

Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, May 20, 2023

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

CANADA DAY FOOD VENDORS WANTED

Are you interested in being a food vendor at the City of Stratford's Canada Day celebration?

Food trucks and vendors will be part of the family-friendly program of entertainment and activities planned for Market Square July 1, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit www.stratford.ca/canadaday for details and to apply.

NOTICE OF NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION

An exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 has been approved for the 23rd Season of the MusicBarge which is moored on the riverbank between the Boathouse and the Bandshell on Veteran's Drive. Stratford Summer Music will run from July 20, 2023, until August 13, 2023, each, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Performances are one hour in length and will be at 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. on the MusicBarge.

VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford Administration Offices will be closed on Monday, May 22, 2023.

LANDFILL SITE HOURS

Closed Monday May 22, 2023 for the Victoria 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 Monday May 22, 2023. 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 279.

RETAIL CLOSINGS ON VICTORIA DAY

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the *Retail Business Holidays Act*, Victoria Day, Monday, May 22, 2023, 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. Businesses should contact their municipal offices for information.

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. Stratford's designated tourism season is May 1 to November 12 each year and includes the Victoria Day Holiday.

Stratford City 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 Victoria 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 p.m.
- The number of persons engaged in the serving of the public does not at any time, exceed four (4)
- 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 Victoria Day between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 p.m.

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

FIREWORK SAFETY – VICTORIA DAY AND 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 p.m. and 12:00 a.m.. In the event of weather conditions such as rain, fog, smog or wind on Victoria Day or Canada Day, fireworks may be set off the day before or the day after Victoria Day or 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 - which are different than fireworks, cannot be set off anywhere 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;
- Keep spectators away from launch area

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

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.

PUBLIC INPUT INVITED - STRATFORD LANDFILL SITE

The City of Stratford welcomes feedback on the operation of its Romeo Street landfill site, and there are several options to provide it.

Comments can be made to the Infrastructure and Development Services department by calling 519-271-0250 extension 5261, or by emailing aerickson@stratford.ca, by Thursday, June 8th, 2023. Comments received will be included with the agenda for the meeting.

Citizens are also invited to comment on the operation of the landfill site at the upcoming Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 28th, 2023, at 4:30 p.m., by requesting to appear as a delegation.

Delegation requests can be made by completing the Delegation Request Form, available on the City's website at <https://forms.stratford.ca/IT-Services/Clerks-Corporate-Services/Delegation-Request-Form>. Alternatively, requests can be made by contacting the City Clerk at clerks@stratford.ca. Requests to appear as a delegation must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, June 20th, 2023. Details for participating in the meeting will be provided once the request is confirmed. This meeting will be held in person on Wednesday, June 28th, 2023.

Answers to some frequently asked questions about the Stratford Landfill Site can be found on the City's website at <https://www.stratford.ca/en/live-here/landfill-faq.aspx>

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS DESTROY NOXIOUS WEEDS - REMINDER

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all property owners in accordance with the Weed Control Act Ontario, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the Municipality of Stratford are destroyed by June 1, 2023 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 and Poison Ivy. Other noxious weeds requiring eradication include European Buckthorn, Thistles, Jointed Goatgrass, and others as designated under the above Act. Enquiries and complaints should be directed to the Infrastructure & Development Services Department at 519-271-0250 extension 5345.

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.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
May 23	Committee of the Whole In-camera Session	5:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
May 23	Regular Council and Standing Committees	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
May 24	Infrastructure, Transportation & Safety Sub-committee	4:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
May 25	Planning & Heritage Sub-committee	4:30 p.m.	Council Chambers

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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