



Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules



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.

RECYCLING CHANGES – NEW CARTS

Starting January 1, 2026, Ontario will switch to a new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) recycling system. This means that the companies that make or import products will take full responsibility for collecting, managing, and recycling their packaging materials, rather than the municipality. In other words, the cost and responsibility for recycling will move from municipalities (and taxpayers) to the producers.

This shift will also see local recycling shift to a cart-based automated collection system, using 360-litre wheeled recycling carts.

The collection contractor, Emterra, has begun delivering those carts in Stratford, and you should receive one within the next few weeks. Please do not set these carts on the curbside until after December 31, 2025. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Emterra at 1-888-597-1541 or email customercareont@emterra.ca

For more information about the recycling changes coming January 1, 2026, visit www.stratford.ca/recycling or circularmaterials.ca/stratford

CLEARING SIDEWALKS OF SNOW AND ICE IN THE CORE AREA AND CLEARING OVERHANGING SNOW AND ICE FROM ROOFS IN THE CITY OF STRATFORD

The purpose of this notice is to advise you that under the conditions of the City of Stratford By-law #225-2005, the owner, occupant or person in charge of any property in the core area as designated in the By-law is required to clear the sidewalks adjacent to their property of all snow and ice throughout the winter.

The sidewalks shall be cleared of snow and ice prior to 10:00 a.m. everyday, except Sundays and Holidays as defined in the Retail Business Holidays Act. Sidewalk conditions must then be monitored between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and to continue to keep the sidewalks cleared at all times. The By-law also requires that icy conditions be treated with sand and/or salt or other suitable substance.

Also, the owner, occupant or person in charge of an occupied or unoccupied building is required to clear away and remove snow and ice from the roof of a building where such snow and ice may fall on a sidewalk or street. All snow or ice from roofs must be removed by 10:00 a.m. every day except Sundays and Holidays as defined in the Retail Business Holidays Act. The person clearing away the snow and ice shall take all necessary care and precautions for the warning and safety of passers-by and other persons.

Any snow and ice which falls onto the sidewalk shall be placed at the edge of the street immediately adjacent to the curb. Snow should not be placed on the travelled portion of the roadway or in such a way as to obstruct access to any fire hydrant.

Regular inspections will be made of the core area sidewalks after snowfalls and to identify any buildings which have snow and ice which may fall on the sidewalk or street. The set fine for contravention of this By-law is \$115.00 for each occurrence, exclusive of costs. The snow and ice may be removed at the discretion of the Infrastructure Services Department or the Chief of Police, and charged to the owner.

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.

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.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Stratford Council will consider the following applications at a public meeting to be held on Monday December 8, 2025 at 7:00pm in the Stratford City Council Chamber (upper level), located at 1 Wellington Street, Stratford.

OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

ADDRESS: 16 Kastner Street

APPLICATION NUMBERS: OPA2-25 & Z06-25



Application for Official Plan Amendment

The purpose of the Official Plan Amendment is to re-designate the eastern portion of the subject lands, fronting Kastner Street, from 'Medium Density Residential' to 'Residential Area' with the effect

of permitting low-density residential uses in the form of single detached dwellings, which is otherwise not permitted under the current 'Medium Density Residential' designation. The balance of the lands would remain designated 'Medium Density Residential'.

Application for Zoning By-law Amendment

The purpose of the Zoning By-law Amendment is to rezone the subject lands from Residential Fourth Density (R4-23/R4(2)-24) to the Residential First Density (R1(3)) Zone and a new site-specific Residential Fifth Density (R5(3)-XX) Zone. The proposed Amendment would permit a four (4)-storey apartment building on the west half of the subject lands accessible from Perth Line 36 and would permit single detached dwellings on the eastern portion of the subject lands along the west side of Kastner Street.

To facilitate the development of the proposed apartment building, the following site-specific exemptions are requested for the proposed R5(3)-XX Zone, being modifications to the parent R5(3) Zone:

- A minimum front yard depth of 4.0 metres, whereas 7.5 metres is required.
- A minimum interior side yard width of 4.5 metres, whereas 7.5 metres is required.
- A minimum landscaped open space of 30%, whereas 35% is required.

Your opinion on this application is important. Please call, mail, email or fax your comments to Marc Bancroft at telephone number 519-271-0250 extension 5221, Fax: (519) 271-5966 – mbancroft@stratford.ca - City of Stratford, Building and Planning Services Department by November 21, 2025, in order for your comments to be incorporated in the Planning Report. Comments received after that date will still be considered by Council prior to a decision being rendered through a subsequent Planning Report.

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 Council 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, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON, N5A 6W1 or by emailing: clerks@stratford.ca or by telephone at the number below.

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the City of Stratford to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Stratford before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted or zoning by-law amendment is passed or refused, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the City of Stratford before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted or proposed zoning by-law amendment by-law is passed or refused, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of Stratford in respect of the application, you must make a written request to the Manager of Planning, Building and Planning Services Department, The Corporation of the City of Stratford, 82 Erie Street, Stratford, ON N5A 2M4.

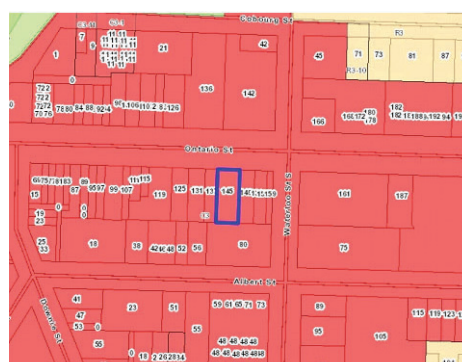
Further information may be obtained by contacting the Building and Planning Services Department offices located at 82 Erie Street, Stratford, calling 519-271-0250 ext. 5345 or emailing planning@stratford.ca during business hours.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Application for Draft Plan of Condominium 31CDM25-002

ADDRESS: 145 Ontario Street

APPLICATION NUMBER: 31CDM25-002



A standard plan of condominium is proposed in the form of units, exclusive use areas and common elements, comprised of the following:

- Eight (8) Units for the restaurant, inn and commercial spaces
- Common elements would include the driveway, exterior stairs and communal walkway
- Exclusive use areas would include the upper balcony for the inn units (Units 2-1 to 2-5); one parking space for each of the units (Units 2-1 to 2-5); front patio and signage area for Unit 1-1.

There is no physical development proposed for the subject lands in that this proposal would allow the free-hold ownership of individual units through the proposed condominium.

Your opinion on this application is important. Please call, mail, email or fax your comments to Marc Bancroft at telephone number (519) 271-0250 extension 5221, Fax: (519) 271-5966 – mbancroft@stratford.ca - City of Stratford, Building and Planning Services Department by November 21, 2025, in order for your comments to be incorporated in the Planning Report. Comments received after that date will still be considered by Council prior to a decision being rendered.

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If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the City of Stratford but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, if one is held, or make written submissions to the City of Stratford in respect of the proposed plan of condominium, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, if one is held, or make written submissions to the City of Stratford in respect of the proposed plan of condominium, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of Stratford in respect of the proposed draft plan of condominium approval, you must make a written request to the Manager of Planning, Building and Planning Services Department, The Corporation of the City of Stratford, 82 Erie Street, Stratford, ON N5A 2M4.

Further information may be obtained by visiting the Building and Planning Services Department offices located at 82 Erie Street, Stratford, or calling 519-271-0250 ext. 5345 during business hours.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Nov 18	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 posted to the City's website.