

# Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier October 15, 2022

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

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

In the 2022 Stratford Municipal and School Board Election you can vote from the convenience of your home using the internet or telephone from 10:00 a.m. on October 14 until October 24 at 8:00 pm.

To vote you will need a Personalized Identification Number (PIN), which can be found in your Voter Information Letter, along with your date of birth. The Voter Information Letter also contains the information you need to access the internet or telephone voting system.

If you need assistance with internet voting, need to be added to the Voters' List or have your information updated, you can visit the Voter Help Centre at the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road West on:

- Saturday October 22, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday October 23, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Monday October 24, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Computers are also available for use by eligible electors at the Stratford Public Library during its business hours.

If you have questions relating to the election and voting, please call the Voter Help Desk at 519-271-0250 extension 5237 or email [elections@stratford.ca](mailto:elections@stratford.ca) during the following dates and times:

- Friday, October 14, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 16, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- October 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 23, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 24, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

## **ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS**

### **PROPERTY TAX - 2022 FINAL LEVY DUE DATE OCTOBER 14, 2022**

For your convenience, property tax payments by cheque may be deposited in the mailbox at City Hall, Rear Entrance. Payment may be made at your bank or on-line/telephone banking is also available. Please make cheques payable to "City of Stratford" and mail to P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1. Pre-authorized payment is available monthly or quarterly, call to inquire. Contact: Tax Department, 519-271-0250, extension 5212 or 5213.

## **WATCH FOR YOUR VOTER INFORMATION LETTER IN THE MAIL - REMINDER**

Voter Information Letters for the 2022 Municipal Election have been mailed out to those individuals who are on the Voters' List. The Voter Information Letter will contain all of the information needed to cast your ballot, including a Personalized Identification Number (PIN) which you will use along with your date of birth to access the voting system.

If you are on the Voters' List and do not receive your Voter Information Letter in the mail by October 13th, please contact [elections@stratford.ca](mailto:elections@stratford.ca), or call 519-271-0250 extension 5237.

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

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.

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