

Town Crier, January 9, 2016

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

REMINDER FOR 2016 BUSINESS LICENCES

Your Stratford business licence expired December 31, 2015. The City of Stratford licenses certain businesses providing goods or services in Stratford. 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 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. 237. Applications or renewal applications and fees may be submitted in person or by mail to the Clerk's Office. Check the City's website at www.stratfordcanada.ca for more information and for forms.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Approval from the City of Stratford is required to hold an event on municipal property, including, but not limited to, parades, walk-a-thons, road races, concerts, fairs, gatherings or other events on city streets, sidewalks, trails, parks, etc., or that involve temporary road closures. It is the responsibility of the organization to obtain approval for their event.

Applications must be submitted, with all applicable attachments, a minimum of 12 weeks prior to the event to the City Clerk's Office. Any application received less than 12 weeks prior to the proposed event will be subject to a fee of \$150.00.

The City Clerk's Office will advise whether or not approval has been granted for the event. Applications are available on the City of Stratford website or at the City Clerk's Office, 1 Wellington Street, Ground Floor. For more information contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 ext. 230.

2016 TAGS NOW ON SALE FROM THE STRATFORD-PERTH HUMANE SOCIETY

Register your dogs and cats now and save. On March 1st the fees return to full-price. If you own a dog or cat in Stratford, your pet needs to wear the numbered tag at all times. Dog and cat tag registrations expire each year on December 31. Registrations are renewed annually to ensure your pet's information is up to date. A tag allows the SPHS to return your pet to you should they ever be found wandering. The first time your pet is found wandering by the SPHS, your pet receives a free ride home!

	Before March 1 st	Effective March 1 st
For a sterilized dog/cat	\$20.00	\$30.00
For a non-sterilized dog/cat	\$50.00	\$60.00
For a dog or cat under 1 yr.	\$20.00	\$20.00
Specialized Needs Dog	No charge; however, owners are required to register their dogs.	

Seniors (age 65 or older) receive a discount on annual identification tags.



Identification tags may be obtained at:

- Stratford-Perth Humane Society – 345 Douro Street, 519-273-6600
- City Hall, Clerk's Office - 1 Wellington Street, 519-271-0250, ext. 237
- Veterinary clinics and pet stores in Stratford

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 and it is the law.

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).

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

PETS ARE WELCOME. IT'S THE LAW!

This is to let residents know that as per the *Residential Tenancies Act*, Section 14: Any term in a tenancy that says tenants cannot have pets is "void". A no pets clause or term cannot be enforced by a landlord. A tenant

cannot be forced to remove their pet if that pet is not doing anything to substantially interfere with the reasonable enjoyment of the premises by other tenants or the landlord. A tenant can be evicted for having a pet in their unit if the pet is making too much noise, is damaging the unit or causing other residents to have an allergic reaction, or the animal or species is considered to be inherently dangerous.

Check out the *Residential Tenancies Act*, at www.e-laws.gov.on.ca for more details about tenants and pets.

EVENING HOT MEAL PROGRAMS IN STRATFORD—OPEN TO ALL—DROP IN

Jan 11	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street	5:15 pm
Jan 12	St. Paul's Anglican Church, 9 Douro Street	5:15 pm
Jan 13	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 25 St. Andrew Street	5:15 pm
Jan 14	Knox Presbyterian Church, 142 Ontario Street	5:15 pm
Jan 15	Knox Presbyterian Church, 142 Ontario Street	5:15 pm
Jan 18	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street	5:15 pm
Jan 19	Christian Reformed Church, 190 Athlone Crescent	5:30 pm

Additional Weekly Meals at The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street. Breakfast is served every Thursday morning at 8:30 am. Seniors' Lunch 60 years and older is served every Wednesday at 11:30 am.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Jan 11	Committee of the Whole In-camera Session	6:00 pm	Council Chamber
Jan 11	Regular Council and Standing Committees	7:00 pm	Council Chamber
Jan 13	Social Services Sub-committee	4:30 pm	Council Chamber
Jan 14	Community Services Sub-committee	4:45 pm	Council Chamber
Jan 25	Regular Council and Standing Committees	7:00 pm	Council Chamber
Jan 26	Finance and Labour Relations Sub-committee	4:30 pm	Council Chamber
Jan 27	Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee	4:30 pm	Council Chamber
Jan 28	Planning & Heritage Sub-committee	4:30 pm	Avon Room

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