

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

MAY 29 HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION POSTPONED

With the provincial stay-at-home order extended into the month of June, the City of Stratford has postponed the Household Hazardous Waste collection scheduled for Saturday, May 29.

This decision was made in consultation with Huron Perth Public Health.

The collection scheduled for July 17 will proceed if conditions allow, and we will provide more information closer to that date.

FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

Beginning April 26, 2021 and continuing for approximately five weeks, preventative maintenance flushing of fire hydrants will take place within the City of Stratford. Customers may temporarily experience discoloured water. Water quality is not affected by this colouration, and the water is safe to use and consume. Discoloured water will clear, but before doing laundry, please check to see that water has cleared. If you have any questions, please call the City Water Division at 519-271-0250, ext. 222 during business hours.

NOTICE - RAKING OF WINTER SAND

Reminder to residents from Infrastructure & Development Services that during the month of May, winter sand that has accumulated can be raked to the edge of the road or the street gutter. Please help street sweeping operations by spreading the sand out in the gutter area. Please do not place the sand in large piles in the gutter or along the road, as the piles can restrict water flow and be a traffic hazard.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS - DESTROY NOXIOUS WEEDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all property owners in accordance with the WEED CONTROL ACT OF ONTARIO, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the Municipality of Stratford are destroyed by June 1, 2021 and throughout the season, the Municipality may enter upon said lands and cause the noxious weed or weed seeds to be destroyed, charging the costs against the land in taxes as set out in the Act.

In the interest of public health, the noxious weeds requiring eradication include Giant Hogweed, Ragweed and Poison Ivy. Other noxious weeds requiring eradication include European Buckthorn, Thistles, Jointed Goatgrass, and others as designated under the above Act.

Enquiries and complaints should be directed to the Infrastructure & Development Services at 519-271-0250 ext. 345.

City Inspector
City of Stratford

ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECRUITMENT - DEADLINE EXTENDED

Accessibility Advisory Committee

The City of Stratford is seeking applications from a person with a disability to fill a vacant citizen representative position on the Accessibility Advisory Committee to November 30, 2021.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee currently meets electronically on the first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 a.m. The purpose of the Committee is to improve opportunities for persons with disabilities and to provide for involvement in the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to full participation in the community. The Accessibility Advisory Committee is composed of 9 members, with a majority of the members being persons with disabilities as prescribed in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

Communities in Bloom Committee

The City of Stratford is seeking applications from members of the public to fill a vacant citizen representative position on the Communities in Bloom Committee for a two-year term to November 14, 2022. The Committee meets electronically the first Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m. The mandate of the Committee is:

- To foster civic pride, environmental protection and beautification, through community participation;
- To improve the tidiness, appearance and visual appeal of neighbourhoods, parks, open spaces and streets;
- To focus on environmental awareness and preservation of heritage and culture;
- To be financially sustainable.

Persons interested in serving on these committees can complete and submit an application by **Friday, May 28, 2021**. Application forms are available at the Clerk's Office or on the City's website at: https://www.stratford.ca/en/inside-city-hall/resources/Advisory_Committees/Application-for-Advisory-Committees---Accessible-1.pdf

Completed applications can be emailed to the Clerk's Office via clerks@stratford.ca. Applications can also be mailed or dropped off at the Clerk's Office: Office of the City Clerk, Attention: City Clerk, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1

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/

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.

RETAIL CLOSINGS ON VICTORIA DAY

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the *Retail Business Holidays Act*, Victoria Day – Monday, May 24, 2021, is among the holidays when most stores must be closed.

The *Retail Business Holidays Act* provides limited exceptions for retail outlets that may be open, including stores that sell handicrafts and book or magazine stores that are less than 2,400 square feet with a maximum of three employees, pharmacies under 7,500 square feet, flower shops and gas stations. Stores may also remain open in locations established as tourist areas by specific municipal by-laws. Businesses should contact their municipal offices for information.

Minimum fines for opening businesses on prohibited days of retail operation are \$500 for the first offence, \$2,000 for a second offence and \$5,000 for a third or subsequent offence. Retail outlets may be fined up to \$50,000 or the total amount of gross sales for the holiday, whichever is greater. Stratford's designated tourism season is May 1 to November 12 each year and includes the Victoria Day Holiday.

Stratford City By-law 149-92 permits certain retail establishments in Stratford that meet the tourism criteria established by the Province and that provides goods and services primarily to tourists in Stratford, may open for business on Victoria Day under the following provisions:

- The retail business establishment does not open prior to 10:00 am and does not remain open after 4:00 pm;
- The number of persons engaged in the serving of the public does not at any time, exceed four (4);
- The total area used for serving, selling or displaying goods or services to the public inside the establishment is less than 278.71 m² (3000 square feet).
- Certain larger retail business establishments listed in Schedule "A" to By-law 149-92 as amended, may also open on Victoria Day between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm

Enforcement of the *Retail Business Holidays Act* in Stratford is the responsibility of Stratford Police Services. To find out which retail operations are exempted by the Act, call the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services toll-free at 1-800-889-9768. For more information visit www.sse.gov.on.ca

VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford Administration Offices will be closed on Monday, May 24, 2021.

LANDFILL SITE HOURS

Closed Monday May 24, 2021 for Victoria Day Holiday.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING and GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

There will be no change in the Recycling, Green Bin, Leaf & Yard Waste and Garbage collection programs on Monday May 24, 2021. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00am on collection dates. For further information, telephone 519-271-0250 ext. 279.

Leaf and yard waste collection will only be collected in the following forms:

- 110 L Kraft Paper bags
- Certified Compostable bags
- Re-useable Container with label attached

Clear Plastic Bags are NOT accepted and will be left at the curbside. Leaf and Yard waste is accepted at the landfill depot during regular landfill hours. The next Leaf and Yard Waste collection weeks are:

May 24-28, June 14-18, July 12-16, August 16-20



FIREWORK SAFETY – VICTORIA DAY AND CANADA DAY

City of Stratford Fireworks By-law 73-2006 provides that fireworks can only be set off on Victoria Day and Canada Day **between 8:00 pm and 12:00 midnight**. In the event of weather conditions such as rain, fog, smog or wind on Victoria Day or Canada Day, fireworks may be set off the day before or the day after Victoria Day or Canada Day.

Fireworks may not be set off:

- On any city street or highway.
- In any park or other public place.
- In any building or vehicle.
- In areas containing dead undergrowth or trees.

Firecrackers - which are different than fireworks, cannot be set off anywhere in Stratford.

When setting off Fireworks:

- Use fireworks outdoors only;
- Choose a clear, open area;
- Check wind direction and speed;
- Always have an adult present;
- Have water handy;
- Read and follow label directions;
- Keep spectators away from launch area

Flying lanterns (the small paper hot air balloons propelled by an open flame) are not permitted for sale or use in Stratford.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City of Stratford would also like to remind residents to follow the guidance of public health officials and the provincial emergency order this Victoria Day.

Please enjoy the holiday safely.

MEETING SCHEDULE

May 25	Committee of the Whole In-camera	1:00pm	Electronic Participation
May 25	Regular Council and Standing Committees	3:00pm	Electronic Participation
May 26	Infrastructure, Transportation & Safety Sub-committee	3:30pm	Electronic Participation
May 27	Planning and Heritage Sub-committee	3:30pm	Electronic Participation

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