

Town Crier, September 5, 2020

# Stratford Town Crier

## Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

### **STRATFORD TRANSIT**

Monday, August 31, Stratford Transit passengers returned to front-door boarding of the buses, and regular fares are being collected. For everyone's safety, passengers are asked to wear a face covering while riding the bus, if they are able.

### **PARKING UPDATE**

Free parking in the City of Stratford ended on August 30, 2020. This means that payment at parking meters and pay by plate machines is required.

The parking rate at on-street parking spaces is \$1.50/hr and the rate in lots is \$1.25/hr.

All other provisions of the Traffic and Parking By-law, including maximum parking time limits, no-parking and no-stopping areas, continue to be in effect.

As a friendly reminder, if you are parking in an area with a 4-hour limit, you must move your vehicle before that 4-hour time limit has expired. Failure to do so could result in a parking ticket being issued. All maximum parking time limits are being enforced.

Enforcement of the By-law is as follows:

- From November 1 to March 31 - Monday-Saturday 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
- From April 1 to October 31 - Monday-Saturday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm
- December 1 – April 30 there will be four (4) hours of free parking on Saturdays.

For more information on parking in the downtown core, please visit the City's website at <https://www.stratford.ca/en/live-here/parking.aspx> or contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 extension 5230.

### **PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

**Energy & Environment Advisory Committee** - Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. to advise Council relating to waste reduction initiatives, water and energy conservation and preservation of natural areas. There is currently one (1) youth representative position available for a one-year term.

**Committee of Adjustment** – Meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. to make decisions on minor variance and consent applications. There is one (1) citizen positions available for a term ending November 14, 2022.

Additional information regarding advisory committees is available upon request from the City Clerk's Office, 519-271-0250, ext. 5237. Forward applications to:

Attention: City Clerk, The Corporation of the City of Stratford, City Hall, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON, N5A 6W1.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **September 11, 2020**.

Personal information collected through the appointment process will be used by City Council for the purpose of making appointments to boards and committees. Questions regarding this collection should be directed to the City Clerk, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1, telephone 519-271-0250, Ext. 5329 during business hours.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL**

Monday, September 14 marks the first day back to school for local elementary and high school students. As pedestrian traffic increases, the City would like to remind motorists to:

1. Slow down, be aware and drive safely.
2. Obey the crossing guard's stop sign.
3. Allow pedestrians and the crossing guard to completely cross the street before proceeding.
4. Pay particular attention when other vehicles in the curbside lane are stopped near a school crossing, as they may block your view of the crossing guard or pedestrians.
5. Drive slowly through school zones and other residential areas where young people may be walking.
6. Be cautious, be courteous and be patient.

For more information about Stratford's crossing guards, including a list of crossing locations, visit the City's website.

### **LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

City of Stratford Administration Offices will be closed on **September 7th**.

### **LANDFILL SITE HOURS**

- Closed Monday September 7th for Labour Day Holiday

## **CURBSIDE RECYCLING and GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

There will be no change in the Recycling and Garbage Collection programs on Monday September 7<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00am on collection dates.

For further information, telephone 519-271-0250 ext. 5279.

## **LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE**

Leaf and yard waste 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:

September 14-18, September 28-October 2, October 19-23, October 26-30, November 2-6, November 9-13, November 16-20



## **RETAIL CLOSINGS ON LABOUR DAY**

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the *Retail Business Holidays Act*, Labour Day – September 7 is among the holidays when most stores must be closed unless City Council has granted an exemption in order to open for business.

Stratford's designated tourism season is May 1 to November 12 each year and includes the Labour 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 Labour 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 278.71m<sup>2</sup> (3000 square feet).
- Certain larger retail business establishments listed in Schedule "A" to By-law 149-92 as amended, may also open on Labour Day between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm

Enforcement of the *Retail Business Holidays Act* in Stratford is through Stratford Police Services.

To find out which retail operations are exempted by the Act, call the Ministry of Consumer Services toll-free at 1-800-889-9768. For more information, visit [www.sse.gov.on.ca](http://www.sse.gov.on.ca)

## **FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS**

Beginning September 8, 2020, and continuing for approximately five weeks, flushing of fire hydrants will take place within the City of Stratford. Customers could experience some discoloured water. Water quality is not affected by this colouration. 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. 5281 during business hours.

**Telephone: 519-271-0250 [www.stratford.ca](http://www.stratford.ca)**