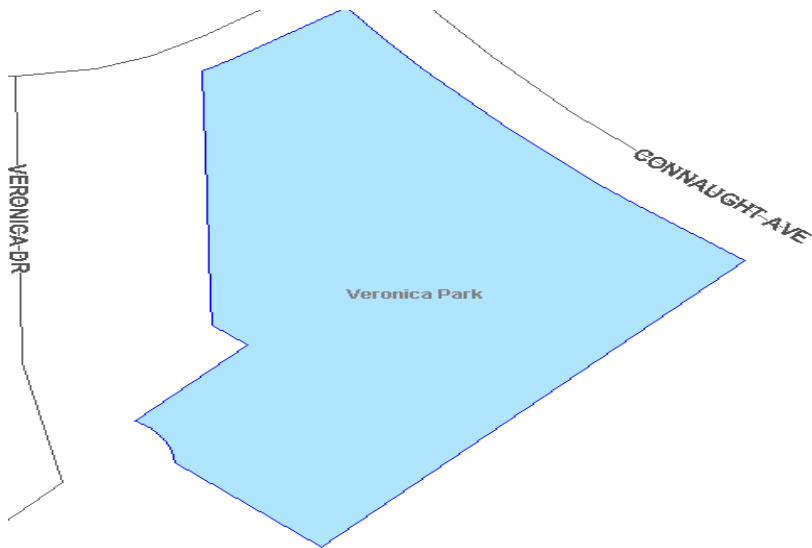
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Ecole St. Anne

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 1.25 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Laurentian

Amenities/Description:

- o Utility outdoor rink building
- o Unsupervised Outdoor Rink - lit
- o Jr. Sr. Play equipment
- o Open play area
- o 50% natural area



Maintenance Strategy:

- o Forestry Plan
- o Develop pathway system through natural area

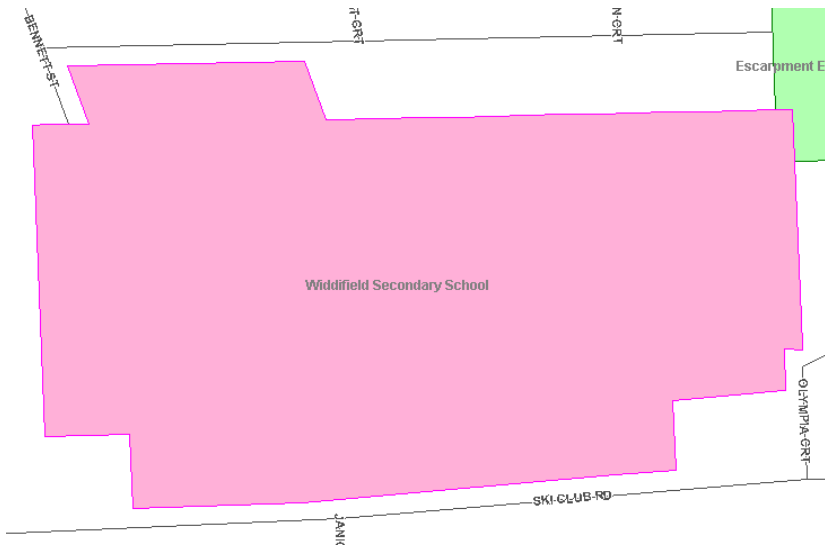
Program & Community Development:

- o Neighbourhood meeting held for overall park design
- o Some encroachment onto park property over the years from five residents on the west side into the proposed buffer area for the path

Veronica Park

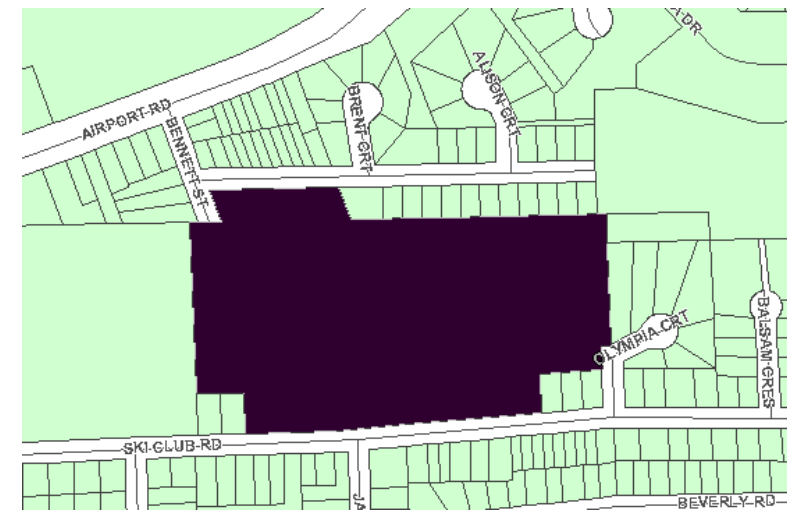
Part Block 22, Plan M-532, Parts 23-26, Plan 36R-5675

44 Veronica Dr



Identification:

- **Type:** School Property
- **Area:** 7.60 Ha
- **Owner:** Nipissing Board of Education
- **Location:** Laurentian

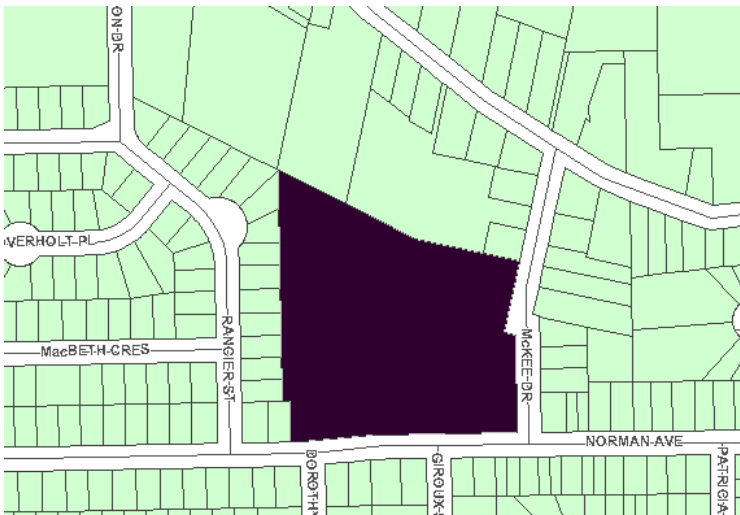
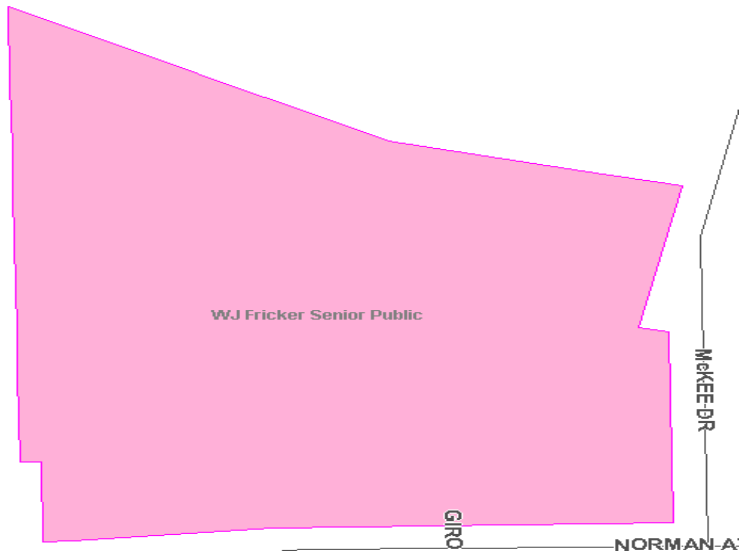


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Widdifield Secondary School

School Property



Identification:

- o **Type:** School Property
- o **Area:** 3.23 Ha
- o **Owner:** Nipissing Board of Education
- o **Location:** Laurentian

Information:

- o Special agreement for soccer field with school and Frisbee league

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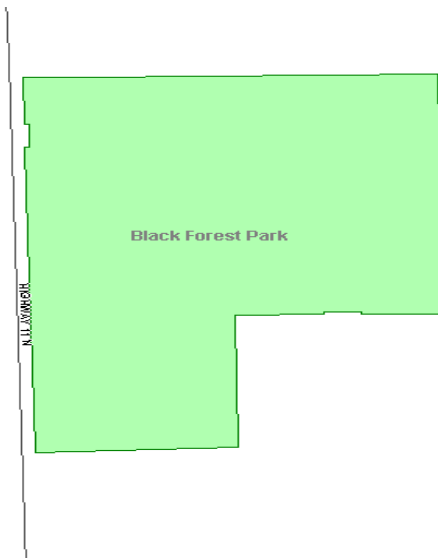
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WJ Fricker Public School

School Property



RURAL PLANNING DISTRICT

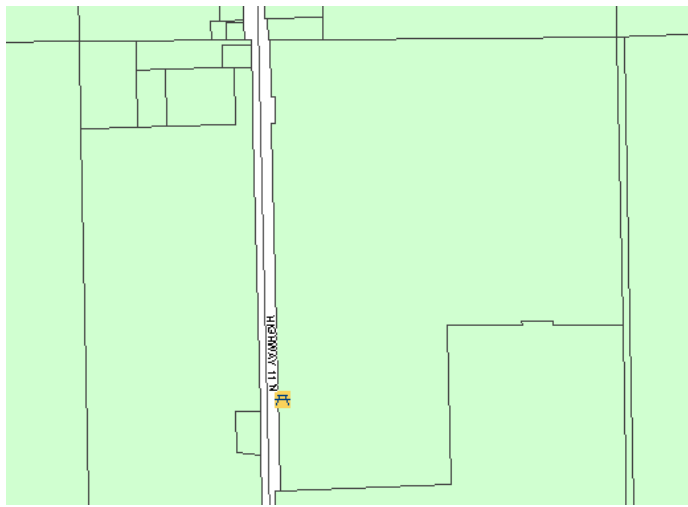


Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 62.54 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Rural

Amenities/Description:

- o Red Pine Stand
- o Pathways
- o Picnic Areas
- o Parking
- o Natural Area
- o Ontario white pine test plots (MNR)



Maintenance Strategies:

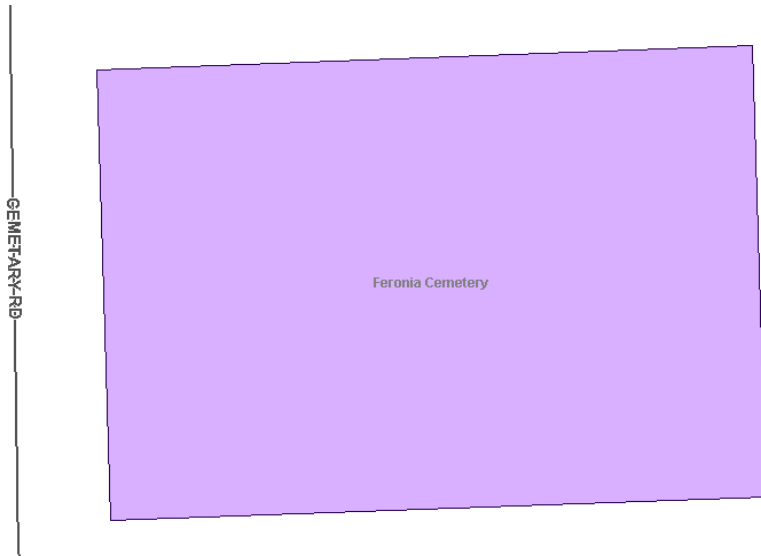
- o Interpretive trails in partnership with Le Chantier and the Conservation Authority for opening in the fall of 2008
- o Forestry Plan
- o Outlook area over Duscheney Creek
- o Trail to creek

Program & Community Development:

- o Lost 3000 trees after the 2006 storm.
- o Replanted 6000 new red pine seedlings in 2007
- o Upgraded pathway system

Black Forest Park

Plan NR-2232, Parts 1-4, & 6, Plan NR-2232, Parts 3, 4 ONTC Easement¹⁰⁹

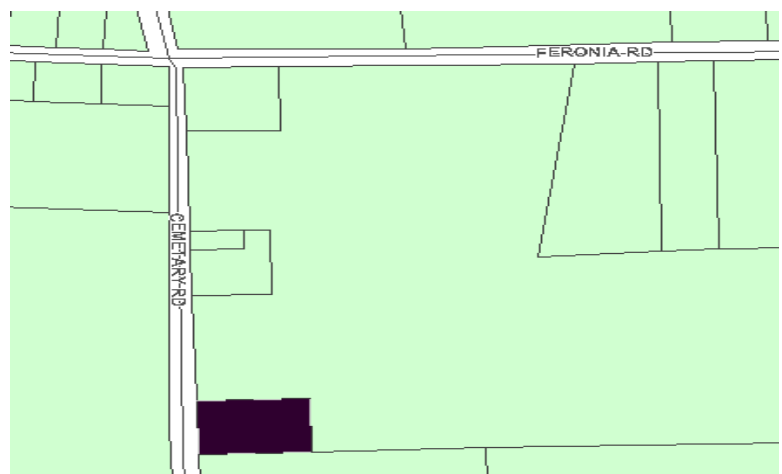


Identification:

- o **Type:** Cemetery
- o **Area:** 0.43 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Rural

Amenities/Description:

- o Abandoned Cemetery

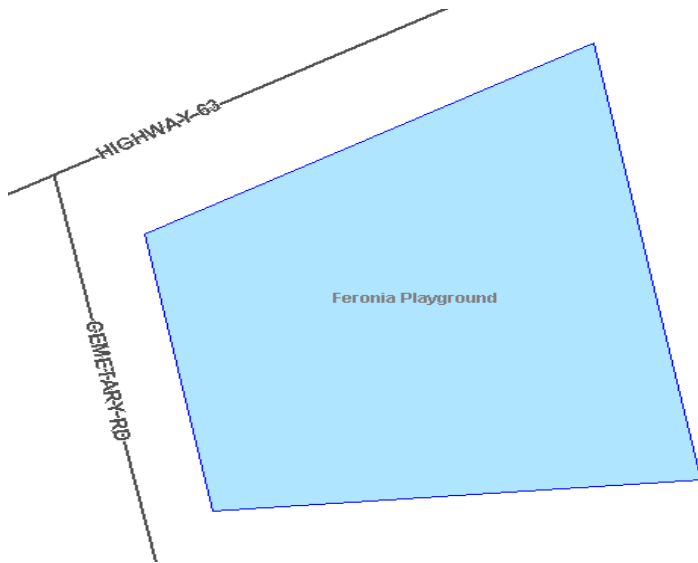


Maintenance Strategies:

