



Stratford Town Crier

May 17, 2025

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

The City of Stratford is looking to fill a vacancy on the Committee of Adjustment.

What is the Committee of Adjustment?

The Committee of Adjustment hears applications under Section 45 of the Planning Act and Section 53 of the Planning Act R.S.O. 1990 c.P13, as amended. The Committee of Adjustment is an independent body appointed by Stratford City Council. There are two major types of applications heard by the Committee of Adjustment: Applications for consent to create new lots or adjust boundaries and applications for minor variances to the City's Zoning By-law requirements or for permission to extend land uses that have existed prior to the passing of the current by-law.

When does the Committee of Adjustment meet?

This Committee meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m. (if necessary). Please ensure you are available to attend meetings on this date and time monthly prior to applying.

Who can apply?

This opportunity is open to Stratford residents and eligible electors who are at least 18 years of age. Expertise, knowledge and interest related to the following is an asset:

- planning;
- law;
- engineering;
- government;
- adjudication;
- community development;
- architecture or construction;
- architecture, landscape architecture or urban forestry; and
- construction, building trades, or heritage conservation.

How do I submit an application?

If you are interested in serving on the Committee of Adjustment, please complete and return no later than 4:30 p.m. on **Friday, June 6, 2025**, an application to the attention of the City Clerk through one of the following:

Email: clerks@stratford.ca

In-person or mail to:

The Corporation of the City of Stratford,
Attention City Clerk,
Clerk's Office, Ground Floor, Stratford City Hall
P.O. Box 818, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1

The application form is available through the City's website or by pick-up at the City Clerk's Office.

VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford Administration Offices and the Landfill will be closed on Monday, May 19, 2025.

There will be no change in the Recycling, Green Bin, Leaf & Yard Waste and Garbage collection programs on Monday, May 19, 2025. 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 5279.

RETAIL CLOSINGS ON VICTORIA DAY

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the *Retail Business Holidays Act*, Victoria Day, Monday, May 19, 2025, 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 m² (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

FIREWORK SAFETY – VICTORIA DAY

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

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.

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 ext. 5261, or by emailing dclayton@stratford.ca, by Tuesday, June 3, 2025. 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 25, 2025, 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://www.stratford.ca/en/inside-city-hall/appearingasadelegation.aspx>. Alternatively, requests can be made by contacting the City Clerk at clerks@stratford.ca. Requests to appear as a delegation must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m., on June 17, 2025. 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 populated at the start of the meeting time, in the Council Calendar: <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/landfillsite.aspx>.

Notice of Collection: Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, and will be used by City Staff and Council to assist in making a decision on this matter. All names, addresses, opinions and comments will be made available for public disclosure. Questions regarding the collection and use of this information may be made to the City Clerk, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON, N5A 6W1, or by telephone 519-271-0250 ext. 5237 during business hours.

NOTICE OF NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION

An exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 has been approved for Stratford Live Music & Food. This event will place along Veteran's Drive and in the York Street parking lot from June 19 to June 22, 2025.

NOTICE OF NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION

An exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 has been approved for the Kinsmen Car Show on Sunday, June 8, 2025, which will be located on Lakeside Drive.

LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Leaf and Yard Waste will be collected citywide, on your regular garbage collection day, the week of May 26-30. Leaf and yard waste will only be collected in the following forms:

- 110 L Kraft Paper bags
- Certified Compostable bags
- Re-useable Container with label attached

Clear Plastic Bags are NOT accepted and will be left at the curbside. Leaf and Yard waste is also accepted at the landfill depot during regular landfill hours.

The next Leaf and Yard Waste collection week is June 23-27.

TREASURE HUNT WEEKEND

May 23 to 25 is a Treasure Hunt Weekend, an opportunity for residents to recycle any unwanted household items by placing them at the curb, for anyone in the community to collect. This event keeps materials with some useful life out of Stratford's landfill site.

Materials can be put out starting at 4:00 p.m. on the Friday, and any unclaimed items must be removed from the curb by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Please remember not to leave any items you want to keep, including children's toys or bicycles, near the curb during the Treasure Hunt weekend.

THE NEXT TREASURE HUNT WEEKEND IS JUNE 20 – 22, 2025.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS: DESTROY NOXIOUS WEEDS - REMINDER

Notice is hereby given to all property owners in accordance with Ontario's *Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. W.5*, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the City of Stratford are destroyed by June 1, 2025 and throughout the season, the Municipality may enter upon said lands and cause the noxious weed or weed seeds to be destroyed, charging the costs against the land in taxes as set out in the *Act*.

In the interest of public health, the noxious weeds requiring eradication include Giant Hogweed, Ragweed, Poison Ivy, European Buckthorn, Thistles, Jointed Goatgrass, and others as designated under the above *Act*.

Enquiries and complaints should be directed to Building and Planning Services at 519-271-0250 extension 5345.

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.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
May 20	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.

The Town Crier is available on the City of Stratford’s website.

www.stratford.ca