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Notice of Public Open House Short Term Rental Land Use Study

PURPOSE:

The Town of Fort Erie initiated a Short-Term Rental Land Use Study with the aim to develop and recommend a land use approach to directing and regulating short-term rentals within the Town's boundaries. The work entails in-depth research and public engagement, followed by developing several options for consideration and ultimately, a recommendation made to Town Council on a land use approach.

This study will not be reviewing enforcement or the licencing process and remains strictly a land use exercise.

An initial Public Open House was held on November 23, 2022 to gather public input and opinion as part of the background phase of study work. A second Open House on February 1, 2023 allowed for the consultant to present several policy and regulatory options being considered. Public commenting was received and considered together with all prior engagement and commenting, leading to a single draft recommendation.

This third and final study Public Open House will present the draft recommendation to public and allow for any final commenting before being presented to Council at a future meeting.

This Public Open House is being held **in-person** at Town Hall in Fort Erie with opening remarks and a presentation starting at 5:00 pm. A question and answer period will follow the presentation. The presentation will be broadcast live on the Town's YouTube channel. All materials will be made available on the Town's Let's Talk Fort Erie's website the following day.

This Open House is the last of several opportunities for public consultation and feedback taken in as part of this study, that will help inform any recommendations made to Council.

For more information on the Short-Term Rental Land Use Study, including past reports to Council, key dates, the ability to provide input, and to stay informed on the project, please visit Let's Talk Fort Erie at https://letstalk.forterie.ca/short-term-rentals-in-fort-erie-land-use-study

PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Date: April 18, 2023 Time: 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm Place: Fort Erie Town Hall, 1 Municipal Centre Drive, Fort Erie

The presentation and questions /comments portion of the Open House will be live-streamed on the Town's YouTube Channel at: <u>https://www.youtube.com/@townofforterie/streams</u>

We would like to hear from you. We welcome your attendance to engage on this topic and have your voice heard with respect to any future land use policy and regulations proposed for short-term rentals in Fort Erie.

Thank you for your interest in this Town initiative.

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Visit: Let's Talk Fort Erie at www.letstalkforterie.ca