

Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier June 25, 2022

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

NOTICE OF NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION

An exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 has been approved for the City of Stratford's, Canada Day event in Market Square from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 1, 2022.

NOTICE OF NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION REQUEST

The Rotary Club of Stratford has requested an exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 for the Annual Dragon Boat Festival on Lakeside Drive on Saturday, September 17, 2022, from 8:00a.m. to 9:00p.m. Anyone wishing to comment on this application for exemption should provide their comments or concerns in writing or by email by Friday, July 8, 2022 to: The Corporation of the City of Stratford, Attention: Events Coordinator, Community Services, P.O. Box 874, 353 McCarthy Rd., Stratford, ON N5A 6W3. Email: hdenny@stratford.ca.

FIREWORK SAFETY – CANADA DAY

City of Stratford Fireworks By-law 73-2006 provides that fireworks can only be set off on Victoria Day and Canada Day between 8:00 pm and 12:00 midnight. In the event of weather conditions such as rain, fog, smog or wind on Canada Day, fireworks may be set off the day before or the day after Canada Day.

FIREWORKS MAY NOT BE SET OFF:

- On any city street or highway.
- In any park or other public place.
- In any building or vehicle.
- In areas containing dead undergrowth or trees.

FIRECRACKERS

Firecrackers, which are different than fireworks, cannot be set off anywhere in Stratford.

FLYING LANTERNS

Flying lanterns (the small paper hot air balloons propelled by an open flame) are not permitted for sale or use in Stratford.

WHEN SETTING OFF FIREWORKS:

- Use fireworks outdoors only;
- Choose a clear, open area;
- Check wind direction and speed;
- Always have an adult present;
- Have water handy;
- Read and follow label directions; and
- Keep spectators away from launch area

If you have any questions or wish to report a violation of the By-law, please call the Fire Department at 519-271-3212. Please enjoy the holiday safely.

CANADA DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford Administration Offices will be closed on Friday, July 1, 2022.

LANDFILL SITE HOURS

Closed Friday July 1, 2022, for the Canada Day Holiday.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

There will be no change in the Recycling, Green Bin, Leaf & Yard Waste and Garbage collection programs on Friday, July 1, 2022. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00 a.m. on collection dates. For further information, please call 519-271-0250 extension 5279.

RETAIL CLOSINGS ON CANADA DAY

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the *Retail Business Holidays Act*, Canada Day, Friday, July 1, 2022, is among the holidays when most stores must be closed.

The *Retail Business Holidays Act* provides limited exceptions for retail outlets that may be open, including stores that sell handicrafts and book or magazine stores that are less than 2,400 square feet with a maximum of three employees, pharmacies under 7,500 square feet, flower shops and gas stations. Stores may also remain open in locations established as tourist areas by specific municipal by-laws.

Stratford's designated tourism season is May 1 to November 12 each year and includes the Canada Day Holiday. City of Stratford By-law 149-92 permits certain retail establishments in Stratford that meet the tourism criteria established by the Province and that provides goods and services primarily to tourists in Stratford, may open for business on Canada Day under the following provisions:

- The retail business establishment does not open prior to 10:00 am and does not remain open after 4:00 pm;
- The number of persons engaged in the serving of the public does not at any time, exceed four (4); and
- The total area used for serving, selling, or displaying goods or services to the public inside the establishment is less than 278.71 m² (3000 square feet).

Certain larger retail business establishments listed in Schedule "A" to By-law 149-92 as amended, may also open on Canada Day between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

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. To find out which retail operations are exempted by the Act, call the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services toll-free at 1-800-889-9768. For more information visit www.sse.gov.on.ca

MEETING SCHEDULE

June 27	Committee of the Whole In-camera	6:15 p.m.	Electronic Participation
June 27	Regular Council & Standing Committees	7:00 p.m.	Electronic Participation
June 29	Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee	4:30 p.m.	Electronic Participation
June 30	Planning and Heritage Sub-committee	4:30 p.m.	Electronic Participation

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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