

# USER GUIDE TO THE TOWNSHIP OF GUELPH-ERAMOSA ZONING BY-LAW

## **Purpose of a Zoning By-law**

In Ontario, Provincial legislation, namely the Planning Act, permits local municipalities to establish zoning by-laws to control the use of land and future development of their community.

A zoning by-law is a precise legal document which states what type of land uses are permitted in a specific area or zone, and provides the requirements or regulations which apply to control the use of that land. A zoning by-law also implements the land use policies established by the County of Wellington Official Plan.

## **How to Use this By-law**

The following steps outline the process for determining the zoning and associated regulations which affect your property:

- 1) Locate your property on Schedule “A”, Map 1, to determine the zone in which your property is located. Schedule “A”, Maps 2-19, provide for additional detail for selected areas on Map 1, and your property may be located on one of these maps.
- 2) Turn to the appropriate zone section with the text portion of the By-law. These sections outline the specific permitted uses and regulations which apply to your property.
- 3) Should your property be zoned with a “Special Provision”, you will also need to refer to the appropriate special provision number located in Section 21, as well as the specific zone.
- 4) Further general regulations (i.e. parking requirements, etc.) are found in Section 5 of the By-law, and should be reviewed to determine whether they apply to your property.
- 5) Definitions for specific terms are provided in Section 3 of the By-law to assist with your interpretation of the zone provisions.

Please consult with staff at the Township of Guelph-Eramosa Municipal Office (519-856-9951) should you require assistance with the By-law. They will attempt to answer your questions or refer you to someone who can assist you further.