



Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules



REMEMBRANCE DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford Administrative Offices and the Landfill will be closed on Tuesday, November 11, 2025, in observance of Remembrance Day.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING UNDER THE BUILDING CODE ACT - PROPOSED DRAFT AMENDMENT TO THE BUILDING BY-LAW 112-2005, AS AMENDED, INCLUDING FEE SCHEDULE "A"

Stratford City Council will hold a public meeting on **Monday, November 24, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**, in the Council Chambers located on the 2nd floor of Stratford City Hall, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford ON N5A 6N6. The purpose of the Public Meeting is to:

- inform the public, builders, designers and developers of the increase to building permit fees to be charged by the City of Stratford in accordance with Section 7 of the Building Code Act, and to
- hear all interested persons with respect to the draft amendment to the Building By-law 112-2005, as amended, including Fee Schedule "A".

Specific amendments are to adjust the fees in the By-law, including Schedule A, on January 1, 2026, and the first day of January in each year thereafter, in accordance with the 12-month average change of the Statistics Canada Consumer Price index using the September-to-September rates. A new "Additional Inspection Fee" will also be added to Schedule A to provide a fee per additional inspection deemed necessary by the Chief Building Official or for call-back inspections. The draft By-law, including the new provision in Schedule "A" which has been bolded, is available on the City's website for review (www.stratford.ca).

How to Get Involved

The purpose of a Public Meeting is to share information and to hear and consider public comments regarding the proposed amendments which can be reviewed by staff prior to Council's consideration of the matter.

Your opinion on this matter is important. Please call, mail, or e-mail your comments to:

Adam Betteridge Director of Building & Planning Services
82 Erie Street, Stratford, ON, N5A 2M4
abetteridge@stratford.ca
519-271-0250 extension 5219

Comments received by Monday, November 10, 2025, will be summarized in the public meeting report. Comments received after this date will be summarized in a future report to Council.

All those present at the public meeting will be given the opportunity to speak. To speak at the public meeting, when the Mayor or Chair asks if there are any members of the public wishing to provide comments, please raise your hand and once acknowledged, proceed to the podium to provide your comments.

To watch the meeting live please click the following link: <https://video.isilive.ca/stratford/live.html>

How to Stay Informed

If you wish to be notified of the Council decision on this proposed amendment to the Building By-law, including Fee Schedule "A", you must make a written request to the City Clerk by way of email, in person or regular mail/courier as listed below. Please note Council will not make a decision at the Public Meeting.

Notice of Collection of Personal Information

Personal information collected and recorded at the Public Meeting or through written submissions on this subject, is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001, as amended and the Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23". The personal information collected will be used by Members of Council and City of Stratford Staff in their consideration of this matter. The written submissions, including names and contact information and the associated reports arising from the public participation process, will be made available to the public, including publishing on the City's website. Video recordings of the Public Meeting may also be posted to the City of Stratford's website.

Request Notice in an Alternate Format

If you require this document in an alternate format, please contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 extension 5237 or email clerks@stratford.ca.

Dated this 31st day of October, 2025.

Tatiana Dafoe, City Clerk
The Corporation of the City of Stratford
City Hall, P.O. Box 818
Stratford ON N5A 6W1
Telephone: 519-271-0250, extension 5329
Fax: 519-273-5041
Email: clerks@stratford.ca

2026 DRAFT BUDGET - REMINDER

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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY – STRATFORD POLICE SERVICE BOARD

The City of Stratford is looking for one community member to fill a vacancy on the Stratford Police Service Board to November 14, 2026. The Board meets on the third Wednesday of each month to deal with police services matters in the City of Stratford.

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 21, 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 Stratford Police Service Board is available on the City's website or upon request from the City Clerk's Office, 519-271-0250, extension 5243.

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.

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WINTER PARKING ENFORCEMENT HOURS - REMINDER

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.

LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION - REMINDER

Leaf and Yard Waste will be collected citywide, on your regular garbage collection day, weekly until November 28. 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.

FALL FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS - REMINDER

Fall flushing of fire hydrants in the City began the week of October 6 and is expected to continue for an additional week. 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
Nov 10	Committee of the Whole In-Camera Session	5:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Nov 10	Regular Council and Standing Committees	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Nov 12	Social Services Sub-committee	4:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Nov 13	Community Services 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 posted to the City's website.