

Town Crier, January 9, 2021

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

COVID-19 AND CITY FACILITIES, SERVICES AND AMENITIES UPDATE

In light of the recent Provincial lockdown announcement to slow community transmission of COVID-19, and to ensure the health and safety of staff and residents, the following facilities were closed to the public effective December 29, 2020:

- City of Stratford Administration Offices
- Recreation facilities and arenas, including the walking track at the Rotary Complex

Programs and services will continue to be provided on-line and by telephone services during regular office hours, Monday to Friday between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm (excluding holidays). To access online applications and services please visit the City's website at www.stratford.ca. Residents wishing to make payments can do so by mailing payment to the City of Stratford or by using the drop box at the rear of City Hall.

There are no changes planned at this time for:

- Stratford Transit and Parallel Transit,
- Landfill Site,
- waste collection and recycling services (excluding holiday schedules)

Residents in need of bag tags in 2021 can contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 extension 5237 to order and to arrange for delivery of bag tags. Bag tags continue to also be available at a number of locations. For a complete list please visit the City's website.

Residents are encouraged to follow Huron Perth Public Health guidelines to slow the spread of the virus.

2021 PET TAGS NOW ON SALE

Register your dogs and cats before March 1 and save!

All dogs and cats in Stratford are required to wear a registration tag at all times. Dog and cat tag registrations expire each year on December 31 and are renewed annually to ensure your pet's information is up to date. A tag allows the Humane Society to return your pet to you should they ever be found wandering. The first time your pet is found wandering by the Humane Society, your pet receives a free ride home!

	Before March 1	As of March 1
Dog/Cat – sterilized	\$20.00	\$30.00
Dog/Cat – not sterilized	\$50.00	\$60.00
Dog or Cat under 1 yr.	\$20.00	\$20.00
Special Needs Dog - No charge; registration required		

Seniors (age 65 or older) receive a discount on annual identification tags. New residents to Stratford may exchange their current identification tag from another municipality at no cost for a current City of Stratford tag (one time only).

Identification tags may be obtained at:

- Stratford-Perth Humane Society – 125 Griffith Road, 519-273-6600
- City Hall, Clerk's Office – by calling 519-271-0250, ext. 5237
- Various Veterinary clinics and pet stores in Stratford (see www.stratford.ca for complete list)

Owners of exotic animals are required by By-law 195-2002 to register their animals. Contact the Humane Society at 519-273-6600 to register your exotic animals. There is no cost for registration.

Please be a responsible pet owner and always clean up after your pet.

2021 BUSINESS LICENCES

Stratford business licences expire annually on December 31st and applications are now being accepted for 2021. The City of Stratford licenses certain businesses providing goods or services in the City. Licences are issued in order to regulate businesses, ensure compliance with land use and building regulations and for consumer protection. Being granted a City of Stratford business licence does not relieve the applicant from complying with all Municipal By-laws and/or with Provincial or Federal legislation.

The Clerk's Office of the Corporate Services Department issues licences for the following types of businesses: adult entertainment, auctioneers, body piercing, body rub, circus, old gold, precious metals and old jewellery sales, outdoor cafes on municipal property, refreshment vehicles, mobile food vendors, bicycle ice cream vehicles, hawkers and pedlars, flea markets, craft/antique/trade shows, transient traders, door to door sales, tattoo parlours and pawn shops.

For more information, contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 ext. 5237. Applications and fees may be submitted in the drop-box located at the back of City Hall or by mail to the Clerk's Office. Check the City's website at www.stratford.ca for more information and for application forms.

2020 JAMES ANDERSON AWARD NOMINATIONS

Heritage Stratford will be presenting the 2020 James Anderson Award to one or more recipients. The award is given to a person or persons who have made significant contributions to our heritage.

Eligible individuals or small groups who have made a significant contribution to the community of Stratford in the area of built, cultural or natural heritage preservation or heritage garden conservation.

Deadline for nominations: **Sunday, January 31, 2021**

Applications and further details on the James Anderson Award can be found on the City of Stratford website or contact adviscom@stratford.ca

NOTICE - 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 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 and Development Services Department and charged to the owner.

If you require this document in an alternate format or any additional information, please contact the City Infrastructure and Development Services Department at 519-271-0250, Extension 222. A copy of By-law 225-2005 can be seen on request at the City Clerk's office or by visiting the City's website at www.stratford.ca.

PARKING REMINDERS

1. **Payment is required** Monday to Saturday* from 9:00am to 6:00pm (November 1 – March 31)
2. Sundays and Holidays payment is not required.
3. Those with accessible permits visibly displayed are not required to pay the meter but must be parked in a legally marked parking spot and abide by posted time limits.
4. Parking is prohibited across from a driveway when the road is less than 28 feet in width
5. Parking rates:
 - \$1.25 per hour off street
 - \$1.50 per hour on street
6. Pay by Plate machines are located in most lots and accept coin, debit and credit cards.

If issues arise when attempting to make payment for parking the best course of action is to try a different meter/machine or to call the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 Ext 5230 in order to avoid being ticketed.

* Every motorist on **Saturdays** from December 1, 2020 until April 30, 2021 will receive four (4) hours of free parking in the downtown core. This means that those individuals parking in the downtown core on **Saturdays** during this time will receive 4 hours of free parking and will not be required to pay the meters or machines.

After the 4 hours of free parking, motorists are required to pay the respective meter or machine. Compliance is required with all other provisions of the City's Traffic and Parking By-law including maximum parking time limits.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan 11	Committee of the Whole In-camera	1:00pm	Electronic Participation
Jan 11	Regular Council and Standing Committees	3:00pm	Electronic Participation
Jan 12	Social Services Sub-committee	3:30pm	CANCELLED
Jan 14	Community Services Sub-committee	3:30pm	Electronic Participation

Given the COVID-19 Pandemic and the declared emergency, the City will be posting a video of the meeting to our website once available. Agendas and a link to watch the meeting while in progress can be accessed from the City's website.

Telephone: 519-271-0250 www.stratford.ca