



# Stratford Town Crier

December 27, 2025

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

**HOLIDAY HOURS**

The holiday schedule for Administrative Offices at the City of Stratford is:

Wednesday, December 31	8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 1	<b>Closed</b>

The holiday schedule for the City of Stratford’s Landfill is:

Wednesday, December 31	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Thursday, January 1	<b>Closed</b>
Saturday, January 3	9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**RETAIL CLOSINGS ON NEW YEARS DAY**

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the *Retail Business Holidays Act*, New Year’s Day – January 1, 2026, is among the days annually when most stores must be closed.

The *Act*, administered by the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services, exempts some retail operations, including but not limited to, gas stations, gardening centres and flower shops.

There are fines for opening on prohibited days of retail operation. Retail outlets found guilty may be fined up \$50,000 or the total amount of gross sales for the day, whichever is greater. Enforcement of the *Retail Business Holidays Act* in the City of Stratford is the responsibility of Stratford Police Services.

To find out which retail operations are exempted by the *Act*, please call the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services toll-free at 1-844-286-8404. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/retail-business-holidays>

**GARBAGE AND RECYCLING – HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

The following changes are being made to the curbside garbage, green bin and recycling schedule during the holiday season:

If your regular collection day is:	Rescheduled collection day:
Wednesday December 31, 2025	Wednesday December 31, 2025
Thursday, January 1, 2026	Friday, January 2, 2026
Friday, January 2, 2026	Saturday, January 3, 2026

Christmas Trees will be collected the week of January 5 to January 9, 2026, on your regular collection date.

**RECYCLING CHANGES - REMINDER**

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.

Please do not set your new 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)

### **NOTICE OF COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING**

The Stratford Committee of Adjustment will consider the following applications at a hearing to be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Stratford City Council Chamber (upper level), located at 1 Wellington Street, Stratford

### **APPLICATIONS:**

#### **MINOR VARIANCE**

ADDRESS: 13, 15, 17, 19, 21 and 23 Manuel Street, Block 90 on Plan 44M-101, in the City of Stratford; more specifically, the subject lands are situated on the east side of Manuel Street and south of Douro Street

APPLICATION NUMBER: A23-25



The purpose of the application is to seek relief regarding the minimum front yard depth requirement relative to the garage. The effect of the application is to allow residential development in the form of street townhouse dwellings.

Variance Requested:

Section 15.4.33(h) – Regulations in the R4(1)-33 zone - a reduced front yard depth of 5.64 m relative to the garage is being requested whereas a minimum front yard depth relative to the garage of 6 m is required.

#### **CONSENT TO SEVER**

ADDRESS: 601-603 Downie Street

APPLICATION NUMBERS: B13-25 & B14-25



Purpose and Effect of Application B13-25

The purpose of application B13-25 is to sever the southern portion of the lands, municipally known as 603 Downie Street. The proposed lot would have an approximate frontage of 10.98 m, depth of 30.48 m, and an area of 334.7 m<sup>2</sup>. The lands to be severed currently contain a semi-detached dwelling unit and would have frontage and road access to Downie Street. The lands to be retained (601 Downie Street) also contain a semi-detached dwelling unit and would have an approximate frontage of 10.97 m, depth of 30.52 m and an area of 334.6 m<sup>2</sup>. The lands to be retained would have frontage and road access to Downie Street.

#### Purpose and Effect of Application B14-25

The purpose and effect of application B14-25 is to create a blanket servicing easement over 601 Downie Street (retained lands) in favour of 603 Downie Street (severed lands).

### **CONSENT TO SEVER**

ADDRESS: 976 Erie Street

APPLICATION NUMBER: B15-25



The purpose and effect of this application is to sever the north and west portion of the subject lands to create a new lot to support a new industrial development. The proposed severed lands would have an approximate frontage of 30.0 m along Packham Avenue, frontage of 80.0 m along Erie Street, depth of 152.4 m from Erie Street, and area 14,444.6 m<sup>2</sup>. The proposed retained lands would have an approximate frontage of 74.9 m along Erie Street, depth of 109.5 m along Packham Avenue, and area of 9,014.0 m<sup>2</sup>. Both the lands to be severed and lands to be retained are vacant.

The lands to be severed are currently undergoing Site Plan Approval (SP06-25) for a Building Materials Yard (Rona).

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](mailto: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](mailto:tdafoe@stratford.ca) or by telephone at 519-271-0250 Ext 5237.

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