

Town Crier, April 13, 2019

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

CYCLE STRATFORD REPRESENTATION ON ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ATAC)

Stratford City Council recently created a position on the Active Transportation Advisory Committee for a representative of Cycle Stratford.

ATAC meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. and acts to educate, promote and enhance active transportation in the City of Stratford. There is one (1) position available for a Cycle Stratford member for a 2-year term.

If you are interested in representing Cycle Stratford on ATAC, please submit an application along with a letter of endorsement from Cycle Stratford to the City Clerk. Applications are available at www.stratford.ca or from the Clerk's office at City Hall. The deadline for submitting applications for this position is **April 30, 2019**.

Personal information collected through the appointment process will be used by City Council for the purpose of making appointments to boards and committees and administrative purposes. Questions regarding this collection should be directed to the City Clerk, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1 or telephone 519-271-0250, Ext. 235 during business hours.

FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

Beginning March 31, 2019 and continuing for approximately six weeks, flushing of fire hydrants will take place within the City of Stratford. Customers could experience some discoloured water. Water quality is not affected by this colouration. Discoloured water will clear, but before doing laundry, please check to see that water has cleared. If you have any questions, please call the City Water Division at 519-271-0250, ext. 222 during business hours.

NOTICE - RAKING OF WINTER SAND

Reminder to residents from Infrastructure & Development Services 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.

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS

For your convenience, property tax payments by cheque may be deposited in the mail box at City Hall, located at the Rear Entrance. Payment by Interac and online/telephone banking is also available. Please make cheques payable to "City of Stratford" and mail to P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1. Pre-authorized payment is available monthly or quarterly, call to inquire. Contact: Tax Department, 519-271-0250, ext. 212 or 213

**PROPERTY TAX
2019 Interim Levy Due Date
April 12, 2019**

ANNE HATHAWAY DAYCARE – LICENSED CHILDCARE SPACES FOR CHILDREN 18 MONTHS – 4 YEARS

Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre offers enriching programs led by a team of highly skilled and experienced Early Childhood Educators. To add your child's name to our waitlist, please go to onehsn.com/Stratford/

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
- Newly renovated facility

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.

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

EASTER HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford Administration Offices will be closed on Friday, April 19 and Monday, April 22.

LANDFILL SITE HOURS

- Closed Friday April 19th for Good Friday

- Open Saturday April 20th 8:00am-12:00pm
- Closed Monday April 22nd for Easter Monday

CURBSIDE GARBAGE RECYCLING SCHEDULE

There will be no change in the Recycling or Garbage Collection program on Friday April 19th and Monday April 22nd, 2019.

Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00am on collection dates. For further information, telephone 519-271-0250 ext. 279.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

In most households, you will find some leftover cleaners; oil based paints, pesticides, batteries, fluorescent light bulbs and/or prescription medicines. If these leftovers are not handled properly, they can be hazardous. These products are commonly used to make our modern lives easier, but when they are not handled with care, they can be harmful to our health and the environment.

Don't forget your Compact Florescent Light bulbs!

Bring in your Hazardous waste to the City of Stratford Landfill site located at 777 Romeo St. South. Materials will be accepted at the landfill Saturday April 27th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Leaf and yard waste collection will only be collected in the following forms:

- 110 L Kraft Paper bags
- Certified Compostable bags
- Re-useable Container with label attached

Clear Plastic Bags are NOT accepted and will be left at the curbside. Leaf and Yard waste is accepted at the landfill depot during regular landfill hours.

The next Leaf and Yard Waste collection weeks are: April 29-May 3, May 27-31, June 17-21, July 15-19



CITY-WIDE TREASURE HUNT-FRIDAY, MAY 24TH TO SUNDAY, MAY 26TH 2019

"One persons' garbage is another ones Treasure!" City residents are invited to take part in a Treasure Hunt to promote waste reduction. Any resident who wishes to recycle any unwanted household items should place them at curbside starting at 4:00 p.m. May 24th. Other residents can come by and remove any items they would like. **REMEMBER** all unclaimed material must be removed from curbside by 3:00 p.m. May 26th.

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 – April 19, 2019 and Easter Sunday – April 21, 2019, 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

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

Apr 15	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street	5:15pm
Apr 16	Stratford Christian Reform Church, 190 Athlone Crescent	5:15pm
Apr 17	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 25 St. Andrew Street	5:30pm
Apr 18	St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 96 Huron Street	5:00pm
Apr 19	Knox Presbyterian Church (Bethel), 142 Ontario Street	5:15pm

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

MEETING SCHEDULE

Apr 16 Finance and Labour Relations Sub-committee 3:30pm Council Chamber

Meetings are open to the public to attend with the exception of In-Camera sessions. Agendas can be accessed from the City's website or may be picked up from the City Clerk's Office the Friday before the scheduled meeting. Also, check the City's website for the most up to date schedule of Sub-committee, Standing Committee, Council Meetings and Advisory Committees as the agendas and schedules are subject to change. The Town Crier is available on the City's website.

Telephone: 519-271-0250 www.stratford.ca TTY: 519-271-5241