

Town Crier, January 16, 2016

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND RESIDENTS – BED AND BREAKFAST BY-LAW 180-2004 AND COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW 201-2000

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Stratford Accessory Guest Rooms, Bed and Breakfast Establishments and Guest Homes By-law, By-law 180-2004 states that no person shall use a building or operate as an Accessory Guest Room, Bed and Breakfast Establishment and/or Guest Home unless they hold a valid license issued by the City of Stratford.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Stratford Comprehensive Zoning By-law, By-law 201-2000 states that where a dwelling unit is permitted, the dwelling unit is to be occupied by a person as his/her principle residence.

For the purposes of the above-noted by-laws the following definitions apply:

“Accessory Guest Room” is defined as a habitable room intended for sleeping accommodation, with or without meals, that is provided for a fee and that is clearly incidental, secondary and subordinate to the single detached dwelling.

“Bed and Breakfast Establishment” or “Guest Home” is defined as a single detached dwelling of an owner, being an owner in fee simple or as joint tenants or tenants in common, who resides therein as his/her principle residence, and resides therein during the time the bed and breakfast establishment or guest house is operating, and containing at least one (1) bedroom for his/her exclusive use and containing at least two (2) accessory guest rooms for the purpose of supplying temporary living accommodations to the public, for a fee, or a bed and breakfast establishment or guest home legally established under a predecessor zoning by-law of the City of Stratford. For the purpose of this definition an owner may be a corporation of not more than two separate shareholders who reside therein as their principle residence.

“Single Detached Dwelling” means a building containing not more than one (1) dwelling unit.

“Dwelling Unit” means a self-contained suite of habitable rooms in a building occupied by a person as its principle residence as independent and separate living quarters in which kitchen and sanitary facilities are provided and which is independently accessible from the outside of the building or from a common hallway or stairway inside the building.

Every person who contravenes any provision of the Bed and Breakfast By-law and/or the Comprehensive Zoning By-law is guilty of an offence and upon conviction, liable of a fine. Enquiries and complaints should be directed to the Infrastructure & Development Services Department, Development Services Division at 519-271-0250 ext. 345.

NOTICE - CLEARING SIDEWALKS OF SNOW AND ICE IN THE CORE AREA AND CLEARING OVERHANGING SNOW AND ICE FROM ROOFS IN 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 are 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. every day, 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 or parking meter.

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.

Additional information may be obtained by contacting 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.stratfordcanada.ca

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.

ANNE HATHAWAY DAYCARE - EMERGENCY OR SHORT TERM CHILD CARE SERVICES

Operated by the City of Stratford, Anne Hathaway Daycare is a child and family friendly licenced early childhood education centre. Emergency or short term childcare services are provided on an 'as available' basis. For information about services, availability and fees, please contact the Daycare at 519-273-1803.

LICENSED CHILDCARE SPACES AVAILABLE

Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre has a number of full time openings available for **2.5 and 3 year old** children. Enriching child-centered programs led by a team of highly skilled and experienced Early Childhood Educators:

- Nutritious lunch and snacks provided
- Outdoor play in a new natural play space
- Financial assistance available upon qualification

For further information please contact: Corry Gunn, Manager - 103 Bruce St. Stratford 519-273-1803
cgunn@stratfordcanada.ca

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

Jan 18	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street	5:15 pm
Jan 19	Christian Reformed Church, 190 Athlone Crescent	5:30 pm
Jan 20	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 25 St. Andrew Street	5:15 pm
Jan 21	St. Joseph's Church-Parish Hall, 96 Huron Street	5:00 pm
Jan 24	St. John's United Church, 175 Waterloo Street S.	5:15 pm
Jan 25	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street	5:15 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.

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