

# **ZONING BYLAW REWRITE PROJECT**

## **WHITE PAPERS**

### **Background**

The Chatham Planning Board (PB) and Chatham's Department of Community Development have inaugurated the concept of "White Papers" to help facilitate the drafting of revisions to the Chatham Protective Bylaw (Zoning Bylaw).

The White Papers will be created by the Town Planning staff (PS). Topics will be selected jointly by the PB and PS. Content of the White Papers may include sections on Chatham's 'history' regarding the topic, relevant State Law, specific examples of typical situations that have been dealt with in the past or might arise in the future, summary of applicable sections of the current Bylaw, PS recommendations (including comparison with the current Bylaw) and other relevant material.

### **Process**

1. List of topics is generated by PB and PS (subject to change as process proceeds).
2. PS creates White Paper draft.
3. Draft is released to Public and PB (posted on Town web site and available in hard copy at the Town Annex).
4. PB reviews draft at meeting attended by Public. PB revises as appropriate, releases White Paper for Public comment (posted on Town web site and available in hard copy at the Town Annex).
5. PB holds meeting to hear Public comment on the White Paper.
6. PB revises White Paper as appropriate.
7. White Paper is approved by PB to be used in creating proposed new Bylaw provisions.