

# Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, March 1, 2025

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

## **NOTICE OF PASSING OF HERITAGE DESIGNATION: 15 HURON STREET**

Take notice that the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford has passed By-law 15-2025 to designate 15 Huron Street as a property of cultural heritage value or interest under Section 29, of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter O.18.

### **Description of Property**

The subject lands are located on the west side of Huron Street, south of the Avon River and north of the Perth County Courthouse. The lands are known municipally as 15 Huron Street and are legally described as Plan 20 Part Block K Part Lot 581-584, Part Block Q, Concession 1 Part Lot 1 (Geographic Township of Downie), subject to easement, in the City of Stratford.

### **Statement of Cultural Heritage Value or Interest**

The subject property is worthy of designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act because it meets 3 of the prescribed criteria for determining cultural heritage value or interest, according to Ontario Regulation 9/06 as amended by Ontario Regulation 569/22. The heritage attributes of 15 Huron Street display: design or physical, historical or associative, and contextual value.

The Shakespearean Gardens is of cultural heritage value as one of the only Shakespearean Gardens in Canada and represents the City's protection of parkland along the Avon River. Opened in 1936, the Gardens provide an invaluable example of the efforts of Stratford's Parks Board to create parkland in the City's downtown core, during a time of increased industrial pressures.

The Shakespearean Gardens also demonstrate a high degree of craftsmanship and artistic merit throughout. Designed by Dunnington-Grubb, and Stenson and featuring the work of Cleeve Horne, the Gardens provide significant contributions from Canadian Landscape architects and artists.

Being adjacent to the Avon River and the City's downtown Core, the Dufton Chimney has become a well-known landmark that has defined the City's waterfront parkland. The City has incorporated the Dufton Chimney alongside the Huron Street Bridge in its logo for over 20 years.

### **Design/Physical Value**

The property has design value or physical value because it displays a high degree of craftsmanship or artistic merit. Specifically, the design of the Gardens by Dunnington-Grubb, and Stenson, including the planting beds and stonework, and the bust of William Shakespeare sculpted by Cleeve Horne.

### **Historical or Associative Value**

The property has historical value or associative value because it has direct associations with a theme, event, belief, person, activity, organization or institution that is significant to a community, specifically, R.T Orr and Stratford's Parks Board, as well as representing the City of Stratford's preservation and protection of parkland along the Avon River.

### **Contextual Value**

The property has contextual value because it is a landmark, specifically its proximity to the Avon River and the City's downtown core, and the Dufton Chimney, as the last remaining physical structure from the Dufton Woolen Mill and being incorporated into the City of Stratford's logo for the past 20 years.

### **Description of Heritage Attributes**

The following attributes of the Shakespearean Gardens located at 15 Huron Street are considered as heritage attributes in the designation under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act:

- a) Dufton Chimney Tower and features; including the top structure with weathervane
- b) Original stone walls throughout the garden design
- c) Huron Street covered lychgate
- d) Knot Garden
- e) Herb Garden
- f) Rose Garden
- g) Perennial Border Garden
- h) Walkway lamp lighting
- i) Sundial within the confines of the Garden
- j) Bust of William Shakespeare

These attributes of the Garden reflect its value as an important representation of the City of Stratford's history and are excellent examples of the artistic craftsmanship incorporated into its design and the Garden's legacy as a landmark within the City.

### **Notice of Appeal**

Any person who objects to the by-law may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal (OLT) by giving the OLT and the Clerk of the City of Stratford a notice of appeal setting out the objection to the by-law, and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by the fee charged by the OLT. This notice must be sent by registered mail or delivered to the Clerk of the City of Stratford before 4:30 pm on Monday March 31st, 2025.

### **For more information:**

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## **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**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Mar 4	Social Services Sub-Committee	4:30 P.M.	Council Chambers
Mar 6	Community Services Sub-committee	CANCELLED	

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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