



Stratford Town Crier

March 28, 2026

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

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 COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING

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

MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATIONS:

ADDRESS: 96 Avondale Avenue

APPLICATION NUMBER: A04-26



The purpose of this application is to request relief from the Zoning By-law to reduce the minimum required exterior side yard width from 4.5 m to 2.5 m. The existing exterior side yard width is 3.55 m; as a result, the proposed addition would further reduce the setback to the exterior side yard property line by approximately 1.05 m.

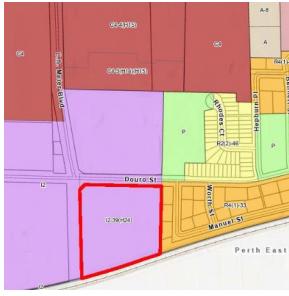
The effect of this application is to facilitate an addition to an existing two-storey single detached dwelling. The proposal would replace an existing one-storey portion of the dwelling with a larger one-storey addition. Specifically, an area of 10.6 m² would be removed and replaced with an addition of approximately 18.6 m².

Variance Requested:

- Table 6.4.2: Regulations in the Residential Second Density (R2) Zone - To reduce the minimum exterior side yard width from 4.5 m to 2.5 m.

ADDRESS: 775 Douro Street

APPLICATION NUMBER: A05-26



The purpose of this application is to request relief from the City of Stratford Comprehensive Zoning By-law to permit a parking area and internal circulation layout associated with a proposed industrial development, within a required 7.5 metre exterior side yard which is otherwise not permitted.

The effect of this application is to facilitate a proposed industrial development consisting of two buildings with approximate gross floor areas of 8,522 m² and 5,690 m², together with associated parking areas, internal drive aisles and landscaped areas. The applicant is proposing parking spaces and a parking aisle within the required 7.5 m exterior side yard setback; however, the proposed site plan includes a 3.0 m wide landscaped planting strip between the parking area and the unopened C.H. Meier right-of-way.

Variance Requested:

- Table 5.3.2 (iv): to allow parking spaces and a parking aisle with a setback of 3 metres from an exterior side lot line whereas a setback of 7.5 metres is required.

CONSENT TO SEVER APPLICATION

ADDRESS: 16 Chestnut Street
APPLICATION NUMBER: B01-26



The purpose and effect of this Application is to create an easement over Parts 1-4 on Reference Plan 44R-6427, along the property's rear and easterly side lot lines, in favour of Bell Canada, to recognize existing infrastructure which extends through the subject lands. The easement is to be created to satisfy a condition of approval for Application for Consent B09-24.

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.

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO DESIGNATE: 87 NILE STREET

Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford intends to designate 87 Nile Street as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29, of the *Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 0.18*.

Description of Property

The property municipally known as 87 Nile Street, located at the southeast corner of Nile Street and Brunswick Street in the City of Stratford, contains a symmetrical red brick house with a low hip roof, constructed in 1857.

Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest

87 Nile Street is of cultural value and interest as it is an excellent example of Regency Cottage architecture from the mid-19th Century in Stratford and Southern Ontario, and its historical associations with prominent Stratford citizens William Easson and James Anderson.

The house has design and physical value as it is an excellent example of Regency Cottage architecture. Popular in Upper Canada and then the United Province of Canada, Regency Architecture emphasized connection to nature and pleasant design, typically subtle and understated. Proportion and balance were valued, often incorporating low hip roofs, symmetrical facades, and verandahs. The Regency Cottage style is representative throughout 87 Nile Street through its modest footprint, low hip roof, symmetrical red brick exterior, and minimal decorative features.

87 Nile Street has historical and associative value as it demonstrates the early works of William Easson, a prominent builder and employer in Stratford during the 19th century. Further, the house is directly associated with the heritage preservation and restoration efforts of James Anderson, the City's first archivist.

Design/Physical Value

The property has design value or physical value because it is a rare, unique, representative, or early example of a style, type, expression, material or construction method. Specifically, the house is representative of the Regency Cottage architectural style prominent in Stratford and the surrounding region.

Historical or Associative Value

The property has historical value or associative value because it demonstrates or reflects the works or ideas of an architect, artist, builder, designer, or theorist who is significant to a community, specifically William Easson, a prominent builder and businessman in Stratford during the 19th century. 87 Nile Street also has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization, or institution that is significant to a community, specifically the restoration efforts of James Anderson, the City's first archivist.

Description of Heritage Attributes

The following attributes of 87 Nile Street are considered heritage attributes as defined by the Ontario Heritage Act and contribute to its cultural heritage value and interest as a property with physical and historical/associative value:

- a) Red brick house with symmetrical façade
- b) Low hip roof
- c) First storey rectangular 6/6 windows
- d) Yellow brick window headers
- e) Yellow brick quoins
- f) Front door with multi-paned sidelights and transom

These attributes are an excellent representation of a Regency Cottage of the 19th Century.

Notice of Objection

Any person may send a notice of objection to this proposed designation, before 4:30 p.m. on Monday, April 27, 2026. This notice must be sent by registered mail or delivered to the Clerk of the City of Stratford and must set out the reason for the objection and all relevant facts. If a notice of objection is received, the Council of the City of Stratford shall consider the objection and make a decision whether or not to withdraw the notice of intention to designate the property within 90 days after the end of the 30-day objection period. If Council decides not to withdraw its intention to designate, a heritage designation by-law must be passed within 120 days after the date of publication of the notice of intention to designate. Council must publish a notice of passing of the designation by-law which is followed by a 30-day appeal period when appeals of the by-law may be given to the Ontario Land Tribunal for a hearing and decision.

Questions or for More Information

Alexander Burnett, MCIP, RPP, Intermediate Planner
Planning Services, City of Stratford
519-271-0250 extension 5320

planning@stratford.ca

Dated at the City of Stratford this 25th day of March, 2026.

Tatiana Dafoe, City Clerk
Clerk's Office, Corporate Services Department
City of Stratford

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.

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.

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

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