



**NOTICE OF SPECIAL PUBLIC MEETING
TO RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING
THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF OUR OFFICIAL PLAN**

The public is invited to attend a **Special Public Meeting** and to provide input on the future direction of our Official Plan. This meeting will be at:

**L. E. SHORE MEMORIAL LIBRARY
183 BRUCE STREET SOUTH
THORNBURY, ONTARIO
COMMENCING at 7:05 P.M. - MAY 10, 2010**

THE PURPOSE of this **Special Public Meeting** is to provide an opportunity for the public to make submissions on the future direction of our Official Plan.

Our Official Plan is our key planning policy document and includes the community's vision, principles and objectives, as well as general policy direction and land use planning framework which will guide and manage the physical, environmental, social and economic aspects and growth of the Town.

Although many undertakings have recently been completed wherein the public's input has been sought, such as the "Leisure Activities Plan" and "Fire Services Master Plan", and there are many other undertakings currently underway including our "Integrated Community Sustainability Plan", "Housing Needs Study", "Community Improvement Plan", "Strategic Planning and Urban Design Study" and "Economic Development Strategy", we continue to seek and need your input.

The purpose of our Official Plan Review is to update the Town's Official Plan, as required by the *Planning Act*, so as to reflect new Provincial policy and regulatory initiatives and to address emerging local, regional and broader issues and trends. Our Review will focus on the following:

- implementation of changes to the *Planning Act* through Bill 51
- conformity with the *County of Grey Official Plan* resulting from their recent Official Plan Review
- sustainability
- healthy communities initiatives
- natural heritage and natural hazards
- cultural heritage
- conformity with the *Provincial Policy Statement (2005)*
- growth management
- housing needs
- intensification
- transportation and infrastructure
- urban design

The Official Plan affects all lands within the Town therefore a Key Map has not been provided.

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DATED at the Town of The Blue Mountains this 25th day of February, 2010.