



## Midland-Penetanguishene Joint Urban Node

# ***Public Consultation Meeting***

On October 28, 2010 the Minister of Infrastructure, the Honourable Bob Chiarelli, released the “Proposed Amendment 1 to the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe for the Simcoe Sub-Area (GPA1)”.

Once approved, the GPA1 would create a strong urban structure for the Simcoe Sub-Area, comprised of the Urban Nodes of Collingwood, Bradford, Alliston, Orillia, Barrie and Midland-Penetanguishene. Midland together with Penetanguishene are proposed to be designated as an Urban Node as was requested by the Towns and the County of Simcoe.

The Towns of Midland and Penetanguishene want to explore, with the input of our residents, what opportunities a “Joint Urban Node” could provide and how the Towns could plan for the proposed Joint Urban Node designation. Preliminary discussions between the two Towns during 2009 identified a number of areas that could be considered if a Joint Urban Node was identified in the amendment to the Growth Plan.

**The Councils of the two Towns are now looking for your input and suggestions as we consider our future as a Joint Urban Node.**

Three (3) meetings will be held. The first meeting will be held in Penetanguishene to gather public input from both communities. The second meeting will be held in Midland on February 17, 2011 to generate discussion on the issues identified at the first meeting and to identify future directions to be considered by the two Councils. The third meeting, to be held in the spring of 2011, will report back on the findings and discussions between the two Towns on the future directions for the Joint Urban Node.

The first meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday, January 19, 2011  
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Brian Orser Hall – Penetanguishene Arena  
61 Maria Street, Town of Penetanguishene

**Everyone is welcome to come and participate in these meetings to help Midland and Penetanguishene explore our Joint Urban Node designation. Look for updates regarding the second and third meeting on the Towns websites and in your local media.**