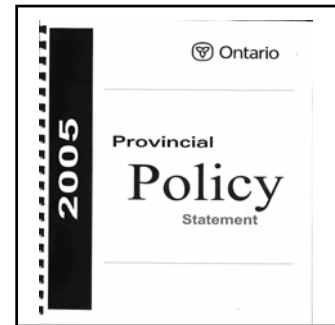


PROVINCIAL POLICY STATEMENT

And what it means to the Town of Fort Erie And the Neighbourhood Plan Program

In March 2005 the Province of Ontario unveiled a new Provincial Policy Statement which provides direction on matters considered to be of **Provincial Interest** related to Land Use and Development in Ontario's communities. As it stands now, all local decisions affecting planning matters **"SHALL BE CONSISTENT WITH"** Provincial policy.



Preparation of a Neighbourhood Plan is part of the Town of Fort Erie's strategy to promote **good planning at the "grass roots" level**, which complies with Provincial Policy. New development must adhere to a set of planning principles generally termed as



SMART GROWTH



The long term prosperity of the community depends on the wise management of development, and the promotion of efficient land use patterns. Local planning must provide for **STRONG, LIVABLE COMMUNITIES THAT PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH, AND FACILITATE ECONOMIC GROWTH.**

The Town of Fort Erie's Neighbourhood Plans will address the following issues, in a way that reflects the vision and aspirations of each community for its future:

- Promoting efficient development and land use patterns
- Accommodating an appropriate range and mix of housing, employment areas, recreational and open space uses to meet long term needs
- Avoiding land use patterns which may cause environmental and health /safety concerns
- Promoting cost-effective development to minimize land consumption and servicing costs
- Improving accessibility for disabled persons and the elderly
- Ensuring the necessary infrastructure and public services will be available to meet current and projected needs