

# Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, October 5, 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.

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 at [www.stratford.ca/advisory](http://www.stratford.ca/advisory) 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.

## **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.

### **FALL FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS - REMINDER**

Continuing for approximately the next five 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/discoloured>, or call the City Water Division at 519-271-0250 extension 5222 during business hours.

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Oct 8	Social Services Sub-committee	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.

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**[www.stratford.ca](http://www.stratford.ca)**