- o Improve vehicular entrance site liens and grade if possible
- o Basic maintenance by City
- o Brushing of property lines

Feronia Cemetery

Concession A Part Lot 6



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 0.48 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Rural

Amenities/Description:

- o Building – meeting and skate change area
- o Outdoor Rink – lit – unsupervised
- o Port-a-john
- o Play Equipment Sr. – 2005
- o No potable water, facility on well water



Maintenance Strategies:

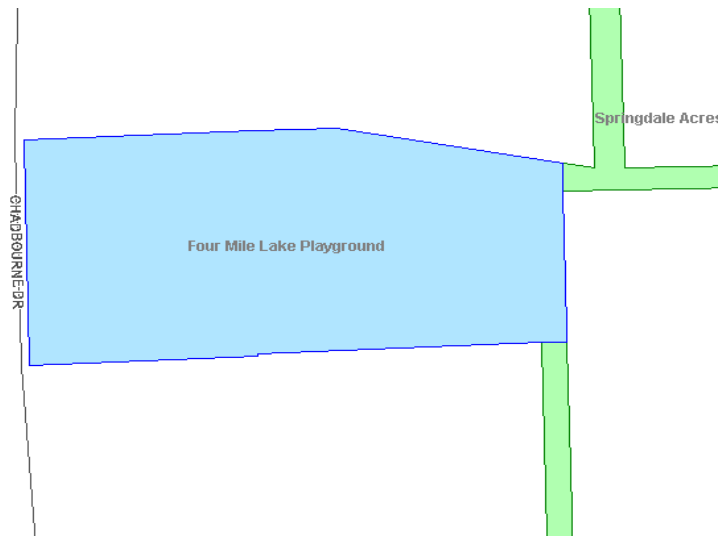
- o Septic system review

Program & Community Development:

- o Outdoor rink program contacts
- o No active neighbourhood group

Feronia Playground

Parcel 2119 W&F



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 2.97 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Rural

Amenities/Description:

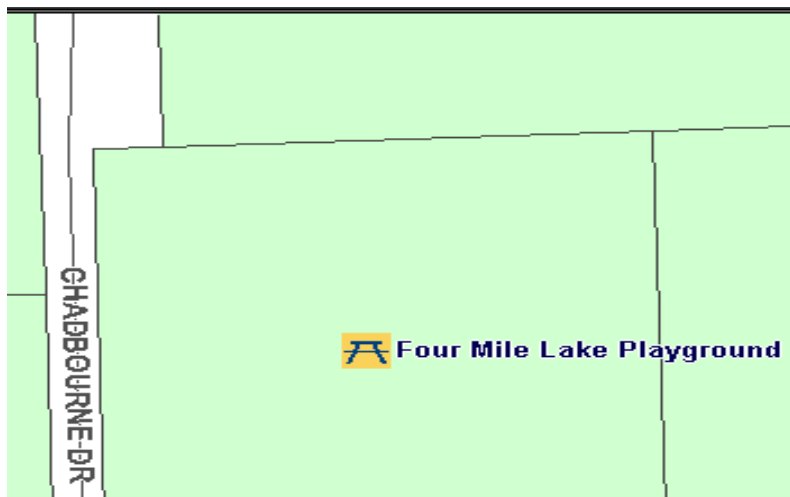
- o Two separate properties, building meeting washrooms
- o No potable water at this location – well water services the washroom only

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Review access to Springdale Acres
- o Design review required

Program & Community Development:

- o Utilized by Widdifield Rate Payers for meetings
- o Neighbourhood meeting should be planned in the next few years to review this park and what the neighbourhood desires are now that housing starts are increasing in the area



Four Mile Lake Playground

Plan M-484, Blocks B-E, NR-807 Part 1

10 Chadbourne Dr



Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 159.45 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Rural

Amenities/Description:

- o 80% provincially significant wetland
- o (1.7 km) (1.05 miles) of beach
- o Lavase River shoreline

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Forestry and Beach plan required
- o Pedestrian bridge link over the Lavase to Champlain Park
- o Pathway Development

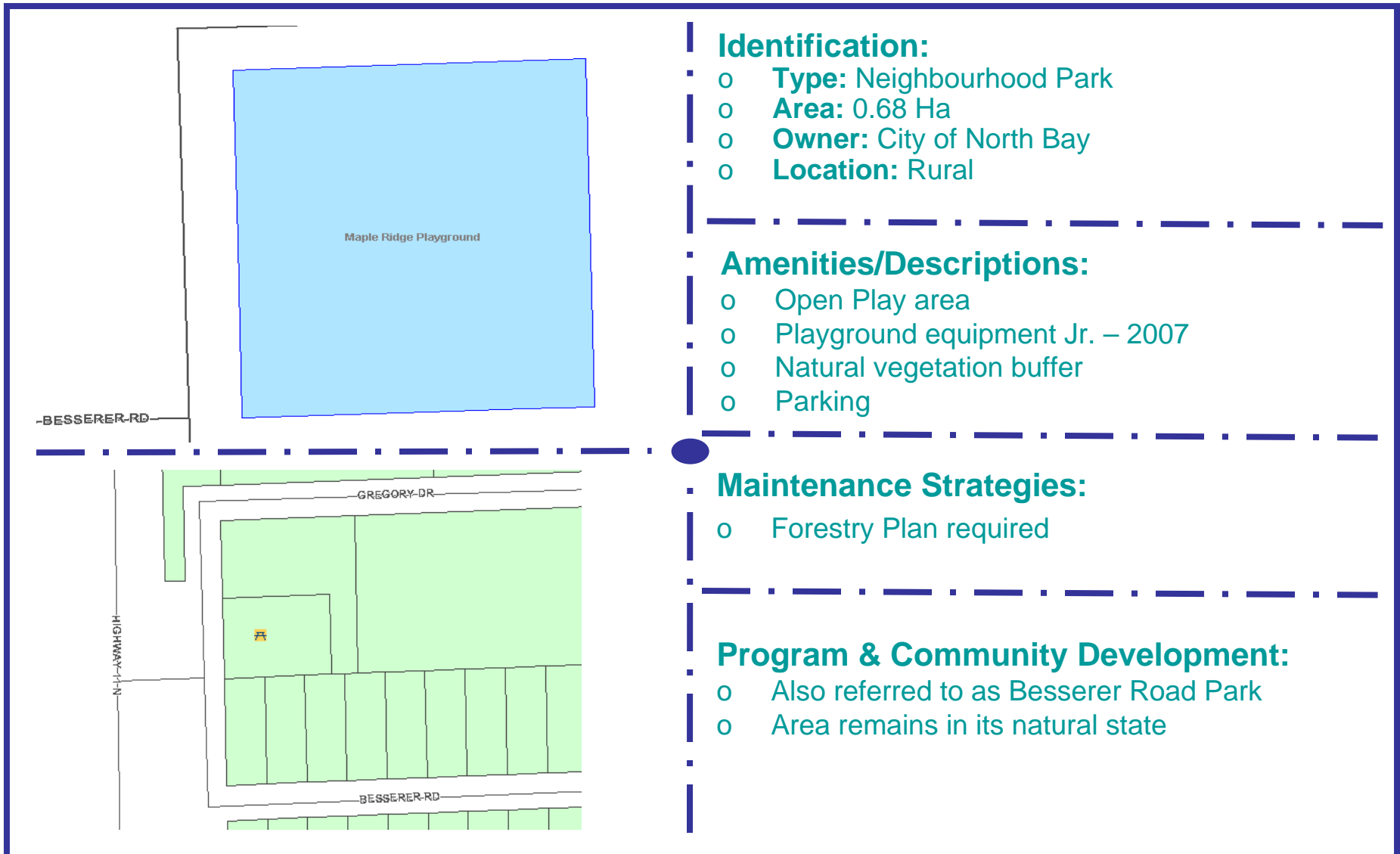
Program & Community Development:

- o In 1979, a master plan was completed for the property suggestion swimming, picnicking and nature trail development
- o Archeologically significant
- o Excellent potential for interpretive sanctuary – sister to Laurier Woods.



La Vase Park

Plan D.93 Unit 3, Plan D.94 Unit 1-9, Plan M-207 Lots 144-173 & South,
 Concession 11 Lots 38, 39 & Concession 12 Part Lots 37-40 113



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 0.68 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Rural

Amenities/Descriptions:

- o Open Play area
- o Playground equipment Jr. – 2007
- o Natural vegetation buffer
- o Parking

Maintenance Strategies:

- o Forestry Plan required

Program & Community Development:

- o Also referred to as Besserer Road Park
- o Area remains in its natural state

Maple Ridge Playground

Block “A”, Plan M-280



Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Acreage:** 173.14 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Rural

Amenities/Description:

- o All natural with one water access point to the main bay

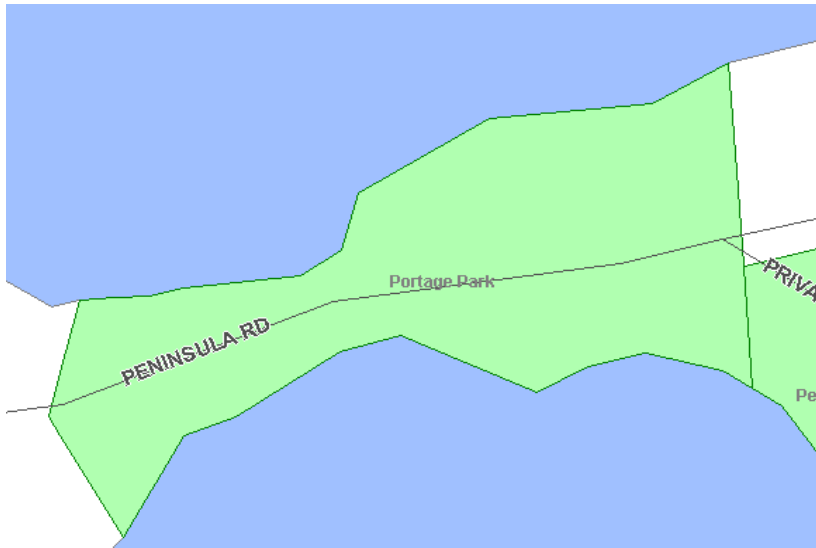


Maintenance Strategies:

- o Forestry/Beach Plan
- o Map out existing foot paths

Peninsula Road Park

Plan 36R-2509 Parts 1-4

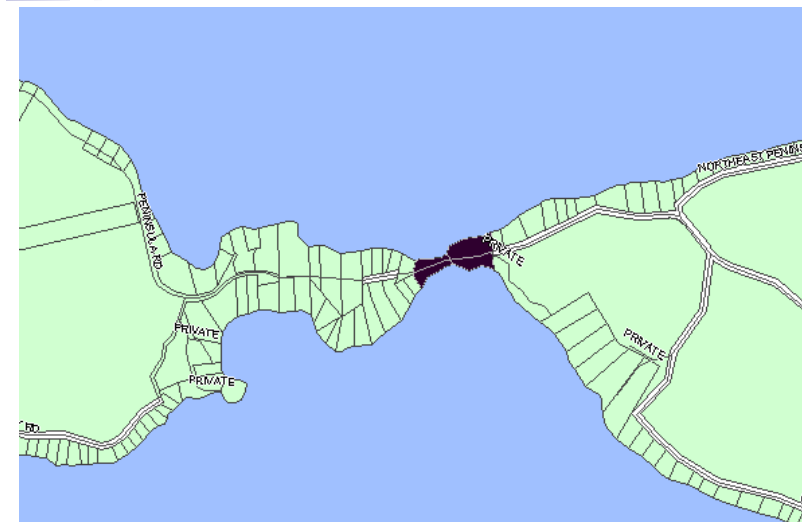


Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 2.40 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Rural

Amenities/Description:

- o Building – washroom/change room
- o Two beach areas – unsupervised
- o Junior play equipment 2002



Maintenance Strategies:

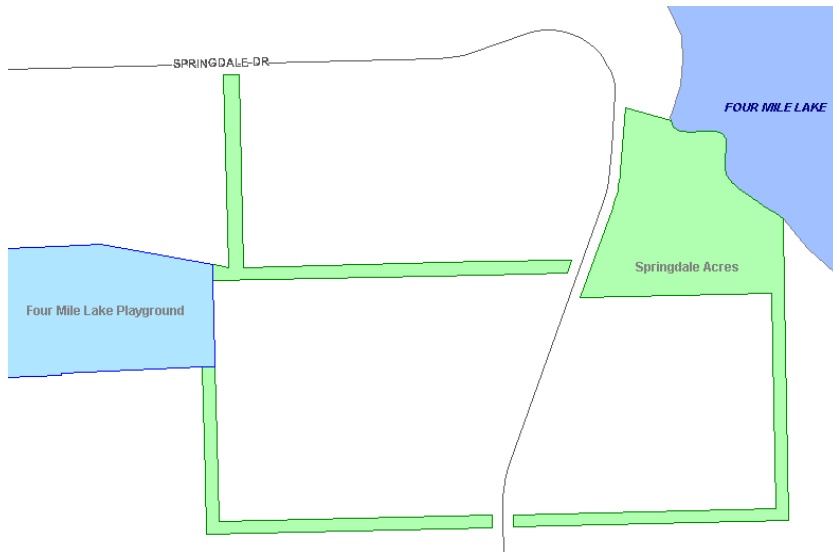
- o Parking lot bumper rail improvements required
- o New park identification signage required
- o Forestry & Beach Plans required

Program & Community Development:

- o Prone to overcrowding
- o Winter snow mobile crossing

Portage Park

Lot 11, Plan M-204

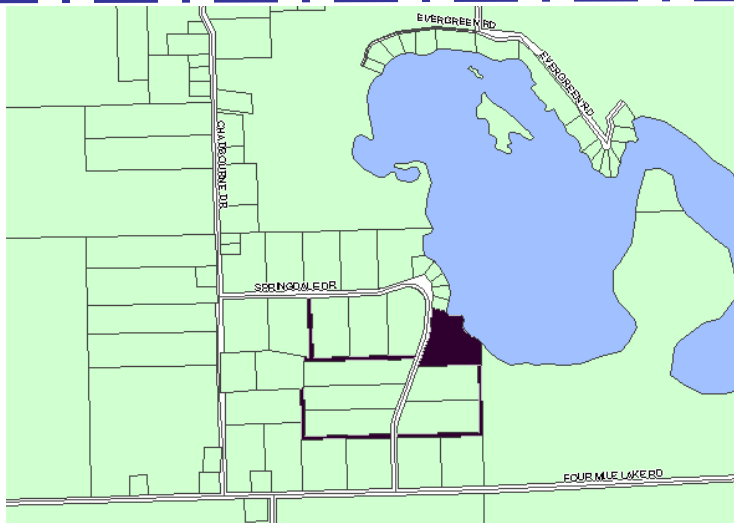


Identification:

- o **Type:** City Wide Park
- o **Area:** 4.08 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Rural

Amenities/Description:

- o Consists of two blocks of property, one adjacent to the Four Mile Lake Playground & one on Four Mile Lake itself.



