

Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, September 9, 2023

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

16TH ANNUAL MAYOR'S COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

The 16th Annual Mayor's Community Breakfast will be held Thursday, October 5, from 7:00 - 8:45 a.m. at the Best Western Plus – The Arden Park Hotel.

A buffet breakfast will be served, with a guest speaker from the Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth. The cost is a monetary donation to the Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth. Receipts will be provided for amounts \$20.00 and over. Everyone is welcome.

Pre-registration is required. To reserve a seat, please call Lindsay Van Gestel at 519-271-0250 extension 5236 or email lvangestel@stratford.ca.

The event is sponsored by the Best Western Plus – The Arden Park Hotel, the Stratford and District Council of Churches, and Famme & Co. Professional Corporation.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION SATURDAY

The City of Stratford will be holding a drive-thru Household Hazardous Waste collection day Saturday September 16, for residents to drop-off materials that are corrosive, explosive, flammable or poisonous.

The collection will take place in the northwest parking lot of the Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road West, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for things like:

- Paints (please do not bring empty containers), varnish, solvents, caulking, glue
- Fuels, antifreeze, brake fluid
- Used motor oil and filters
- Batteries (household, rechargeable, automotive)
- Household cleaners (i.e. bleach, oven cleaners)
- Fluorescent light bulbs/tubes
- Refillable and non-refillable propane tanks

Based on previous collections, we have observed the most vehicles and the longest wait times from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Fewer vehicles and shorter wait times are typically seen between noon and 2:00 p.m. Please note that hazardous waste will not be accepted at the Romeo Street landfill site.

2024 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROCESS - REMINDER

The 2024 application process for community grants is now open. The online application is available on the City's website under "2024 Budget". Applications are due by October 16, 2023.

Please note that if your organization received a 2023 community grant, your year-end reporting must be received in order to be considered for a 2024 grant. Please contact stfdbudget@stratford.ca if you have any questions.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY - REMINDER

With students heading back to school this week, vehicle and pedestrian traffic will be increasing across the City. As the safety of all pedestrians is of utmost importance, we ask that everyone please drive carefully and always remember to:

- Stay alert around school buses and in school safety zones.
- Obey proper rules at crossing guard locations and only proceed when crossing guards and pedestrians have completely crossed the road.
- Always be alert & aware of pedestrians - drive slowly & be cautious around schools and crossings.
- Limit any distractions, remove headphones, put away cellphones and other distractions when crossing the street, make eye contact with drivers & pedestrians when in crossing zones.
- Look for signage and adhere to school zone areas identified as 'no parking' or 'no stopping'.
- Follow all instructions from the crossing guards, always wait for the crossing guard to stop traffic and indicate that it is safe to cross.

The City's crossing guards and parking enforcement officers work every day to uphold pedestrian and vehicle safety. We ask that you do your part to help make sure everyone stays safe.

CROSSING GUARD RECRUITMENT - EXTENDED

Are you looking for a part-time job that makes a difference in your community? The City of Stratford continues to seek crossing guards to play an important role in helping children safely walk to and from school at various locations across the City. As a crossing guard, you would be responsible for:

- covering shifts at the morning school bell times for student arrival and afternoon school bell times for student dismissal.
- ensure that children travelling to and from school pass safely through your assigned crossing.
- acting as an important safety figure and engaged member of the community.

All training and equipment will be provided. Interested persons may submit resumes in person to the Clerk's Office at City Hall or by emailing Commissionaires Great Lakes at crossingguardrecruiting.gl@commissionaires.ca. For more information, please visit www.stratford.ca/crossingguards.

MEETING SCHEDULE

| Date | Meeting | Time | Location |
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| Sept 11 | Committee of the Whole In-camera | 5:00 p.m. | Council Chambers |
| Sept 11 | Regular Council | 7:00 p.m. | Council Chambers |
| Sept 12 | Social Services Sub-committee | 4:30 p.m. | CANCELLED |
| Sept 14 | Community Services Sub-committee | 4:30 p.m. | CANCELLED |

Meetings are open to the public to attend with the exception of In-Camera sessions (please note the adjournment into the In-camera Session is open to the public to attend and observe). Agendas can be accessed from the City's website. Please check the City's website for the Sub-committee, Committee, Council and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedules as these schedules are subject to change.

The Town Crier is posted to the City's website.