

Town Crier, March 21, 2020

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

CLOSURES

As a precaution, the City of Stratford has closed all of its administrative buildings to the public, until further notice.

That closure includes City Hall (1 Wellington Street), the City Hall Annex (82 Erie Street), both fire halls (#1 at 388 Erie Street and #2 at 44 McCarthy Road), the cemetery building (4 Avondale Avenue), the Public Works Yard (303 King Street) and the Stratford Municipal Airport office.

The Rotary Complex, Agriplex, Dufferin and Allman arenas and Anne Hathaway Day Care facilities have already been closed to the public, and will remain closed until further notice.

It is important to note that, despite the closure of those offices to the public, **the City of Stratford will continue to provide services to the community**, including Social Services to our clients in Stratford, Perth County and St. Marys.

For updates, please visit our website at www.stratford.ca, email clerks@stratford.ca, or call 519-271-0250 during business hours.

MEETING CANCELLATIONS

In light of the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, the City of Stratford will be cancelling all sub-committee, advisory committee and public open house meetings until further notice.

That includes:

- Finance and Labour Relations Sub-committee - March 17, 2020
- Stratfords of the World Advisory Committee - March 19, 2020
- Committee of Adjustment – March 19, 2020
- Municipal Accommodation Tax Open Houses - March 24 and 25, 2020
- Municipal Accommodation Tax stakeholder meetings
- Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee - March 25, 2020
- Active Transportation Advisory Committee - March 25, 2020
- Planning and Heritage Sub-committee- March 26, 2020
- Town and Gown Advisory Committee - March 31, 2020

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS

For your convenience, property tax payments by cheque may be deposited in the mail box at City Hall, located at the Rear Entrance. Payment by Interac and online/ 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

**PROPERTY TAX
2020 Interim Levy Due Date
April 9, 2020**

In order to limit the amount of person-to-person contact during the COV-19 pandemic and for the protection of the public and City of Stratford staff, property owners are reminded that payments can be made for municipal taxes by:

- Online/telephone banking through your financial institution **OR**
- In the drop box located at the Rear Entrance, City Hall 1 Wellington St., Stratford.

Please also consider:

Pre-Authorized enrolment for property taxes. Visit www.stratford.ca/preauthorized

Mail: P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1

Property Tax Statements can be requested by emailing: taxinfo@stratford.ca.

Payments for parking tickets, pet and business licencing can be made by credit card over the telephone to 519-271-0250 ext. 237.

**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. every day, 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

GREEN BINS

Green Bin distribution has started in many neighbourhoods. The collection program will start during the week of **April 6th on your garbage day**. This is a weekly collection. Clearly marked Compostable plastic bags, paper bags or newspaper can be used as liners.



MEETING SCHEDULE

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| Mar 23 | Committee of the Whole In-camera | CANCELLED |
| Mar 23 | Regular Council and Standing Committees | CANCELLED |
| Mar 25 | Infrastructure, Transportation & Safety Sub-committee | CANCELLED |
| Mar 26 | Planning and Heritage Sub-committee | CANCELLED |

Meetings are open to the public to attend with the exception of In-Camera sessions. Agendas can be accessed from the City's website or may be picked up from the City Clerk's Office the Friday before the scheduled meeting. Also, check the City's website for the Sub-committee, Standing Committee and Council Meeting Schedules, Agendas, and Advisory Committee Schedules as the schedule is subject to change. The Town Crier is also posted on the City's website.

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