Maintenance Strategies:

- o Forestry Plan required

Program & Community Development:

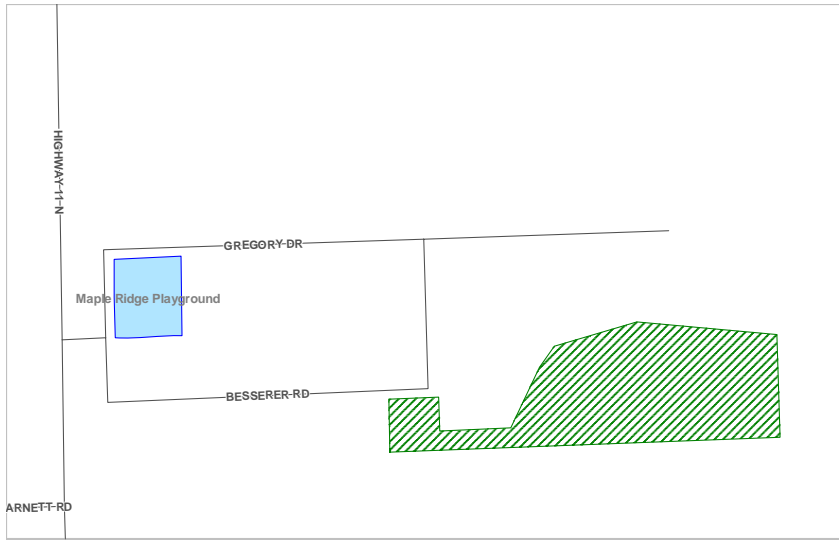
- o Neighbourhood meeting required to discuss park

Springdale Acres

Blocks “B”, “C”, “E”, “F” & “G”, Plan M-484 & Part 1, Plan NR-807 117



5% PARKLAND DEDICATION



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 4.14 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Cedar Heights

Review of area parkland and community consultation required before developing maintenance strategies.



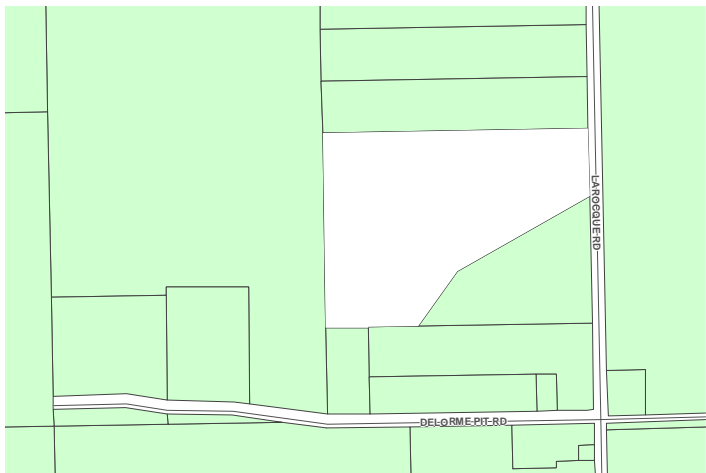
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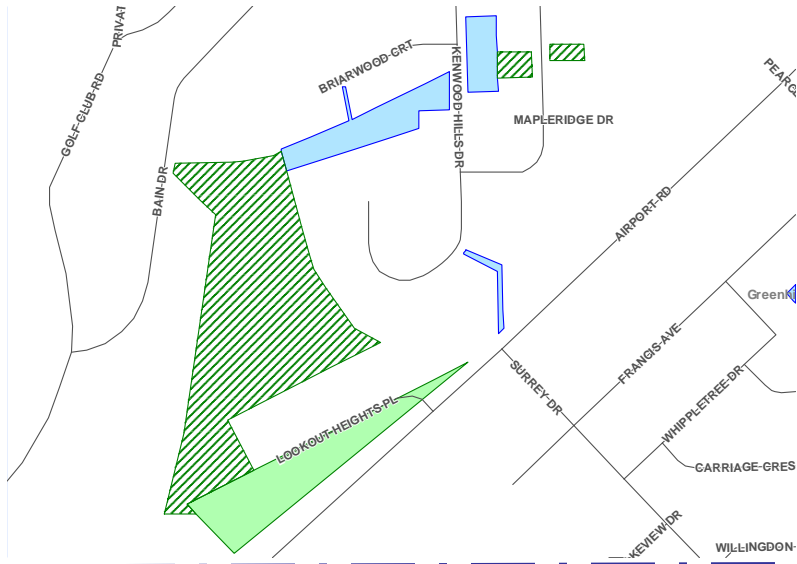
Identification:

- o **Type:** District Park
- o **Area:** 8.39
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Cedar Heights



Larocque Road

5% Parkland Dedication



Identification:

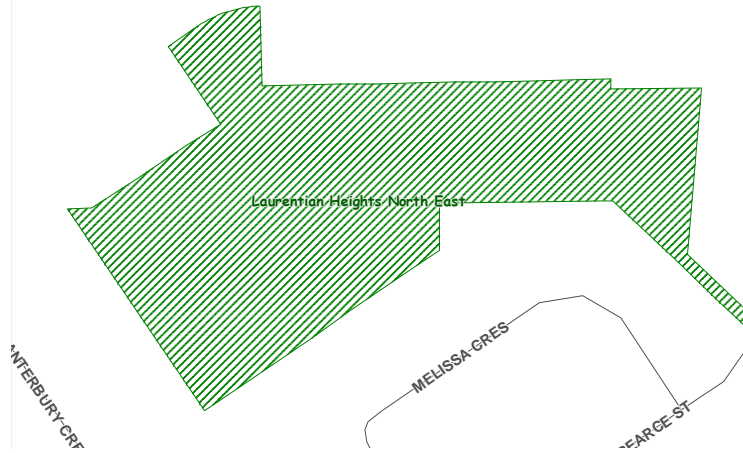
- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 5.86Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Airport Heights



Review of area parkland and community consultation required before developing maintenance strategies.

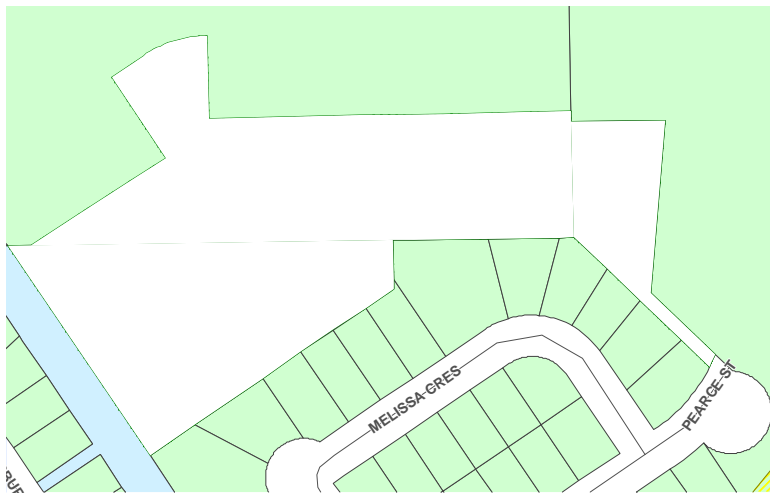
Kenwood Hills Area

5% Parkland Dedication



Identification:

- **Type:** Neighbourhood
- **Area:** 2.91Ha
- **Owner:** City of North Bay
- **Location:** Airport Heights



Review of area parkland and community consultation required before developing maintenance strategies.

Laurentian Heights

5% Parkland Dedication



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 0.06 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Airport Heights



Review of area parkland and community consultation required before developing maintenance strategies.

Mariah Street

5% Parkland Dedication



Identification:

- o **Type:** Neighbourhood Park
- o **Area:** 0.19 Ha
- o **Owner:** City of North Bay
- o **Location:** Cedar Heights

Review of area parkland and community consultation required before developing maintenance strategies.



Stone Manor (West & East)

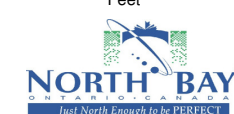
5% Parkland Dedication

Appendix B – Planning Districts and Open Space

Schedule 1 - Central Business District (CBD) Park Plan

Park Classification	Trail Classification	Symbols
City Wide	Existing Snowmobile Trail	Highway
District	Existing Trail and Major Sidewalk	Major Road
Neighbourhood	Future Trails	Railway
Parkette	Historical La Vase Portage	River / Creek
School Park Property	Land Use	Lake
Cemetery	Open Space	Intermittent Water
	Lake Access	Planning District Boundary
		Municipal Boundary
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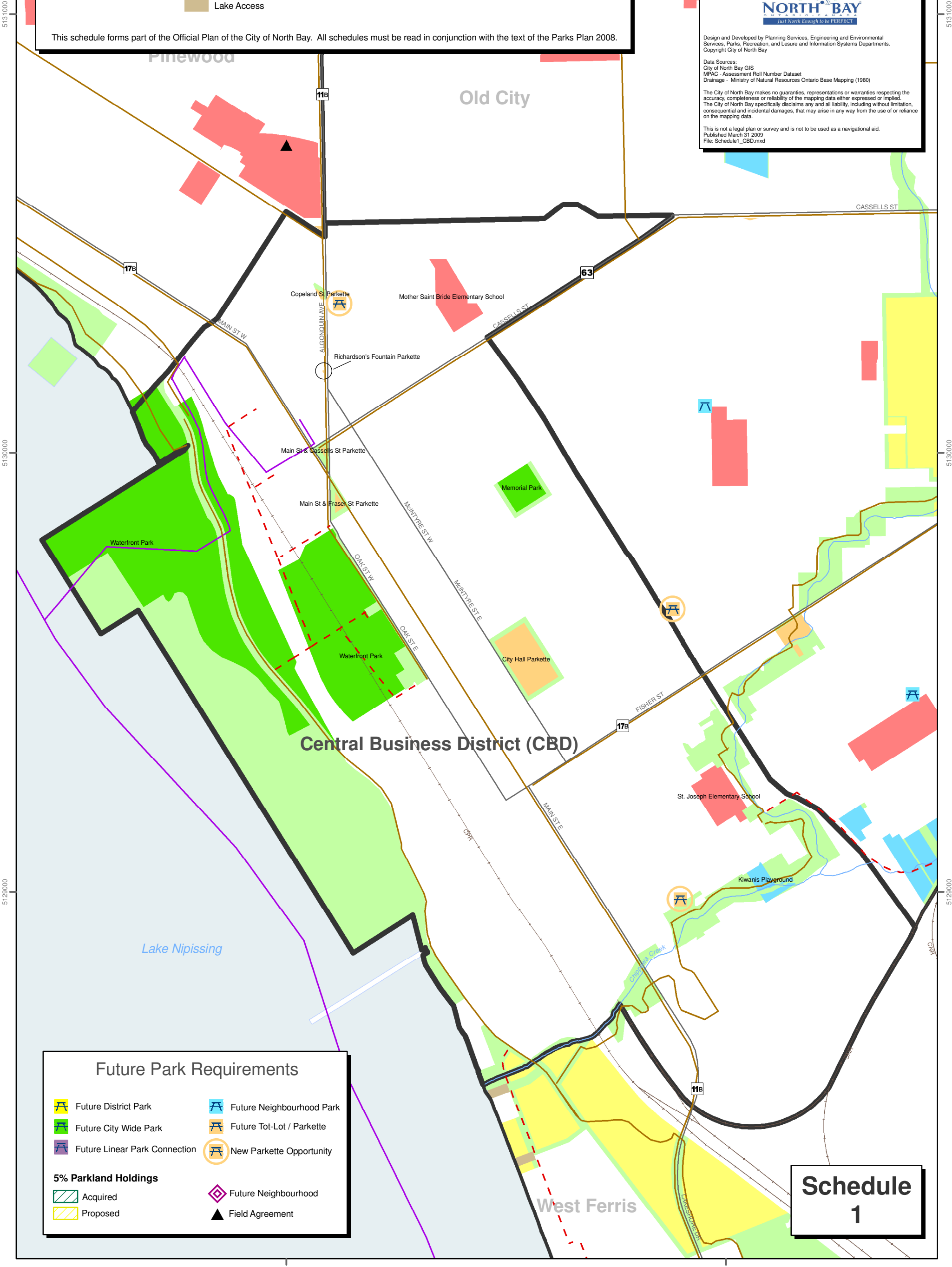
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Future Park Requirements

Future District Park	Future Neighbourhood Park
Future City Wide Park	Future Tot-Lot / Parkette
Future Linear Park Connection	New Parkette Opportunity
5% Parkland Holdings - Acquired	Future Neighbourhood
5% Parkland Holdings - Proposed	Field Agreement

Schedule 1

Schedule 2 - Old City Park Plan

Park Classification

- City Wide
- District
- Neighbourhood
- Parkette
- School Park Property
- Cemetery

Trail Classification

- Existing Snowmobile Trail
- Existing Trail and Major Sidewalk
- Future Trails
- Historical La Vase Portage

