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#ForWard5

## *The Opportunity:* Serving Year-Round Residents and Seasonal Visitors

### Resources

An example of a full-time beach community

<https://www.saugatuck.com/>

Short term rentals are popular in Ward 5 – check it out

[www.Airbnb.ca/](http://www.Airbnb.ca/)

Managing rentals to make room for everyone

[https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2018/02/airbnb-hotels-disruption/553556/?utm\\_source=atlfb](https://www.theatlantic.com/business/archive/2018/02/airbnb-hotels-disruption/553556/?utm_source=atlfb)

Regulation in Europe

<http://theconversation.com/airbnb-and-the-short-term-rental-revolution-how-english-cities-are-suffering-101720>

### What Residents Have Shared

While canvassing in Ward 5, some residents have expressed regret that growth and rapid change do not appear to have been well-planned:

- High density and variances mean some activities can negatively impact quality of life (for example, loud parties, backyard fireworks), particularly during summer
- Housing is not available year-round to families and seniors, despite winter vacancies - and winter vacancies invite break-ins, petty theft, and vandalism
- A “shut-down” after Labour Day means many stores and services in Ward 5 close for residents and jobs disappear
- We need year-round walkability and transit solutions to access shops and services, particularly for residents with accessibility needs

### Leah’s Viewpoint

Crystal Beach (a part of Ward 5) is still seen as a seasonal part of Town. This impacts a variety of other issues:

- A range of housing stock is not being built by developers; gaps are made worse by seasonal demand
- Absentee landlords can result in behaviours that negatively affect the quality of life for full-time residents and increase costs for all taxpayers
- All decisions must consider the nature of our community, our context in Fort Erie, and the need to plan for the longer term.

My key priorities address these interconnected issues: **Attainable Housing for All** means complete housing solutions. A **Sustainable Community** means investing in our long term vision. A **Prosperous Commercial Core** means serving year-round residents – and seasonal visitors.