



## City Desk

This week we will be featuring the Quinte West Planning and Development Services Department. Charlie Murphy, the Department Director, has prepared the following newsletter.

The Planning and Development Services Department is dedicated to providing orderly and timely planning, development and building review services to the community. Our goal is to ensure the safety of the public in the planning, development of land, construction and use of buildings and lands in the City of Quinte West. Department Staff strive to provide the public, developers, departments and Council with our best service and advice.

One of the most exciting projects currently being reviewed is an Official Plan Amendment for the hamlet of Batawa. The Batawa Land Use Plan proposes an innovative community development plan that will introduce sustainable planning practices and community design standards guided by the "Silver" rating of the LEED ND (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design for Neighbourhood Development) Program. The implementation of this Plan will revitalize the community based upon the principles of smart growth, urbanism and green building, and showcase the municipality as a leader in sustainable development in Canada.

Batawa will be an open and compact community that is designed to meet people's daily needs by providing convenient access to local services, jobs, a full range of housing and community infrastructure including schools, recreation and a network of multi-use trails. The plan introduces live/work units, a development concept that integrates residential and commercial space in order to create more diverse communities.

The existing water, sewer and stormwater infrastructure will be redesigned to reduce water consumption, infiltration and pollution, and to provide needed capacity for growth. New infrastructure will be planned to utilize the latest in green technologies responding to demands to minimize service loads and lower operating costs.

The new village centre will include diverse uses such as a civic square, retail services, offices, medium density residential, and community uses characterized by high quality architectural de-

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sign standards. The historic Bata Shoe Factory building in the core will be converted to residential housing utilizing green building technology. The revitalization of the core with new residences and businesses will make the village centre a hub of activity.

The Land Use Plan for Batawa proposes 515 additional residential units, providing homes for a broad range of families and incomes. This will bring the total number of housing units in Batawa to approximately 625. The proposed employment land consists of 51.3 hectares with 22 additional employment parcels. This Land Use Plan will satisfy the requirements for a Special Policy Area for the Batawa Urban Area, recognizing that detailed design plans will be prepared for each land use category in consultation with the community in accordance with the policies of this Plan and the LEED ND criteria.

The Plan also takes into account the provincially significant ANSI (area of natural and scientific interest), which occupies a large portion of the rural BDC lands. Steep wooded and wetland areas with native wildlife habitat are situated beyond the community boundary. These areas provide important environmental, recreational and educational benefits to the community.

The Batawa Land Use Plan protects and enhances the overall health, safety, natural environment, and quality of life. It promotes a design where jobs and services are accessible by foot. It will revitalize the existing historic footprint of the village with a livable, sustainable, connected community for people of all ages and income levels. Batawa will once again become a vital community and a model for rural sustainable development.

The Land Use Plan is currently under review by City Staff and outside agencies. A public meeting to review and receive comments on the plan is tentatively scheduled for Nov. 1, 2007.

Charlie Murphy,  
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Next week we will feature our Library and the "newsletter" will be submitted by Rita Turtle, C.E.O., Quinte West Public Library.

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