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Since green spaces are so vital to the community, it is important to have a long term strategy for acquiring, maintaining and even disposing of them. To address this issue, Greater Sudbury Council appointed the Green Space Advisory Panel in October of 2007 to develop a classification and ranking system for the City to use when acquiring or disposing of green space properties.

The Green Space Advisory Panel was also tasked with assessing all of the lands brought into the City during the amalgamation process, as well certain private lands for their green space potential. This system, established in accordance with the City's Official Plan, has regard to natural beauty; environmental functions; and recreation value. The Green Space Advisory Panel has also developed a draft Parkland Disposal Policy which, if adopted, would guide City decisions related to the disposal of surplus parkland in the future.

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April 21, 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Dowling Leisure Centre,
79 Main Street, Dowling

April 22, 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Tom Davies Square,
200 Brady Street, Sudbury
Room C-II (presentation at 6:30)

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