Land Use

- Open Space
- Lake Access

Symbols

- Highway
- Major Road
- Railway
- River / Creek
- Lake
- Intermittent Water
- Planning District Boundary
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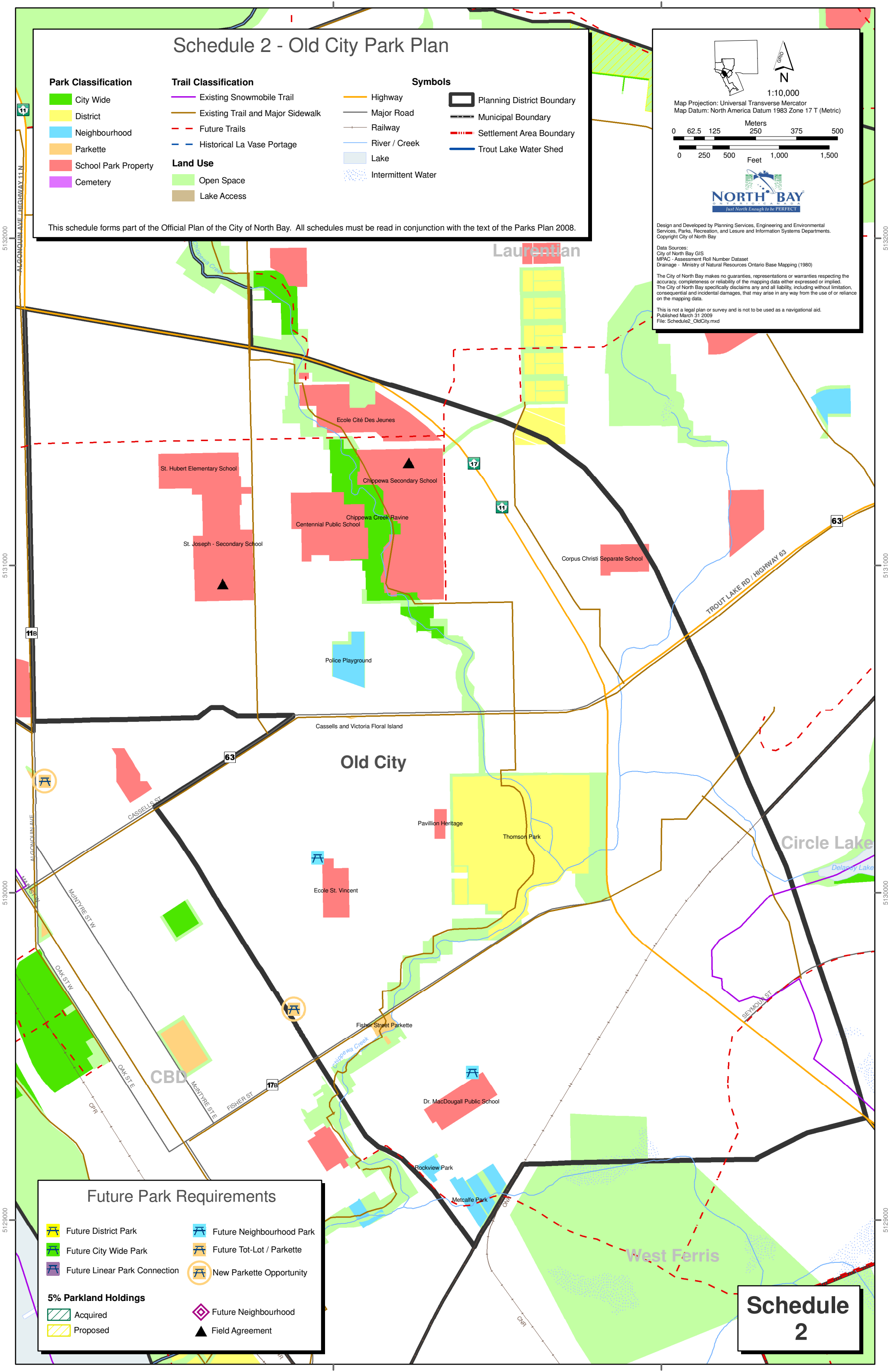


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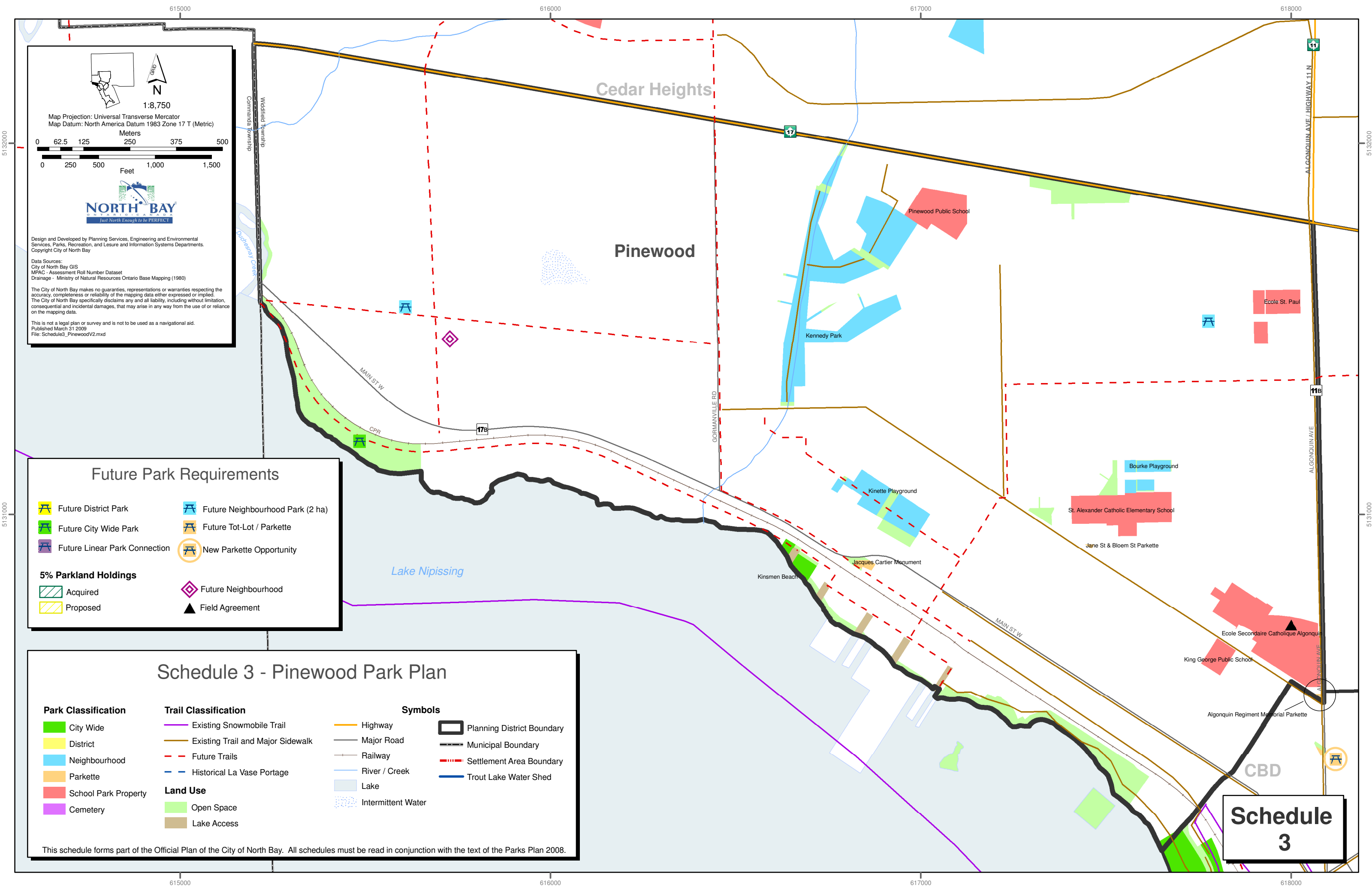
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Future Park Requirements

- Future District Park
- Future City Wide Park
- Future Linear Park Connection
- 5% Parkland Holdings: Acquired, Proposed
- Future Neighbourhood Park
- Future Tot-Lot / Parkette
- New Parkette Opportunity
- Future Neighbourhood
- Field Agreement

Schedule 2



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Future Park Requirements

Future District Park	Future Neighbourhood Park (2 ha)
Future City Wide Park	Future Tot-Lot / Parkette
Future Linear Park Connection	New Parkette Opportunity

5% Parkland Holdings

Acquired	Future Neighbourhood
Proposed	Field Agreement

Schedule 3 - Pinewood Park Plan

Park Classification	Trail Classification	Symbols
City Wide	Existing Snowmobile Trail	Highway
District	Existing Trail and Major Sidewalk	Major Road
Neighbourhood	Future Trails	Railway
Parkette	Historical La Vase Portage	River / Creek
School Park Property	Land Use	Lake
Cemetery	Open Space	Intermittent Water
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Schedule 3

Schedule 4 - West Ferris Park Plan

Park Classification

- City Wide
- District
- Neighbourhood
- Parkette
- School Park Property
- Cemetery

Trail Classification

- Existing Snowmobile Trail
- Existing Trail and Major Sidewalk
- - - Future Trails
- - - Historical La Vase Portage

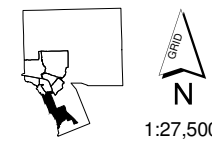
Land Use

- Open Space
- Lake Access

Symbols

- Highway
- Major Road
- Railway
- River / Creek
- Lake
- Intermittent Water
- Planning District Boundary
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- Settlement Area Boundary
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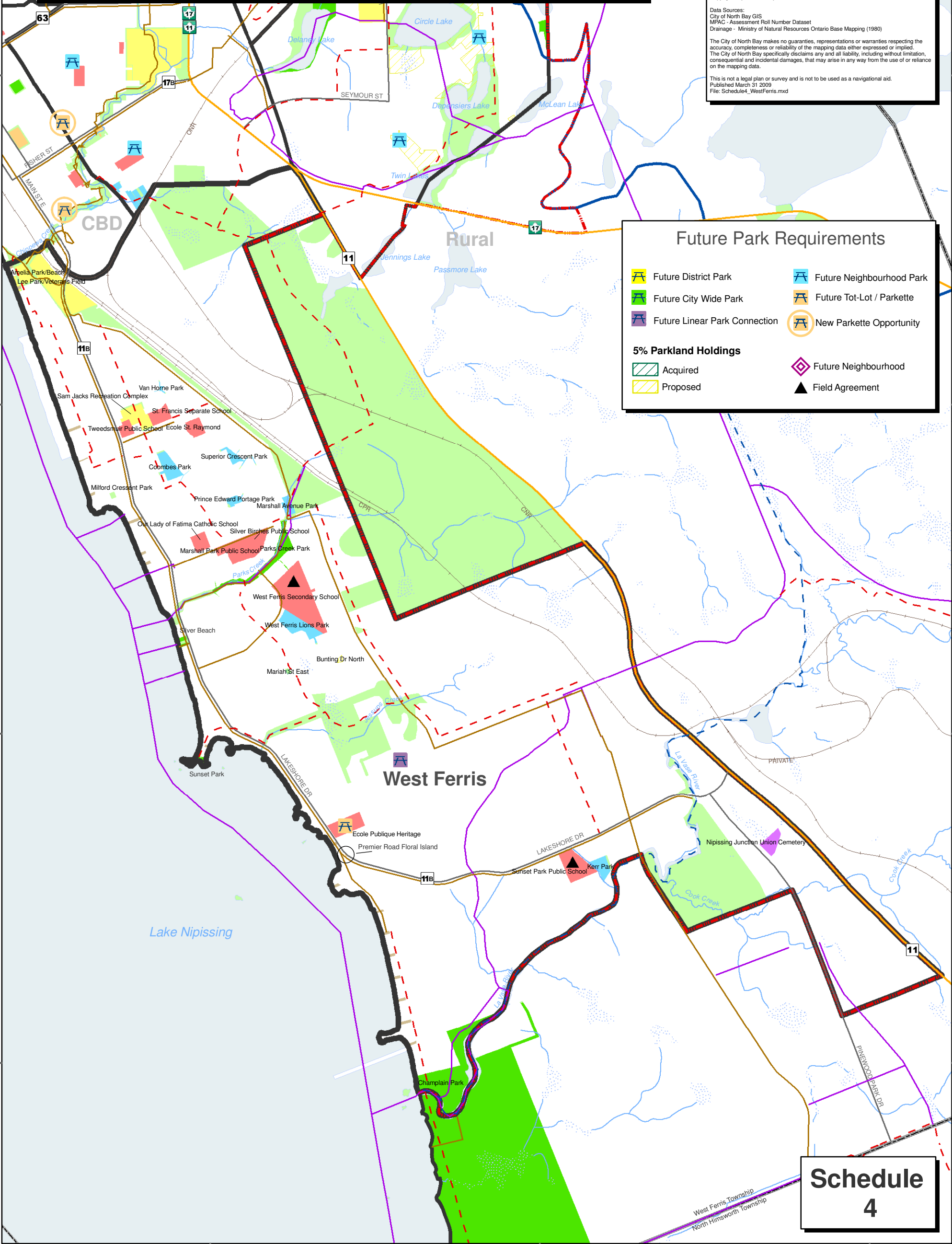
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Future Park Requirements

- Future District Park
 - Future City Wide Park
 - Future Linear Park Connection
 - Future Neighbourhood Park
 - Future Tot-Lot / Parkette
 - New Parkette Opportunity
- 5% Parkland Holdings**
- Acquired
 - Proposed
 - ◆ Future Neighbourhood
 - ▲ Field Agreement



Schedule 4

Schedule 5 - Cedar Heights Park Plan

Park Classification

- City Wide
- District
- Neighbourhood
- Parkette
- School Park Property
- Cemetery

Trail Classification

- Existing Snowmobile Trail
- Existing Trail and Major Sidewalk
- - - Future Trails
- - - Historical La Vase Portage

