



Town Crier

June 27, 2026

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

CANADA DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford Administration Offices and the Landfill will be closed on Wednesday, July 1, 2026.

There will be no change in the Recycling, Green Bin, Leaf & Yard Waste and Garbage collection programs on Wednesday, July 1, 2026. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00 a.m. on collection dates. For further information, please call 519-271-0250 extension 279.

RETAIL CLOSINGS ON CANADA DAY

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the Retail Business Holidays Act, Canada Day, Wednesday, July 1, 2026, 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 Canada 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 Canada 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 Canada Day between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

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.

FIREWORK SAFETY – CANADA DAY

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

Fireworks may not be set off:

- on any city street or highway;
- in any park or other public place;
- in any building or vehicle; and
- 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.

Questions or to Report a Violation:

If you have any questions or wish to report a violation of the By-law, please call the Fire Department at 519-271-3212. Please enjoy the holiday safely.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING

The Stratford Committee of Adjustment will consider the following applications at a hearing to be held on Wednesday July 15, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Stratford City Council Chamber (upper level), located at 1 Wellington Street, Stratford.

APPLICATIONS:

MINOR VARIANCE

ADDRESS: 230 Ontario Street
APPLICATION NUMBER: A01-26



Purpose and Effect of the Application

The purpose of the application is to permit a 17-unit apartment building with a decreased minimum ground floor height of 3.0 m whereas a minimum of 4.5 m is required, and to allow a reduced minimum parking requirement of 1.05 parking spaces per apartment unit compared to the required minimum rate of 1.25 parking spaces per unit, all in accordance with the City’s Comprehensive Zoning By-law. The effect of the reduced parking requirement would allow 18 on-site parking spaces for the proposed apartment building compared to 22 required spaces. The 18 spaces provided would consist of 17 standard parking spots for tenants of the units and 1 visitor space. On-site parking is to be accommodated within the proposed apartment building with vehicular access to and from Nile Street.

The effect of the application is to facilitate the development of a 17-unit apartment building.

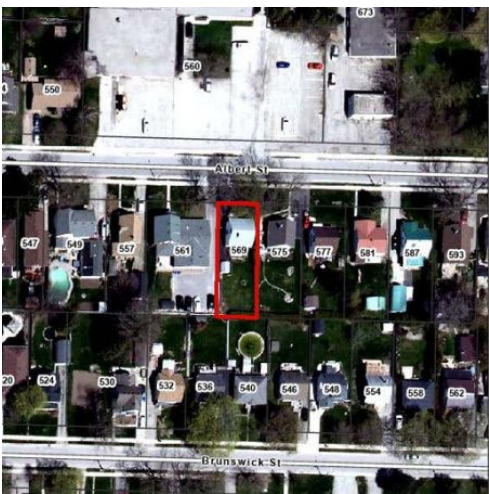
Variances Requested:

- 1. Table 5.1: Minimum Parking Space Requirements – to permit a reduced parking requirement rate of 1.05 spaces per apartment unit compared the required rate of 1.25 spaces per unit and 0.05 spaces per unit to be designated as visitor parking compared to the required rate 0.25 spaces.
- 2. Table 7.4: Regulations in the Commercial Zones – to decrease the minimum groundfloor height for an apartment building from 4.5 m to 3.0m.

All other zoning requirements are capable of being satisfied.

MINOR VARIANCE

ADDRESS: 569 Albert Street
APPLICATION NUMBER: A08-26



Purpose and Effect of the Application

The purpose of the application is to permit an accessory structure with an increased maximum lot coverage of 11.7% whereas the City’s Comprehensive Zoning By-law permits a maximum of 10%.

The effect of the application is to facilitate the construction of an accessory structure in the rear yard to be used as an Additional Residential Unit (ARU).

In 2019, the Provincial Government amended the Planning Act through Bill 108, being the “More Homes, More Choice Act”, by mandating municipalities to authorize the use of Additional Residential Units through zoning by-laws. In addition, Bill 108 also clarified parking requirements associated with Additional Residential Units.

Variance Requested:

Table 4.1.4: Accessory Use Regulations – to increase the maximum lot coverage for an accessory structure from 10% to 11.7 %.

Additional information regarding these applications may be obtained by contacting the Building and Planning Services Department, at 519-271-0250 Ext 5345 or emailing: planning@stratford.ca during normal business hours.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the City of Stratford Committee of Adjustment in respect of the application does not make written submissions to the City of Stratford Committee of Adjustment before it gives or refuses the application, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of Stratford Committee of Adjustment in respect of the application, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer, Stratford Committee of Adjustment, Eva Baker, 82 Erie Street, 3rd Floor Stratford, ON N5A 2M4. This will also entitle you to be advised of a possible Ontario Land Tribunal hearing. Even if you are the successful party, you should request a copy of the decision since the Stratford Committee of Adjustment decision may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal by the applicant, the Minister or a specified person or public body.

Personal information collected as part of this Notice is pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Personal information collected as a result of this Notice will be used to assist the Committee of Adjustment in making a decision on this application. Names, addresses, opinions and comments will be made available for public disclosure. Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to the City Clerk, Tatiana Dafoe, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON, N5A 6W1 or by emailing: tdafoe@stratford.ca or by telephone at 519-271-0250 Ext 5237.

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