



Stratford Town Crier

April 25, 2026

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

NOTICE OF NOMINATION FOR OFFICE

Notice is hereby given to the municipal electors of the City of Stratford that nominations will be accepted in the Clerk's Office located on the Ground Floor of Stratford City Hall beginning on Friday, May 1, 2026, for the following elected offices for the Municipal Election to be held on Monday, October 26, 2026:

Office	Number of Candidates to be Elected
Mayor	One (1)
Councillor	Ten (10)
Avon Maitland District School Board Trustee	Two (2)
Huron-Perth Catholic District School Board Trustee	One (1)
Conseil scolaire catholique providence (French language catholic district school board)	One (1)

Conseil scolaire viamonde (French language public district school board)

For the Conseil scolaire viamonde (French language public district school board) one (1) candidate is to be elected. Under Ontario Regulation 412/00, as amended, nominations for this position must be filed with the City Clerk for the City of London. Please visit the City of London's website or contact their office at elections@london.ca or 519-661-4535 for information about the nomination process.

Nomination Process

In accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, nominations must be filed using the prescribed forms, accompanied by the prescribed nomination filing fee. Nominations for an office on a council must be endorsed by at least 25 persons who are eligible to vote in the City on the day that they signed the endorsement. The filing fee is \$200.00 for the offices of Mayor and \$100.00 for all other offices. The filing fee is payable by cash, debit, certified cheque or money order.

A nomination must be signed by the candidate and may be filed in person or by an agent by booking an appointment at the Stratford City Clerk's Office, during regular business hours between May 1, 2026, and August 20, 2026. On August 21, 2026 (Nomination Day) nominations can be filed between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. without an appointment. When filing, the candidate must provide photo ID which includes their name and qualifying address. If a nomination for a candidate is filed by an agent, a letter must be submitted at the time of filing which authorizes the agent to file on behalf of the candidate. The letter must be signed by the candidate and commissioned or notarized by a person authorized under the Commissioners for Taking Affidavits Act or Notaries Act. In addition to this letter, an agent must also provide a copy of the candidate's ID.

No person who proposes to be a candidate may solicit or accept contributions for election purposes or incur campaign expenses until a nomination paper has been filed.

Questions about the nomination process can be directed to the Municipal Elections – Clerk’s Office Team by email to elections@stratford.ca or by phone to 519-271-0250 extension 5237.

Tatiana Dafoe
City Clerk

NOTICE OF THIRD PARTY ADVERTISERS REGISTRATION PERIOD

A third-party advertiser is any individual, corporation, or trade union registered with the municipal clerk that causes an election campaign advertisement to appear that promotes, supports, or opposes a candidate in any form of broadcast, print, electronic, or other medium and is separate from any candidate’s campaign.

Being registered in a municipality allows the third-party advertiser to advertise to the voters in that municipality in support or opposition of any candidate or candidates who will be voted on by the people in that municipality. This includes candidates running for local council or as a school board trustee.

To become a third-party advertiser in the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election, you must register with the municipal clerk of the municipality where you wish to advertise. Registration is open beginning May 1 until the close of business on October 23, 2026. For third-party advertisers wishing to advertise in Stratford, please submit your registration on the prescribed form in person, at the Clerk’s Office located on the Ground Floor of Stratford City Hall, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford, during regular business hours. Those wishing to register as a third-party advertiser are encouraged to set up an appointment ahead of time to ensure staff availability.

Please note: A third-party advertiser is not permitted to spend money, accept contributions, or begin advertising until the registration form has been filed with the municipal clerk.

Separate requirements apply to broadcasters and publishers of third-party advertisers.

Additional information and registration forms are available at stratford.ca/elections or by contacting the Municipal Elections – Clerk’s Office Team by email to elections@stratford.ca or by phone to 519-271-0250 extension 5237.

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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.

CONCLUSION OF SATURDAY 4 HOUR FREE PARKING

In accordance with the City’s Traffic and Parking By-law, four (4) free hours of parking on Saturdays concludes as of April 25th. Standard parking rates and maximum times will be in effect on Saturdays, starting May 2nd. Please be advised the current hours of parking enforcement are to 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday (excluding holidays).

LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION

Leaf and Yard Waste will be collected citywide, on your regular garbage collection day, the week of April 27 – May 1. 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 also accepted at the landfill depot during regular landfill hours.

The next Leaf and Yard Waste collection week is May 25-29.

SPRING HYDRANT FLUSHING

The City of Stratford began its spring hydrant flushing. 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 27	Committee of the Whole In-camera Session	CANCELLED	
Apr 27	Regular Council and Standing Committees	7:00 P.M.	Council Chambers
Apr 29	Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee	4:30 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.

The Town Crier is posted to the City’s website.

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