

Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, October 9, 2021

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS

School is back in session and that means more school busses are on the road taking kids to and from school. To help keep our children safe when boarding and exiting their school bus, please remember the following school bus safety tips:

Motorists

- Stop at a safe distance back from the bus
- Do not proceed until red lights have stopped flashing and bus is moving
- Do not block driveways or the flow of traffic when waiting in your vehicle for the school bus to arrive at the bus stop
- Watch for kids getting on and off the bus

Pedestrians

- Stay back from danger zones around bus
- Make sure you and the bus driver can see each other
- Always cross the road in front of the bus, never behind
- Walk, don't run!

Be Alert, Stay Safe.

FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

Beginning September 13, 2021, 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 call the City Water Division at 519-271-0250, extension 5222 during business hours.

APPLICATIONS TO SERVE ON AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND BOARD NOW BEING ACCEPTED - REMINDER

The City of Stratford is seeking interest from members of the public to fill vacancies on City advisory committees and local boards. These public appointments are open to Stratford residents and eligible electors who are at least 18 years of age (with the exception of the youth representative positions who can be under 18 years of age). Experienced and new members welcomed!

You can make a difference by serving on an advisory committee or board. The purpose of advisory committees and local boards is to provide advice to City Council and contribute to the development of policies, programs and initiatives that enhance our quality of life. The community benefits from your expertise, enthusiasm and civic pride. To find out more about the work of these advisory committee and boards and to review advisory meeting minutes, please visit the City's website.

Persons interested in being appointed to the advisory committees and boards listed below are asked to complete, and return no later than **Friday, October 22, 2021**, an application form that is available from the City's website at: www.stratford.ca or at the Clerk's Office, Ground Floor of City Hall, 1 Wellington Street during business hours.

Accessibility Advisory Committee – Meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. to improve opportunities for persons with disabilities and to provide for involvement in the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to full participation in the community. The Accessibility Advisory Committee shall be comprised of 9 members, with a majority of the members being persons with disabilities as prescribed in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

There are two (2) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms and one (1) agency representative to fulfill the remainder of a 2-year term (to November 14, 2022).

Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) - Meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to serve as a forum for the public to raise their viewpoints on particular active transportation issues and/or other findings and to bring these interests to the attention of the appropriate staff, departments or standing committees. The ATAC also acts to educate, promote and enhance active transportation in the City of Stratford.

There are two (2) citizen representative positions and one (1) Cycle Stratford representative position available for 2-year terms.

Communities in Bloom Committee – Meets the first Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m. The mandate of the Communities in Bloom Committee is:

- To foster civic pride, environmental protection and beautification, through community participation;
- To improve the tidiness, appearance and visual appeal of neighbourhoods, parks, open spaces and streets;
- To focus on environmental awareness and preservation of heritage and culture;
- To be financially sustainable.

There are three (3) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

Energy & Environment Committee – Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. to advise Council relating to waste reduction initiatives, water and energy conservation and preservation of natural areas.

There are four (4) citizen positions available for 2-year terms.

Heritage Stratford – Meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. to deal with matters relating to the promotion of architectural designing and conserving of heritage architecture and heritage designations.

There are three (3) citizen representative positions and (1) Stratford and Area Builders Association representative position available for a two year term. Special interest groups are also invited to request a representative on the Committee at this time.

Stratford Town and Gown Advisory Committee - Meets on the 3rd Thursday of September, February and April at 4:30 p.m. to serve as a forum for the exchange of information on issues and initiatives involving post secondary student life in Stratford, The Corporation of the City of Stratford and the community.

One (1) position is available for a citizen representative for a 2-year term.

Stratfords of the World - Ontario Committee - Meets periodically throughout the year at the call of the Chair. The mandate of the Stratfords of the World Committee is:

- To encourage community partnerships which provide additional opportunities;
- To assist with the recurring reunion program with other Stratfords every two years;
- To ensure that the annual Friendship Flower Bed is updated;
- To be financially sustainable.

There are five (5) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

Additional information regarding these advisory committees is available on the City's website or upon request from the City Clerk's Office, Attention: Clerk, The Corporation of the City of Stratford, City Hall, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1, 519-271-0250, extension 5237.

The deadline for receipt of all applications is: **Friday, October 22, 2021**

Personal information collected through the appointment process will be used by City Council for the purpose of making appointments to boards and committees. Questions regarding this collection should be directed to the Clerk, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1, telephone 519-271-0250, Extension 5329 during business hours.

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS PROPERTY TAX – 2021 FINAL LEVY DUE DATE OCTOBER 15, 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.

HURON STREET RECONSTRUCTION PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE – OCTOBER 4 - 15, 2021

An online Public Information Centre for the Huron Street Reconstruction Project is available on the City of Stratford's website. The project would, if approved by City Council, provide the following improvements:

- Upgrade the existing storm sewer, sanitary sewer and water mains.
- Replace existing sanitary and water services to the property line.
- Upgrade the asphalt roadway, curb and gutter, and sidewalks.
- Establish a road diet to convert the 4-lane road to a 3-lane road consisting of two through lanes and a centre turn lane.
- Update the signalized intersections.

Details on how to participate have been posted on the City of Stratford's website at <https://www.stratford.ca/en/inside-city-hall/engineeringdivision.aspx>. If you have any questions, please call the Engineering Division at 519-271-0250, extension 5222 during business hours.

THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford administration offices will be closed Monday October 11, 2021.

LANDFILL SITE HOURS

Closed Monday, October 11, 2021 for Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING and GARBAGE SCHEDULE

There will be no change in the Recycling or Garbage Collection programs on Monday, October 11, 2021. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00am on collection dates. For further information, telephone 519-271-0250 extension 5279.

Leaf and Yard Waste Collection Weeks: October 18-22, October 25 – 29, November 1 - 5, November 8 - 12, November 15 - 19



RETAIL CLOSINGS ON THANKSGIVING

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the *Retail Business Holidays Act*, Thanksgiving – October 11 is among the holidays when most stores must be closed unless City Council has granted an exemption in order to open for business.

Stratford's designated tourism season is May 1 to November 12 each year and includes the Thanksgiving 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 Thanksgiving 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 278.71m² (3000 square feet).
- Certain larger retail business establishments listed in Schedule "A" to By-law 149-92 as amended, may also open on Thanksgiving between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm

Enforcement of the *Retail Business Holidays Act* in Stratford is through Stratford Police Services.

To find out which retail operations are exempted by the Act, call the Ministry of Consumer Services toll-free at 1-800-889-9768. For more information, visit www.sse.gov.on.ca

MEETING SCHEDULE

Oct 12	Committee of the Whole In-camera	1:00pm	Electronic Participation
Oct 12	Regular Council and Standing Committees	3:00pm	Electronic Participation
Oct 13	Social Services Sub-committee	3:30pm	Electronic Participation
Oct 14	Community Services 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.

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