



# Stratford Town Crier

November 22, 2025

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

## 2026 MAYOR’S BUDGET

The 2026 Mayor’s Budget is now available and has been posted to the City’s website. The Mayor’s Budget will be discussed at the November 27, 2025, Finance and Labour Relations Committee meeting. This meeting will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located on the Second Floor at Stratford City Hall, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1. For questions about the 2026 budget please call 519-271-0250 extension 5202 or email [stfdbudget@stratford.ca](mailto: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](mailto:customercareont@emterra.ca).

For more information about the recycling changes coming January 1, 2026, visit [www.stratford.ca/recycling](http://www.stratford.ca/recycling) or [circularmaterials.ca/stratford](http://circularmaterials.ca/stratford)

## LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION – FINAL 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.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

| Date   | Meeting                                                 | Time      | Location         |
|--------|---------------------------------------------------------|-----------|------------------|
| Nov 24 | Committee of the Whole In Camera Session                | 5:30 p.m. | Council Chambers |
| Nov 24 | Regular Council and Standing Committees                 | 7:00 p.m. | Council Chambers |
| Nov 26 | Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee | 4:30 p.m. | Council Chambers |

| <b>Date</b> | <b>Meeting</b>                                  | <b>Time</b> | <b>Location</b>  |
|-------------|-------------------------------------------------|-------------|------------------|
| Nov 27      | Finance and Labour Relations Committee – Budget | 9:00 a.m.   | Council Chambers |
| Nov 27      | 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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