

## Notice of Public Open House Short Term Rental Land Use Study

### **PURPOSE:**

The Fort Erie Short-Term Rental Pilot Program was initiated in 2020 with updates ongoing to refine and regulate the short-term rental industry operating in the Town of Fort Erie.

There is currently a moratorium on accepting new Short-Term Rental applications until the results and recommendations of a Town initiated Land Use Study have been approved by Council and any subsequent amendments to the Town's Official Plan and Zoning By-law have been undertaken. The Town has retained WSP Canada Inc. to undertake the study, which is targeted for completion in early 2023.

This Open House will invite the community to ask questions and express opinions on the short-term rental industry operations within the Town and more specifically, how the Town should set out to regulate such aspects as permitted location(s) for short-term rentals, number of licences and any other regulatory limitations that may be appropriate.

The study aims to develop and recommend a land use approach to directing and regulating short-term rentals within the Town's boundaries. The work will entail in-depth research and public engagement followed by the development of several options for consideration and ultimately, recommendations being made to Town Council. This study will not review enforcement or the licencing process, but is strictly focused on land use.

This Open House is the first of several opportunities for public consultation and feedback that will help inform any recommendations made to Council.

For more detailed information on the Short-Term Rental Land Use Study, including 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:** November 23, 2022

**Time:** 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

**Place:** This will be a virtual meeting

**We would like to hear from you.** We welcome your attendance to take advantage of the opportunity to engage on this topic and have your voice heard with respect to any future land use regulations on short-term rentals.

**Residents can participate in the virtual Public Open House in two different ways:**

1. Send your comments via e-mail to Fahima Begum, Junior Community Planner ([fbegum@forterie.ca](mailto:fbegum@forterie.ca)); or
2. Register and participate in the virtual meeting (audio/video via web or telephone) by sending an email to Fahima Begum, Junior Community Planner ([fbegum@forterie.ca](mailto:fbegum@forterie.ca)) to receive information on joining the virtual meeting.

Registered attendees will be e-mailed a link to join the meeting closer to the meeting date. Thank you for your interest in this Town initiative.

For additional information, please contact  
Fahima Begum, BA/BSW, MScPI, Junior Community Planner  
at 905-871-1600 ext. 2527 or at [fbegum@forterie.ca](mailto:fbegum@forterie.ca)

OR

Visit: Let's Talk Fort Erie at [www.letstalkforterie.ca](http://www.letstalkforterie.ca)