

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST
SHORT-TERM RENTAL
LAND USE AND ZONING BY-LAW STUDY
COMMUNITY FOCUS GROUP

Are you interested in sharing ideas, experiences and opinions on where short-term rentals can or should be permitted within the Town of Fort Erie?

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. **This Community Focus Group will help inform study work on short-term rentals as a “permitted land use”**. In other words, provide input into which land use designations and zones may be appropriate for short-term rentals or further, any regulations that may be needed to oversee certain aspects of their size and operation. The outcome of this study will lead to recommendations for Council's consideration and lead to changes to the Town's Official Plan and Zoning By-law.

The Town is inviting interested persons who wish to participate as a voluntary member of a Community Focus Group to submit an Expression of Interest. The Town wishes to assemble a representative cross-section of persons from within the Town of Fort Erie, including:

- Urban Residents (non-industry)
- Rural Residents (non-industry)
- Commercial/Retail Business Owners
- Short-Term Rental Owners
- Short-Term Rental Clients

Interested persons are requested to complete an online questionnaire or request a form be e-mailed or mailed to them.

Please note the study being undertaken is specific to land use. This is not a forum to debate licensing requirements, inspections or by-law enforcement, but rather where short-term rentals may be permitted to operate. There will be public open houses and plenty of opportunities for the public to voice their opinions in addition to this Community Focus Group initiative.

Persons who express interest are advised that their personal information (phone numbers, e-mail address and residence address, etc.) remain confidential to staff involved and Council. Names of those who express interest may be published in reporting to Council.

It is expected the Community Focus Group will meet on at least 2 occasions and be engaged further as needed. Persons interested are advised that meetings may take as long as 2 to 4 hours each and may be scheduled during business hours.

If you are interested in submitting your name for consideration, please use the following link to visit the Short-Term Rentals page on Let's Talk Fort Erie, and complete the application form:

<https://letstalk.forterie.ca/fort-erie-short-term-rentals>

All submissions must be received by September 9, 2022 to be considered for inclusion.

If you prefer the form be e-mailed or mailed, please send a request to:

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