

Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, November 11, 2023

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

REMEMBRANCE DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford Administrative Offices and the Landfill will be closed on Monday, November 13, 2023, in observance of Remembrance Day.

The Landfill will be open on Saturday, November 11, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

There will be **no change** in the Recycling, Green Bin and Garbage Collection program on Monday, November 13, 2023. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00 a.m. on collection dates.

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 Services Department by calling 519-271-0250 extension 5261, or by emailing mcronin@stratford.ca, by Friday, December 8, 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 January 2024 Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting, 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 the Tuesday prior to the meeting date. Details for participating in the meeting will be provided once the request is confirmed.

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>.

WINTER PARKING ENFORCEMENT HOURS – FINAL REMINDER

Running from November 1st to March 31st, winter parking enforcement hours will be in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday (excluding holidays). This is a reoccurring change in parking enforcement hours that takes place each November in accordance with the City's Traffic and Parking By-law.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS – FINAL REMINDER

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 Thursday, November 16, 2023, 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. Three (3) citizens 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 is one (1) citizen representative position available for a 2-year term.

Board of Park Management

Meets on the second Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m. The Board of Park Management deals with matters regarding the maintenance, improvement and expansion of the City's park system. There is one (1) citizen position available for the remainder of a 4-year term (November 14, 2026) concurrent with the term of Council.

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 three (3) 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 available for 2-year terms and a youth representative for the remainder of a one-year term ending August 31, 2024.

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 five (5) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

Downtown Stratford Business Improvement Area (BIA)

The Downtown Stratford BIA Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. The BIA deals with matters concerning promotion and beautification of the downtown core. To be eligible for appointment, you must be a downtown property owner or business operator. There are two (2) positions available for the remainder of 4-year terms concurrent with the term of Council to November 14, 2026.

Provincial eligibility requirements for persons who may be appointed to the Downton Stratford BIA are:

- persons who own property that is in either the commercial or industrial property class in the designated city centre and who are shown on the last revised assessment roll;
- persons who operate businesses, either owning the business premises or holding them under a lease requiring the payment of property taxes;
- persons operating businesses in leased space under a gross lease entered into on or before June 11, 1998;
- nominees of persons who qualify under (a), (b) or (c).

Incorporated members shall be represented only by a named person so designated in the corporation's official designation letter for that purpose filed with the City of Stratford.

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 three (3) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

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

LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Leaf and yard waste will only be collected in the following forms:

- 110 L Kraft Paper bags
- Certified Compostable bags
- Re-useable Container with label attached

Clear Plastic Bags are NOT accepted and will be left at the curbside. Leaf and Yard waste is accepted at the landfill depot during regular landfill hours.

The next Leaf and Yard Waste collection weeks are:

- November 13 - 17
- November 20 - 24
- November 27 - 30



MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Nov 14	Committee of the Whole In-camera	CANCELLED	
Nov 14	Regular Council and Standing Committees	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Nov 15	Social Services Sub-committee	4:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Nov 16	Community Services Sub-committee	4:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Nov 17	Committee of the Whole Open Session	9:00 a.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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