



Stratford Town Crier

October 11, 2025

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford administration offices and the Landfill will be closed on Monday, October 13, 2025, for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

There will be no change in the Recycling or Garbage Collection programs on Monday, October 13, 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 THANKSGIVING DAY

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the *Retail Business Holidays Act*, Thanksgiving, October 13, 2025 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 a.m. and does not remain open after 4:00 p.m.
- 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 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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 <https://www.ontario.ca/page/retail-business-holidays>.

2026 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

The 2026 application process for community grants is now open. The online application is available on the City's website under "2026 Budget". Applications are due by November 28, 2025.

Please note that if your organization received a 2025 community grant, your year-end reporting must be received by December 19, 2025. Please contact stfdbudget@stratford.ca if you have any questions.

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS

PROPERTY TAX – 2025 FINAL LEVY DUE DATE OCTOBER 29, 2025

Property tax payments may be made through your financial institution via on-line banking, telephone banking, in person at your bank. Debit is accepted at City Hall, or Cash or Cheque payable to the "City of Stratford" are accepted in person at City Hall or can be deposited in the mailbox Rear Entrance or mailed to P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1.

PAPERLESS TAX BILLING – SIGN UP FOR "ESEND" TODAY!

Start receiving your tax notices via email by visiting our website at www.stratford.ca

LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Leaf and Yard Waste will be collected citywide, on your regular garbage collection day, the week of October 20. 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 weeks run October 27 through November 28.

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, November 4, 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, November 26, 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://forms.stratford.ca/IT-Services/Clerks-Corporate-Services/Delegation-Request-Form>. Alternatively, requests can be made by contacting the City Clerk at clerks@stratford.ca. Requests to appear as a delegation must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 18, 2025. Details for participating in the meeting will be provided once the request is confirmed. To watch the meeting live please enter the following link into your URL bar: <https://video.isilive.ca/stratford/live.html>. This meeting will be held in person in the Council Chamber at Stratford City Hall.

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.

FORM 6 - SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

Municipal Act, 2001

Ontario Regulation 181/03

Municipal Tax Sales Rules

The Corporation of the City of Stratford

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on Tuesday, November 4, 2025. Tenders can be mailed to Corporate Services - Tax, P.O. Box 818, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at City Hall, Auditorium Main Floor, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford, ON.

Description of Lands:

ROLL NO. 31 11 050 060 05300 0000, 2 MC NAB ST, STRATFORD, PIN 53112-0140 LT, PT LT 23 PL 36 STRATFORD; PT LT 24 PL 36 STRATFORD AS IN STF67206 ; STRATFORD, FILE PHSD24-005

Minimum Tender Amount: \$23,711.37

According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$178,000.

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/money order payable to the City of Stratford.

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to, existing interests in favour of the Crown, environmental concerns or any other matters relating to the land(s) to be sold. Any existing Federal or Provincial Crown liens or executions will remain on title and may become the responsibility of the potential purchaser. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Tax Sales Rules made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as a land transfer tax and HST.

Effective January 1, 2023, in accordance with the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act (SC 2022, c 10, s 235) (the "Act"), non-Canadians are now prohibited from purchasing residential property in Canada, directly or indirectly, pursuant with the terms as set out in the Act and Regulations under the Act.

Any non-Canadian who contravenes the Act, or any person who knowingly assists in contravening the Act is liable to a fine of up to \$10,000 and may be ordered that the property be sold, therefore it is highly recommended that any potential purchasers obtain independent legal advice to ensure they will not be in contravention of the Act.

It is the sole responsibility of the tenderers to investigate into the details of what constitutes a non-Canadian, residential property, any exceptions or exclusions, or any other matters or determinations relating to the Act. The municipality accepts no responsibility whatsoever in ensuring that any potential purchasers comply with the Act.

Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST) applies to the purchase price for a transfer of residential property located in Ontario which contains at least one and not more than six single family residences if any one of the transferees is a non-resident of Canada, foreign entity or taxable trustee.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the listing for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:

Ashley Price, Manager of Revenue & Taxation/Deputy Treasurer
The Corporation of the City of Stratford
Corporate Services - Tax
P.O. Box 818, 1 Wellington Street
Stratford, ON N5A 6W1
(519) 271-0250 Ext. 5211

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES - REMINDER

The City of Stratford is looking for a diverse range of volunteers to lend their unique voices and perspectives to the City's advisory committees. Community members serving on an advisory committee help guide the City's decision making and provide advice and feedback to City Council in a variety of areas, including but not limited to the environment, accessibility, active transportation, heritage and safe communities.

