Stratford Town Crier

October 25, 2025

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

2026 DRAFT BUDGET
The City of Stratford has released its 2026 draft budget.

The draft budget can be viewed on the City's website at www.stratford.ca/2026budget, along with information for the revised 2026 budget process related to the recent provincial introduction of "Strong Mayor" powers in Ontario. New information will be posted to the website as it becomes available.

We invite everyone in the community to participate in community events and online feedback opportunities coming up over the next month as noted on the website, before the final Mayor's budget comes out in November.

For any questions regarding the 2026 budget, please feel free to phone 519-271-0250 extension 5202 or email stfdbudget@stratford.ca

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS
Property Tax – 2025 Final levy due date October 29, 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.

Paperless Tax Billing – Sign up for "eSend" today!
Start receiving your tax notices via email by visiting our website at www.stratford.ca

WINTER PARKING ENFORCEMENT HOURS
Running from November 1st to March 31st, winter parking enforcement hours will be in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday (excluding holidays). This is a reoccurring change in parking enforcement hours that takes place each November in accordance with the City's Traffic and Parking By-law.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – MUNICIPAL ACCOMMODATION TAX AD-HOC COMMITTEE
The City of Stratford is looking for a diverse range of volunteers to lend their unique voices and perspectives to the City's Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) Ad-Hoc Committee.

Purpose: The MAT Ad-Hoc Committee will provide support, guidance and strategic advice to Stratford City Council and staff on the establishment of a City policy for the use of the City's portion of MAT revenues in the City. The Ad-Hoc Committee will assist in structuring the guiding principles and make recommendations on the use of the City's portion of MAT revenues. The principles and recommendations will be consolidated into a policy by City staff and presented to Council for their consideration.

Available Positions: The City is looking for 4 members of the public to fill the following positions:

- One (1) member from the Large Accommodation Sector - Monthly Reporter
- One (1) member from the Small Accommodation Sector - Quarterly Reporter
- One (1) member from the Tourism/Business Sector
- One (1) City of Stratford resident

Date, Time and Location of Meetings: The MAT Ad-Hoc Committee will meet three times on a Monday at 3:00 p.m. in Council Chambers.

If you are interested in applying, please complete the application form available on the City's website at www.stratford.ca and return to the Clerk's Office no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, November 14, 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

Additional information regarding the MAT Ad-Hoc Committee is available on the City's website or upon request from the City Clerk's Office, 519-271-0250, extension 5243.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING

The Stratford Committee of Adjustment will consider the following applications at a hearing to be held on Wednesday November 19, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. in the Stratford City Council Chamber (upper level), located at 1 Wellington Street, Stratford.

APPLICATIONS:

CONSENT AND MINOR VARIANCE
ADDRESS: 91 Daly Avenue
APPLICATION NUMBERS: B07-25 & A20-25

The purpose and effect of application B07-25 is to sever the eastern vacant portion of the subject lands, municipally known as 91 Daly Avenue, to allow the construction of a new single detached dwelling. The lands to be severed would have an area of approximately 417 m2, depth of approximately 40.2 m, and a frontage of approximately 10.3 m. The lands to be retained will have an area of 836 m2, a depth of approximately 40.2 m, and a frontage of approximately 20.8 m. Both the proposed severed and retained lands would have road access to Daly Avenue. The subject lands currently contain one single-detached dwelling located on the lands to be retained; the lands to be severed are vacant and are intended for the development of a new single-detached dwelling.

The purpose and effect of application A20-25 is to allow a reduction to the minimum required lot frontage requirement for the lands to be severed of Application for Consent B07-25 from 12 m to 10.3 m to facilitate the proposed severance.

Variance Requested:
1. Table 6.4.2: Regulations in the Residential Second Density (R2) Zone – to decrease the minimum lot frontage for a single detached dwelling on an interior lot from 12.0 m to 10.3 m.

MINOR VARIANCE
ADDRESS: 516 Nelson Street
APPLICATION NUMBER: A21-25

The purpose of the application is to allow an increase to the maximum permitted encroachment of 2.5 metres for a proposed sunroom into a required rear yard. According to the submitted sketch, the existing single detached dwelling has a rear yard depth of 8.3 metres whereas the minimum rear yard depth requirement is 7.5 metres. The applicant is proposing a sunroom addition with a depth of 3.66 metres whereas the combination of the rear yard depth and the permitted yard encroachment allows a sunroom addition to a maximum depth of 3.3 metres. As such, an increased maximum rear yard encroachment of 2.9 metres for a sunroom is being requested compared to the maximum permitted encroachment of 2.5 metres.

The effect of the application is to add a single-storey unheated sunroom of 13.4 sq.m floor area to an existing two-storey semi detached dwelling unit. Access to the proposed sunroom would be through an existing doorway at the rear portion of the residential dwelling.

Variance Requested:

1. Section 4.20.1 c) iii) Projection into Required Yards: To increase the maximum encroachment permitted for a sunroom into a required rear yard from 2.5 metres to 2.9 metres.

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.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	**Meeting**	**Time**	**Location**
Oct 27	Committee of the Whole In-camera Session	5:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Oct 27	Regular Council and Standing Committees	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Oct 29	Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee	4:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Oct 30	Planning and Heritage Sub-committee	CANCELLED	

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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