

# Stratford Town Crier

Marketplace, May 4, 2024

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

## NOTICE OF NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION

An exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 has been approved for the following events:

- Stratford Summer Music's MusicBarge located on the Avon River near the Boat House/Cenotaph from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from July 18, 2024, until August 11, 2024
- City of Stratford's Canada Day Celebration in Market Square on July 1, 2024 from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

## NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR NOISE CONTROL BY-LAW EXEMPTION

Stratford Summer Music and SpringWorks Festival have requested an exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 for the 2024 World in a Weekend event on Veterans Drive from 8:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. each day from Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Anyone wishing to comment on this application for exemption should provide their concerns in writing or email by May 30, 2024 to: The Corporation of the City of Stratford, Attention: Heather Denny, Events Coordinator, Community Services, P.O. Box 874, 357 McCarthy Rd., Stratford, ON N5A 6W3. Email: [hdenny@stratford.ca](mailto:hdenny@stratford.ca)

## NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS: DESTROY NOXIOUS WEEDS

Notice is hereby given to all property owners in accordance with Ontario's *Weed Control Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. W.5*, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the City of Stratford are destroyed by June 1, 2024 and throughout the season, the Municipality may enter upon said lands and cause the noxious weed or weed seeds to be destroyed, charging the costs against the land in taxes as set out in the *Act*.

In the interest of public health, the noxious weeds requiring eradication include Giant Hogweed, Ragweed, Poison Ivy, European Buckthorn, Thistles, Jointed Goatgrass, and others as designated under the above *Act*.

Enquiries and complaints should be directed to Building and Planning Services at 519-271-0250 extension 5345.

## RAKING OF WINTER SAND - REMINDER

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.

## SPRING FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS - REMINDER

For the next few weeks, preventative maintenance flushing of fire hydrants will take place within the City of Stratford. Customers may temporarily experience discoloured water. Water quality is not affected by this colouration, and the water is safe to use and consume. Discoloured water will clear, but before doing laundry, please check to see that water has cleared. If you have any questions, please visit <https://www.stratford.ca/en/live-here/discoloured-water.aspx>, or call the City Water Division at 519-271-0250, extension 5222 during business hours.

## PARKING FINES INCREASE MAY 1 – FINAL REMINDER

Parking set fines have increased as of May 1, 2024

What does this mean?

This means that set fines for parking related infractions are increasing as of May 1, 2024. For example, an expired meter ticket will carry a set fine of \$60.00, or a \$40.00 voluntary payment if paid within 7 days. Parking in a No Parking area/space will carry a set fine of \$80.00, or a \$60.00 voluntary payment if paid within 7 days.

Is the parking rate increasing?

No. The parking rate is not increasing and the standard parking rate at on-street parking spaces is \$1.50 per hour and the rate in lots is \$1.25 per hour.

How do I avoid tickets?

- Remember parking time limits, choose a lot that suits your needs
- Pay your meter/machine or use the HotSpot Application
- Free parking continues in the Cooper and Downie lots

For more information, please visit the City's website at [stratford.ca/parking](http://stratford.ca/parking).

## MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
May 6	Committee of the Whole In-camera Session	4:00 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.

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