Land Use

- Open Space
- Lake Access

Symbols

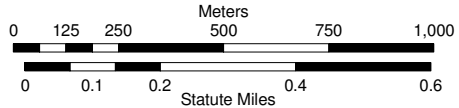
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- River / Creek
- Lake
- Intermittent Water
- Planning District Boundary
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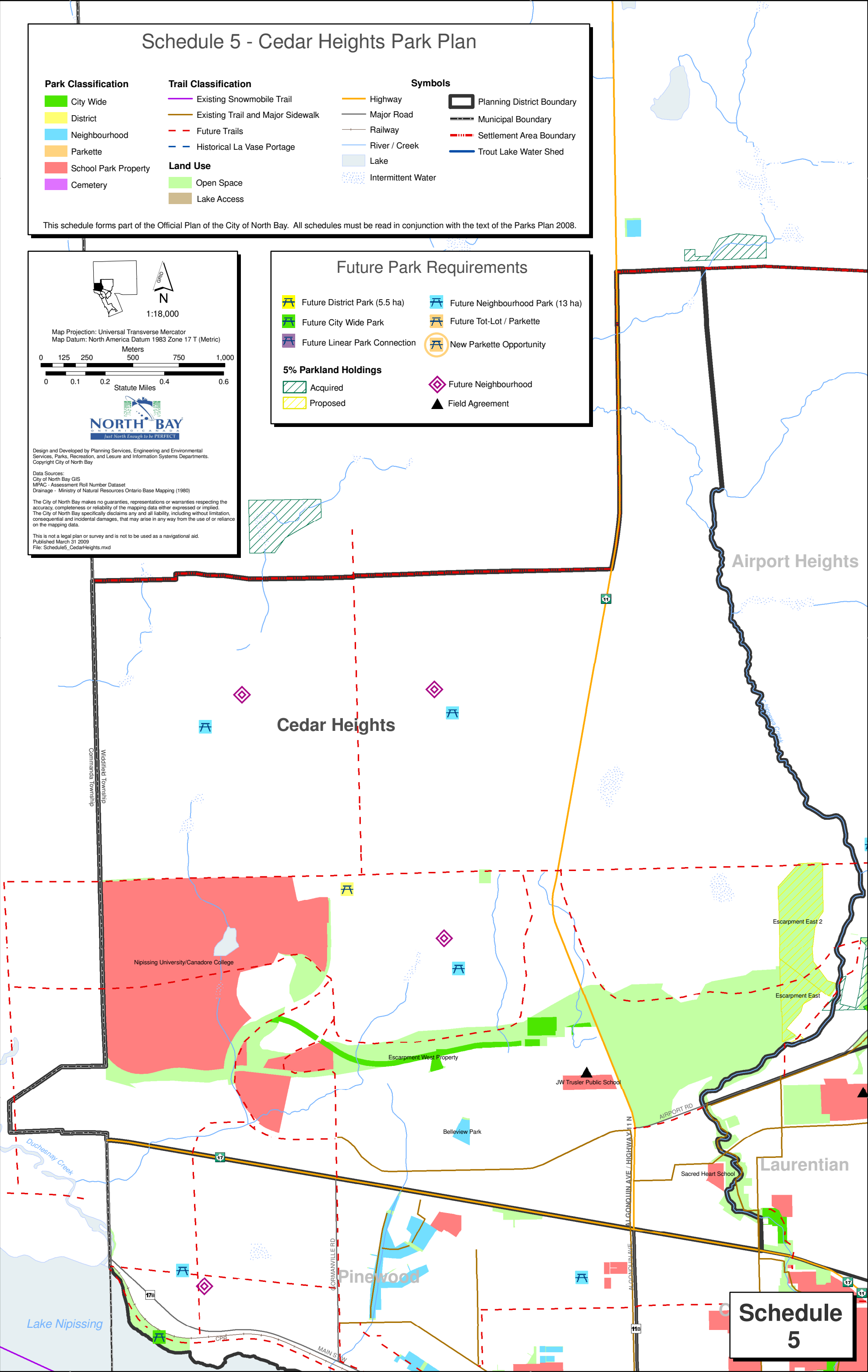
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Future Park Requirements

- Future District Park (5.5 ha)
- Future City Wide Park
- Future Linear Park Connection
- Future Neighbourhood Park (13 ha)
- Future Tot-Lot / Parkette
- New Parkette Opportunity

5% Parkland Holdings

- Acquired
- Proposed
- ◆ Future Neighbourhood
- ▲ Field Agreement



Schedule 5

Schedule 6 - Airport Heights Park Plan

Park Classification

- City Wide
- District
- Neighbourhood
- Parkette
- School Park Property
- Cemetery

Trail Classification

- Existing Snowmobile Trail
- Existing Trail and Major Sidewalk
- Future Trails
- Historical La Vase Portage

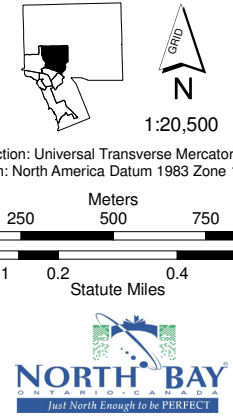
Land Use

- Open Space
- Lake Access

Symbols

- Highway
- Major Road
- Railway
- River / Creek
- Lake
- Intermittent Water
- Planning District Boundary
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- Settlement Area Boundary
- Trout Lake Water Shed

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Airport Heights

Future Park Requirements

- Future District Park (5 ha)
- Future City Wide Park
- Future Linear Park Connection
- Future Neighbourhood Park (4 ha)
- Future Tot-Lot / Parkette
- New Parkette Opportunity
- 5% Parkland Holdings
- Acquired
- Proposed
- Future Neighbourhood
- Field Agreement

**Schedule
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Future Park Requirements

Through future parkland dedication, the City of North Bay will continue to acquire parkland adjacent to wetland and beaver ponds in the area.

Future District Park	Future Neighbourhood Park
Future City Wide Park	Future Tot-Lot / Parkette
Future Linear Park Connection	New Parkette Opportunity

5% Parkland Holdings

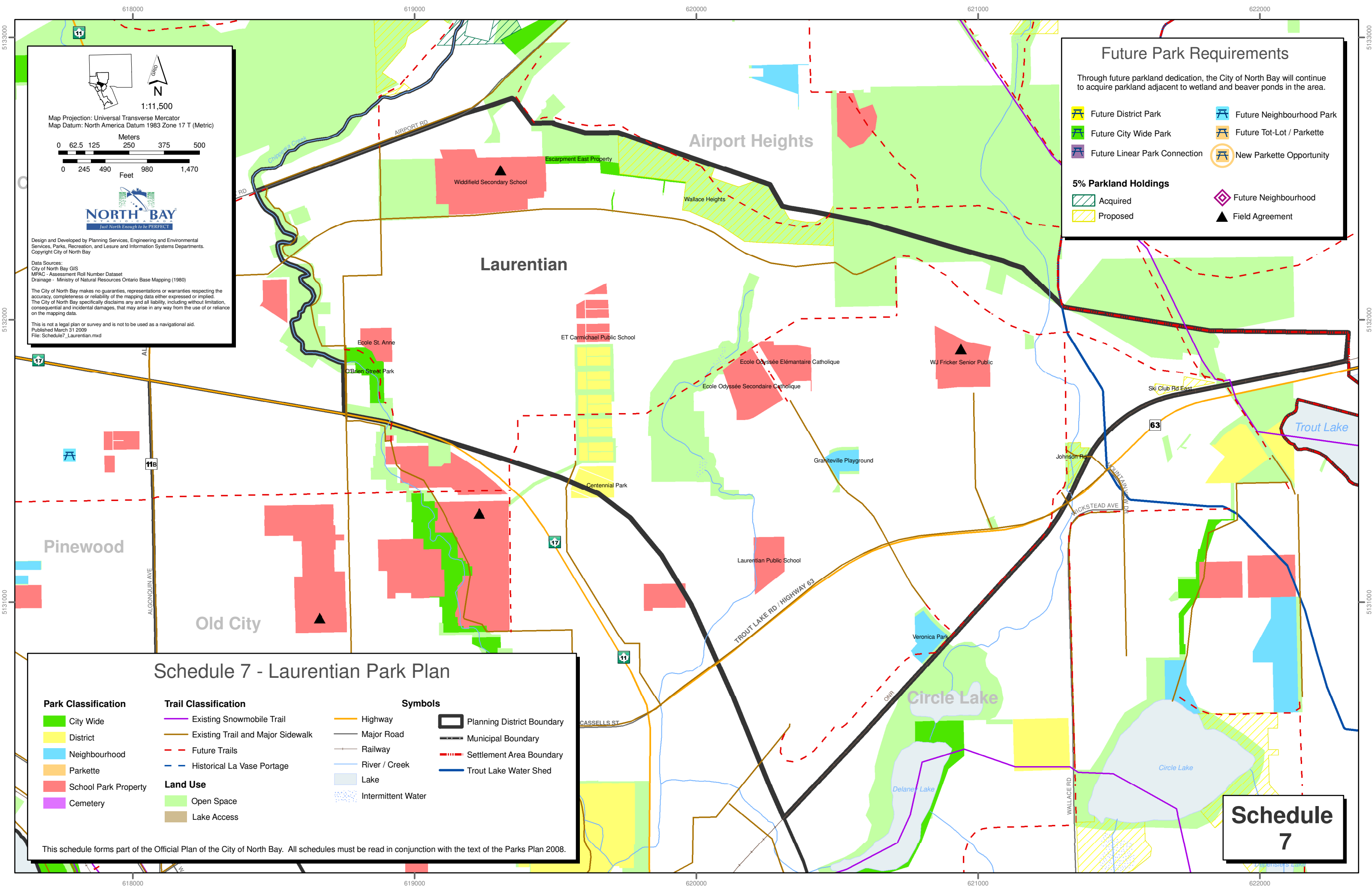
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Proposed	Field Agreement

Schedule 7 - Laurentian Park Plan

Park Classification	Trail Classification	Symbols
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District	Existing Trail and Major Sidewalk	Major Road
Neighbourhood	Future Trails	Railway
Parkette	Historical La Vase Portage	River / Creek
School Park Property	Land Use	Lake
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		Settlement Area Boundary
		Trout Lake Water Shed

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Schedule 7



Schedule 8 - Circle Lake Park Plan

Park Classification

- City Wide
- District
- Neighbourhood
- Parkette
- School Park Property
- Cemetery

Trail Classification

- Existing Snowmobile Trail
- Existing Trail and Major Sidewalk
- Future Trails
- Historical La Vase Portage

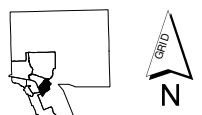
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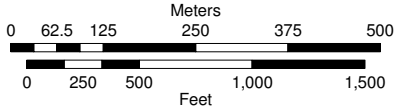
Symbols

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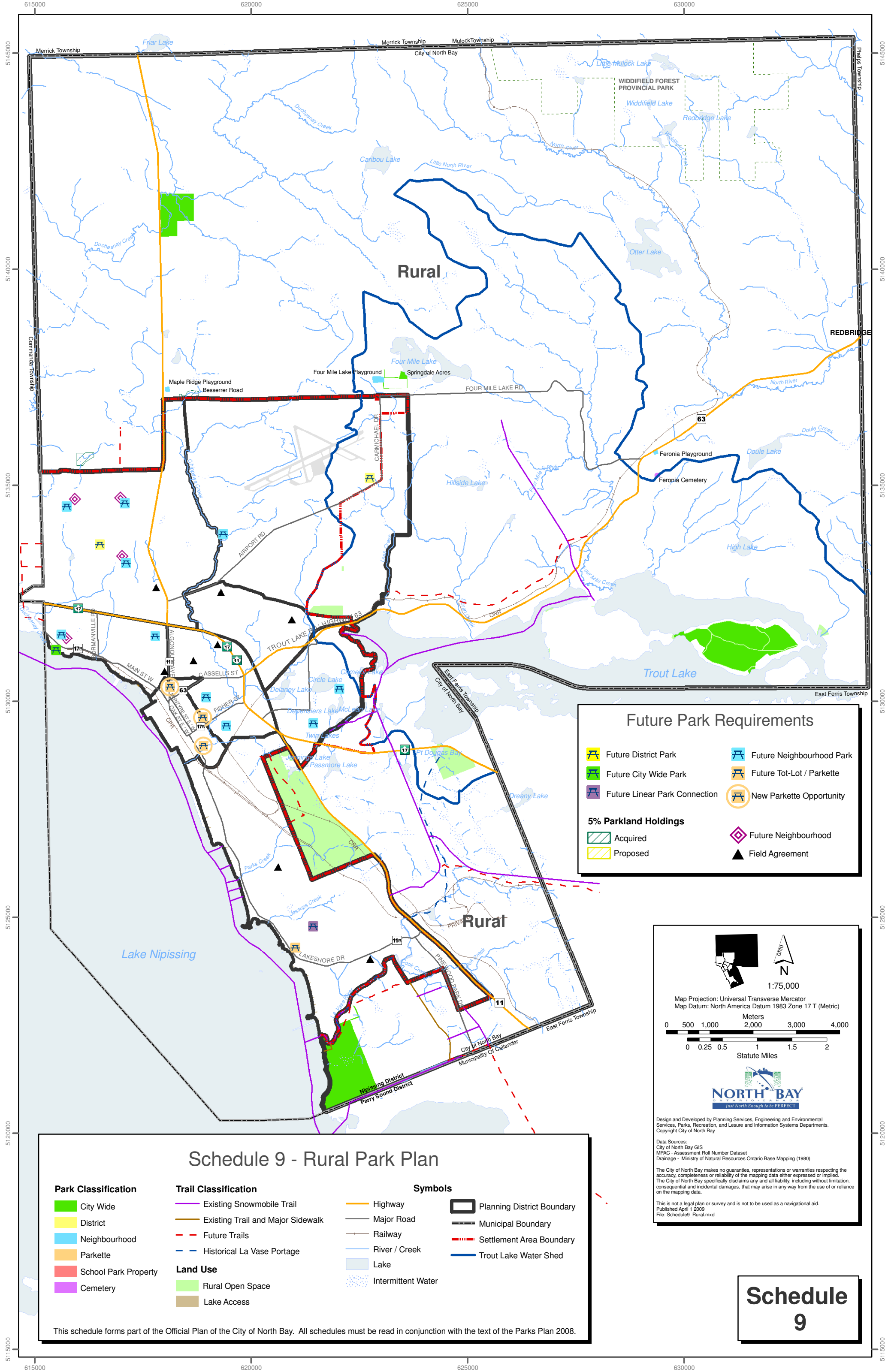
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Circle Lake

Future Park Requirements

- Future District Park
- Future City Wide Park
- Future Linear Park Connection
- Future Neighbourhood Park
- Future Tot-Lot / Parkette
- New Parkette Opportunity
- 5% Parkland Holdings - Acquired
- 5% Parkland Holdings - Proposed
- Future Neighbourhood
- Field Agreement

Schedule 8



Future Park Requirements

	Future District Park		Future Neighbourhood Park
	Future City Wide Park		Future Tot-Lot / Parkette
	Future Linear Park Connection		New Parkette Opportunity

5% Parkland Holdings

	Acquired		Future Neighbourhood
	Proposed		Field Agreement

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Schedule 9 - Rural Park Plan

Park Classification	Trail Classification	Symbols
	Land Use	

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Schedule 9

Appendix C – Sustainable Community Committee Principles

Part Five: Natural Features & Environment

Parks, Open Space & Trails



On December 13, 2005, the second SCAC meeting was held. A total of twenty (20) people attended. A copy of the exercises and results can be found in Appendix C.

