

# Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier October 1, 2022

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

## NOTICE OF COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING

The Stratford Committee of Adjustment will consider the following applications at a hearing to be held on Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the Tim Taylor Lounge (upper level) of the Stratford Rotary Complex, located at 353 McCarthy Road, Stratford:

### MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATIONS

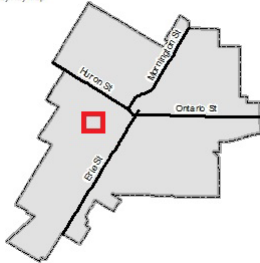
#### A19-22- 46 GENERAL HOSPITAL DRIVE PLANNER: J. BANNON

Purpose: The purpose of this application under Section 44 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, is to reduce the minimum landscape open area to allow a new parking lot to be constructed on the subject lands.

Variances requested:

1. Section 15.17.1 e) – Regulations in the Institutional Community (IN1) Zone to reduce the minimum landscape open area from a width of 55m to 7.7m adjacent to St. Vincent Street South and to 7.5m adjacent to West Gore Street.

City Key Map



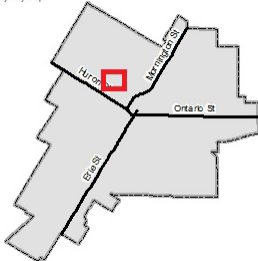
#### A20-22- 82 CHARLES STREET PLANNER: M. IVANY

Purpose: The purpose of this application under Section 44 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, is to reduce the minimum front yard depth, to reduce the minimum interior side yard width for a two storey building and to reduce the minimum interior side yard width for an accessory building.

Variances requested:

1. Table 6.4.2 – Regulations in the Residential Second Density R2(1) Zone to reduce the minimum front yard depth from 6.0m to 4.5m.
2. Table 6.4.2 - Regulations in the Residential Second Density R2(1) Zone to reduce the minimum interior side yard width for a two storey building from 1.5m to 0.85m.
3. Table 4.1.2 – Accessory Building or Structure Locations to reduce the minimum interior side yard width for an accessory building from 1.0m to 0.85m.

City Key Map



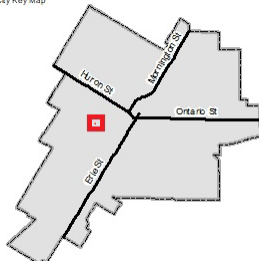
#### A21-22- 118 NORMAN STREET PLANNER: M. IVANY

Purpose: The purpose of this application under Section 44 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, is to reduce the rear yard setback and reduce the required rear yard setback to an eaves.

Variances requested:

1. Table 6.4.2 – Regulations in the Residential Second Density (R2) Zone to reduce the minimum rear yard setback from 7.5m to 0.15m.
2. Section 4.20.1 – Projection into Required Yards to reduce the minimum setback for an eaves from 0.6m to 0.07m.

City Key Map



Additional information regarding the applications may be obtained by contacting the Infrastructure and Development Department, Development Division, at 519-271-0250 extension 5345 during normal business hours.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the City of Stratford Committee of Adjustment in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the City of Stratford Committee of Adjustment before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of Stratford Committee of Adjustment in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer, Stratford Committee of Adjustment, Jeff Bannon, 82 Erie Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Stratford, ON N5A 2M4. This will also entitle you to be advised of a possible Ontario Land Tribunal hearing. Even if you are the successful party, you should request a copy of the decision since the Stratford Committee of Adjustment decision may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal by the applicant or another member of the public.

## **2022 STRATFORD MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

Less than two weeks until voting opens for the 2022 Stratford Municipal and School Board Elections!

As we approach the Voting Period (10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 14 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24), it's important for electors in Stratford to know their rights as they relate to voter privacy and secrecy. There is an onus on each and every Stratford voter to help protect the principles of voter secrecy and privacy under the Municipal Elections Act.

For example, the law provides that:

- When you are voting, no one may attempt to influence your voting choices, or interfere with your marking of the ballot;
- No one may attempt to obtain information about how you intend to vote, or how you did vote.

