Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS

Property tax - 2021 interim levy due date February 19, 2021

For your convenience, property tax payments by cheque may be deposited in the mailbox at City Hall, Rear Entrance. Payment may be made at your bank or on-line/telephone banking is also available. Please make cheques payable to "City of Stratford" and mail to P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1. Pre-authorized payment is available monthly or quarterly, call to inquire.

Contact: Tax Department, 519-271-0250, ext. 5209 or 5213.

NOTICE OF NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION

The following organizations have requested an exemption from the Noise Control By-law 113-79:

The Stratford Festival for outdoor performances taking place at the Stratford Festival Theatre terrace at 55 Queen Street and the Tom Patterson Theatre parking lot at 111 Lakeside Drive. Rehearsals and performances will include moderately amplified noise from speakers for voice performers, four musicians, special effects including occasional loud noises, and anticipated applause from the audience. Dates and times are as follows:

The rehearsal period will take place May 1, 2021 to June 14, 2021 with some rehearsals held in the outdoor space and on occasion these rehearsals would last until 10:30 p.m.

Daily performances between June 15, 2021 to September 30, 2021 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., and 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m.

Anyone wishing to comment on this application for exemption should provide their concerns in writing or email by February 22, 2021 to: The Corporation of the City of Stratford, Attention: Events Coordinator, Community Services, P.O. Box 874, 353 McCarthy Rd., Stratford, ON N5A 6W3. Email: ajordan@stratford.ca

If you require this document in an alternate format, contact City Hall at 519-271-0250 ext. 5237 or email clerks@stratford.ca.

REMINDER - 2020 JAMES ANDERSON AWARD NOMINATIONS

Heritage Stratford will be presenting the 2020 James Anderson Award to one or more recipients. The award is given to a person or persons who have made significant contributions to our heritage.

Eligible individuals or small groups who have made a significant contribution to the community of Stratford in the area of built, cultural or natural heritage preservation or heritage garden conservation.

*Updated Deadline for nominations: Sunday, February 28, 2021

Applications and further details on the James Anderson Award can be found on the City of Stratford website or contact adviscom@stratford.ca

ANNE HATHAWAY DAYCARE - LICENSED CHILDCARE SPACES FOR CHILDREN 18 MONTHS - 4 YEARS

Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre offers enriching programs led by a team of highly skilled and experienced Early Childhood Educators. To add your child's name to our waitlist, please go to onehsn.com/Stratford/

Enriching child-centered programs led by a team of highly skilled and experienced Early Childhood Educators:

- Nutritious lunch and snacks provided
- Outdoor play in a new natural play space
- Financial assistance available upon qualification
- Newly renovated facility

Emergency or Short-Term Child Care Services

Operated by the City of Stratford, Anne Hathaway Daycare is a child and family friendly licenced early childhood education centre. Emergency or short-term childcare services are provided on an 'as available' basis. For information about services, availability and fees, please contact the Daycare at 519-273-1803.

For further information contact: Corry Gunn, Manager - 103 Bruce St. Stratford, 519-273-1803 cgunn@stratford.ca.

NOTICE - 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 and Development Services Department and charged to the owner.

If you require this document in an alternate format or any additional information, please contact the City Infrastructure and Development Services Department at 519-271-0250, Extension 222. A copy of By-law 225-2005 can be seen on request at the City Clerk's office or by visiting the City's website at www.stratford.ca.

FAMILY DAY SCHEDULE

The City of Stratford administration offices will not be available for assistance on Monday, February 15, 2021. Online and telephone services resume Tuesday, February 16, 2021.

LANDFILL SITE HOURS - Open Monday February 15 9:00am-12:00pm

CURBSIDE GARBAGE, GREEN BIN AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

There will be no change in the Curbside Collection programs on Monday February 15. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00am on collection dates.

RETAIL CLOSINGS – FAMILY DAY

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the Retail Business Holidays Act, Family Day, February 15, 2021 is among the days annually when most stores must be closed.

The Act, administered by the Ministry of Government Services, exempts some retail operations. Flower shops, gas stations and book or magazine stores under 2,400 square feet with a maximum of three employees, are among the exempted businesses.

Stratford's designated tourism season is May 1 to November 12 each year and does not extend to Family Day.

There are fines for opening on prohibited days of retail operation. Retail outlets found guilty may be fined up \$50,000 or the total amount of gross sales for the day, whichever is greater. 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, please call the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services toll-free at 1-800-889-9768. For more information, visit www.cbs.gov.on.ca

FOOD FOR ALL COMMUNITY MEALS IN STRATFORD

Feb 16	Stratford Christian Reformed Church, 190 Athlone Cres.	5:00pm
Feb 17	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie St. (delivery)	11:30am-12:30pm
Feb 18	St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 96 Huron Street (Hibernia entrance)	5:00pm
Feb 19	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie St. (delivery)	11:30am-12:30pm

All meals are takeaway ONLY (delivery available at some locations). Please follow social distancing when picking up meals. Contact the specific location for further details.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Feb 16 Finance & Labour Relations Sub-committee CANCELLED

Given the COVID-19 Pandemic and the declared emergency, the City will be posting a video of the meeting to our website once available. Agendas and a link to watch the meeting while in progress can be accessed from the City's website.

Telephone: 519-271-0250 www.stratford.ca