Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, March 9, 2024

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING ACCOMMODATION LICENSING BY-LAW FEE IMPLEMENTATION

Date and Time of Meeting: Monday, March 25, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Location: Council Chambers in City Hall, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford

Purpose of the Public Meeting: The City of Stratford invites public input on the establishment of fees for the administration of the City's Accommodation Licensing By-law 130-2022. Such fees would be established in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25. This meeting will discuss the proposed fees necessary for the licensing, regulation, and governance of Short-Term Rental Accommodations (STRAs) and other accommodations as outlined in the By-law. The establishment of such fees would require an amendment to Schedule "B" of the City's Fees & Charges By-Law 117-2023.

The City of Stratford has evaluated the licensing fee structure based on service cost analysis and a comparison with other municipalities. It is proposed that the fees associated with obtaining a licence under the City's Accommodation Licensing By-law be as follows:

Item		Fee
i)	Application for Short Term Rental Licence (First Room, and per Application/Licence)	\$402.00
	 Plus the following applicable amount per additional room: 	\$122.00
ii)	Late Filing Fee (per Application/Licence)	\$68.00
iii)	Transfer processing Fee (per Application/Licence)	\$33.00
iv)	Appeal Fee (Short Term Rental & Bed and Breakfasts)	\$180.00

A Management Report that details the recommendations will be presented at the Public Meeting.

All those present at the public meeting will be given the opportunity to speak. To speak at the public meeting, when the Mayor or Chair 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 or enter the following link into your URL bar: https://video.isilive.ca/stratford/live.html

Members of the public: your opinions on this are important and encouraged. Please call, mail, or e-mail your comments to Josh Lee-Him, By-Law Enforcement Officer, City of Stratford Building and Planning Services – Telephone (519) 271-0250 extension 5328, – jleehim@stratford.ca - in order for your comments to be summarized at the public meeting.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR NOISE CONTROL BY-LAW EXEMPTION

The Stratford Live Music & Food Committee has requested an exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 for the 2024 Stratford Live Music & Food Event on Veterans Drive and in the York Street Parking Lot on Friday, June 21^{st} and Saturday, June 22^{nd} , until 11:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 23^{rd} from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to comment on this application for exemption should provide their concerns in writing or email by March 15, 2024, to: The Corporation of the City of Stratford, Attention: Events Coordinator, Community Services, P.O. Box 874, 357 McCarthy Rd., Stratford, ON N5A 6W3 or by emailing hdenny@stratford.ca.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR NOISE CONTROL BY-LAW EXEMPTION

The Kinsmen Club of Stratford have requested an exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 for the 2024 Canada Day Celebration at the Stratford Education and Recreation Centre on Monday, July 1, 2024, from 5:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.

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