

Town Crier, May 30, 2020

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

FREE PARKING EXTENDED – AUGUST 30, 2020

At the May 25, 2020 Regular Council meeting, Council adopted a resolution extending free parking in the downtown core until August 30, 2020.

All maximum parking time limits and other provisions of the City's Traffic and Parking By-law will remain in effect and be enforced from Monday-Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

For more information on parking in the downtown core, please visit the City's website or contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 Ext 230

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, 2020 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.

Weed Inspector, City of Stratford

PUBLIC INPUT INVITED - STRATFORD LANDFILL SITE

The City of Stratford welcomes feedback on the operation of its Romeo Street landfill site, and there are several options to provide it.

Comments can be made to the Infrastructure and Development Services department by calling 519-271-0250 ext. 261 or by emailing ids@stratford.ca by Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

Citizens are also invited to comment on the operation of the landfill site at the Regular Council meeting scheduled for Monday, June 22, 2020 by:

- Emailing written comments to clerks@stratford.ca. Comments received by Wednesday, June 17, 2020 will be included with the agenda for the meeting. Comments received by Noon on Monday, June 22, 2020 will be circulated to members of Council through an addendum to the agenda; or
- Requesting to appear as a delegation. Delegation requests can be made by email to clerks@stratford.ca or by completing the "Register as a Delegation form" on the City's website. Details for participating in the meeting will be provided once the request is confirmed.

Answers to some frequently asked questions about the Stratford Landfill Site can be found on the City's website at <https://www.stratford.ca/en/live-here/landfill-faq.aspx>

Notice of Collection: Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used by City Staff and City Council to assist in making a decision on this matter. All names, addresses, opinions and comments will be made available for public disclosure. Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to Tatiana Dafoe, City Clerk, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1, by emailing: tdafoe@stratford.ca or by telephone 519-271-0250 ext.237 during business hours.

MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES AVAILABLE FOR CITIZENS, BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY COVID-19

For many people, the COVID-19 pandemic has created feelings of stress, anxiety, uncertainty and fear, and the City of Stratford would like to highlight some of the mental health supports available to our community.

The City of Stratford Social Services Department works in partnership with Family Services Perth-Huron to make a variety of counselling services available to its clients, including support for mental health and wellness. Information about those services is available at <http://familyservicesperth-huron.ca/>

For local business owners and entrepreneurs hit hard by COVID-19, help is available through investStratford, the Perth Community Futures Development Corporation and the Stratford Perth Community Foundation, and also made possible through financial donations from Orr Insurance and Hyde Construction. Those partners have funded a project with the United Way Perth Huron to connect local entrepreneurs to the team at Family Services Perth-Huron, who will provide mental health and wellness support and counselling to businesses in Stratford, St. Marys and Perth County.

Referrals to the program are made through the mentorship teams at both the Stratford-Perth Centre for Business (<https://www.stratfordperthbusiness.ca>), and Perth Community Futures (<https://www.perthcfdc.ca>).

The United Way Perth-Huron and the Stratford & Perth County Community Foundation are also providing support and services to individuals, organizations and families affected by COVID-19. Information is available at <http://perthhuron.unitedway.ca> and <https://spccf.ca/>

Choices for Change remains open but has moved to providing services via phone or video conference. New referrals are being taken and those interested can call 1-877-218-0077 to speak to someone and make an appointment. The Addiction Medicine Clinics with Dr. Datema are open but the Huron clinic has been temporarily moved to Monday and Thursday in Stratford.

The CMHA–Huron-Perth after-hours response line continues to be available at 519-274-2848 or Toll-Free: 1-888-875-2944, 0 for reception.

The mental health services contact number for Huron Perth Health Care Alliance is 519-272-8210 Ext. 2205. Their office hours are Monday-Friday 8:30-3:30 hours.

Huron-Perth Centre for Children and Youth - remains open for business via phone during regular business hours, Monday – Friday 9am – 5pm. For Services contact any one of the offices:

CLINTON OFFICE
Phone 519-482-3931
Text 719-3134

STRATFORD OFFICE
Phone 519-273-3373
Text 719-2350

LISTOWEL OFFICE
Phone 519-291-1088
Text 719-3766

Huron Perth Helpline & Crisis Response Team – for 24/7 Service - Call the helpline 1-888-829-7484 for immediate mental health and/or addiction support.

Other Service Providers that offer Mental Health & Addiction Services:

Family Health Teams & Community Health Centres – Providing mental health services by phone. This includes mental health counselors, physicians, and nurses. Please contact your local primary care clinic for information between 9:00 am and 5:00 pm.

School-based Services – these services are provided by a number of community partners remain available to meet the needs of students and their families by phone as per usual. Each School maintains a listing of the services available to their students.

Family Services Perth-Huron – open for counselling and supports by phone. Call 519-273-1020 or 1-800-268-0903. Please visit their website www.familyservicesperth-huron.ca for available resources.

Optimism Place (Perth) – “Open & Operational” – for all services, please contact 519-271-5550.

And all residents can access support through the Province of Ontario’s mental health supports including:

- **ConnexOntario:** Adults and frontline workers who are dealing with the realities of COVID-19 can call ConnexOntario at 1-866-531-2600 for mental health, addictions and problem gambling support.
- **BounceBack:** A free, cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT) program that provides guided mental health self-help supports for adults and youth 15+. Call 1-866-345-0224.
- **Kids Help Phone:** Children and youth 18 and under who need to talk to someone about their mental health can call Kids Help Phone at 1-800-668-6868, for 24/7 virtual, phone and text support.
- **Good2Talk:** A phone and texting service that provides confidential support to post-secondary students. Call 1-866-925-5454 or text GOOD2TALKON to 686868.

BAG TAG DELIVERY DETAILS

Stratford residents who would like to have garbage bag tags delivered to their home can do so by calling City Hall at 519-271-0250 Ext 237 to place an order.

Please note:

- Minimum order is 3 tags (at regular rate of \$3.50/tag)
- Payment is by credit card only
- Tags will be delivered to your home by the next business day

Bag tags are still available to purchase at some local grocery stores and other retail outlets in Stratford. For a complete list visit the City's website.

Telephone: 519-271-0250 www.stratford.ca TTY: 519-271-5241