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The Greater Fort Erie Community Hub Task Force needs your help!

The Town of Fort Erie is excited to be supporting the Feasibility Study being conducted by the Greater Fort Erie Community Hub Task Force Steering Committee in concert with the McLean Consulting Group.

“Fort Erie is growing and with this growth we are witnessing many opportunities and challenges. By considering the need for a community hub, Council will be able to better determine what services, programs and activities could be provided to our residents in a single gathering place and how the Town can support such an initiative. We are very grateful for the hard work of the initial Task Force volunteers that had the foresight to seek funding for this important Study”, stated Mayor Wayne Redekop.

The initial Task Force made up of Advancing Crystal Beach, Beachcombers and the Fort Erie Native Friendship Centre was successful in its application to the Ontario Trillium Foundation for \$75,000 in seed funding to conduct the Study as well as cover the cost of a Community Developer (Animator) for one year who is experienced and knowledgeable in promoting community development. Town of Fort Erie staff are also part of the Steering Committee.

McLean Consulting will be attending the November 19, 2018 Council meeting to provide Council with an overview of the process and will be conducting one-on-one interviews with organizations that the Steering Committee has identified.

The Consultants will also be conducting three focus groups as well as an on-line survey for residents to be included in the process, letting us know what they would like to see in a potential community hub. The focus groups are taking place on:

- ➔ **Thursday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crystal Beach Fire Hall**
- ➔ **Saturday, December 1 at 2:30 at the Crystal Ridge Library – Community Room**
- ➔ **Thursday, December 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Stevensville Memorial Hall**

The survey can be accessed at: www.gfehub.ca

A computer will also be available in the atrium at Town Hall together with hard copies of the survey. We encourage all residents, businesses and organizations to participate in this important initiative.