

Town Crier, February 20, 2016

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS

**PROPERTY TAX
2016 Interim Levy Due Date
February 19, 2016**

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.

The deadline to file an assessment appeal with MPAC is March 31, 2016.
Contact: Tax Department, 519-271-0250, ext. 212 or 213

INCOME TAX CLINICS

The City of Stratford Social Services Department is co-ordinating INCOME TAX CLINICS for low-income individuals and couples. The Clinics will take place Tuesday, March 15, 2016.

To participate, you must have an annual income of less than \$18,000.00 (individuals) OR less than \$28,000.00 (couples). **Please ensure you are within these limits, and note that only current year tax returns can be completed.**

Pre-registration is required. Appointments are 20 minutes long. Couples will require two appointments. To book an appointment time and confirm location, please contact Hazel Snedden, City of Stratford Social Services Department at 519-271-3773, ext. 256, between 8:30 am & 3:30 pm., Monday through Friday.

Participants will be required to bring the following documents to the clinic (if applicable): T4's, T5's, Medical Receipts, Donation Receipts, Rent Receipts and/or Property Tax Receipts, Disability Form (T2201), Date of Entry to Canada, etc.

There is no fee for the clinic, with services provided free of charge by BDO Dunwoody Canada LLP; Famme & Co. Professional Corporation; and Mitchell & Pearce.

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING

The Stratford Committee of Adjustment will consider the following applications at a hearing to be held on Wednesday, March 09, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the Avon Room, City Hall Annex, 82 Erie Street, Stratford:

MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION—A01-16 for 305 Romeo St. S/258 Burritt St.

Purpose: The purpose of this application under Section 44 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 is to reduce the required parking rate for apartment dwellings on the subject lands. The applicant has submitted a development proposal that demonstrates a reduction of 56 required parking spaces if the minor variance is approved.

Variance requested: To permit the required parking rate for an apartment dwelling of 1.25 parking spaces per dwelling unit whereas 1.5 parking spaces per dwelling unit is required.

MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION—A02-16 for 389 Ontario St.

Purpose: The purpose of this application under Section 44 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 is to allow the reconstruction of an accessory detached garage with the same setbacks as the existing detached garage.

Variance requested: To permit an interior side yard setback to an accessory garage of 0.2m whereas 1.0m is required.

MINOR VARIANCE APPLICATION—A03-16 for 310 Ontario St.

Purpose: The purpose of this application under Section 44 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 is to increase the allowable rear yard encroachment for a sunroom and balcony. The variance would allow for the construction of a sunroom with the requested rear yard setback.

Variance requested: To permit a rear yard setback to a sunroom and balcony of 1.411m whereas the zoning allows for an encroachment into the rear yard setback that results in a 3.5m setback.

Additional information regarding the application may be obtained by contacting Jeff Bannon at 519-271-0250 Ext 266 in the Infrastructure and Development Department, Development Division, during normal business hours.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the City of Stratford Committee of Adjustment in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the City of Stratford Committee of Adjustment before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of Stratford Committee of Adjustment in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer, Stratford Committee of Adjustment, 82 Erie Street, 2nd Floor Stratford, ON N5A 2M4. This will also entitle you to be advised of a possible Ontario Municipal Board Hearing. Even if you are the successful party, you should request a copy of the decision since the Stratford Committee of Adjustment decision may be appealed to the Ontario Municipal Board by the applicant or another member of the public.

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 contact: Corry Gunn, Manager - 103 Bruce St. Stratford 519-273-1803

cgunn@stratfordcanada.ca

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

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

Feb 22	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street	5:15 pm
Feb 23	St. Paul's Anglican Church, 9 Douro Street	5:15 pm
Feb 24	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 25 St. Andrew Street	5:15 pm
Feb 26	Zion Lutheran Church, 201 Erie Street	5:00 pm
Feb 28	St. John's United Church, 175 Waterloo Street S.	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.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Feb 22	Committee of the Whole In-camera Session	6:00 pm	Council Chamber
Feb 22	Regular Council and Standing Committee Meetings	7:00 pm	Council Chamber
Feb 24	Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee	4:30 pm	Council Chamber

Feb 25 Planning and Heritage Sub-committee

4:30 pm

Avon Room

Meetings are open to the public to attend with the exception of In-Camera sessions. Agendas can be accessed from the City's web site or may be picked up from the City Clerk's Office the Friday before the scheduled meeting. Also, check the City's web site 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.

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