

Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, April 6, 2024

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

NOTICE OF NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION

An exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 has been approved for the 2024 Dock Music Concert Series located on a private dock along the Avon River. The performances will be from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the following dates:

- Sunday, June 2, 2024
- Sunday June 16, 2024
- Sunday, June 23, 2024 – Rain date
- Sunday, July 7, 2024
- Sunday, July 21, 2024
- Sunday, July 28, 2024 – Rain date

SPRING FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS - REMINDER

Beginning April 2nd, and continuing for approximately six 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 visit <https://www.stratford.ca/en/live-here/dicoloured-water.aspx>, or call the City Water Division at 519-271-0250, extension 5222 during business hours.

RAKING OF WINTER SAND - REMINDER

Reminder to residents from the Infrastructure Services Department that during the months of April and May, winter sand that has accumulated can be raked to the edge of the road or the street gutter. Please help street sweeping operations by spreading the sand out in the gutter area. Please do not place the sand in large piles in the gutter or along the road, as the piles can restrict water flow and be a traffic hazard.

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

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)	\$402.00
a. Plus the following applicable amount per additional room:	\$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.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Apr 8	Committee of the Whole In-camera Session	6:00 p.m.	Council Chamber
Apr 8	Regular Council & Standing Committee	7:00 p.m.	Council Chamber
Apr 9	Social Services Sub-committee	CANCELLED	
Apr 11	Community Services 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.

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