

# **Building a Sustainable Community**

### **Achieving our Goals**

- Fort Erie makes a desirable community to call home for many reasons including: natural and cultural beauty, waterfront views, slower pace of traffic, a relaxed lifestyle beside a beautiful lake, and friendly neighbours.
- Growth in Niagara will continue because this is mandated by the provincial government.
- The Region of Niagara was established 48 years ago. Many neighbourhoods in The Town of Fort Erie continue to identify with original villages and towns (for example, Ridgeway, Crystal Beach) and newly-built neighbourhoods areas are defining their identity in this context.
- We need to approach growth as an opportunity. Growth means leveraging our best qualities to regenerate our tax base, renew our infrastructure, and support new shops and services that residents need.

### Resources

# What is "Smart Growth"?

https://smartgrowthamerica.org/our-vision/what-is-smart-growth/

How do we create communities for residents of all ages? https://www.880cities.org/

#### United Nations Sustainable Development Goals

http://www.undp.org/cont ent/undp/en/home/sustai nable-developmentgoals.html

## A Sustainable Approach to Growth

We need a sustainable approach to growth in Fort Erie:

- An inclusive community is built by supporting our historic culture and environment.
- Decisions must consider long term benefits and costs.
  Councillors must reflect on the needs of future generations, not just on their desire to be re-elected in four years.
- Balanced mixed land use will support industrial, commercial, and residential land while also preserving conservation, culture, parks, and open spaces.
- We need more than one change maker; many investors and developers are needed to build growth over the long term.

### As Your Future Councillor...

One of my three **key priorities** is **to build a sustainable community**. It is critical that councillors make decisions that will benefit their ward - and the Town of Fort Erie as a whole – both now and into the future.

Being **In Touch** with residents about our community, **Informed** on issues related to growth, and planning a community in an **Insightful** way are my commitments to you.

