

Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, March 30, 2024

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

EASTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford Administration Offices will be closed on Friday, March 29 and Monday, April 1.

LANDFILL SITE HOURS

- Closed Friday March 29, 2024, for Good Friday
- Open Saturday March 30, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- Closed Monday April 1, 2024, 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, March 29, 2024 or Monday, April 1, 2024. 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 – March 29, 2024 and Easter Sunday – March 31, 2024, 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 OF COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING

The Stratford Committee of Adjustment will consider the following applications at a hearing to be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in the Stratford City Council Chamber (upper level), located at 1 Wellington Street, Stratford.

MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATIONS

A13-24 – 114 PRINCESS STREET – A. BURNETT

The purpose of application A13-24 is to facilitate the conversion of an existing detached garage into an Additional Dwelling Unit, which are currently defined and regulated in the City's Zoning By-law as "Garden Suites" and "Second Suites".

In 2019, the Provincial Government amended the Planning Act through Bill 108, being the "More Homes, More Choice Act", by mandating municipalities to authorize the use of Additional Residential Units through zoning by-laws. In addition, Bill 108 also clarified parking requirements associated with Additional Residential Units.

The effect of the application will allow the conversion of the garage to a Garden Suite with the reduced setback to the rear lot line. The existing detached garage is situated approximately 1.4 m from the property's rear lot line, however Garden Suites are required to be no closer than 2.5 m to a rear lot line (Section 4.10 e) of the City's Zoning By-law).



A14-24 – 4117 PERTH LINE 36 – U. MODI (CONSULTING PLANNER)

The lands subject to application A14-24 are currently under development for a new residential community totaling 362 dwelling units, and as designed and approved through previous City Planning Applications as identified below. The new residential community is being developed in multiple phases.

The purpose of the minor variance application A14-24 is to reduce the minimum setback between building walls with windows to habitable rooms, where the building walls are side walls and do not constitute a rear yard amenity area, from 4.0 metres to 3.0 metres. The reduced distance between building walls applies 1.5-metre side-yard setbacks to each end unit, and provides a combined side-yard distance of 3.0 metres between townhouse blocks. This variance will allow end townhouse units to have one (1) window to the dining room.

Variance requested:

1. Table 8-3 of Section 15.4.28 – to reduce the minimum setback between building walls with windows to habitable rooms, where the building walls are side walls and do not constitute a rear yard amenity area, from 4.0 metres to 3.0 metres.



Additional information regarding the applications may be obtained by contacting the Building and Planning Services Department, at 519-271-0250 extension 5345 during normal business hours.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the City of Stratford Committee of Adjustment in respect of the application does not make written submissions to the City of Stratford Committee of Adjustment before it gives or refuses the application, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of Stratford Committee of Adjustment in respect of the application, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer, Stratford Committee of Adjustment, Anthony Fletcher, 82 Erie Street, 3rd Floor Stratford, ON N5A 2M4. This will also entitle you to be advised of a possible Ontario Land Tribunal hearing. Even if you are the successful party, you should request a copy of the decision since the Stratford Committee of Adjustment decision may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal by the applicant, the Minister or a specified person or public body.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR NOISE CONTROL BY-LAW EXEMPTION

The Kinsmen Club of Stratford have requested an exemption to Noise Control By-law 113-79 for the 2024 Kinsmen Car Show on Lakeside Drive between Front Street and Lakeside Drive North on Sunday, June 9, 2024 from 6:30a.m. to 4:00p.m.

Anyone wishing to comment on this application for exemption should provide their concerns in writing or email by April 19, 2024, to: The Corporation of the City of Stratford, Attention: Events Coordinator, Community Services, P.O. Box 874, 357 McCarthy Rd., Stratford, ON N5A 6W3. Email: hdenny@stratford.ca

NOTICE OF NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION

Stratford Summer Music has requested an exemption from Noise Control By-law 113-79 for the 24th Season of the MusicBarge which is moored on the riverbank between the Boathouse and the Bandshell on Veteran’s Drive. BargeMusic will run from July 18, 2024, until August 11, 2024, each, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Performances are one hour in length and will be at 12:00p.m. and 2:30p.m. on the MusicBarge.

Anyone wishing to comment on this application for exemption should provide their comments in writing or email by Tuesday, April 30, 2024 to: The Corporation of the City of Stratford, Attention: Events Coordinator, Community Services, P.O. Box 874, 357 McCarthy Rd., Stratford, ON N5A 6W3. Email: hdenny@stratford.ca.

SPRING FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

Beginning April 2nd, and continuing for approximately six weeks, preventative maintenance flushing of fire hydrants will take place within the City of Stratford. Customers may temporarily experience discoloured water. Water quality is not affected by this colouration, and the water is safe to use and consume. Discoloured water will clear, but before doing laundry, please check to see that water has cleared. If you have any questions, please visit <https://www.stratford.ca/en/live-here/discoloured-water.aspx>, or call the City Water Division at 519-271-0250, extension 5222 during business hours.

RAKING OF WINTER SAND

Reminder to residents from the Infrastructure Services Department 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.

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING ACCOMMODATION LICENSING BY-LAW FEE IMPLEMENTATION - REMINDER

This Notice provides important information for those members of the public who were planning to attend the originally scheduled March 25, 2024, Public Meeting for the establishment of fees for the administration of the City’s Accommodation Licensing By-law No. 130-2022. Due to scheduling conflicts, the Public Meeting has been **rescheduled** to:

Date and Time of Meeting: Monday, April 8, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

Location: Council Chambers in City Hall, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford

Purpose of the Public Meeting: The City of Stratford invites public input on the establishment of fees for the administration of the City’s Accommodation Licensing By-law No. 130-2022. Such fees would be established in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25. This meeting will discuss the proposed fees necessary for the licensing, regulation, and governance of Short Term Rental Accommodations (STRAs) and other accommodations as outlined in the By-law. The establishment of such fees would require an amendment to Schedule “B” of the City’s Fees & Charges By-Law No. 117-2023.

The City of Stratford has evaluated the licensing fee structure based on service cost analysis and a comparison with other municipalities. It is proposed that the fees associated with obtaining a licence under the City’s Accommodation Licensing By-law be as follows:

Item	Fee
i) Application for Short Term Rental Licence (First Room, and per Application/Licence)	\$402.00
a. Plus the following applicable amount per additional room:	\$122.00
ii) Late Filing Fee (per Application/Licence)	\$68.00
iii) Transfer processing Fee (per Application/Licence)	\$33.00
iv) Appeal Fee (Short Term Rental & Bed and Breakfasts)	\$180.00

A Management Report that details the recommendations will be presented at the Public Meeting.

All those present at the public meeting will be given the opportunity to speak. To speak at the public meeting, when the Mayor or Chair asks if there are any members of the public wishing to provide comments or ask questions, please raise your hand and once acknowledged, proceed to the podium to provide your comments.

To watch the meeting live please click or enter the following link into your URL bar:
<https://video.isilive.ca/stratford/live.html>

Members of the public: your opinions on this are important and encouraged. Please call, mail, or e-mail your comments to Josh Lee-Him, By-Law Enforcement Officer, City of Stratford Building and Planning Services – Telephone: (519) 271-0250 extension 5328, – jleehim@stratford.ca - in order for your comments to be summarized at the public meeting.

Personal information collected as part of this Notice is pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Personal information collected will be used to assist Council in making a decision on this matter. Names, addresses, opinions and comments may 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 clerks@stratford.ca or by telephone at the number below.

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS
PROPERTY TAX – 2024 INTERIM LEVY DUE DATE APRIL 26, 2024

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 Rear Entrance or mailed to P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1.

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

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