



Stratford Town Crier

June 28, 2025

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

CANADA DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford Administration Offices and the Landfill will be closed on Tuesday, July 1, 2025.

There will be no change in the Recycling, Green Bin, Leaf & Yard Waste and Garbage collection programs on Tuesday, July 1, 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 279.

RETAIL CLOSINGS ON CANADA DAY

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the *Retail Business Holidays Act*, Canada Day, Tuesday, July 1, 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 Canada 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 Canada 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 Canada Day between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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 – CANADA 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 p.m. 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.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING

The Stratford Committee of Adjustment will consider the following applications at a hearing to be held on Wednesday July 16, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Stratford City Council Chamber (upper level), located at 1 Wellington Street, Stratford.

APPLICATIONS:

MINOR VARIANCE

ADDRESS: 250 William Street

APPLICATION NUMBER: A02-25

The purpose of the application is to permit a detached garage with a second storey and increased maximum height and wall height. The application further requests an increased lot coverage and floor area for the proposed garage, and to permit the proposed garage and balcony to be located 2.9 m from an exterior lot line. The application also requests a reduced exterior side yard setback for a shed.

The effect of the application is to facilitate the development of the two-storey detached garage and a shed on the subject lands.

Variances Requested:

1. Table 4.1.2: Accessory Building or Structure Locations – to decrease the minimum required exterior side yard setback for an accessory structure from 1.5 m to 1.0 m.
2. Table 4.1.4: Accessory Use Regulations – to increase the maximum height permitted for an accessory structure from 5.0 m to 6.35 m.
3. Table 4.1.4: Accessory Use Regulations – to increase the maximum wall height for an accessory structure from 3.0 m to 6.35 m.
4. Table 4.1.4: Accessory Use Regulations – to increase the maximum lot coverage for an accessory structure from 10% to 16%
5. Table 4.1.4: Accessory Use Regulations – to increase the maximum floor area permitted for an accessory structure from 75 m² to 153 m².
6. Table 4.1.4: Accessory Use Regulations – to permit a second storey accessory structure where a maximum of one storey is permitted.
7. Section 4.20.1. h) – Permitted yard encroachments – to permit a balcony to be located a minimum distance of 2.9 m from an exterior side yard line and an encroachment of 3.1 m into a required exterior side yard whereas an encroachment of no more than 1.5 m is permitted provided the balcony is no closer than 3 m from the exterior side lot line.
8. Table 6.4.2. Regulations in the Residential Second Density (R2) Zone Additional Regulations – To permit a garage to be located 2.9 m from an exterior lot line whereas 6 m is required.



MINOR VARIANCE

ADDRESS: 10 Lightbourne Avenue

APPLICATION NUMBER: A13-25

The purpose of the application is to permit an increase to the gross floor area requirement of a proposed second suite being 63% of the gross floor area of the principal dwelling with the second suite having a gross floor area of 137 m², whereas the Zoning By-law permits a second suite provided it is not greater than 50% of the gross floor area of the principal residential dwelling to a maximum of 100 m².

The effect of the application is to add a second suite to the existing single-detached dwelling, which currently contains one living area and separate kitchens on the lower and upper storeys. Access to the proposed second suite and the existing principal residential dwelling would be provided through a shared foyer, with the second suite having additional access from the enclosed sunroom at the rear of the dwelling.

Variance Requested:

1. Section 4.24.1 b) – A second suite shall not be greater than 50% of the gross floor area of the principal residential dwelling on the lot, up to a maximum size of 100 m², whereas the second suite would be 63% of the gross floor area of the principal residential dwelling and would have a gross floor area of 141 m².



MINOR VARIANCE

ADDRESS: 30 Queensland Road

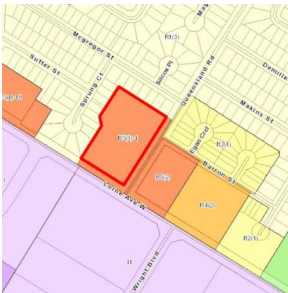
APPLICATION NUMBER: A14-25

The purpose of the application is to permit a reduced visitor parking rate to increase the number of parking spaces that can be rented to tenants. A visitor parking space requirement of 0.10 parking spaces per dwelling unit is requested, whereas 0.25 parking spaces per dwelling unit is currently required.

The effect of this application is to reduce the required number of visitor parking spaces required for a six-storey 155-unit apartment building. With a total of 225 parking spaces on-site, this application would not result in a reduction in the overall number of parking spaces but rather the use or allocation of said spaces.

Variance Requested:

Table 5.1: Minimum Parking Space Requirements – To reduce the minimum visitor parking requirement from 0.25 spaces per dwelling unit as required by note ① of the additional regulations for Table 5.1 to 0.10 visitor parking spaces per dwelling unit.



Additional information regarding these applications may be obtained by contacting the Building and Planning Services Department, at 519-271-0250 Ext 5345 or emailing: planning@stratford.ca during normal business hours.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the City of Stratford Committee of Adjustment in respect of the application does not make written submissions to the City of Stratford Committee of Adjustment before it gives or refuses the application, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of Stratford Committee of Adjustment in respect of the application, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer, Stratford Committee of Adjustment, Eva Baker, 82 Erie Street, 3rd Floor Stratford, ON N5A 2M4. This will also entitle you to be advised of a possible Ontario Land Tribunal hearing. Even if you are the successful party, you should request a copy of the decision since the Stratford Committee of Adjustment decision may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal by the applicant, the Minister or a specified person or public body.

Personal information collected as part of this Notice is pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Personal information collected as a result of this Notice will be used to assist the Committee of Adjustment in making a decision on this application. Names, addresses, opinions and

comments will be made available for public disclosure. Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to the City Clerk, Tatiana Dafoe, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON, N5A 6W1 or by emailing: tdafoe@stratford.ca or by telephone at 519-271-0250 Ext 5237.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR NOISE CONTROL BY-LAW EXEMPTION

SpringWorks Festival has requested an exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 for the 2025 World in a Weekend event on Veterans Drive on Saturday, August 2, 2025, and Sunday, August 3, 2025, from 10:00am to 5:00pm and Monday, August 4, 2025, from 10:00am to 2:00pm.

Anyone wishing to comment on this application for exemption should provide their concerns in writing or email by July 11, 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

The Town Crier is posted to the City's website.

www.stratford.ca