The purpose of this meeting was to identify the existing issues relating to natural features and the environment, as well as parks, open space and trails; and for SCAC to develop sustainable community principles for these topic areas.

Natural Features and Environment

FoTenn presented information on the *Planning Act*; the 2005 Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), in particular the new Policy areas on Public Spaces, Parks and Open Space, and Energy and Air Quality; and the provincial and local planning framework.

City Staff highlighted the existing Official Plan policies and highlighted the following major Official Plan Amendments:

- ❖ 1987 – OPA 34: Floodplain erosion areas
- ❖ 1992 – OPA 60: Trout Lake water quality
- ❖ 1992 – OPA 64: Revisions to floodplain
- ❖ 1997 – OPA 71: Various sections including environmental policies. (*Note: This OPA has not been approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing)
- ❖ 2003 – OPA 78: Trout Lake watershed policies through an Ontario Municipal Board Decision

In addition, City Staff discussed that there are a number of current and emerging issues that will be considered in the new Official Plan. These issues include:

- ❖ Provincially Significant Wetland at the south end of the City. The linking of Highway 11 into Ferris would traverse through the wetland complexes.
- ❖ Renewable/Alternative Energy Resources
- ❖ Source Water Protection
- ❖ Brownfield Revitalization
- ❖ North Bay Escarpment
- ❖ Trout Lake and Lake Nipissing watersheds (cross-boundary matters)

Furthermore, City Staff advised that a landscape plan for the Escarpment would be considered given the concerns over what areas of the natural feature can be developed and where development would be prohibited. The SCAC members raised a concern regarding the need to define the boundary of the Escarpment and to determine the toe and brow of this natural feature.

The first exercise consisted of 5 break-out groups, whereby each participant “role-played” a golf course developer, municipal planner, president of a community association or a representative from the Conservation Authority. The exercise was to discuss in the respective roles a proposed golf-course development and whether it should be developed. This was a fictitious exercise and was intended for the SCAC members to draw on the PPS policies that were highlighted, to identify environmental concerns and to develop sustainable community principles or objectives to address each concern. See Appendix C for details.



Following the group’s results, the SCAC members were asked to identify themes., which were the following:

Themes

Stormwater Management	Commercial Development
Wetlands	Studies
Floodplains	Recreation and Employment
Brownfields	Water Contamination
Monitoring	Aesthetics
Economic Viability/Feasibility	Wooded Areas
Tax Implications	Pathway/Recreation/Public Accessibility
Wildlife Habitat	Water Use
Riparian Zone	



Once the themes were identified, the SCAC members identified objectives for each theme as follows:

Objectives for Natural Features and Environment

Stormwater Management

- Minimize impact of stormwater runoff on adjacent lands.
- Require developers to provide information or studies on existing hydrology and stormwater.
- Require developers to demonstrate how the development might impact on stormwater and how it can be mitigated.
- Require developers to provide stormwater plans as part of the development application submission.
- Proactive approach from the City on monitoring enforcement.
- Manage stormwater on site with no impacts on neighbouring lands or water.
- Prevent erosion.



Wetlands

- Protect riparian zones
- “Development and site alteration shall not be permitted in:
 - significant habitat of endangered species and threatened species;
 - significant wetlands in Ecoregions 5E, 6E and 7E1; and
 - significant coastal wetlands.” (PPS 2.1.3)
- “Development and site alteration shall not be permitted in:
 - significant wetlands in the Canadian Shield north of Ecoregions 5E, 6E and 7E;

- significant woodlands south and east of the Canadian Shield;
- significant valleylands south and east of the Canadian Shield;
- significant wildlife habitat; and
- significant areas of natural and scientific interest
 - unless it has been demonstrated that there will be no negative impacts on the natural features or their ecological functions.” (PPS 2.1.4)
- Provide 120 m buffer-development permitted under specific study
 - Recognize that wetlands are above 5% parkland dedication dependent on type of wetland.

Floodplains

- Regard for provincial regulations.

Financial Implications

- Consider financial implications to the City.
- Access federal/provincial grants where possible.
- Require business plans that are acceptable to the municipality.

Brownfields

- Provide independent studies on brownfield contamination.
- Rehabilitate brownfields.

Wildlife Habitat

- Conserve natural features
- Consider and protect wildlife corridors in plan preparation to minimize disturbance to the wildlife habitat and wildlife movement patterns.

Waterbodies

- Minimize impact on waterbodies ensuring no contamination of creeks and lakes.
- Protect water quality and quantity (PPS 2.2).
- Maintain opportunities for public access to waterbodies.
- Minimize impact on fish habitat.
- Provide appropriate setbacks for all waterbodies depending on characteristics of waterbodies.



Water Source Protection

- Protect water quality and quantity of Trout Lake as a source of drinking water.

Monitoring

- Require monitoring of outcomes and ensure accountability (e.g. performance bonds)



Recreational Pathways

- Provide recreational pathways through natural features (e.g. wetlands, wooded areas), where appropriate.

Recreation

- Provide recreational opportunities for all residents and tourists.
- Consider economic benefits from recreational opportunities.

Aesthetics

- Ensure the development is sensitive to and accounts for the natural setting and incorporates natural features into the design of the development.

Woodlands

- Preserve natural amenity of area as much as possible.
- Protect Laurier Woods.

Escarpment

- Protect Ottawa Bonnechere Graben Valley (portion of Escarpment)
- Provide continuous greenbelt trail along Escarpment by formalizing existing informal trails and connect to other natural features.
- Protect vistas and skyline (e.g. O'Brien Lookout and Jack Pine Hill) and provide opportunities to view geological features.



- Define and identify Escarpment area (top and bottom)
- Protect and preserve Escarpment as defined.
- Recognize that the Escarpment is a defining feature/landmark in North Bay.
- Protect houses and residents at the base of the Escarpment.

Based on what we heard, the following are the draft sustainable community principles for North Bay’s natural features and areas.

<i>Sustainable Community Principles for Natural Features and Environment</i>
Manage stormwater on site while reducing the impacts on adjacent lands or water.
Protect natural areas and riparian zones next to lakes and creeks.
Recognize the potential of brownfield areas and rehabilitate for development where appropriate.
Protect water quality and quantity of Trout Lake as a source of drinking water.
Provide recreational pathways through natural features (e.g. wetlands, wooded areas), where appropriate.
Ensure development is sensitive to and accounts for the natural setting and incorporates natural features into the design of the development.
Preserve the natural amenity of areas as much as possible.
Protect the Escarpment by defining the area to be protected, protecting vistas and skylines, providing a continuous trail and ensuring that development takes place in appropriate locations.
Protect/enhance and provide public access to the natural aesthetic views and vistas of and from significant natural features such as Trout Lake, Lake Nipissing, other lakes and the Escarpment.

Ensure that development on the Trout Lake watershed conforms to the long term watershed plan whose purpose it is to protect/enhance the long term water quality of the reservoir, to protect and enhance the biological integrity of the ecosystem, and to protect and enhance the aesthetic quality of the Trout Lake reservoir.

Parks, Open Space & Trails

City Staff presented information on past and recent studies on the City’s recreation and parks systems, as well as the policies in the Official Plan regarding recreation and leisure. Some of the studies that were highlighted were the 1994 Discovery Routes study; the 1991 and 2005 recreation studies, which resulted in many recommendations. One of the recommendations was for the City to establish agreements with school boards for the use of the recreational facilities. City Staff advised that some agreements have been made with the school boards.

The second exercise involved an interview where each person acted as a reporter and an interviewee. The purpose was for the SCAC to identify both positive and negative issues with the existing parks, open space and trails in North Bay and to propose solutions to the issues. (See Appendix C for details)

At the end of the exercise, the SCAC voted individually on the solutions that were of importance to them. The number in the brackets identifies the responses. The following are the results:

Proposed Solutions

- Overall Plan that ties in parks, open space, trails and facilities on developed and undeveloped land (14)
- City commitment to maintain parks and trails (9)

- Bigger tax base (8) *
- Multi-use facilities (7)
- Public education on the value and care of parks and trails and facilities (6)
- Better communication between agencies (5)
- Build indoor and outdoor facilities (4)
- Need better signage (3)
- Limit machines and bicycles (3)
- Think long term (3)
- Need policy on maintenance (2)
- Sustainable workshops with Council and developers (2)
- Limit liability (2) *
- Improve awareness of what's there (2)
- In heavy use area need alternative trails (1) *
- Appeal to parties for consideration (1)
- Private sector funding (1) *
- More money (1) *
- More sports facilities on waterfront (1)
- More volunteers (1)
- Better negotiation for land from private sector (1) *
- Increase government and public contribution (1) *
- Additional parks for younger people (1)
- Need a policy on who can use parks and trails (0)
- Linkage systems and protected areas (0)
- Provide co-ordinator to manage special interest groups (0)
- Enhance trails (0)
- Acquire linkages (0)
- Develop snowmobile links (0)

(Note: Those comments marked with an asterisk () are important comments and are larger municipal issues that require further discussions external to the new Official Plan process)*

As a result of these identified solutions and priorities, the following draft sustainable principles for Parks, Open Space and Trails were developed:

Sustainable Community Principles for Parks, Open Space and Trails

Develop a vision and a comprehensive plan that protects and links existing and future parks, open space, trails and facilities on both developed and undeveloped land.

Provide multi-use facilities and maximize opportunities to accommodate a wide range of sport, recreation activities and users.

Develop a comprehensive trails system that is appropriate for a variety of uses.

Develop a snowmobile trails system as recreational and tourism opportunities.

Encourage the Department of National Defense to allow access to their trails and maintain a Good Neighbour Policy in terms of trail use.

Develop where appropriate bike paths/lanes in road right-of-ways.



Appendix D – Parks Planning Charrette Report



Parks & Open Space Planning Charrette



2008



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First and foremost, the City of North Bay would like to thank the individuals who participated in Saturday's Planning Charrette (June 14th, 2008) session at the Capitol Centre's Galaxy Room. Their time, effort and knowledgeable input is much appreciated, and will assist the City's capability of coming up with a plan that not only reflects the public's needs and desires, but supports North Bay's initiative of providing the best quality of life achievable for the residents of North Bay.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely,

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*Director of Parks, Recreation &
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Ian Kilgour
Manger of Planning Services



Introduction

As presented to Planning Charrette Participants

Date: Saturday, June 14th, 2008

Commenced: 9:00 am

I. Vision of Sustainable Communities Committee

To date, a wide and strong consensus has been expressed by the citizens of North Bay to build on North Bay's quality of life strengths. To continually improve a high quality of life by good land use planning, the following guiding principles have been developed for this Plan:

North Bay is a City where:

- individuals and families can enjoy a safe, healthy and secure quality of life;
- employment and education for all levels of qualification will be provided; and
- development that enhances and protects the natural environment and cultural heritage will be encouraged.

II. Definition of an Official Plan

- legal document approved by council and the province
- long range planning (20-25 years)
- reflects a communities vision for future land use change and development
- policy framework to make day to day land development decisions
- Describes goals, objectives and policies that guide future physical development of a community while taking into consideration important social, economic and environmental matters and goals

III. Trails and Active Transportation Strategy 2008

- Passed by Council February 2008
- Expands beyond traditional trails to include urban non-motorized transportation corridors such as sidewalks and bike routes
- Encourages citizens to use local transit systems
- Goals of the Master Plan include:
 - Integrate Trails & Active Transportation
 - Trail Co-ordination and Planning
 - Linkages
 - Capital Budgets
 - Trail Standards
 - Trail Consultation Marketing and Promotion
 - Safety & Environment
 - Partnerships with Tourism and Economic Development
 - Trail Interpretive Information

IV. Parks Plan Update 2008

- Currently being updated
- Offers an up-to-date inventory of parkland within the City
- Addresses socio-demographic trends that affect the use of parkland, such as aging
- Compares the actual parkland with standards listed within the 1991 Parks Plan, as well as other Northern Ontario Communities

- Currently attempting to identify problem areas through the use of this Planning Charrette

V. Basic Demographics

- **Population 2006:** 53,966
- **Projection for 2033:** 60,000 (27 Years)
- **Projected Annual Growth Rate:** 0.31%
- **Average age in North Bay:** 49
- Percentage of 65+ is anticipated to represent 21% by 2031
- Largest proportion of people live in West Ferris (22.2%)

VI. Concept of Park Levels

Parkette

- Small area of land used for decorative purposes and/or passive recreation
- Associated with city monuments, fountains and ornamental pockets of lands
- Located along street intersections and major corridors

Neighbourhood Park

- Designed to accommodate neighbourhood interests
- Should be centrally located
- Safe and convenient walking distance (5 minute walking distance)
- Should be coordinated with public/private schools where possible

District Park

- Accommodate social, cultural, educational & physical activities of several neighbourhoods
- Major emphasis on facilities for organized sports
- Should be centrally located (20 minute walking distance)
- Should coordinate with secondary school sites where possible

City Wide Park

- Developed for the enjoyment of a diversified population
- Active and passive recreation
- Should be widely distributed throughout the municipality
- Should be multi-purpose in design or contain specialized uses

VII. Task for the Day

The task for today is to split up in 8 groups to represent the 9 planning districts. The Old City & CBD have been combined for the purposes of today's session.

