Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, December 9, 2023

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

2024 BUDGET MEETINGS

The Finance and Labour Relations Committee will meet on the following dates and times to formulate recommendations to City Council regarding the 2024 draft budget:

Date Time

December 14, 2023 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers
December 15, 2023 9:00 a.m. Council Chambers

Members of the public can attend and watch the meeting in-person or watch the livestream by clicking the link that will be available on the agenda. Agendas and minutes of the meeting will be posted as available to the City's website under the Council Calendar at https://calendar.stratford.ca/meetings.

If you have any questions regarding the 2024 budget process, please contact us by phone at 519-271-0250 Extension 5202, or by email at wpartridge@stratford.ca.

CLEARING SIDEWALKS OF SNOW AND ICE IN THE CORE AREA AND CLEARING OVERHANGING SNOW AND ICE FROM ROOFS IN THE CITY OF STRATFORD

The purpose of this notice is to advise you that under the conditions of By-law 225-2005, the owner, occupant or person in charge of any property in the core area as designated in the By-law is required to clear the sidewalks adjacent to their property of all snow and ice throughout the winter.

The sidewalks shall be cleared of snow and ice prior to 10:00 a.m. everyday, except Sundays and Holidays as defined in the *Retail Business Holidays Act*. Sidewalk conditions must then be monitored between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and to continue to keep the sidewalks cleared at all times. The By-law also requires that icy conditions be treated with sand and/or salt or other suitable substance.

Also, the owner, occupant or person in charge of an occupied or unoccupied building is required to clear away and remove snow and ice from the roof of a building where such snow and ice may fall on a sidewalk or street. All snow or ice from roofs must be removed by 10:00 a.m. every day except Sundays and Holidays as defined in the *Retail Business Holidays Act*. The person clearing away the snow and ice shall take all necessary care and precautions for the warning and safety of passers-by and other persons.

Any snow and ice which falls onto the sidewalk shall be placed at the edge of the street immediately adjacent to the curb. Snow should not be placed on the travelled portion of the roadway or in such a way as to obstruct access to any fire hydrant.

Regular inspections will be made of the core area sidewalks after snowfalls and to identify any buildings which have snow and ice which may fall on the sidewalk or street. The set fine for contravention of this By-law is \$115.00 for each occurrence, exclusive of costs. The snow and ice may be removed at the discretion of the Infrastructure Services Department or the Chief of Police and charged to the owner.

4 HOUR FREE PARKING – SATURDAYS ONLY

Beginning December 2, 2023, until April 27, 2024, all individuals parking in the downtown core on Saturdays will receive four (4) hours of free parking. This means that motorists parking in the downtown core on Saturdays during this time will not be required to pay the meters or machines for their first four (4) hours of parking. After the four (4) hours of free parking, motorists are required to pay the respective meter, machine, or via the HotSpot App. Compliance is required with all other provisions of the City's Traffic and Parking By-law, including maximum parking time limits. For questions regarding this or other parking enforcement matters, please contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 extension 5237.

PUBLIC INPUT INVITED STRATFORD LANDFILL SITE - FINAL REMINDER

The City of Stratford welcomes feedback on the operation of its Romeo Street landfill site, and there are several options to provide it. Comments can be made to the Infrastructure Services Department by calling 519-271-0250 extension 5261, or by emailing mcronin@stratford.ca, by Friday, December 8, 2023. Comments received will be included with the agenda for the meeting.

Citizens are also invited to comment on the operation of the landfill site at the upcoming January 2024 Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting, by requesting to appear as a delegation.

Delegation requests can be made by completing the Delegation Request Form, available on the City's website at https://forms.stratford.ca/IT-Services/Clerks-Corporate-Services/Delegation-Request-Form. Alternatively, requests can be made by contacting the City Clerk at clerks@stratford.ca. Requests to appear as a delegation must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on the Tuesday prior to the meeting date. Details for participating in the meeting will be provided once the request is confirmed.

Answers to some frequently asked questions about the Stratford Landfill Site can be found on the City's website at https://www.stratford.ca/en/live-here/landfill-faq.aspx.

MEETING SCHEDULE

| Date | Meeting | Time | Location |
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| Dec 11 | Committee of the Whole In-camera Session | 5:00 p.m. | Council Chambers |
| Dec 11 | Regular Council & Standing Committees | 7:00 p.m. | Council Chambers |
| Dec 14 | Finance & Labour Relations Committee - Budget | 9:00 a.m. | Council Chambers |
| Dec 15 | Finance & Labour Relations Committee - Budget | 9:00 a.m. | Council Chambers |

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 available on the City of Stratford's website.