

Town Crier, February 11, 2017

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS

**PROPERTY TAX
2017 Interim Levy Due Date
February 17, 2017**

For your convenience, property tax payments by cheque may be deposited in the mail box at City Hall, 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

INCOME TAX CLINICS – MARCH 21, 2017

The City of Stratford Social Services Department is coordinating community INCOME TAX CLINICS on Tuesday, March 21, 2017.

To participate, your annual income must be less than \$18,000.00 (individuals) OR less than \$28,000.00 (couples). Please ensure that your income is 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 are 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.

2017 PET TAGS NOW ON SALE FROM THE STRATFORD-PERTH HUMANE SOCIETY

Register your dogs and cats before March 1st and save!

All dogs and cats in Stratford are required to wear a registration tag at all times. Dog and cat tag registrations expire each year on December 31st and are renewed annually to ensure your pet's information is up to date. A tag allows the Humane Society to return your pet to you should they ever be found wandering. The first time your pet is found wandering by the Humane Society, your pet receives a free ride home!

	Before March 1	As of March 1
Dog/Cat – sterilized	\$20.00	\$30.00
Dog/Cat – not sterilized	\$50.00	\$60.00
Dog or Cat under 1 yr.	\$20.00	\$20.00
Special Needs Dog - No charge; registration required		

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

Identification tags may be obtained at:

- Stratford-Perth Humane Society – 125 Griffith Road, 519-273-6600
- City Hall, Clerk's Office - 1 Wellington Street, 519-271-0250, ext. 237
- Various Veterinary clinics and pet stores in Stratford (see www.stratfordcanada.ca for complete list)

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.

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

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

Feb 13 The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street 5:15 pm

Feb 14	St. Paul's Anglican Church, 9 Douro Street	5:15 pm
Feb 15	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 25 St. Andrew Street	5:15 pm
Feb 16	St. Joseph's Church-Parish Hall, 96 Huron Street	5:00 pm
Feb 17	Knox Presbyterian Church, 142 Ontario 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.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Feb 13	Committee of the Whole In-camera Session	5:00 pm	Council Chamber
Feb 13	Regular Council and Standing Committees	7:00 pm	Council Chamber
Feb 15	Social Services Sub-committee	Cancelled	
Feb 16	Community Services Sub-committee	4:45 pm	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 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.

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