1. Read the material on your table and review the mapping provided to familiarize yourself with the existing parks and trails located in your secondary planning district
2. There are 4 questions on the sheets attached for you to consider as you review the Parks and Open Space:
 - which secondary planning districts meet the current and future needs of parkland;
 - which type of parkland is needed;
 - where it should be created within the planning district; and
 - are there any possible linkages that can be made with trails?
3. Do not hesitate to ask a City representative for assistance (i.e. more detail, background)

Results from the Planning Districts

Laurentian Planning District

Representatives: Christine Charette
Ted Price

General Comments/Suggestions

- Schools and playgrounds in this planning district are well used by citizens.
- There should be more of a thought process in park dispersion.
- There is quite a bit of development on the escarpment, especially in the north part of this district. This should stop.
- City wide park activities are poor. There should be playground activities for teenagers such as health pit stops for exercising. A good location to try this would be Thomson Park.
- There isn't much room for new parkland therefore current parks and open space should be enhanced.
- The inventory of trails/parks that exist and the titles and names of creeks/river ways should be marked and made more evident to people. Hiking and biking trails should be advertised prior to adding more parkland. Chris Main's idea of "use it or lose it" was brought up.
- There are currently signage issues at parks within this planning district. There should be similar indication signs for all parks. A suggestion was made to use Native Traditional Artwork Design.
- The City should acquire more private land to keep as parkland, more specifically the Orsi land adjacent to the proposed new highway that is currently referred to as Beaver Pond Park.
- A new road by Laurentian Playground should be created. It would act as an exit off of the highway and would eliminate the highway going through the wetland.
- City should offer more water fountains along trails and parks. This would eliminate the need to carry a water bottle and consequentially result in less garbage on the ground.
- There is no sidewalk on Dellandrea and Rancier however there is a major need for sidewalks for the kids to walk to school safely.
- The City should provide more information on how trails will be development along roads. This is not clear.
- Snowmobile trails are often used for mountain biking; thus serving a dual purpose.
- There is a need for more parkettes within this district. Good locations were near the hydro line and possibly one by the overpass on Trout Lake.
- The corridor from Ski Club to Trout Lake Road allows wildlife to access the city. The City should plan accordingly to decrease the amount of accidents on highways/roads.
- There should be a linkage to a pedestrian overpass.
- There should be underpasses created with the new highway to act as migratory routes for wildlife. This will allow them to safely get around a busy street. It could consequentially decrease the amount of accidents that may occur without it.
- The City should identify location of locally significant wetlands. It is understood that not everything wet should be designated wetlands. The Conservation Authority regulates



the wetlands and is currently working on a set of policies. In order to identify a locally significant wetland, five tests need to be conducted.

- Maps should have been showing Provincially Significant Wetlands.

Specific Comments/Suggestions

- The **Escarpment East Property** is already being developed (specifically the street between Surrey and Ski Club Road).
- **Graniteville Park** is well liked by the districts residents.
- The City should advertise **O'Brien Street Park** – it is currently not well known and thus not used to its fullest potential.

West Ferris Planning District

Representatives: Roy Summers
Peter Koch

General Comments/Suggestions

- The planning district does not meet the current needs for parkland. It is in need of all types of parkland; parkette, neighbourhood, district and city-wide.
- Trails do exist but there is limited knowledge of access points. Bike and walking trails to parks would be helpful to increase usage.
- There are some residential areas that are not linked.
- More parks would be desired however there are limitations due to less land being available
- Should use the heritage aspects within the parks for potential tourism opportunities.
- Some parks are not signed or publicized. The City should formulate an inventory of which ones are and are not signed in order to correct this issue.
- The east side of Booth road shows opportunity for parkland. The existing railroad beds could be developed into a trail.
- Laurier Woods could connect to the old rail bed, making it readily accessible from Ferris rather than solely the Old City.
- Potential trail linkages include:
 - from John to Nip. Junction
 - the Great Lakes heritage coast trail; which offers excellent walking opportunity
 - the Fire Hall-CPR bridge; which gives you an opportunity to get to Old Callander Road (a potential alternate way to get into West Ferris)
- There is green space available between Thelma/Bunting Drive
- The snowmobile trails should become a multi-seasonal trail system for bikers and walk/runners.
- The ONR property south of Laurier Woods is another excellent opportunity for parkland.



Specific Comments/Suggestions

- **Lee Park** is currently used at capacity for intercity sports. Outside of this park, there isn't anything else available within this planning district.
- **Marshall Avenue Park** could be expanded as there is land available. This property should be developed into parkland. It is central and a great location.
- The City needs to make a more efficient use out of the **beach access roads**. They are important to preserve and enhance.
- A trail that would access **Parks Creek Park** should be promoted.
- The City needs to discover what the potential uses are for **La Vase Park**. There are terrific day camping opportunities here. A bridge to cross over river should be developed.
- **La Vase Park** was expropriated by the city 40 years ago; it used to have cottages. The north end of the park had an access road, but it is now closed. The road goes over 700-800 metres of Provincially Significant Wetland. The development of La Vase Park has not been a

priority, which is why nothing has come about on the property. When the waterfront park opened, attention towards La Vase Park switched. The City recognized that a pool and sport fields are needed more than passive recreational parkland. This is what they put their money towards. It is currently being used but isn't formally being used.

- The property south of **Laurier Woods** should be designated open space and should be made apart of Laurier Woods.
- There is the possibility of placing an EcoCentre at the old **Publique Heritage** school site and attaching the back property to it to get to the water tower.
- The area behind **Mariah and Thelma Avenue** at end of Bunting Drive, there is the potential for an extension to Kate Pace.

Cedar Heights Planning District

Representatives: Brenda McLay
Leah Pierce
Liz Lott

General Comments/Suggestions

- There is a need for back lanes within the city. The back lanes could be used as a pedestrian walkway to get to and from parks safely, without using streets.
- Some parks within the city do not need to be groomed. Sometimes, an open space will do.
- Properties should not be stripped when development occurs. Leaving some mature trees would not only save a tree, but enhance the aesthetics of the area. *One Kids Place* is an example of development that stripped the entire land when trees could have been maintained. This could be done through the use of the Official Plan or the Zoning By-law.
- Additional parkland is required within this planning district.
- Currently, there are people who create a skating rink on the bog/marsh land beside the highway. There is the potential to recognize and designate this area as parkland to keep it better maintained.
- Another location for potential parkland is the where the old sugar shack is located. There are mature trees and great lookout from this property.
- Possible trail linkages include:
 - A link to the Kate Pace Way, potentially through Oakdale and McKeown. It would be great to get to the Davedi Club and connect to the trail that way.
 - A link to Escarpment which goes through the cemeteries and again connects to the Davedi Club access point of the Kinsmen Trail.
- New development should be required to donate a larger proportion of parkland, not only five percent.
- Parks and open spaces should have a four season approach. There should be identified uses within the winter months.
- There should be a green buffer to hide the industrial and highway commercial development when traveling into the city from Highway 17 East.
- There should be safer access points to cross highway 11 and 17. Crosswalks or under/overpasses should be introduced.
- In North Bay, due to our heavy snowfalls, it is difficult to have shade trees along roads. They usually do not survive the snow plows, salt, compaction, and other issues.
- 200 feet is the standard that people will walk in order to get to a commercial building. If the walk is any longer, the elderly need park benches between the commercial building and where they parked in order to sit if they get weak.
- The City should prepare a long range plan for Parks. Staff for Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services would have to increase in order to maintain potential trails and parks. Council should understand the need for parkland as one of the most important features of a city. The idea should be supported by council.



- There should be a buffer around creeks.
- There should be protection of migratory routes for animals that use the escarpment and trail corridors.

Specific Comments/Suggestions

- **Bellevue Park** currently offers a new playground and tire swings. It is situated in a high residential area and is currently under-utilized. It needs a year round program; which would include a rink, trees for shading, basketball pad, etc.
- **Trussler School** offers a senior playground which needs a lot of work, as well as a junior playground which should have a covered sandbox. Trees should also be provided to shade equipment and swings.
- **Black Forest Park** should be advertise as an eco-classroom facility and should offer well maintained parking and public washrooms. Menard sometimes goes up with schools to teach the children about the environment. It would be great to make this a year-round activity.
- **Escarpment West Property** should offer a trail from the DND property to the college facility. Access points are needed. A creative brochure could be produced to identify access points to these trails.
- There are currently no parkettes within the planning district. There is the potential for a parkette at the corner of **Cartier/Champlain**
- At **Hearst/Leonard/Justin**, the highway drops off. It would be nice to beautify this area.
- It should be noted that **Mapleridge Park** could be used by people other than those in the neighbourhood since it is located directly off of Highway 11 North.
- The **escarpment** should be wider and owned by the City.
- **MTO property @ Airport and Highway 11** should be green space and the MTO should help maintain it.

Rural Planning District

Representatives: Fred McNutt
Fred Pinto
Darryl McLure

General Comments/Suggestions

- There should be a larger buffer around creeks.
- There should be designations between wetlands.
- Gravel pits should have to protect creeks & open space.
- Many trails are not and should be inventoried. They do not need to be maintained, but should be documented.
- The railway lands behind Laurier Woods should be used to expand the conservation authority owned parkland.
- La Vase Portage needs to be maintained and the damages of the past repaired where possible.
- A Forest Management Plan should be put in place to retain wildlife and increase access to open space areas.
- Natural area parks that aren't developed should remain that way.
- There should be more urban trees throughout the city. The City should look at other technologies and cities to find out how to best utilize them.
- The wording of undeveloped areas should be changed. Land that is not developed should be called "green space".
- The current park designations should consider the ecological value of land and water to the city.



Specific Comments/Suggestions

- The south west piece within **Otter Lake Park** should be designated open space. It is legal parkland. The City should be putting the entire park back into the inventory.
- Additional parkland should be located on large property owned by Astonwood Investments Ltd. (adjacent to **West Peninsula Road**).
- A connection from La Vase Portage to Mattawa River parks should be created.
- Historical significant locations should be documented and publicized on trails.

Pinewood Planning District

Representatives: Liza Vandermeer
Jim Sinclair

General Comments/Suggestions

- In the area within Algonquin/Highway 17/Clarence/Bloem, there is not much green space available.
- The proposed joint agreement with ESCA needs to be more publicized. The public needs to know who to contact to book games.
- Algonquin Avenue, being a busy street, is difficult to get across. There are only two safe intersections; one at the Esso gas station and at the other at the end of Jane Street.
- The Beach Access Roads within this planning district should be designated as parkland.
- The railway right-of-way should be made into a trail connection.
- There should be a park at the new hospital. Natural aesthetics is a part of healing.
- The school board agreements with the City should be made more publicly available and more clear and understandable.
- School parkland areas should be enhanced. Current school parks are lacking many features.
- The parkette at Jane and Cormack is no longer a garden or treed area. This has been changed to simply an empty space. This area should be enhanced.
- Bicycle paths that were created to encourage a new mode of transportation should be separate from walking trails.
- There are numerous traffic concerns in the Pinewood area that should be dealt with. A Comprehensive Traffic Plan should be developed for Main Street West between Murray and Gormanville to:
 - widen it to accommodate 20 year growth; and
 - to resolve existing land use conflicts between industry, residential and transportation.
- The City should explore ways of enhancing the use of Jet Avenue to resolve traffic parking difficulties on Main Street.
- The top and bottom of Jane are wide, however there is a remaining section where the setbacks are not as far back and the street is narrow. This needs to be addressed prior to the opening of the new hospital.
- With the possible redevelopment of current hospital sites, parkland should be added.
- Orsi land at west end should have natural areas preserved.



Specific Comments/Suggestions

- **Sweetman's garden** is a topic of a private agreement. This should be something the city purchases.
- **Kinnette playground** is well used however the crossing at Jane Street is difficult. A pedestrian crossing should be created.

- **Kinsmen Beach** is an important park as it is used year-round for activities such as tobogganing, walking and sunset watching. It however, is in need of trees and shrubs to act as a fence line buffer. This would provide a visual and noise buffer between park and rail/traffic impacts. Also, the existing foot path from Kinsmen Beach to the motherhouse should be formally recognized and designated. There is a possibility of linking this trail with the Jacques Cartier Parkette.
- **Pinewood Public School** has the potential to improve and increase walking and biking opportunities.
- **King George Public School** yard needs landscaping and aesthetic enhancements. Communication and cooperation between school and City is necessary. Proposed dedicated bike lanes via McIntyre Street West and Copeland should be encouraged as it is a Traffic Control Area.
- **Ecole St. Paul** is in need of landscaping. Trees and shrubs should be added to enhance the outside boundaries of this facility.
- **Ecole Secondaire Catholique Algonquin** has a potential special agreement that needs to be better publicized. When ESCA acquired the land, it was a big loss of accessible green space. It is currently fenced, gated and locked. The school should offer more information and communication regarding opportunities for use by established groups for formal, scheduled sports like soccer games. There should be more opportunity for use and access for informal recreation (i.e. running, Frisbee).
- **Jacque Cartier Monument** creates an opportunity for a trail access towards Kinsmen Beach. It is currently stuck in the middle of traffic. Linking walking and bike paths to the Beach Access would improve the access of this parkette.
- **Kinette Playground** is a great, well-used children's playground. It should be linked to new bike/walking paths to increase usage even more. There are opportunities for trails from the remaining sections of rail bed. As mentioned above, it is very important to provide safe, well-designed pedestrian crossing across Jane Street.
- **Kennedy Park's** walking paths needs to be preserved, enhanced and promoted to improve walking access from Pinewood School to residential areas and other trail networks, such as the Kate Pace.
- **Bourke Playground** should receive benches, playground facilities, trees and landscaping to make it more attractive and encourage use by surrounding families.

Circle Lake Planning District

Representatives: Harriet Madigan
Stuart Bailey

General Comments/Suggestions

- Green space should be signed so that people can identify where it is.
- Wood chip paths should be encouraged.
- The City should create an inventory of the parks and open spaces that are not clearly signed or accessible, and fix these issues.
- There are some maintenance issues at some parks within this planning district.
- The City should sign trails and paths to indicate the level of difficulty.
- There should be a dock off of Circle Lake for the purpose of fishing. Boating should not be encouraged. This could also lead to a potential boardwalk along the lake. It should be wheelchair accessible.
- Not all paths have to be lighted, however those that are most used, should.
- There should be more connections between schools and the park areas.
- There is currently a safety issue in some of the trails.
- In no case should the City allow high rise development on the lake to take place. Blocking the view of the lake should not be allowed.
- There should be an inventory created, describing the ecology and the habitats in various green areas.
- In some cases, the need to develop open space into parkland is not necessary. Passive recreation should be encouraged to better suit the needs of the older adults. Keeping the areas natural would also address ecology and habitat protection.
- Where neighbourhoods with different ages co-exist, multi-generational use should be encouraged.
- There should be some commitment from council to maintain the pathways and boardwalk.
- For those who do not have front yards within the affordable housing section of this planning district (owner prohibits the use of their front yards), creating community gardens should be considered. If possible, partnerships should be arranged with the school boards to use some of their land. It would also be a learning experience for the children.
- Green space in cul-de-sacs should be encouraged, except where uphill.
- The proposed linkages should be supported.
- The Beach Access Roads should be designated into parkettes, and be maintained by the City of North Bay. Current encroachments should be removed.
- The City should increase the amount of staff for Parks and Recreation.
- Some parks need more lighting and beautification to take place.
- The existing playgrounds and park areas should have shelters or community centres.
- The city should add more park benches to their current supply of parks.
- There are numerous maintenance issues within the parks of this planning district.



