

## **2007 PLANNING BOARD REPORT**

In addition to the Chair, the 2007 Planning Board included resident Charles MacKenzie and councillors Sheila MacKinnon and Joe Murphy. Kim McDermott Jay was appointed to the Board; however, her role has recently changed since she relocated outside the municipality. Kim has agreed to volunteer as a consultant and is in the process of preparing a strategic plan for Miltonvale Park.

Development Officer Alfie Wakelin continued to work one day a week from spring to fall and, during the winter season, he is available on an appointment basis. Alfie has been a great asset to the Board, to Council and to the residents in dealing with building permit and subdivision applications.

There were nineteen building permits issued in 2007 with a total value slightly over \$1,000,000. Six permits were issued for single family dwellings (includes one mini-home), one issued for temporary structure, five for additions and/or private garages (residential and agricultural), and eight were issued for storage buildings/decks/ miscellaneous (residential and commercial).

Five single lot subdivision applications were submitted. Four were approved and one is pending.

As mentioned in my last report, Council applied for funding to do the Official Plan and bylaws. I am pleased to report that funding has been received under the New Deal for Cities and Communities agreement between the federal and provincial governments. A Request for Proposals was developed and two submissions were received. The team of Phil Wood and Associates and ADI Inc was awarded the contract.

A preliminary meeting was held in the fall, and it led to the realization that further information regarding servicing options and the Special Planning Area Regulations was required to provide residents with the best possible documents. These issues are being addressed and work is continuing with the Official Plan and bylaws. Further information about the Official Plan review will be sent out to residents. Please take the time to read and respond. Remember these are your documents and are instrumental in governing land use and future development within our municipality.

I would like to thank the 2007 Board for all its work and support over the past year. I would also like to thank Alfie Wakelin and Shari MacDonald for the work that they have done on our behalf. Both are instrumental in the planning process for Miltonvale Park.

I welcome recently appointed resident Steve Dickieson to the Board. Steve will be a valuable addition to the Board as it works to complete the adoption of a new Official Plan and bylaws in 2008.

Respectfully submitted,

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Betty Pryor, Planning Board Chair