



Stratford Town Crier

April 4, 2026

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

EASTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford Administration Offices will be closed on Monday, April 6, 2026 in observance of Easter Monday.

Landfill Site hours:

- Open on Saturday, April 4, 2026, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Closed on Monday, April 6, 2026, for Easter Monday

Curbside Green Bin and Garbage Schedule

There will be no change in the Green Bin or Garbage Collection programs Monday, April 6. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00 a.m. on collection dates.

Curbside Recycling Collection

There will be no change to the Curbside Recycling Collection program on Monday, April 6. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 7:00 a.m. on collection dates.

RETAIL STORE CLOSINGS DURING EASTER HOLIDAY

Stratford's designated tourism season is May 1 to November 12 each year and does not extend to the Easter Holiday Season.

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the Retail Business Holidays Act, Easter Sunday – April 6, 2026, is among the designated holidays annually when most retail stores must be closed. 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. Enforcement of the Retail Business Holidays Act in Stratford is the responsibility of Stratford Police Services.

For more information about retail shopping and closures under the Act, call the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services toll-free at 1-844-286-8404. For more information, visit www.ontario.ca/page/retail-business-holidays.

NEW PARKING ENFORCEMENT HOURS

Running from April 1st to October 31st, parking enforcement hours will be in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday (excluding holidays). This is a reoccurring change in parking enforcement hours that takes place each November in accordance with the City's Traffic and Parking By-law.

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS 2026 Interim levy due date April 28, 2026

Property tax payments may be made at your bank: in person, telephone, or online banking. Cheques payable to "City of Stratford" can be mailed to P.O. Box 818, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1 or dropped off at the rear entrance mailbox. Cash, Debit, or Cheque is also accepted at City Hall (Ground Floor – Clerk's Office).

Looking to sign up for monthly or quarterly pre-authorized payment plan? Email pap@stratford.ca or call the City Tax Office (ext. 5212). Go paperless for future notices by visiting www.stratford.ca/eSend.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR NOISE CONTROL BY-LAW EXEMPTION

The Stratford Kinsmen has requested an exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 for the Stratford Kinsmen Annual Car Show event on Lakeside Drive on Sunday, June 14th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to comment on this application for exemption should provide their concerns in writing or email by April 20th, 2026, to: The Corporation of the City of Stratford, Attention: Events Coordinator, Community Services, P.O. Box 874, 357 McCarthy Rd., Stratford, ON N5A 6W3. Email: kriddell@stratford.ca

SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING

The City of Stratford began its spring hydrant flushing this week.

This is something we do twice a year – typically in the spring and fall – to clean out some of the iron deposits that build up over time in the City’s watermains, and as preventative maintenance.

You may temporarily experience discoloured water as a result of this flushing process, but water quality is not affected. Discoloured water will clear, but it’s best to wait until it has cleared before doing laundry.

Please note that the hydrant flushing schedule is not fixed. It changes every day depending on a number of factors, including the weather, availability of staff and the length of time it takes to clear the hydrants in a neighbourhood.

For more information, please visit our Discoloured Water webpage, or call the City’s Water Division at 519-271-0250, ext. 5222 during business hours.

RAKING OF WINTER SAND

Reminder to residents from the Infrastructure Services Department that during the months of April and 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.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Apr 9	Committee of the Whole Open Session	2:00 P.M.	Council Chambers

Meetings are open to the public to attend with the exception of In-camera sessions (please note the adjournment into the In-camera Session is open to the public to attend and observe). Agendas can be accessed from the City’s website. Please check the City’s website for the Sub-committee, Committee, Council and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedules as these schedules are subject to change.

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