

# *Flin Flon Soil Improvement Program*



## **Presentation to Healthy Flin Flon**

# Presentation Outline

- Background
- Criteria for Selection of parks
- Parks/Playgrounds
- Status

# Background

- 93 publicly accessible parks, playgrounds, etc. in Flin Flon sampled for soil quality in 2006
- Elevated elements/metals above CCME soil quality guidelines at a number of the sites
- Though human health risk “most likely low”, comprehensive scientific HHRA launched
- Oct 07 – govt. offer to the City of Flin Flon to assist with soil improvement
- Aug 08 – Premier’s announcement to proceed with a 10-site park/playground improvement program (precautionary measure)

# Criteria for Selection of Parks/Playgrounds

- Tested in 2006 soil study
- Frequented by young children (e.g. play structures)
- Levels must have exceeded CCME soil quality guidelines for at least one of the metals of concern

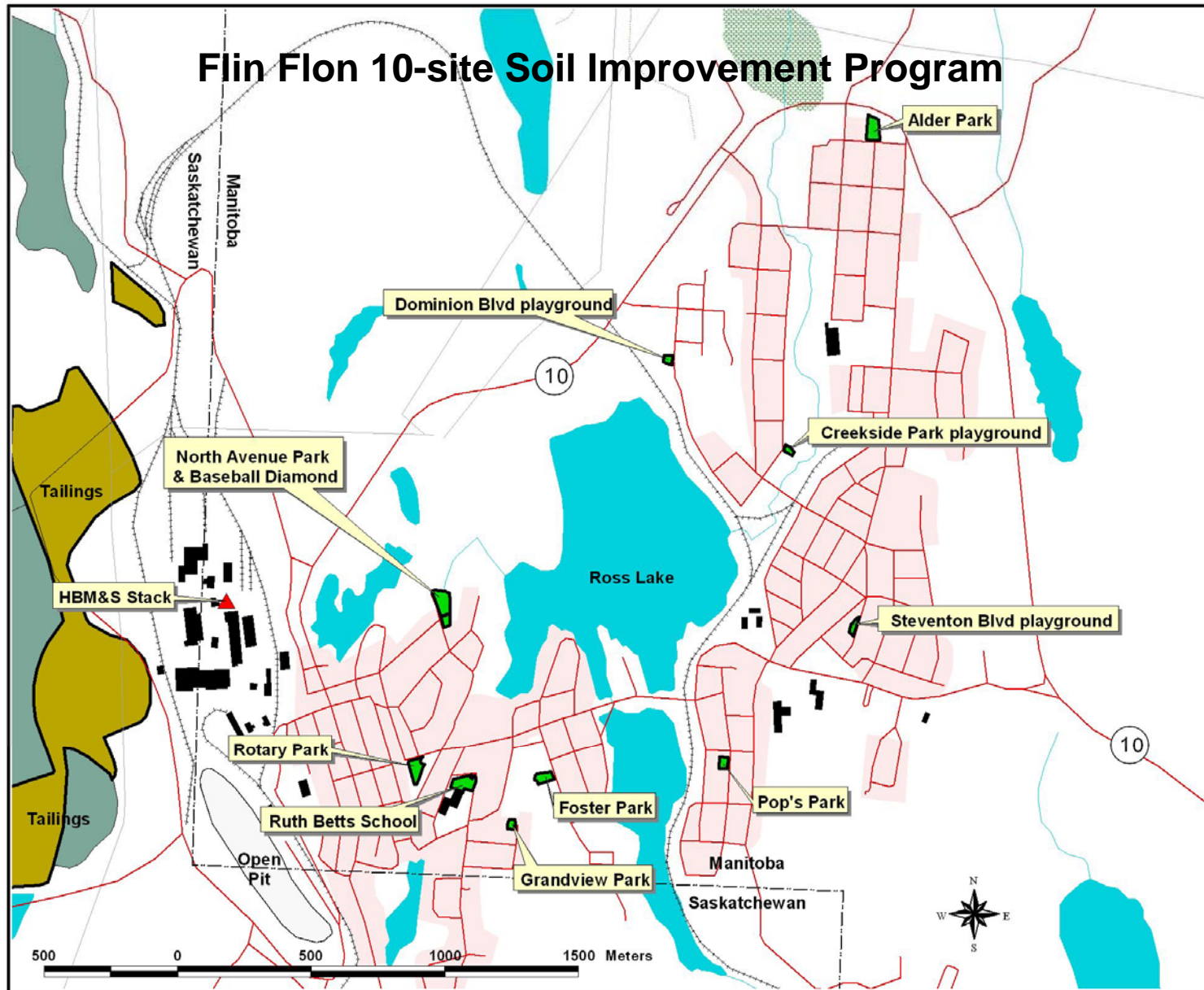
# Process

- Retained a landscape architect
- Conceptual site plans
- Detailed soil/sod specifications
- Jointly undertaken with the City of Flin Flon
- Stakeholder engagement
- Plans/specs completed for 2-sites; underway for the other 8 sites

# Parks/Playgrounds

- 2-sites 2008
  - North Avenue Park
  - “Foster” Park
- 8-sites 2009
  - Rotary Park
  - Grandview Park
  - Pop's Park
  - Playground on W. side of Steventon Blvd
  - Playground, W. side of Dominion Blvd
  - Ruth Betts School (East side)
  - Creekside Park
  - Alder Park

# Flin Flon 10-site Soil Improvement Program



# Current Status

- Contract awarded for initial 2-site improvement program
- Site preparation and soil placement planned for completion this fall
- Sodding of the 2-sites likely to be deferred to late spring of 2009
- Conceptual drawings being developed for the other 8 sites