What can you do to help uphold the principles of voter privacy and secrecy, and undue interference while voting? Here are some tips!

1. **Cast your Ballot Privately.** Although internet and telephone voting options will allow voters to cast a ballot from virtually anywhere, casting a ballot should still be a private exercise. Find a quiet, private place to cast your ballot, free from interference or close observation by others.
2. **Protect your PIN.** Your secret Voting PIN will arrive in the mail, or may have already arrived. Although a PIN thief would need to know other personal information about you in order to steal and vote using your PIN, it's still important for you to keep your PIN private.
3. **Don't Donate your Vote!** If you choose not to vote, destroy your PIN. It is illegal to give your PIN and your vote to another person.
4. **Say NO to political interference while casting a ballot.** While candidates and their teams are welcome to solicit your support throughout the campaign period, they must not interfere with a voter who is casting a ballot. Ensure that candidates & scrutineers respect your privacy and do not pressure you while you are voting.
5. **Keep your choices private.** Remember that you are not obliged to share your voting choices with anyone, either before or after casting a ballot.

For more information and to stay up to date on the 2022 Stratford Municipal and School Board Election, please visit [www.stratford.ca/elections](http://www.stratford.ca/elections). Questions can be directed to the City Clerk's Office at [elections@stratford.ca](mailto:elections@stratford.ca) or 519-271-0250 Extension 5237.

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

The City of Stratford is looking for a diverse range of volunteers to lend their unique voices and perspectives to help guide the City's decision-making by joining various advisory committees and boards. Community members serving on an advisory committee provide advice and feedback to City Council in a variety of areas, including but not limited to the environment, accessibility, active transportation, heritage and safe communities. Boards have the autonomy to make decisions for the good of their organizations.

Why serve on an advisory committee or board? Volunteering makes a difference in our community and is a great way to give back. It's also an opportunity to help influence decision-making in your local government and be part of democracy in action. You will learn new skills, build your understanding of how municipal government works, and make connections with other passionate members of the Stratford community.

These opportunities are open to Stratford residents and eligible electors who are at least 18 years of age (with the exception of the Youth representatives who can be under 18 years). Additional qualifications may apply depending on the advisory committee or board you are interested in. Experienced and new members are encouraged to apply.

If you are interested in volunteering on one of the City's advisory committees or local boards listed below, please complete and return no later than Friday, October 28, 2022, an application to the attention of the City Clerk through the following:

**Email:** [clerks@stratford.ca](mailto:clerks@stratford.ca)

### **In-person or mail to:**

The Corporation of the City of Stratford,  
Attention City Clerk,  
Clerk's Office, Ground Floor, Stratford City Hall  
P.O. Box 818,  
Stratford, ON N5a 6W1

The application form is available through the City's website or by pick-up at the City Clerk's Office.

### **Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. The purpose of this Committee is to improve opportunities for persons with disabilities and to provide for involvement in the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to full participation in the community. Four (4) citizens and two (2) Agency representative positions are available for appointment for 2-year terms.

### **Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)**

Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the ATAC is to serve as a forum for the public to raise their viewpoints on particular active transportation issues and/or other findings and to bring these interests to the attention of the appropriate staff, departments or standing committees. The ATAC also acts to educate, promote and enhance active transportation in the City of Stratford. There are two (2) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms and a position for a member of the Avon Trail for a 2-year term.

### **Board of Park Management**

Meets on the second Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m. The Board of Park Management deals with matters regarding the maintenance, improvement and expansion of the City's park system. There are six (6) citizen positions available for 4-year terms concurrent with the term of Council.

### **Committee of Adjustment**

Meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. The Committee of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial tribunal appointed by City Council and is independent and autonomous from City Council and City Administration. It derives its jurisdiction from the Planning Act of Ontario. The Committee makes decisions on minor variance and

consent applications. There are five (5) citizen positions available for 4-year terms concurrent with the term of Council.

