

## ***The Growth Management Plan will be your Community's Official Community Plan***

So what is the difference between an Official Community Plan (OCP) and a Growth Management Plan? Nothing. They are one in the same.

### **Official Community Plans**

In the case of the WaterWolf Planning District (to be), the decision was made to create a regional OCP and that it would be called a Growth Management Plan.

If your Municipality has signed on to participate in WaterWolf, you basically get the WaterWolf Growth Management Plan (GMP) for free. The WaterWolf GMP will become your Municipality's Official Community Plan.

- Your Municipality always has the option of adopting your own Official Community Plan which shall be consistent with the policies of the WaterWolf Growth Management Plan.
- If your municipality already has an OCP in place, then you will continue on as you have been always been doing.

Once the Planning District is formally recognized by the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Growth Management Plan draft will be finalized and at that time will require endorsement from all the Municipalities within WaterWolf. (Spring 2010)

### **Zoning Bylaws**

Each Municipality participating in the WaterWolf Planning District, will require their own, individual Zoning Bylaw. This is a requirement of *The Planning and Development Act, 2007*.

- If your Municipality has a current Zoning Bylaw, you can continue to use it. It is suggested that your Municipality might want to update your Bylaw, notably with contemporary definitions.
- If your Municipality has a Zoning Bylaw draft prepared, you will have to wait to go through the approval (bylaw) process until WaterWolf is recognized as a formal Planning Commission.

If you have any questions or concerns relating to planning or planning issues please contact:

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*\*Note\*: Beechy & District Fire are investigating holding an EMO workshop early in 2010. If you are interested in sending representatives please contact Diane Watt @ 859-2270 or email [rm226@yourlink.ca](mailto:rm226@yourlink.ca)*