

Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, December 7, 2024

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

2025 PET TAGS NOW ON SALE

Register your dogs and cats before March 1 and save!

All dogs and cats in Stratford are required to wear a registration tag at all times. Dog and cat tag registrations expire each year on December 31 and are renewed annually to ensure your pet's information is up to date. A tag allows the Humane Society to return your pet to you should they ever be found wandering. The first time your pet is found wandering by the Humane Society, your pet receives a free ride home!

The cost for a pet tag is:

Type of Pet Licence	Before March 1, 2025	As of March 1, 2025
Dog/Cat – sterilized	\$20.00	\$30.00
Dog/Cat – not sterilized	\$50.00	\$60.00
Dog or Cat under 1 year	\$20.00	\$20.00
Special Needs Dog	No charge; registration required	No charge; registration required

Seniors (age 65 or older) receive a discount on annual identification tags. New residents to Stratford may exchange their current identification tag from another municipality at no cost for a current City of Stratford tag (one time only).

Identification tags can be purchased at the following locations:

- Stratford-Perth Humane Society – 125 Griffith Road, 519-273-6600
- City Hall, Clerk's Office – by calling 519-271-0250, extension 5237

Owners of exotic animals are required by By-law 195-2002 to register their animals. Contact the Humane Society at 519-273-6600 to register your exotic animals. There is no cost for registration.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT WATER AND WASTEWATER RATE STUDY AND FINANCIAL PLANS

The 2025 Water and Wastewater Rate Study and Financial Plans, including the proposed water and wastewater rates and charges for 2025 and subsequent years, will be presented to Stratford City Council and the public at the December 16th Regular Council Meeting.

The Study and Financial Plans are prepared in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, and Ontario Regulation 453/07. The proposed rates are intended to take effect on January 1, 2025. At the meeting, a By-law to amend the 2025 water and wastewater rates will also be considered by Council.

Additional details about the Study and Plans may be found on EngageStratford.ca or by reaching out to the contact provided below.

Date, Time, and Location of Meeting:

Date: December 16, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Council Chamber, second floor at Stratford City Hall,
1 Wellington Street, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1

How to Provide Comments and Speak at the Meeting:

Your opinion on this matter is important. Please call, mail, or e-mail your comments to the Director of Infrastructure Services at:

Taylor Crinklaw, Director of Infrastructure Services
82 Erie St, Stratford, ON N5A 2M4
tcrinklaw@stratford.ca
519-271-0250 extension 5224

by December 6, 2024, in order for your comments to be included with the staff report on this matter.

For those persons who wish to appear as a delegation at the Regular Council meeting regarding this matter, please complete the Delegation Request Form, available on the City's website at stratford.ca/delegation

Alternatively, requests to speak at the meeting or comments on this matter can be made in writing by contacting the City Clerk at clerks@stratford.ca. Requests to appear as a delegation must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 2024.

Notice of Collection:

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 will be used to assist Council in making a decision on this matter. Names, addresses, opinions and comments may be made available for public disclosure. Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to the City Clerk, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1 or by emailing tdafoe@stratford.ca or by telephone at the number below.

If you require this document in an alternate format, please contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 extension 5237 or email clerks@stratford.ca.

Notice dated November 20, 2024 and published in the Town Crier on December 7, 2024.

2025 COMMUNITY GRANTS PROGRAM

The 2025 application process for community grants is now open. The online application is available on the City's website under "2025 Budget". Applications are due by January 31, 2025.

Please note that if your organization received a 2024 community grant, your year-end reporting must be received in order to be considered for a 2025 grant. Please contact stfdbudget@stratford.ca if you have any questions.

CLEARING SIDEWALKS OF SNOW AND ICE IN THE CORE AREA AND CLEARING OVERHANGING SNOW AND ICE FROM ROOFS IN THE CITY OF STRATFORD

The purpose of this notice is to advise you that under the conditions of the City of Stratford By-law #225-2005, the owner, occupant or person in charge of any property in the core area as designated in the By-law is required to clear the sidewalks adjacent to their property of all snow and ice throughout the winter.

