

Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, January 25, 2024

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT CITY OF STRATFORD 2025 BUDGET

Notice is hereby given that Stratford City Council intends to consider adopting the 2025 budget of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at the February 10, 2025, Regular Council meeting. This meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. and be held in the Council Chambers located at Stratford City Hall, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford ON N5A 6W1. At the meeting, the By-law to adopt the 2025 estimated revenues and expenditures for The Corporation of the City of Stratford, including municipal departments, municipal service boards, advisory committees, and boards will also be considered.

The agenda for this meeting will be uploaded to the City's website at <https://calendar.stratford.ca/meetings> by Friday, February 7, 2025. A link to watch the Council meeting live will be available on the agenda.

To provide written comments or to obtain further information, please contact Karmen Krueger, Director of Corporate Services and Treasurer by phone: 519-271-0250 extension 5202, by email: stfdbudget@stratford.ca or by mail to:

Finance Division, Stratford City Hall
Attention: Director of Corporate Services and Treasurer
1 Wellington Street,
Stratford, ON N5A 6W1

Written comments must be submitted by 10:00 a.m. on Monday, February 10.

RELOCATION OF MAIN FLOOR RECEPTION DESK – JANUARY 27, 2025

The City of Stratford is centralizing customer service and making it more accessible at City Hall by relocating the main floor reception desk to the Clerk's Office located on the ground floor. This change will be effective Monday, January 27, 2025.

This means that residents and customers will be able to purchase or make payments on the following in one location at the Clerk's Office:

- bag tag
- green bins and recycling bins
- bus passes
- property taxes
- parking tickets

The following services will also continue to be provided at the Clerk's Office:

- marriage licensing
- business licensing
- commissionings
- animal registration
- bicycle licenses

Questions can be directed to the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 extension 5237.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY INCOME TAX CLINIC

Serving low-income residents of the City of Stratford, Town of St. Marys and County of Perth. Complimentary Services for current year tax returns provided by:

Famme & Co. Professional Corporation
McCutchen & Pearce Professional Corporation

Total annual gross income restrictions to participate:

Participants	Income Restrictions
On Social Assistance (Ontario Works, ODSP) with a T5007	Eligible
Seniors 65+	Single: \$25,396 or less Couple: \$34,346 or less
All others	Single: \$16,000 or less Couple: \$32,000 or less

Disability income received should be included in your total gross income. Please ensure you are within the limits stated.

Participants should bring Photo ID and the following if applicable:

- T4s, T5s
- Rent Receipts and/or Property Tax Receipts
- Medical Receipts
- Donation Receipts
- Disability Tax Credit Certificate Form (T2201)
- Date of Entry to Canada

Please call to **register in advance by Wednesday, March 19, 2025** by contacting the Social Services Department at 519-271-3773 extension 6208 Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. An appointment time will be provided for document delivery between March 20 – 27, 2025.

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

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.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Jan 27	Committee of the Whole In-camera	5:00 P.M.	Council Chambers
Jan 27	Regular Council & Standing Committees	7:00 P.M.	Council Chambers
Jan 29	Infrastructure, Transportation, & Safety Sub-committee	4:30 P.M.	Council Chambers
Jan 30	Planning & Heritage 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.

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