Specific Comments/Suggestions

- **Circle Lake** should have a dock and boardwalk to connect Sage Road around Circle Lake to Wallace. There should also be a proposed sidewalk to Commerce Court. The boardwalk along Circle Lake would continue to Birchhaven Park playground, and should be made wheelchair accessible.

Old City/CBD Planning District

Representatives: Rod Johnston
Donna Sinclair
Margaret Goodwin

General Comments/Suggestions

- There are hardly any parks in the south side of the Old City. Most of the parks belong to the schools.
- The schools should become more landscaped to appeal to the majority of people rather than just children. Parks made for seniors must be taken into consideration, especially with a growing older population.
- Thomson Park and Chippewa Creek Ravine are good for the area.
- There is geocaching potential within the city. The City should have an activity on the website where you get coordinates and need to locate certain parks within the city. This could allow the residents to discover parks they never knew about.
- Within the entrances of trails, there should be signs/maps stating “you are here”, and perhaps details about what you are going to see in the park and how you can connect to other parklands. These should be uniform throughout the city.
- Gazebos should be added within the majority of the parkland. It instantly makes the parks more passive. This should be considered within the neighbourhood parks.
- Toronto, being a very cultural city, has encouraged cultural areas within their parks by adding baking ovens to bake breads on the weekends. This is something the City of North Bay could do; however it should reflect a more northern culture.
- Parks should have a social use instead of something you would just stop at quickly.
- There is a need for more neighbourhood parks.
- Trees and benches are required for older adults.
- The City should use existing trails for organized runs.
- The City needs to add features within parks to help people gather.
- Parking lots should have more green buffers. Adding trees, grass and gardens should be required for parking lot development from now on.
- The Emerald Ring in Cleveland should be used as an example for connectivity of our parkland. Our trails should connect the Old City/CBD parks in a circle, leading down to the waterfront.
- Garbage cans and water fountains should be more attractive and available throughout the city.
- The City should provide better washroom facilities at parks that are maintained on an ongoing basis.
- One building along Main and Oak Street should be demolished and greened in order to act as a pathway to the waterfront. It would disrupt the feeling of urbanism by bringing nature back into the city.
- The City should add more bike lock stations. In order to make them more aesthetically pleasing, they could be designed by local artists. Snowmobile lock ups should also be introduced.



- The shoreline of Lake Nipissing should be cleared during winter months to offer the residents a skating rink (somewhat similar to Ramsey Lake in Sudbury).
- Parkettes could be created by using single house lots.
- Recycling should be offered in parks.
- The City should think of the entire CBD as a large park. Offering more trees in this area would give the downtown the feeling of parkland.
- There is the potential of rooftop gardens, green roofs or rooftop cafes within the downtown. The City should take advantage of this.
- The city should create a celebration of green businesses downtown and encourage stores in various ways to be green.

Specific Comments/Suggestions

- **City Hall Parkette** currently has an empty “pond”. The City should fill in the “pond” and possibly offer a farmer’s market here.
- **Third & Sherbrooke** has the potential to be a nice park.
- Near the **Burrows Store**, there is land that could be designated open space (old railway bed).
- The **Pro-Cathedral** should offer green space in the back of the church where the parking lot is proposed.

Airport Heights Planning District

Representatives: Peggy Walsh Craig
Patti Carr

General Comments/Suggestions

- There is currently no district park within this planning district. A district park should be encouraged in this area.
- There should be a pedestrian friendly linkage down the hill.
- The Greenhill/Pearce/Pipeline areas need neighbourhood parks.
- The creeks should have a natural buffer to act as protection.
- The escarpment should be protected as much as possible.
- The natural features of this area should be protected from adjacent gravel pits.
- There should be trails on Lees Road.
- The DND trail should link through their properties to Hornell Heights. There should be a trail along Johnson Creek that also links to Hornell Heights.
- The City should encourage an active transportation link to those who will work in the proposed industrial lands by the airport.
- The proposed industrial areas should be landscaped with natural areas for employees.
- Low-density minimal impact development should be promoted below the lookout.
- There are no parks along Anita Avenue. This should be addressed.
- There should be a trail along Chippewa Creek.
- A tree by-law should be created, enforcing developers to not cut down all trees during development of all types of buildings. This would add character to the new subdivisions.
- The City does not promote North Bay as one with 30 lakes. This should be done.
- The upper areas of Chippewa Creek have trails that should be noted.



Specific Comments/Suggestions

- **Greenhill Park** is an ideal model for a neighbourhood park.
- **Fricker-Wallace Park** needs better signage.

General Parks and Open Space Concepts

Developed During the Planning Charrette 2008

1.0 Designated Parkland

- 1.1 The City should think thoroughly about park dispersion prior to allowing development to occur.
- 1.2 Parks should offer a social use. Picnicking, concerts by local musicians, theatre group performances, etc. should be encouraged by the City.
- 1.3 The City should encourage and create activities such as exercise classes and organized runs at current designated parkland to promote a more healthy and active lifestyle.
- 1.4 The City should generate an inventory of all parks that do not have an identification sign and appropriately assign them one. The signs for each park should be all uniform and designed by local artists.
- 1.5 The City should ensure that neighbourhood parks are safe and easy to access. To do so, sidewalks and pedestrian crossings are needed along busy streets.
- 1.6 The City should encourage and generate more district parks within the Airport Heights, Cedar Heights and Rural planning districts.
- 1.7 If there is any history related to designated parkland, the City should make an effort to clearly describe it on plaques at the park location.
- 1.8 The City should donate land south of Laurier Woods to the park.
- 1.9 Natural and passive recreational parklands should be encouraged by the City.
- 1.10 Park benches and gazebos should be introduced to parks and open space to encourage multi-generational use of these areas.
- 1.11 The idea of a four season approach to parkland should be executed at all time.
- 1.12 Current parkland designations should take into consideration ecological values of land and water.
- 1.13 Beach Access Roads across the city should be designated parkland. Existing encroachments should be removed from these areas.
- 1.14 Geocaching activities should be put in place so the residents can discover new trails and parkland throughout the city.
- 1.15 North Bay's culture and history should be expressed at designated parklands.
- 1.16 The shoreline of Lake Nipissing should have a stretch of ice (similar to Ramsey Lake in Sudbury, Ontario) during the winter months that the public can access.

2.0 Urban Development

- 2.1 A tree by-law should be created by the City to enforce developers from stripping the land when development occurs.
- 2.2 The development of underpasses on major roads and highways for wildlife should be promoted by the City.
- 2.3 New residential, commercial and industrial development that occurs should be required to donate more than the five percent requirement stated within the Planning Act.
- 2.4 Urban trees within the city should be planted. The City should interact with other northern communities to identify how urban trees can be maintained during the winter months.
- 2.5 The Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services staff should be increased to support the current need for the creation and maintenance of parkland. The City should recognize the importance of open space and thus encourage this request.
- 2.6 Comprehensive Traffic Plan for Main Street West should be conducted in order to address traffic problem prior to commencing trail development in the area.
- 2.7 A dock and boardwalk along Circle Lake that continues to Sage Road should be constructed to provide pedestrian access from Wallace to Sage Road. The dock should not be used for boating purposes.
- 2.8 High-rise development along or near waterfronts should not be allowed in order to protect the current view of our lakes.
- 2.9 Green space in cul-de-sacs should be encouraged by the City and could be designated parkette.
- 2.10 The City should ensure that parking lot development have natural features such as grass, trees and gardens to act as buffers to adjacent roads.
- 2.11 Rooftop gardens and rooftop cafes should be encouraged by the City.
- 2.12 A celebration should be put in place by the City to encourage green businesses within the downtown.

3.0 Open Space

- 3.1 The City should create an inventory of local creeks, rivers, ecological features and habitats.
- 3.2 The City should identify, designate and protect locally significant wetlands.

- 3.3 A natural buffer around creeks and rivers should be created in order to protect it from water contamination and flooding.
- 3.4 A Forest Maintenance Plan should be introduced to retain wildlife and increase the access to open space areas.
- 3.5 The City should not allow any more development on the escarpment to take place. If it must, low density minimal impact development should be promoted.

4.0 Trails & Walkways

- 4.1 The City should provide water fountains along trails to avoid pedestrians and cyclists bringing water bottles.
- 4.2 If water fountains along trails are not plausible, recycling bins should be provided for water bottles.
- 4.3 Access points should be properly marked by the City along with the level of difficulty and any past historical representation. Maps should also be provided on entrance signs in order to plan a destination and get there safely.
- 4.4 Parks and schools should be better linked within each planning district.
- 4.5 The old railway bed that exists throughout the city should be considered for parkland and trail designation.
- 4.6 Current snowmobile trails should be considered a multi-seasonal trail and allow for dirt biking.
- 4.7 Back lanes should be introduced within new development to act as a safe transportation linkage system for pedestrians to various parks.
- 4.8 When promoting active transportation within the city, safety precautions should be taken into consideration, and thus pedestrian and cycling trails should be separate.
- 4.9 For natural unpaved trails, wood chip paths should be encouraged by the City.
- 4.10 A pamphlet should be created to identify and map all public access trails within the city.
- 4.11 Solar lighting should be provided throughout main trails to provide safety for users.
- 4.12 More bike and snowmobile lock stations should be provided and designed by local artists.
- 4.13 The City should incorporate a pedestrian friendly linkage down Airport Hill.

5.0 Industrial Uses

- 5.1 Aggregate resource extraction facilities should be responsible for protecting the natural features (i.e. rivers, creeks, forests, wildlife, etc.) surrounding their site.
- 5.2 New institutional and industrial development should offer parkland for staff and patients.
- 5.3 Active transportation should be encouraged within the industrial zoned land on Airport Hill. Access to this area via trails should be incorporated.

6.0 School Properties

- 6.1 Special joint agreements with school boards should be more publicized.
- 6.2 General joint agreements with school boards need to be more clear and understandable to the general public.
- 6.3 School parkland generally lacks many features. The City should encourage that these parks be enhanced by adding natural features that would make them more accessible to older adults.
- 6.4 The trail connections between schools and parks should be enhanced.
- 6.5 Community garden partnerships with schools surrounding affordable housing would allow for fresh fruit and vegetables to be available to affordable housing units. Having the garden grown on school properties would educate the children on how to grow fruit and vegetables and consequently contribute to the healthy and active living initiative. The City should support this proposal.

Conclusion

Where Do We Go From Here?

In order to keep the Parks Plan Update 2008 up-to-date, it will be revised every five years. At this time, another Planning Charrette will be conducted to seek the neighbourhoods' opinions of current and future parkland. This will ensure that the City remains on course with the goals and objectives formulated within the Parks Plan Update 2008, and those presented in future Planning Charrettes.



The work completed during the Planning Charrette will be included within the Parks Plan Update 2008 and the new Official Plan. The Parks Plan Update 2008 will be used by Parks, Recreation and Leisure Services, as well as Planning staff on a day-to-day basis. The recommendations included within the Parks Plan Update 2008 will be incorporated within the new Official Plan so that when privately owned lands develop, the City can use its powers under the Planning Act to attain the Parks Plan Update 2008 goals and objectives.

Appendix

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Appendix E – Trails and Active Transportation Strategy 2008

North Bay Trails and Active Transportation (NBT&ATC)

Action Plan

Project	Lead	Timeline
Presentation of T & AT Plan to other trail organizations	NBT&ATC	2007
Presentation of T & AT Plan to City Council	NBT&ATC	April 2008
Public Presentation of T & AT Plan	NBT&ATC	April 2008
Johnson Road/ONR Pedestrian Crossing	ONR	2008
Presentation of Plan to Sustainability Committee - OP	Planning/NBT&ATC	May 21 08
Oak Street pedestrian structure	Engineering	2008
Black Forest Interpretive Signs	PRLS/NBMCA	2008
Escarpment Trail Identify route	PRLS/Planning/NBMCA	2008 - set up meeting to review plan/discuss
Kate Pace Way - Marshall to Gibson	PRLS Engineering	Meeting wk of June 2 to review drawing.
CFB @ Ski Club	Engineering/PRLS George and David	June 2008
ATV strategy	NBT&ATC	
Vincent Massey/Ski Hill/NBMCA - Parking along the road where there is no parking, cause students to have to walk on the roadway.	Engineering, Planning, NBMCA	
Kate Pace Way - Waterfront to Gormanville connection	PRLS/Planning/ Engineering	Fall 2008
Kinsmen Trail re-alignment near Hammond	NBMCA	2008
SNRTT	Jamie Houston	
Ontario Trails Strategy	Sharon	August 2008
trails & active transportation awareness plan	PRLS/ NBT&ATC/ DRT/GNSC/NBMCA	Fall 2008
North Bay Trails and Active Transportation Strategy becomes an integral part of the North Bay Official Plan.	Planning/ NBT&ATC	2008
MTO pedestrian overpass at HWY11/17- Chippewa HS @ Frost St	Engineering	2008/09
Kate Pace Way - Gormanville Road	Engineering	2008/09
Community Waterfront Park underpass	Engineering	2008/09
Champlain Park Trail	PRLS	ongoing
GEO Caching	PRLS	2009
Maintenance and signage standards for trails and active transportation systems.	PRLS/DRT/NBMCA	2009
Trout Lake / Circle Lake Trail segment	PRLS	09/10
City sidewalk links to MTO overpass	Engineering	09/10
La Vase Park Trail	PRLS	2011
Kinsmen Trail/John Street bridge replacement	Engineering	2011