

Town Crier, August 15, 2020

# Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

## **PARKING UPDATE**

Free parking in the City of Stratford ends on August 30, 2020. This means that starting Monday, August 31, 2020 payment at parking meters and pay by plate machines will be required.

The parking rate at on-street parking spaces is \$1.50/hr and the rate in lots is \$1.25/hr.

All other provisions of the Traffic and Parking By-law, including maximum parking time limits, no-parking and no-stopping areas, continue to be in effect.

As a friendly reminder, if you are parking in an area with a 4-hour limit, you must move your vehicle before that 4-hour time limit has expired. Failure to do so could result in a parking ticket being issued. All maximum parking time limits are being enforced.

Enforcement of the By-law is as follows:

- From November 1 to March 31 - Monday-Saturday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- From April 1 to October 31 - Monday-Saturday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm
- December 1 – April 30 there will be four (4) hours of free parking on Saturdays.

For more information on parking in the downtown core, please visit the City's website at <https://www.stratford.ca/en/live-here/parking.aspx> or contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 extension 5230.

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY AND WELLBEING PLAN: SURVEY**

Have you ever felt unsafe in your community?

Do you have people you can rely on in times of need?

How satisfied are you with life as a whole?

These are the kinds of questions that are included in an online survey launched recently to help gather input for a Community Safety and Wellbeing Plan being developed for Stratford, St. Marys, North Perth, West Perth, Perth East and Perth South.

The plan will focus on ways community members, government, local agencies and stakeholders can work together to sustain and improve the overall quality of life for residents in those communities.

The survey is available at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSWBPSurvey](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CSWBPSurvey)

To participate by telephone or to receive a hard copy of the survey, please call 519-271-3773 extension 231 or email [jfast@stratford.ca](mailto:jfast@stratford.ca)

## **REOPENING OF CITY OF STRATFORD OFFICES**

On August 10, 2020, City Hall offices and the Fire Stations opened to the public for walk-in service. Appointments will continue to be required to obtain marriage licences, commissioning of documents, and conducting civil ceremonies in the Council Chamber. To make an appointment for one of these services please call the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 extension 5237 or visit our website for more information.

City Hall will continue to offer online, telephone, drop-off and mail service for paying taxes, invoices, and submitting applications to our offices.

Public washrooms at City Hall will be available from the exterior and interior.

Services provided through City Hall Annex offices at 82 Erie St. will continue to be provided online, over the telephone and by drop off only.

The Cemetery Office is open to the public by appointment with a walk-up service using the intercom.

To prepare for office re-openings, policies and protocols have been prepared and plexiglass, signs and hand sanitizers installed. With the recent instructions from Huron Perth Public Health to require face coverings, we have added public health signs for the public when entering offices.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we proceed with the reopening of municipal offices and facilities.

## **ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS**

City Hall offices are now open.

**PROPERTY TAX  
2020 Final Levy Due Date  
August 14, 2020**

For your convenience, property tax payments by cheque may be deposited in the mailbox at City Hall, Rear Entrance. Payment may be made 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, ext. 212 or 213.

## **2021 COMMUNITY GRANT APPLICATIONS**

The City's online 2021 Community Grant application is now available. Please check the City's website at [www.stratford.ca](http://www.stratford.ca) under 2021 Budget for application details and information about the City's community grants program.

The deadline for accepting applications is September 25, 2020 or November 27, 2020, depending on the type of grant being applied for.

You may also contact by email at [stfdbudget@stratford.ca](mailto:stfdbudget@stratford.ca) or by phone at 519-271-0250 ext. 5202 if you have any questions about the City of Stratford's 2021 grants and budget process.

As a reminder, those who have received a 2020 City grant must submit their online year-end reporting by November 1, 2020, in order to apply for a grant in 2021. Information about this year-end reporting can be found on the City's 2020 Budget/2020 Community Grants webpage.

## **ANNE HATHAWAY DAYCARE – LICENSED CHILDCARE SPACES FOR CHILDREN 18 MONTHS – 4 YEARS**

Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre offers enriching programs led by a team of highly skilled and experienced Early Childhood Educators. To add your child's name to our waitlist, please go to [onehsn.com/Stratford/](http://onehsn.com/Stratford/)

Enriching child-centered programs led by a team of highly skilled and experienced Early Childhood Educators:

- Nutritious lunch and snacks provided
- Outdoor play in a new natural play space
- Financial assistance available upon qualification
- Newly renovated facility

### **Emergency or Short-Term Child Care Services**

Operated by the City of Stratford, Anne Hathaway Daycare is a child and family friendly licenced early childhood education centre. Emergency or short-term childcare services are provided on an 'as available' basis. For information about services, availability and fees, please contact the Daycare at 519-273-1803.

For further information contact: Corry Gunn, Manager - 103 Bruce St. Stratford, 519-273-1803  
[cgunn@stratford.ca](mailto:cgunn@stratford.ca)

**Telephone: 519-271-0250 [www.stratford.ca](http://www.stratford.ca) TTY: 519-271-5241**