

Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, April 9, 2022

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

LAUNCH OF ENGAGE STRATFORD

The City of Stratford has launched Engage Stratford, a new online public engagement platform to help keep citizens informed, involved and engaged in the issues that are important to them.

Engage Stratford is intended to be a safe online space for constructive conversations where people can provide input and share ideas and opinions about City projects and initiatives. The first Engage Stratford project is the City's Transportation Master Plan (TMP) and more projects, including the Official Plan review, will be added over the coming months.

Registration can be completed at www.engagestratford.ca, and participants can use a screen name if they would rather not have their actual name appear when they offer a comment or share an idea.

Registration is not required to view information on Engage Stratford, but it is necessary to participate in the engagement activities like polls, surveys, interactive mapping, idea boards and forums.

NOTICE OF NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION

An exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 has been approved for the 2022 Relay for Life event located at Stratford Intermediate School, 60 St. Andrew Street from 5:30p.m. to 10:30p.m. on Saturday, June 11, 2022.

If you require this document in an alternative format, contact City Hall at 519-271-0250 extension 5237 or email clerks@stratford.ca.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR NOISE CONTROL BY-LAW EXEMPTION

The Stratford Festival has requested an exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 for the Post Opening Drone Show at the Tom Patterson Theatre at 111 Lakeside Drive from 11:15pm to 11:25pm on Saturday, June 4, 2022. The event includes an outdoor lightshow with accompanied amplified music.

Anyone wishing to comment on this application for exemption should provide their comments or concerns in writing or by email by April 15, 2022 to: The Corporation of the City of Stratford, Attention: Manager of Recreation and Marketing, Community Services, P.O. Box 874, 353 McCarthy Rd., Stratford, ON N5A 6W3. Email: bhernden@stratford.ca.

Notice of Collection: Personal information collected as part of this Notice is pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001. Personal information collected as a result of this Notice will be used to assist Council in making a decision on this application. Names, addresses, opinions and comments will be made available for public disclosure. Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to the City Clerk, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1 or by emailing: tdafoe@stratford.ca or by telephone at the number below. If you require this document in an alternate format, contact City Hall at 519-271-0250 extension 5237 or email clerks@stratford.ca.

EASTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford Administration Offices will be closed on Friday, April 15 and Monday, April 18.

LANDFILL SITE HOURS

- Closed Friday April 15th, for Good Friday
- Open Saturday April 16th, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Closed Monday April 18th, for Easter Monday

CURBSIDE RECYCLING, GREEN BIN AND GARBAGE SCHEDULE

There will be no change in the Recycling, Green Bin or Garbage Collection programs on Friday April 15th or Monday April 18th. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00 a.m. on collection dates.

RETAIL STORE CLOSINGS DURING EASTER HOLIDAY

Stratford's designated tourism season is May 1 to November 12 each year and does not extend to the Easter Holiday Season.

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the Retail Business Holidays Act, both Good Friday – April 15, 2022 and Easter Sunday – April 17, 2022, are among the designated holidays annually when most retail stores must be closed. Minimum fines for opening businesses on prohibited days of retail operation are \$500 for the first offence, \$2,000 for a second offence and \$5,000 for a third or subsequent offence. Retail outlets may be fined up to \$50,000 or the total amount of gross sales for the holiday, whichever is greater. Enforcement of the Retail Business Holidays Act in Stratford is the responsibility of Stratford Police Services.

For more information about retail shopping and closures under the Act, call the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services toll-free at 1-844-286-8404. For more information, visit www.ontario.ca/page/retail-business-holidays.

NOTICE - RAKING OF WINTER SAND - REMINDER

Reminder to residents from Infrastructure & Development Services 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.

SO YOU WANT TO RUN FOR COUNCIL – 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION INFORMATION SESSION - REMINDER

Thinking of running for local office in the upcoming municipal election? Attend this virtual session with Fred Dean to learn about the roles and responsibilities of elected officials and more!

When: Wednesday, April 13, 2022

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Electronic meeting on Zoom: bit.ly/candidatesession

In person viewing of the electronic session will be available at the Pyramid Recreation Centre, 317 James St S., in St. Marys.

Who should attend:

- Individuals in Perth County, the City of Stratford, or the Town of St. Marys who are considering running for municipal council.
- Partners and spouses.
- Anyone interested in learning more about local government.

This is a free event and no registration is required. Attendees are encouraged to submit questions in advance to be answered by Fred Dean during the session. Questions may also be submitted during the session using the Zoom Q&A function.

For more information or to submit a question, email clerks@stratford.ca or call 519-271-0250 extension 5233.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Apr 11	Committee of the Whole In-camera	5:45 p.m.	Electronic Participation
Apr 11	Regular Council and Standing Committees	7:00 p.m.	Electronic Participation
Apr 12	Social Services Sub-Committee	4:30 p.m.	Electronic Participation
Apr 14	Community Services Sub-Committee	CANCELLED	

Meetings continue to be held electronically. Agendas, including a link to watch the meeting while in progress, are available on the City's website. A video of the meeting will also be posted to the City's website once available.

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