

Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, February 10, 2024

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

CLEARING SIDEWALKS OF SNOW AND ICE IN THE CORE AREA AND CLEARING OVERHANGING SNOW AND ICE FROM ROOFS IN THE CITY OF STRATFORD

The purpose of this notice is to advise you that under the conditions of the City of Stratford By-law #225-2005, the owner, occupant or person in charge of any property in the core area as designated in the By-law is required to clear the sidewalks adjacent to their property of all snow and ice throughout the winter.

The sidewalks shall be cleared of snow and ice prior to 10:00 a.m. everyday, except Sundays and Holidays as defined in the Retail Business Holidays Act. Sidewalk conditions must then be monitored between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and to continue to keep the sidewalks cleared at all times. The By-law also requires that icy conditions be treated with sand and/or salt or other suitable substance.

Also, the owner, occupant or person in charge of an occupied or unoccupied building is required to clear away and remove snow and ice from the roof of a building where such snow and ice may fall on a sidewalk or street. All snow or ice from roofs must be removed by 10:00 a.m. every day except Sundays and Holidays as defined in the Retail Business Holidays Act. The person clearing away the snow and ice shall take all necessary care and precautions for the warning and safety of passers-by and other persons.

Any snow and ice which falls onto the sidewalk shall be placed at the edge of the street immediately adjacent to the curb. Snow should not be placed on the travelled portion of the roadway or in such a way as to obstruct access to any fire hydrant.

Regular inspections will be made of the core area sidewalks after snowfalls and to identify any buildings which have snow and ice which may fall on the sidewalk or street. The set fine for contravention of this By-law is \$115.00 for each occurrence, exclusive of costs. The snow and ice may be removed at the discretion of the Infrastructure Services Department or the Chief of Police, and charged to the owner.

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS PROPERTY TAX – 2024 INTERIM LEVY DUE DATE FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Your 2024 Interim Tax Bill has now been mailed. If you have not received a Tax Notice or would like to set up a pre-authorized monthly/quarterly payment plan, please call the City Tax Office at 519-271-0250 extension 5212. Property tax payments may be made at your bank in person, by telephone or on-line banking. Cash, Debit or Cheques payable to the "City of Stratford" are also accepted at City Hall. Cheques may also be deposited in the mailbox at the rear entrance to City Hall off Market Square or mailed to P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1.

ANNUAL COMMUNITY INCOME TAX CLINIC

The City of Stratford is offering its annual community income tax clinic again! This program serves low-income residents of the City of Stratford, Town of St. Marys and County of Perth. The complimentary services for the current year tax returns are being provided by:

- Famme & Co. Professional Corporation
- McCutchen & Pearce Professional Corporation

The total annual gross income restrictions to participate are:

Participants	Income Restrictions
On Social Assistance (Ontario Works, ODSP) with a T5007	Eligible
Seniors 65+	Single: \$25,396 or less Couple: \$34,346 or less
All others	Single: \$16,000 or less Couple: \$32,000 or less

Disability income received should be included in your total gross income. Please ensure you are within the limits stated.

What to Bring with You:

Participants should bring Photo ID and the following if applicable:

- T4s, T5s
- Rent Receipts and/or Property Tax Receipts
- Medical Receipts
- Donation Receipts
- Disability Tax Credit Certificate Form (T2201)
- Date of Entry to Canada

Please call to **register in advance by Thursday, March 7, 2024** by contacting the Social Services Clerks at 519-271-3773 extension 6277, Monday to Friday between 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. An appointment time will be provided for document delivery between March 8-14, 2024.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Feb 12	Committee of the Whole In-camera	5:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Feb 12	Regular Council and Standing Committees	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Feb 13	Social Services Sub-committee	4:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Feb 15	Community Services Sub-committee	CANCELLED	

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.

The Town Crier is available on the City of Stratford's website.

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