

# Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, May 18, 2024

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

## **NOTICE OF NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION**

Patrons of Memorial Baptist Church, which is located at 113 Bruce Street, Stratford, have requested an exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 for a private function scheduled for Saturday, August 10, 2024, from 1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to comment on this application for exemption should provide their comments in writing or email by May 24, 2024 to: The Corporation of the City of Stratford, Attention: Events Coordinator, Community Services, P.O. Box 874, 357 McCarthy Rd., Stratford, ON N5A 6W3 or Email: [hdenny@stratford.ca](mailto:hdenny@stratford.ca).

## **PUBLIC INPUT INVITED: STRATFORD LANDFILL SITE**

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](mailto:mcronin@stratford.ca), by Tuesday, June 4, 2024. Comments received will be included in the agenda for the meeting.

Citizens are also invited to comment on the operation of the landfill site at the upcoming Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 26, 2024, at 4:30 p.m., 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](mailto:clerks@stratford.ca). Requests to appear as a delegation must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 18. Details for participating in the meeting will be provided once the request is confirmed. This meeting will be held in person at Stratford City Hall, and a link to watch the meeting will be available on the agenda: <https://calendar.stratford.ca/meetings>.

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>.

## **VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City of Stratford Administration Offices and the Landfill will be closed on Monday, May 20, 2024.

There will be no change in the Recycling, Green Bin, Leaf & Yard Waste and Garbage collection programs on Monday, May 20, 2024. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00 a.m. on collection dates. For further information, please call 519-271-0250 extension 279.

## **RETAIL CLOSINGS ON VICTORIA DAY**

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the *Retail Business Holidays Act*, Victoria Day, Monday, May 20, 2024, is among the holidays when most stores must be closed.

The *Retail Business Holidays Act* provides limited exceptions for retail outlets that may be open, including stores that sell handicrafts and book or magazine stores that are less than 2,400 square feet with a maximum of three employees, pharmacies under 7,500 square feet, flower shops and gas stations. Stores may also remain open in locations established as tourist areas by specific municipal by-laws. Businesses should contact their municipal offices for information.

Minimum fines for opening businesses on prohibited days of retail operation are \$500 for the first offence, \$2,000 for a second offence and \$5,000 for a third or subsequent offence. Retail outlets may be fined up to \$50,000 or the total amount of gross sales for the holiday, whichever is greater. Stratford's designated tourism season is May 1 to November 12 each year and includes the Victoria Day Holiday.

Stratford City By-law 149-92 permits certain retail establishments in Stratford that meet the tourism criteria established by the Province and that provides goods and services primarily to tourists in Stratford, may open for business on Victoria Day under the following provisions:

- The retail business establishment does not open prior to 10:00 am and does not remain open after 4:00 pm;
- The number of persons engaged in the serving of the public does not at any time, exceed four (4);
- The total area used for serving, selling or displaying goods or services to the public inside the establishment is less than 278.71 m<sup>2</sup> (3000 square feet).
- Certain larger retail business establishments listed in Schedule "A" to By-law 149-92 as amended, may also open on Victoria Day between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm

Enforcement of the *Retail Business Holidays Act* in Stratford is the responsibility of Stratford Police Services. To find out which retail operations are exempted by the Act, call the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services toll-free at 1-800-889-9768. For more information visit [www.sse.gov.on.ca](http://www.sse.gov.on.ca)

## **FIREWORK SAFETY – VICTORIA DAY AND CANADA DAY**

City of Stratford Fireworks By-law 73-2006 provides that fireworks can only be set off on Victoria Day and Canada Day between 8:00 pm and 12:00 midnight. In the event of weather conditions such as rain, fog, smog or wind on Victoria Day or Canada Day, fireworks may be set off the day before or the day after Victoria Day or Canada Day.

Fireworks may not be set off:

- on any city street or highway;
- in any park or other public place;
- in any building or vehicle; and
- in areas containing dead undergrowth or trees.

Firecrackers which are different than fireworks, cannot be set off anywhere in Stratford.

When setting off Fireworks:

- Use fireworks outdoors only;
- Choose a clear, open area;
- Check wind direction and speed;
- Always have an adult present;

- Have water handy;
- Read and follow label directions;
- Keep spectators away from launch area.

Flying lanterns (the small paper hot air balloons propelled by an open flame) are not permitted for sale or use in Stratford.

Questions or to Report a Violation:

If you have any questions or wish to report a violation of the By-law, please call the Fire Department at 519-271-3212. Please enjoy the holiday safely.

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>May 22</b>	Finance & Labour Relations 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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