

Town Crier, December 5, 2020

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETINGS – DECEMBER 14 AND 16

A Special Council meeting will be held on Monday, December 14 at 5:00 p.m., to hear from Xinyi Canada Glass Limited, and to provide members of Council with an opportunity to ask questions of the company's representatives.

A Special Council meeting will also be held on Wednesday, December 16 at 2:00 p.m., for Council to consider the proposed cost-sharing agreement with Xinyi Canada Glass Limited.

The agendas for these meetings will be available on the City's website: <https://calendar.stratford.ca/meetings>.

A link to watch these meetings while in progress will be included on the agendas. A video recording of the meetings will also be available through a link on the City's website by the following business day.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND CITY OF STRATFORD SIGN BY-LAW NO. 159-2004

In accordance with Section 10(1) of The Municipal Act, 2001, Council of the Corporation of the City of Stratford, on Monday, December 14, 2020 at 3:00 pm in the Council Chambers in City Hall, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford, intends to consider amendments to the City of Stratford Sign By-law (By-law No. 159-2004). This will be an electronic meeting. A link to watch the Council meeting live will be provided on the agenda which will be posted to the City's website. A video of the meeting will also be posted to the City's website once available.

For those persons who wish to participate orally at the meeting, please contact the City Clerk at clerks@stratford.ca no later than 10:00 am on Monday, December 14, 2020 same day as meeting. Requests can be submitted to clerks@stratford.ca or by completing the Register as a Delegation Form on the City's website at the following link: <https://forms.stratford.ca/IT-Services/Clerks-Corporate-Services/Delegation-Request-Form>. Following confirmation of the request to speak, details for participating in the meeting will be provided.

Amendments to the Sign By-law principally relate around the following:

- Temporary signs including feather flag signs, sidewalk signs, portable signs, banner signs, help wanted signs, pole poster signs and community events signs;
- Change copy signs (also known as read-o-graph signs);
- Electronic media signs (also known as electronic read-o-graph signs or animated signs);
- Fascia Signs – to be permitted on the second storey except in the Heritage Conservation District;
- Administrative changes to make the By-law more user-friendly including adding additional definitions and illustrations;
- Sign Permit Application requirements; and
- Sign Permit Application fees – principally related to temporary signs.

Additional information on the possible amendment is available by contacting Jeff Leunissen, Interim Manager of Planning, at (519) 271-0250 ext 345 or jleunissen@stratford.ca; or by visiting the City's website www.stratfordcanada.ca.

Written submissions regarding the proposed changes should be addressed to jleunissen@stratford.ca prior to the Council meeting.

NOTICE - 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 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 and Development Services Department and charged to the owner.

If you require this document in an alternate format or any additional information, please contact the City Infrastructure and Development Services Department at 519-271-0250, Extension 222. A copy of By-law 225-2005 can be seen on request at the City Clerk's office or by visiting the City's website at www.stratford.ca.

4 HOUR FREE PARKING – SATURDAYS ONLY

Every motorist on **Saturdays** from December 1, 2020 until April 30, 2021 will receive four (4) hours of free parking in the downtown core. This means that those individuals parking in the downtown core on **Saturdays** during this time will receive 4 hours of free parking and will not be required to pay the meters or machines.

After the 4 hours of free parking, motorists are required to pay the respective meter or machine. Compliance is required with all other provisions of the City's Traffic and Parking By-law including maximum parking time limits.

For questions about parking enforcement please contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 Ext 5230.

2021 BUDGET MEETINGS

Stratford's Finance and Labour Relations Committee has scheduled the following meetings to formulate recommendations to City Council concerning approval of the 2021 budget.

Date	Time	
December 9, 2020	3:30pm	Electronic Participation
December 16, 2020	3:30pm	Electronic Participation

The meetings will be held electronically. To watch the meeting while in progress, please click the link that will be available on the agenda.

Agendas and minutes will be posted as available to the City website under the Council Calendar at <https://calendar.stratford.ca/meetings>.

If you have any questions regarding the 2021 budget process, please contact us by phone at 271-0250 ext. 5202, or by email at stfdbudget@stratford.ca.

FOOD FOR ALL COMMUNITY MEALS IN STRATFORD

Dec 7	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie St (takeaway)	5:00pm-6:00pm
Dec 8	St. Paul's Church (Jubilee), 9 Douro St (takeaway)	5:15pm
Dec 9	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie St (delivery)	11:30am-12:30pm
Dec 11	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie St (takeaway)	11:30am-12:30pm

All meals are takeaway ONLY (delivery available at some locations). Please follow social distancing when picking up meals. Contact the specific location for further details.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Dec 9	Finance and Labour Relations Committee	3:30pm	Electronic Participation
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Given the COVID-19 Pandemic and the declared emergency, the City will be posting a video of the meeting to our website once available. Agendas and a link to watch the meeting while in progress can be accessed from the City's website.

Telephone: 519-271-0250 www.stratford.ca