

# Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, September 28, 2024

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

## **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS**

The City of Stratford is looking for a diverse range of volunteers to lend their unique voices and perspectives to help guide the City's decision-making by joining various advisory committees and boards. Community members serving on an advisory committee provide advice and feedback to City Council in a variety of areas, including but not limited to the environment, accessibility, active transportation, heritage and safe communities. Boards have the autonomy to make decisions for the good of their organizations.

Why serve on an advisory committee or board? Volunteering makes a difference in our community and is a great way to give back. It's also an opportunity to help influence decision-making in your local government and be part of democracy in action. You will learn new skills, build your understanding of how municipal government works, and make connections with other passionate members of the Stratford community.

These opportunities are open to Stratford residents and eligible electors who are at least 18 years of age (with the exception of the Youth representatives who can be under 18 years). Additional qualifications may apply depending on the advisory committee or board you are interested in. Experienced and new members are encouraged to apply.

If you are interested in volunteering on one of the City's advisory committees or local boards listed below, please complete and return no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 18, 2024, an application to the attention of the City Clerk through 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.

### **ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. The purpose of this Committee is to improve opportunities for persons with disabilities and to provide for involvement in the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to full participation in the community. Five (5) citizen positions are available for appointment for 2-year terms.

### **ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ATAC)**

Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the ATAC is to serve as a forum for the public to raise their viewpoints on particular active transportation issues and/or other findings and to bring these interests to the attention of the appropriate staff, departments or standing committees. The ATAC also acts to educate, promote and enhance active transportation in the City of Stratford. There are three (3) citizen representative positions and one (1) Cycle Stratford representative position available for 2-year terms.

### **AD-HOC GRAND TRUNK RENEWAL COMMITTEE**

The Ad-Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee provides support and a forum for input and exchange of ideas on the renewal of the Grand Trunk building. The Ad-Hoc Committee meets on the third Monday of the month at 4:00 p.m. The City is looking for one (1) youth representative aged 13-25 to serve on the committee for the remainder of the term to September 30, 2025.

### **COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m. The mandate of the Communities in Bloom Committee is:

- foster civic pride, environmental protection and beautification, through community participation;
- to improve the tidiness, appearance and visual appeal of neighbourhoods, parks, open spaces and streets;
- to focus on environmental awareness and preservation of heritage and culture;
- to co-ordinate a host program as required;
- to be financially sustainable.

There are two (2) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

### **ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. This Committee provides advice to Council on matters relating to waste reduction initiatives, water and energy conservation and preservation of natural areas. There are four (4) citizen representative positions, one (1) Civic Beautification and Environmental Awareness (CBEAC) representative position, and one (1) Avon River Environment Association (AREA) representative position available for 2-year terms.

### **HERITAGE STRATFORD ADVISORY 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 are three (3) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

### **STRATFORDS OF THE WORLD - ONTARIO 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 six (6) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

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

## **NOTICE OF NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION**

The Downtown Stratford BIA are organizing the Winter Wander-land event in Market Square on Saturday, November 30, 2024, and Sunday, December 1, 2024, from 11:00am to 5:00pm. The organizers of this event have requested an exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 on Sunday December 1, 2024, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Anyone wishing to comment on this application for exemption should provide their comments in writing or email by Friday, October 4, 2024, to: The Corporation of the City of Stratford, Attention: Events Coordinator, Community Services, P.O. Box 874, 357 McCarthy Rd., Stratford, ON N5A 6W3. Email: kriddell@stratford.ca.

## **ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS**

### **PROPERTY TAX – 2024 FINAL LEVY DUE DATE OCTOBER 29, 2024**

Property tax payments may be made through your financial institution via on-line banking, telephone banking, in person at your bank. Debit is accepted at City Hall, or Cash or Cheque payable to the "City of Stratford" are accepted in person at City Hall, deposited in the mailbox Rear Entrance or mailed to P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1.

## **TREASURE HUNT WEEKEND**

September 27 to 29 is the last Treasure Hunt Weekend of 2024, an opportunity for residents to recycle any unwanted household items by placing them at the curb, for anyone in the community to collect. This event keeps materials with some useful life out of Stratford's landfill site.

Materials can be put out starting at 4:00 p.m. on the Friday, and any unclaimed items must be removed from the curb by 3:00 p.m. on Sunday.

Please remember not to leave any items you want to keep, including children's toys or bicycles, near the curb during the Treasure Hunt weekend.

## **NEWCOMERS BREAKFAST AND BUS TOUR – FINAL REMINDER**

On Saturday, October 5 from 8:30-10:00 a.m., new residents in Stratford are invited to join us for a free Newcomers Breakfast at the Agriplex Community Hall at 357 McCarthy Road West. The breakfast will also feature community resource booths, and will be followed by a Bus Tour of Stratford highlighting city landmarks and resources. It's an opportunity to learn more about your new home, and connect with fellow newcomers.

The bus tour ends at the Community Cultural Celebration at Upper and Lower Queen's Park, from 11 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. This event is open to everyone, and will showcase and celebrate the diverse cultures in our community through art, music, dance and food.

To register for the free breakfast and/or the bus tour, please visit [www.stratford.ca/welcome](http://www.stratford.ca/welcome), or register in person at the Agriplex, Rotary Complex or City Hall (1 Wellington Street), or by calling 519-271-0250 extension 5249.

## **17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL MAYOR'S COMMUNITY BREAKFAST – FINAL REMINDER**

The 17th Annual Mayor's Community Breakfast will be held Thursday, October 10, from 7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. at the Best Western Plus – The Arden Park Hotel.

A buffet breakfast will be served, with a guest speaker from Shelterlink Youth Services.

The cost is a monetary donation to Shelterlink Youth Services or specific pantry items (youth-friendly cereal, snacks, peanut butter, mac & cheese, dish soap, laundry soap, and personal hygiene items). Receipts will be provided for amounts \$20.00 and over.

Everyone is welcome, pre-registration is required. To reserve a seat, please call Lindsay Van Gestel at 519-271-0250 extension 5236 or email [mayor@stratford.ca](mailto:mayor@stratford.ca).

The event is sponsored by the Best Western Plus – The Arden Park Hotel, Maria Walsh RE/MAX a-b Realty Ltd, the Stratford and District Council of Churches, and Famme & Co. Professional Corporation.

## **CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS – FINAL REMINDER**

Each year in October, City Council hosts an awards night to recognize and congratulate local individuals or teams who have won a Provincial or National competition or those who have made other outstanding accomplishments. If you know of someone who should be recognized, please contact the Mayor's Office at 519-271-0250, extension 5236 or [mayor@stratford.ca](mailto:mayor@stratford.ca).

## **FALL FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS**

Beginning September 23<sup>rd</sup>, and continuing for approximately six 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.

The Town Crier is available on the City's website.

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