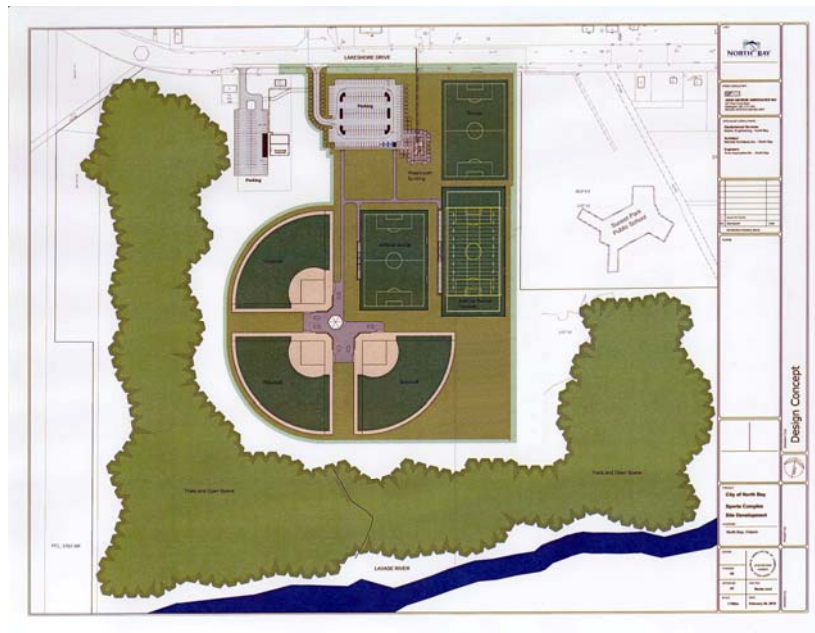


Steve Omischl Sports Field Complex

The City purchased 32 Hectares (80 acres) of land which was previously designated for residential development, to construct this new facility to include three ball fields and three soccer fields (two are artificial turf and one will be lined for football). This project is also being undertaken with the assistance of the Federal and Provincial governments. The park also includes a natural area that will be maintained along the shoreline of the Lavase River.



Civic Square

The City has long sought a suitable location for its own Civic Square. Located in front of the “@ Discovery North Bay” (North Bay Museum) along Oak Street at Ferguson, the new Civic Square will provide a central place Downtown for people to meet, have lunch and attend community events. The design and function of the Square was developed through consultation with the Downtown Improvement Area, Community Waterfront Friends, Heritage Gardeners, the Chamber of Commerce, and the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee.

Community Waterfront Park

The first phase of the overall vision for the former CP Rail yards will commence construction this fall. In partnership with Federal and Provincial governments, construction of the necessary irrigation, electrical and drainage facilities has been made possible. This phase will also include the construction of an amphitheatre and the beginning of the mini-railway track expansion. This work encompasses a total of 5 hectares (12 acres) of new parkland which will set the stage for future planned attractions.

Lakeside Drive Park

This park is located adjacent to the City's new Water Treatment Plant along the shores of Trout Lake. Through neighbourhood consultations, the new park design calls for a Tot area with swings, an interlocking stone walking path and the planting of Cedar, Maple, Hemlock and Crab Apple Trees.

Downtown Parkettes

Except for Main Street, trees and pedestrian friendly environments were sparse in the Downtown area. The City has embarked on greening the Downtown through the following projects:

Richardson Fountain Parkette – By closing a portion of Foran Street this area will be enlarged for pedestrian use with trees and planters. A beautiful new fountain that is true to the character of the old Richardson Fountain will be the centre piece of this new parkette.

Ferguson Block Parkette – The Ferguson Block at the intersection of Algonquin and Main Street was in need of an upgrade and through consultation with the Downtown Improvement Area (DIA) this parkette is now suitable for their "Music in the City Summer Concert Series" in addition to other programming.

Treed Boulevard along Algonquin Avenue – Between Worthington and McIntyre Streets, Algonquin Avenue will have a treed boulevard with new traffic signals and pedestrian rest area to provide for pedestrian comfort.

Commercial Street Parkette- Although Commercial Street access to Algonquin has been closed for some time, the area was occupied by only a guard rail. The new parkette will have planters and with shrubs and trees providing a shady rest stop for pedestrians.

Oak Street – By now everyone has noticed the amazing results of the newly upgraded Oak Street between Fraser and Wyld Streets. The new Oak Street has been designed with wide pedestrian sidewalks and shade trees. Soon the street will be furnished with benches allowing one to sit and enjoy the view of the Community Waterfront Park and Lake Nipissing.