

Soils study looks to expand
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The *Sudbury* *Soils* *Study* may include an examination of metal concentrations in plants used by natives in traditional medicine.

The group conducting the study is looking at the presence of metals in other plant material, in its vegetable garden survey.

But the option of extending the study to traditional native healing plants is being considered as well.

Members of the Sudbury Area *Risk* *Assessment* (SARA) Group met with the Whitefish Lake First Nations Band Council last month to discuss widening the study's samples.

SARA Group director Chris Wren says consultation with the community has been a "key area of focus" for the *Sudbury* *Soils* *Study* in the last month.

Last month, SARA and the *Sudbury* *Soils* *Study* technical committee held an open house at Science North, attended a meeting of the Falconbridge Citizens' Committee, made a presentation at an Earthcare meeting and also met with members of the study's public advisory committee.

For more information about the *Sudbury* *Soils* *Study*, contact Wren at 1-866-315-0228 or visit www.sudburysoilstudy.com.

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