



# Stratford Town Crier

April 19, 2025

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

## **EASTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City of Stratford Administration Offices will be closed on Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21.

## **LANDFILL SITE HOURS**

- Closed Friday, April 18, 2025, for Good Friday
- Open Saturday, April 19, 2025, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Closed Monday, April 21, 2025, for Easter Monday

## **CURBSIDE RECYCLING, GREEN BIN AND GARBAGE SCHEDULE**

There will be no change in the Recycling, Green Bin or Garbage Collection programs on Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> or Monday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00 a.m. on collection dates.

## **RETAIL STORE CLOSINGS DURING EASTER HOLIDAY**

Stratford's designated tourism season is May 1 to November 12 each year and does not extend to the Easter Holiday Season.

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the Retail Business Holidays Act, both Good Friday – April 18, 2025 and Easter Sunday – April 21, 2025, are among the designated holidays annually when most retail stores must be closed. 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. Enforcement of the Retail Business Holidays Act in Stratford is the responsibility of Stratford Police Services.

For more information about retail shopping and closures under the Act, call the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services toll-free at 1-844-286-8404. For more information, visit [www.ontario.ca/page/retail-business-holidays](http://www.ontario.ca/page/retail-business-holidays).

## **ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS**

### **Property Tax – 2025 Interim levy due date April 28, 2025**

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 Ground Floor (Clerk's Office). Cheques may also be deposited in the mailbox Rear Entrance or mailed to P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1.

## **SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING**

The City of Stratford began its spring hydrant flushing this week.

This is something we do twice a year – typically in the spring and fall – to clean out some of the iron deposits that build up over time in the City's watermain, and as preventative maintenance.

You may temporarily experience discoloured water as a result of this flushing process, but water quality is not affected. Discoloured water will clear, but it’s best to wait until it has cleared before doing laundry.

Please note that the hydrant flushing schedule is not fixed. It changes every day depending on a number of factors, including the weather, availability of staff and the length of time it takes to clear the hydrants in a neighbourhood.

For more information, please visit our Discoloured Water webpage, or call the City’s Water Division at 519-271-0250, ext. 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 APPLICATION FOR NOISE CONTROL BY-LAW EXEMPTION**

The Stratford Kinsmen has requested an exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 for the Stratford Kinsmen Annual Car Show event on Lakeside Drive on Sunday, June 8th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to comment on this application for exemption should provide their concerns in writing or email by April 30th, 2025, to: The Corporation of the City of Stratford, Attention: Events Coordinator, Community Services, P.O. Box 874, 357 McCarthy Rd., Stratford, ON N5A 6W3. Email: kriddell@stratford.ca

**MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Apr 22	Finance and Labour Relations Sub-committee	4:30 P.M.	Council Chambers

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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