



Stratford Town Crier

February 7, 2026

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS

2026 Interim levy due date February 25, 2026

Property tax payments may be made at your bank: in person, telephone, or online banking. Cheques payable to "City of Stratford" can be mailed to P.O. Box 818, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1 or dropped off at the rear entrance mailbox. Cash, Debit, or Cheque is also accepted at City Hall (Ground Floor – Clerk's Office).

Looking to sign up for monthly or quarterly pre-authorized payment plan? Email pap@stratford.ca or call the City Tax Office (ext. 5212).

Go paperless for future notices by visiting www.stratford.ca/eSend.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY INCOME TAX CLINIC

Serving low-income residents of the City of Stratford, Town of St. Mary's and County of Perth.

Complimentary Services for current year tax returns provided by:

- Famme & Co. Professional Corporation
- McCutchen & Pearce Professional Corporation

Total annual gross income restrictions to participate:

| Participants | Income Restrictions |
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| On Social Assistance (Ontario Works, ODSP) with a T5007 | Eligible |
| Seniors 65+ | Single: \$25,396 or less Couple: \$34,346 or less |
| All others | Single: \$16,000 or less Couple: \$32,000 or less |

Disability income received should be included in your total gross income.

Please ensure you are within the limits stated.

Participants should bring Photo ID and the following if applicable:

- T4s, T5s
- Rent Receipts and/or Property Tax Receipts
- Medical Receipts
- Donation Receipts
- Disability Tax Credit Certificate Form (T2201)

- Date of Entry to Canada

Please call to **register in advance by Wednesday, March 18, 2026** by contacting the Social Services Department at 519-271-3773 Ext. 6208 Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. An appointment time will be provided for document delivery between March 19 – 27, 2026.

LEASE OF FARMLAND

The City of Stratford invites proposals for leasing 15.83 acres of land at 150 McCarthy Road West, Stratford, Ontario. This is a prime opportunity for agricultural enthusiasts and developers to engage with our community.

Details:

- **Location:** 150 McCarthy Road West, Stratford, Ontario
- **Total Area:** 15.83 acres
- **Lease Term:** Commencing upon award until December 31, 2027
- **Soil Suitability:** The City makes no representation regarding immediate farming suitability or soil condition.

Proposal Submission:

- **Deadline:** Wednesday, February 18th, 2026 by 4:30 p.m.
- **Submission Method:** Via email to purchasing@stratford.ca or drop off at City Hall, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford, Clerk's Office

RFP Package:

- Obtain your Request for Proposal (RFP) package by contacting us at purchasing@stratford.ca.

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.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING

The Stratford Committee of Adjustment will consider the following applications at a hearing to be held on Wednesday February 18, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Stratford City Council Chamber (upper level), located at 1 Wellington Street, Stratford.

Note: The following applications were previously scheduled to be heard at the January 21st hearing, however that hearing was cancelled.

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



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 m². 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 m². The lands to be retained would have frontage and road access to Downie Street.

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 m². 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 m². 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 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 |
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| Feb 9 | Committee of the Whole In-camera | 6:00 P.M. | Council Chambers |
| Feb 9 | Regular Council and Standing Committees | 7:00 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.

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