

Town Crier, February 20, 2021

# Stratford Town Crier

## Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

### **CITY OF STRATFORD FACILITIES RE-OPENING UPDATE**

Now that the Ontario government's Stay-at-Home order has been lifted, the City of Stratford is working toward safely re-opening its facilities to the public.

#### **CITY HALL**

City Hall will be open to the public starting Monday, February 22 during regular business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Enter by the rear door, and for everyone's safety, please wear a mask, use the hand sanitizer provided, and maintain safe social distancing.

Civil ceremonies are not available at this time. Marriage Licencing and Commissioning services will be offered by appointment only. To book an appointment, please visit our website at [www.stratford.ca](http://www.stratford.ca), or call the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 Extension 5237.

#### **ROTARY COMPLEX and DUFFERIN ARENA**

The Rotary Complex and the Dufferin Arena have re-opened. All patrons will be screened by staff as they enter the facilities, and COVID-19 safety measures will be in place.

The walking track at the Rotary Complex will have modified hours of operation for the remainder of February and March, opening at 7:30 a.m. and closing at 9 p.m. The capacity for the walking track will be 30 users at one time.

The Senior Skating program has restarted at the Rotary Complex (RBC Arena) on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Public skating will be held on Sundays starting February 21 at the Dufferin Arena, with two skating sessions each Sunday. Session one will be from 1-2 p.m., and session two will be from 2:15 to 3:15 p.m. There will be a maximum of 50 skaters per session. Pre-registration and pre-payment will be required for all public skating sessions. The cost of public skating is \$3 per skater. Registration can be completed on our website at <https://www.stratford.ca/en/play-here/publicskating.aspx#Admission-Policies>

#### **AGRIPLEX**

The Burnside Agriplex will re-open for a select group of activities and sessions.

- Bingo Country Stratford will re-start its bingo events seven days a week.
- Sports organizations and the Stratford Lakeside Active Adults Association will re-start select activities.
- For more information, please visit individual sport organization websites, and [www.stratfordactiveadults.ca](http://www.stratfordactiveadults.ca)
- The Stratford Farmer's Market will continue to operate Saturdays from 7 a.m. to noon.

Other City facilities, programs and services will re-open and re-start when it is safe to do so, and services will continue to be provided online and by telephone where possible.

For updated information, please visit our website at [www.stratford.ca](http://www.stratford.ca).

### **ANNUAL COMMUNITY INCOME TAX CLINIC**

SERVING LOW INCOME RESIDENTS of the City of Stratford, Town of St. Marys and County of Perth

#### **COMPLIMENTARY SERVICES for current year tax returns provided by:**

BDO Canada LLP

Famme & Co. Professional Corporation

McCutchen & Pearce Professional Corporation

#### **Total annual gross income restrictions to participate:**

- Single - \$18,000 or less
- Couple - \$28,000 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 Form (T2201)
- Date of Entry to Canada

You **MUST** register in advance by **FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021** by contacting the Social Services Clerks at 519-271-3773 Ext. 278, Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Coordinated by the City of Stratford, Social Services Department.

**ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS**  
**Property tax – 2021 interim levy due date February 19, 2021**

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. 5209 or 5213.

**REMINDER - 2020 JAMES ANDERSON AWARD NOMINATIONS**

Heritage Stratford will be presenting the 2020 James Anderson Award to one or more recipients. The award is given to a person or persons who have made significant contributions to our heritage.

Eligible individuals or small groups who have made a significant contribution to the community of Stratford in the area of built, cultural or natural heritage preservation or heritage garden conservation.

**\*Updated** Deadline for nominations: **Sunday, February 28, 2021**

Applications and further details on the James Anderson Award can be found on the City of Stratford website or contact [adviscom@stratford.ca](mailto:adviscom@stratford.ca)

**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](http://www.stratford.ca).

**FOOD FOR ALL COMMUNITY MEALS IN STRATFORD**

<b>Feb 22</b>	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie St.	5:00pm-6:00pm
<b>Feb 23</b>	St. Paul's Church, 9 Douro St. (Jubilee)	5:15pm
<b>Feb 24</b>	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie St. (delivery)	11:30am-12:00pm
<b>Feb 26</b>	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie St. (delivery)	11:30am-12:00pm

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**

<b>Feb 22</b>	Committee of the Whole In-camera	1:00pm	Electronic Participation
<b>Feb 22</b>	Regular Council and Standing Committees	3:00pm	Electronic Participation
<b>Feb 23</b>	Public Meeting under the Planning Act	3:00pm	Electronic Participation
<b>Feb 24</b>	Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee	3:30pm	Electronic Participation
<b>Feb 25</b>	Planning and Heritage Sub-committee	CANCELLED	

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.

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