

Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, March 23, 2024

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING ACCOMMODATION LICENSING BY-LAW FEE IMPLEMENTATION

This Notice provides important information for those members of the public who were planning to attend the originally scheduled March 25, 2024, Public Meeting for the establishment of fees for the administration of the City's Accommodation Licensing By-law No. 130-2022. Due to scheduling conflicts, the Public Meeting has been **rescheduled** to:

Date and Time of Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Location: Council Chambers in City Hall, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford

Purpose of the Public Meeting: The City of Stratford invites public input on the establishment of fees for the administration of the City's Accommodation Licensing By-law No. 130-2022. Such fees would be established in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25. This meeting will discuss the proposed fees necessary for the licensing, regulation, and governance of Short Term Rental Accommodations (STRAs) and other accommodations as outlined in the By-law. The establishment of such fees would require an amendment to Schedule "B" of the City's Fees & Charges By-Law No. 117-2023.

The City of Stratford has evaluated the licensing fee structure based on service cost analysis and a comparison with other municipalities. It is proposed that the fees associated with obtaining a licence under the City's Accommodation Licensing By-law be as follows:

Item	Fee
i) Application for Short Term Rental Licence (First Room, and per Application/Licence) a. Plus the following applicable amount per additional room:	\$402.00 \$122.00
ii) Late Filing Fee (per Application/Licence)	\$68.00
iii) Transfer processing Fee (per Application/Licence)	\$33.00
iv) Appeal Fee (Short Term Rental & Bed and Breakfasts)	\$180.00

A Management Report that details the recommendations will be presented at the Public Meeting.

All those present at the public meeting will be given the opportunity to speak. To speak at the public meeting, when the Mayor or Chair asks if there are any members of the public wishing to provide comments or ask questions, please raise your hand and once acknowledged, proceed to the podium to provide your comments.

To watch the meeting live please click or enter the following link into your URL bar:
<https://video.isilive.ca/stratford/live.html>

Members of the public: your opinions on this are important and encouraged. Please call, mail, or e-mail your comments to Josh Lee-Him, By-Law Enforcement Officer, City of Stratford Building and Planning Services – Telephone: (519) 271-0250 extension 5328, – jleehim@stratford.ca - in order for your comments to be summarized at the public meeting.

Personal information collected as part of this Notice is pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Personal information collected will be used to assist Council in making a decision on this matter. Names, addresses, opinions and comments may be made available for public disclosure. Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to the City Clerk, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1 or by emailing clerks@stratford.ca or by telephone at the number below.

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS PROPERTY TAX – 2024 INTERIM LEVY DUE DATE APRIL 26, 2024

Property tax payments may be made at your bank in person, by telephone or on-line banking. Cash, Debit or Cheques payable to the "City of Stratford" are also accepted at City Hall. Cheques may also be deposited in the mailbox Rear Entrance or mailed to P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1.

GRAND TRUNK RENEWAL - COMMUNITY DIALOGUES

Please join us to discuss the next steps in the renewal of the Grand Trunk site in Stratford.

The City of Stratford's Ad Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee will be hosting a series of community events this spring to engage with residents and start a dialogue on refreshing the vision and guiding principles for the 18-acre City-owned downtown site.

The first event is planned for March 26, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Hall A at the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road West. It will be an opportunity to learn about the history of the site, where we are today and the process and work to date of the Grand Trunk Ad Hoc Committee.

Further details about these community dialogues, along with links to register, are available on Engage Stratford at <https://engagestratford.ca/grand-trunk-renewal>.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Mar 25	Committee of the Whole In-camera Session	4:00 p.m.	Council Chamber
Mar 25	Regular Council & Standing Committee	7:00 p.m.	Council Chamber
Mar 27	Infrastructure, Transportation & Safety Sub-committee	4:30 p.m.	Council Chamber
Mar 28	Planning & Heritage Sub-committee	4:30 p.m.	Council Chamber

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.