Why serve on an advisory committee? Volunteering makes a difference in our community and is a great way to give back. It's also an opportunity to help influence decision-making in your local government and be part of democracy in action. You will learn new skills, build your understanding of how municipal government works, and make connections with other passionate members of the Stratford community.

These opportunities are open to Stratford residents and eligible electors who are at least 18 years of age (with the exception of the Youth representatives who can be under 18 years). Additional qualifications may apply depending on the advisory committee you are interested in. Experienced and new members are encouraged to apply.

Please ensure you are available to attend meetings in person on the day and time listed in the description for each advisory committee or board.

If you are interested in volunteering on one of the City's advisory committees listed below, please complete the application available on the City's website at www.stratford.ca. The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 17, 2025.

The application can also be printed from the website or picked up from the Clerk's Office and returned through one of the following means:

Email: adviscom@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

Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)

Date, Time and Location of Meetings: Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 12:00 p.m. in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex. Please ensure you are able to attend on this day and time.

Purpose: The purpose of the AAC is 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. Commencing January 1, 2026 members of the AAC will be paid remuneration in the amount of \$125.00 per Committee meeting attended and \$50.00 per site plan review meeting attended.

Available Positions: Three (3) citizens positions and one (1) agency position are available for appointment for 2-year terms.

Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)

Date, Time and Location of Meetings: Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Mansbridge Room at the Rotary Complex. Please ensure you are able to attend on this day and time.

Purpose: The purpose of the ATAC is 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.

Available Positions: There is one (1) citizen representative position and one (1) Avon Trail representative position available for 2-year terms.

Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee

Date, Time and Location of Meetings: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m. in the Mansbridge Room at the Rotary Complex. Please ensure you are able to attend on this day and time.

Purpose: This Committee:

- fosters civic pride, environmental protection and beautification, through community participation;
- improves the tidiness, appearance and visual appeal of neighbourhoods, parks, open spaces and streets;
- focuses on environmental awareness and preservation of heritage and culture;
- co-ordinates a host program as required.

Positions Available: There are three (3) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms and one (1) citizen representative position available for a 1-year term.

Energy & Environment Advisory Committee

Date, Time and Location of Meetings: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at Stratford City Hall. Please ensure you are able to attend on this day and time.

Purpose: This Committee provides advice to Council on matters relating to waste reduction initiatives, water and energy conservation and preservation of natural areas.

Positions Available: There are three (3) citizen representative positions, one (1) Climate Momentum representative position, and one (1) youth representative position available for 2-year terms and one (1) citizen representative position available for a 1-year term.

Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee

Date, Time, and Location of Meetings: Meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex. Please ensure you are able to attend on this day and time.

Purpose: Heritage Stratford deals with matters relating to the promotion of architectural designing and conserving of heritage architecture and heritage designations. Commencing January 1, 2026 members of the Heritage Stratford

Committee will be paid remuneration in the amount of \$125.00 per Committee meeting attended and \$50.00 per site plan and permit review meeting attended.

Positions Available: There are five (5) citizen representative positions and one (1) Huron Perth Builders Association representative position available for 2-year terms.

Stratfords of the World - Ontario Committee

Date, Time and Location of Meetings: Meets periodically throughout the year at the call of the Chair. Typically meetings are held between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the Mansbridge Room at the Rotary Complex.

Purpose: The mandate of this 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.

Positions Available: There are three (3) 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, 519-271-0250, extension 5243.

FALL FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

Beginning October 7, 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 visit <https://www.stratford.ca/en/live-here/discoloured-water.aspx>, or call the City Water Division at 519-271-0250, ext. 5222 during business hours.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Oct 14	Committee of the Whole In-Camera Session	CANCELLED	N/A
Oct 14	Regular Council and Standing Committees	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Oct 16	Community Services Sub-Committees	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 posted to the City’s website.

www.stratford.ca