The sidewalks shall be cleared of snow and ice prior to 10:00 a.m. everyday, except Sundays and Holidays as defined in the Retail Business Holidays Act. Sidewalk conditions must then be monitored between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and to continue to keep the sidewalks cleared at all times. The By-law also requires that icy conditions be treated with sand and/or salt or other suitable substance.

Also, the owner, occupant or person in charge of an occupied or unoccupied building is required to clear away and remove snow and ice from the roof of a building where such snow and ice may fall on a sidewalk or street. All snow or ice from roofs must be removed by 10:00 a.m. every day except Sundays and Holidays as defined in the Retail Business Holidays Act. The person clearing away the snow and ice shall take all necessary care and precautions for the warning and safety of passers-by and other persons.

Any snow and ice which falls onto the sidewalk shall be placed at the edge of the street immediately adjacent to the curb. Snow should not be placed on the travelled portion of the roadway or in such a way as to obstruct access to any fire hydrant.

Regular inspections will be made of the core area sidewalks after snowfalls and to identify any buildings which have snow and ice which may fall on the sidewalk or street. The set fine for contravention of this By-law is \$115.00 for each occurrence, exclusive of costs. The snow and ice may be removed at the discretion of the Infrastructure Services Department or the Chief of Police, and charged to the owner.

4 HOUR FREE PARKING – SATURDAYS ONLY

Beginning December 2, 2024, until April 30, 2025, all individuals parking in the downtown core on Saturdays will receive four (4) hours of free parking. This means that motorists parking in the downtown core on Saturdays during this time will not be required to pay the meters or machines for their first four (4) hours of parking. After the four (4) hours of free parking, motorists are required to pay the respective meter, machine, or via the HotSpot App. Compliance is required with all other provisions of the City's Traffic and Parking By-law, including maximum parking time limits. For questions regarding this or other parking enforcement matters, please contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 extension 5237.

NO OVERNIGHT PARKING (2AM-6AM)

Drivers are reminded that overnight parking in the City of Stratford is not permitted on any roadway, shoulder, or City parking lot between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless otherwise designated. Parking in a manner which obstructs municipal snow clearing operations is also prohibited. This is even more important during significant snowfall events to ensure that City snow plow operators can safely and efficiently clear roads. Parking in a manner which obstructs municipal snow clearing operations and/or parking overnight (between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.) each carry a set fine of \$80.00, or a \$60.00 voluntary payment if paid within 7 days.

Stratford Police Services enforce this restriction and should be contacted if there is an overnight parking situation at the non-emergency line of 519-271-4141.

For additional information, please contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250, extension 5230.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES - REMINDER

The City of Stratford is looking for volunteers to serve on the following advisory committees:

Stratfords of the World - Ontario Committee

This Committee meets periodically throughout the year at the call of the Chair. The mandate of the Stratfords of the World Committee is:

- to encourage community partnerships which provide additional opportunities;
- to assist with the recurring reunion program with other Stratfords every two years;
- to ensure that the annual Friendship Flower Bed is updated;
- to be financially sustainable.

There are two (2) citizen representative positions available for a two year term to November 14, 2026.

Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee

The Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee was created in 2023 to provide support and a forum for input and exchange of ideas on the renewal of the Grand Trunk building. The Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee meets on the third Monday of each month.

There is one (1) Development – eg. construction or building industry position available for a term ending September 30, 2025.

Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee

This Committee meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Heritage Stratford deals with matters relating to the promotion of architectural designing and conserving of heritage architecture and heritage designations.

There is one (1) citizen representative position available for 2-year terms.

How to Apply

To apply please complete and return no later than **4:30 p.m. on Thursday, December 12, 2024**, an application to the attention of the City Clerk through one of the following:

Email: clerks@stratford.ca

In-person or mail to:
The Corporation of the City of Stratford,
Attention City Clerk,
Clerk's Office, Ground Floor, Stratford City Hall
P.O. Box 818,
Stratford, ON N5A 6W1

The application form is available through the City's website or by pick-up at the City Clerk's Office.

Additional information regarding these advisory committees and boards is available on the City's website or upon request from the City Clerk's Office, 519-271-0250, extension 5237.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Dec 9	Finance & Labour Relations Committee – Budget	4:30 p.m.	Council Chamber

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 available on the City of Stratford's website.

www.stratford.ca