

Town Crier, December 1, 2018

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

SEEKING INTERESTED CITIZENS FOR ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

The City of Stratford continues to seek interested citizens to serve on City advisory committees and boards. These public appointments are open to Stratford residents and eligible electors who are at least 18 years of age (with the exception of the Youth representatives who can be under 18 years).

You can make a difference by serving on a City advisory committee or board. Advisory committees and boards provide advice to City Council and contribute to the development of policies, programs and initiatives that enhance our quality of life. The community benefits from your expertise, enthusiasm and civic pride. To find out more about the work of these advisory committee and boards, the advisory meeting Minutes and Terms of Reference are available on the City's website.

Persons interested in being appointed to the advisory committees and boards listed below are asked to complete and return no later than **December 14, 2018**, an application form that is available from the City's web site at: www.stratfordcanada.ca or the Clerk's Office, Ground Floor of City Hall, 1 Wellington Street during business hours.

Communities in Bloom Committee – Meets the first Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m. The mandate of the Communities in Bloom Committee is:

- To foster civic pride, environmental protection and beautification, through community participation.
- To improve the tidiness, appearance and visual appeal of neighbourhoods, parks, open spaces and streets.
- To focus on environmental awareness and preservation of heritage and culture.
- To co-ordinate a host program as required;
- To be financially sustainable.

There are several citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

Energy & Environment Committee – Meets on the second Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. to advise Council relating to waste reduction initiatives, water and energy conservation and preservation of natural areas. There is a position for a member of AREA for a 2-year term.

Stratford City Centre Business Improvement Area (BIA) – Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. to deal with matters concerning promotion and beautification of the downtown core. To be eligible for appointment, you must be a downtown property owner or business operator. The positions available are for 4-year terms concurrent with the term of Council.

Provincial eligibility requirements for persons who may be appointed to the Stratford City Centre BIA are:

- a) persons who own property that is in either the commercial or industrial property class in the designated city centre and who are shown on the last revised assessment roll;
- b) persons who operate businesses, either owning the business premises or holding them under a lease requiring the payment of property taxes;
- c) persons operating businesses in leased space under a gross lease entered into on or before June 11, 1998;
- d) nominees of persons who qualify under (a), (b) or (c).

Incorporated members shall be represented only by a named person so designated in the corporation's official designation letter for that purpose filed with the City of Stratford. Please use the specific application on the City's website to submit your application for the BIA.

Stratford Town and Gown Advisory Committee - Meets on the 3rd Thursday of September, February and April at 5:00 p.m. to serve as a forum for the exchange of information on issues and initiatives involving the University of Waterloo, The Corporation of the City of Stratford and the community. There is one (1) position available for a student representative for a 1-year term.

Stratford Youth Advisory Committee (SYAC) – Meets monthly during the school year. Advises Stratford City Council on issues local youth are facing and strives to improve the quality of life for youth in Stratford. There are available positions for two (2) students from Northwestern Secondary School, two (2) students from Central Secondary School, three (3) students from St. Michael Catholic Secondary School and one (1) student-at-large. If you are interested, contact your principal to put your name forward. If you do not attend one of the high schools, are between the ages of 13-19 and are interested in joining the SYAC, please contact the Clerk's Office for an application form.

Additional information regarding these advisory committees is available upon request from the City Clerk's Office, 519-271-0250, ext. 237.

Attention: City Clerk
The Corporation of the City of Stratford
City Hall, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1

The deadline for receipt of applications is December 14, 2018

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

PARKING

Starting December 1, 2018 to April 30, 2019 there will be four (4) hour free parking on SATURDAYS.

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

Dec 3	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street	5:15pm
Dec 4	Stratford Christian Reform Church, 190 Athlone Cres.	5:15pm
Dec 5	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 25 St. Andrew St.	5:30pm
Dec 6	Parkview United Church, 470 Ontario St.	5:00pm
Dec 7	Knox Presbyterian Church (St. James), 142 Ontario St.	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

Dec 3	Inaugural Council meeting	7:00pm	City Hall Auditorium
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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 Sub-committee, Standing Committee and Council Meeting Schedules, Agendas, and Advisory Committee Schedules as the schedule is subject to change. The Town Crier is also posted on the City's website.

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