

The Stratford Police Service is inviting written applications for the position of:

Park Patrol

This is a summer student position that offers those interested in a law enforcement career the opportunity for seasonal employment with the City of Stratford, Town of St. Marys and Stratford Police Service between the months of May - September.

Job Description:

Summer Park Patrollers shall:

- Ensure compliance with specific Municipal Bylaws, in accordance with appropriate legislation and procedures;
- Patrol, parks, green areas, riverbanks, streets, alleys, jogging trails and other areas normally inaccessible to vehicular patrol units while utilizing a police bicycle;
- Provide a visible and accessible presence on behalf of both the municipalities and the Service at special events and functions organized by community groups;
- Ensure adherence to existing policies and acceptable standards; and perform additional duties as lawfully assigned;
- To facilitate their roles and responsibilities, Summer Park Patrollers are duly appointed City of Stratford By-law officers and Town of St. Marys By-law officers;
- During inclement or unsafe weather, Summer Park Patrollers may, at the discretion of the Duty N.C.O., be assigned to ride-along with on-duty Stratford Police Service officers;

Training:

Summer Park Patrollers will receive training specific to their roles and responsibilities that shall include:

- Training on specific Municipal Bylaws regarding associated offences, and the issuance of Provincial Offence Notices;
- Personal safety and the provincial Use of Force model as it relates to the roles and responsibilities of Summer Park Patrollers;
- De-escalation techniques and communication strategies;
- Notes and report preparation;
- Bicycle safety;
- Radio procedures;
- Overall roles, responsibilities of the position;
- An overview of resources available to them at the Stratford Police Service;

Abilities:

- Ability to exercise good judgment and make good creative decisions;
- Ability to problem solve;
- Ability to observe, retain and prepare clear, concise and accurate notes and reports;
- Ability to communicate effectively with people at all levels of comprehension and to handle the public with courtesy and authority;
- Ability to work in a team setting with minimal supervision;
- Ability to ride a bicycle for the duration of your shift.

Requirements:

Applicants must include:

- Cover letter
- Resume
- Current First Aid Certificate
- Current CPR Certificate
- Enrolled and have completed at least one year in a Police/Law related Post-Secondary Program

The Stratford Police Service is committed to building a culture where difference is valued. The more inclusive we are, the better our work will be on behalf of the community we serve. We are committed to continuously improving our systems, policies, and practices to remove barriers, promote respect and ensure our employees, in all their diversity, can succeed. We encourage and welcome qualified applicants with a diverse range of perspectives, skills and lived experiences to apply.

Please mail or hand deliver completed applications to Stratford Police Service, 17 George Street West, Stratford, ON N5A 1A6 OR email to recruitment@stratfordpolice.com by 1400hrs on January 31, 2026.

Only those chosen for an interview will be contacted.

Prior to a conditional offer of employment, potential candidates will be required to undergo a background check to determine their suitability for the position.