#### **Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee**

Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m. The mandate of the Communities in Bloom Committee is:

- foster civic pride, environmental protection and beautification, through community participation;
- to improve the tidiness, appearance and visual appeal of neighbourhoods, parks, open spaces and streets;
- to focus on environmental awareness and preservation of heritage and culture;
- to co-ordinate a host program as required;
- to be financially sustainable.

There are three (3) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

#### **Energy & Environment Advisory Committee**

Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. This Committee provides advice to Council on matters relating to waste reduction initiatives, water and energy conservation and preservation of natural areas. There are three (3) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms, a position for a member of Civic Beautification and Environmental Awareness for a 2-year term, an AREA representative for a 2-year term, and a youth representative for the remainder of a one-year term ending August 31, 2023.

#### **Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee**

Meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Heritage Stratford deals with matters relating to the promotion of architectural designing and conserving of heritage architecture and heritage designations. There are four (4) citizen representative positions for 2-year terms and (1) Stratford and Area Builders Association (Alternate) position for a 2-year term.

#### **Downtown Stratford Business Improvement Area (BIA)**

The Downtown Stratford BIA Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. The BIA deals with matters concerning promotion and beautification of the downtown core. To be eligible for appointment, you must be a downtown property owner or business operator. There are eight (8) positions available for 4-year terms concurrent with the term of Council.

Provincial eligibility requirements for persons who may be appointed to the Downton Stratford BIA are:

- a) persons who own property that is in either the commercial or industrial property class in the designated city centre and who are shown on the last revised assessment roll;
- b) persons who operate businesses, either owning the business premises or holding them under a lease requiring the payment of property taxes;
- c) persons operating businesses in leased space under a gross lease entered into on or before June 11, 1998;
- d) nominees of persons who qualify under (a), (b) or (c).

Incorporated members shall be represented only by a named person so designated in the corporation's official designation letter for that purpose filed with the City of Stratford.

#### **Stratfords of the World - Ontario Committee**

Meets periodically throughout the year at the call of the Chair. The mandate of the Stratfords of the World Committee is:

- to encourage community partnerships which provide additional opportunities;
- to assist with the recurring reunion program with other Stratfords every two years;
- to ensure that the annual Friendship Flower Bed is updated;
- to be financially sustainable.

There are six (6) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

#### **Stratford Police Services Board**

Meets monthly at the call of the Chair to deal with police services matters in the City of Stratford. There is one (1) community member position available for a 4-year term.

#### **Stratford Public Library Board**

Meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Operating under the Public Libraries Act, the Board is responsible for the governance of the public library. Its focus is on policy development, planning and advocacy. There are ten (10) citizen representative positions available for 4-year terms concurrent with the term of Council.

#### **Stratford Town and Gown Advisory Committee**

Meets on the 3rd Thursday of September, February and April at 5:00 p.m., to serve as a forum for the exchange of information on issues and initiatives involving the University of Waterloo, The Corporation of the City of Stratford and the community. There is one community representative position available for a 2-year term, one (1) position available for a student representative for a 1-year term and one (1) alternate student position available.

#### **Upper Thames River Conservation Authority**

Meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m., in London to oversee the organization and delivery of programs and services that further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources, other than gas, oil, coal and minerals, in the Upper Thames River watershed. There may be one (1) citizen representative position available for a 4-year term. The Administrative By-Law for the UTRCA can be found at <http://thamesriver.on.ca/about-us/boardofdirectors/>.

Additional information regarding these advisory committees and boards is available on the City's website or upon request from the City Clerk's Office, 519-271-0250, extension 5237.

#### **FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS - REMINDER**

Beginning September 26, 2022, and continuing for approximately five weeks, preventative maintenance flushing of fire hydrants will take place within the City of Stratford. Customers may temporarily experience discoloured water. Water quality is not affected by this colouration, and the water is safe to use and consume. Discoloured water will clear, but before doing laundry, please check to see that water has cleared. If you have any questions, please call the City Water Division at 519-271-0250, extension 222 during business hours.