

Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, September 23, 2023

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

NOTICE OF SPECIAL AND PUBLIC MEETING

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford will hold a Special and Public Meeting on **October 30, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.** pursuant to subsection 26(3) of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990. The meeting will be held in the Council Chambers located on the 2nd floor of Stratford City Hall at 1 Wellington Street, Stratford, ON, N5A 6W1.

The purpose of the Special Meeting of Council is to formally initiate the process to review and update the City of Stratford's Official Plan and obtain feedback on land use matters that Council and the public would like to be considered during the process.

The City's Official Plan Review will satisfy the requirements of a Comprehensive Review, as specified by the Provincial Policy Statement (PPS), 2020. The Official Plan Review applies City-wide.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT:

An Official Plan is a long-term policy document that guides land use planning in the City. The purpose of the Official Plan Review is to update the policies of the Official Plan to conform to Provincial planning policies and legislation. As part of the Official Plan Review, a Land Needs Assessment will be completed to ensure that the City is planning for future population, job, and housing growth. The Official Plan Review process will develop forward-thinking policies to guide land use, growth, and development over the next 25 years.

The *Planning Act* requires that a municipality update its Official Plan at least every five years. The City completed its most recent review of the Official Plan in 2015. The Official Plan Review provides an opportunity to confirm the community's vision for the future and respond to recent and emerging changes in Stratford.

Your input and ideas are important for the City to undertake a meaningful review of its Official Plan. Future opportunities to get involved will be made available as the project progresses.

The City's current Official Plan is available for review online at: <https://www.stratford.ca/en/inside-city-hall/planning.aspx>

HOW TO GET INVOLVED:

The purpose of a Public Meeting is to share information and to hear and consider public comments on what revisions may be required as part of a proposed update to the City's Official Plan. This information and any comments made can then be reviewed prior to Council consideration of an updated Official Plan. Please note Council will not make a decision at the Public Meeting.

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

Adam Betteridge, MCIP, RPP, Director of Building and Planning
The Corporation of the City of Stratford,
P.O. Box 818, Stratford, Ontario, N5A 6W1
Phone: (519) 271-0250 extension 5345
Email: planning@stratford.ca

All those present at the public meeting will be given the opportunity to speak. To speak at the public meeting, when the Mayor asks if there are any members of the public wishing to provide comments or ask questions, 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>

A copy of the agenda, including any attachments, will be available in the Council Calendar on the City's website by Friday, October 27, 2023.

Please note that comments and personal information collected in response to this notice will be used to assist City Staff and Council in preparing the updated Official Plan and will be form part of the public record.

HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

If you wish to be notified of the Council decision on the updated Official Plan you must make a written request to the City Clerk by way of email, in person or regular mail/courier as listed above.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Further information may be obtained by visiting the Planning and Building Services Division located on the 3rd floor of the City Hall Annex at 82 Erie Street, Stratford or by calling 519-271-0250 extension 5345 during business hours.

NOTICE OF NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION

An exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 has been approved for the 2023/2024 Lights on Stratford exhibit located at 1 Wellington Street, Stratford in Market Square which will run every Thursday to Sunday from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. from December 14, 2023, through to January 14, 2024.

CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS

Each year in October, City Council hosts an awards night to recognize and congratulate local individuals or teams who have won a Provincial or National competition or those who have made other outstanding accomplishments. If you know of someone who should be recognized, please contact the Mayor's Office at 519-271-0250, extension 236 or mayor@stratford.ca.

CITY WIDE TREASURE HUNT WEEKEND

The City of Stratford is holding a Treasure Hunt from Friday September 22 until Sunday September 24 where residents can recycle any unwanted household items by placing them at the curb. Items can be put at the curb starting at 4:00 p.m. on Friday for anyone to come and pick up. Any unclaimed items must be removed by the curb by 3:00 p.m. Sunday. You're being reminded not to leave any items you want to keep, including children's toys or bicycles, near the curb during the weekend.

16TH ANNUAL MAYOR'S COMMUNITY BREAKFAST - REMINDER

The 16th Annual Mayor's Community Breakfast will be held Thursday, October 5, from 7:00 - 8:45 a.m. at the Best Western Plus – The Arden Park Hotel.

A buffet breakfast will be served, with a guest speaker from the Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth. The cost is a monetary donation to the Rotary Hospice Stratford Perth. Receipts will be provided for amounts \$20.00 and over. Everyone is welcome.

Pre-registration is required. To reserve a seat, please call Lindsay Van Gestel at 519-271-0250 extension 5236 or email lvangestel@stratford.ca.

The event is sponsored by the Best Western Plus – The Arden Park Hotel, the Stratford and District Council of Churches, and Famme & Co. Professional Corporation.

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS PROPERTY TAX – 2023 FINAL LEVY DUE DATE OCTOBER 27, 2023 - REMINDER

For your convenience, property tax payments by cheque may be deposited in the mailbox at City Hall, Rear Entrance. Payment at your bank or on-line/telephone banking is also available. Please make cheques payable to "City of Stratford" and mail to P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1. Pre-authorized payment is available monthly or quarterly, call to inquire. Contact: Tax Department, 519-271-0250, extension 5212.

PROCEDURAL BY-LAW REVIEW – NOTICE OF OPEN HOUSE - REMINDER

Would you like to provide comments on Stratford Council's Procedural By-law that is currently being reviewed? On Wednesday, October 4, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. an in-person open house will be held in the Auditorium at Stratford City Hall to provide an opportunity for members of the public to provide comments and feedback.

Questions about the Procedural By-law Review can be sent to Tatiana Dafoe, Clerk, at clerks@stratford.ca. For more information, please visit the City's website: www.stratford.ca/procedural

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Sept 25	Committee of the Whole In-camera	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Sept 25	Regular Council and Standing Committee	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Sept 27	Infrastructure, Transportation & Safety Sub-committee	4:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Sept 28	Planning and Heritage 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.

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