

## **Don Thorpe**

Don Thorpe is the General Manager of Planning and Development Services for the City of Welland. Prior to assuming his current role, effective 2003, he was the Manager of Development Planning & Real Estate for 16 years. Don has been with the City of Welland for a total of 30 years during which his responsibilities were many and varied. Planning and Development Services is comprised of two Divisions – Planning Division and Building and Inspections Division. The Planning Division is responsible for the administration, review and processing of various Applications submitted under the Planning Act; the preparation of various Agreements and By-laws for approval of Council; the administration of incentive programs; the preparation and administration of studies/programs; and property matters. The Building and Inspection Division reviews, plans and conducts inspections for Permits, unsafe buildings and property standards complaints in accordance with the Ontario Building Code Act, and administers the SWAP Program.

Don graduated from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Environmental Studies degree and from the Urban and Regional Planning Technician Program at Mohawk College.