

## **OFFICIAL PLAN & ZONING BY-LAW UPDATE 2009/2010**

The Town of Fort Frances has initiated an update of its adopted Official Plan and Zoning By-law (8/98). Recent changes to the *Ontario Planning Act* was the primary reason for the update but changing economy as it relates to commercial and residential development was also a consideration.

In order to conduct the update on a timely basis, the Town of Fort Frances has hired Hynde, Paul Planning Consultants to complete background review and research as necessary and update both the Town's Official Plan and the Comprehensive Zoning By-law No. 8/98.

This project includes concurrent review of both documents to ensure the overarching policies for land use designations are compatible with the provisions in the Zoning By-law.

Of particular importance are the directives of the Provincial Policy Statements 2006 to ensure a sustainable Northern Ontario economy, as well as the role and participation of Aboriginal peoples in economic development opportunities and land stewardship in Northern Ontario.

The public will have several opportunities to review material, provide input and attend community engagement events that will be held throughout the process. If you have any questions or comments about the Official Plan/Zoning By-law or this process, or wish to submit comments, please contact:

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