

Town Crier, February 16, 2019

# Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

## ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS

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

**PROPERTY TAX  
2019 Interim Levy Due Date  
February 15, 2019**

## FAMILY DAY SCHEDULE

The City of Stratford administration offices will be closed Monday, February 18, 2019.

**LANDFILL SITE HOURS** - Open Monday February 18th 9:00am-12:00pm

## CURBSIDE GARBAGE AND RECYCLING SCHEDULE

There will be no change in the Recycling Collection program on Monday February 18<sup>th</sup>. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00am on collection dates.

## INCOME TAX CLINICS – MARCH 19, 2019

The City of Stratford Social Services Department is coordinating community INCOME TAX CLINICS on Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

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 are required to bring the following documents to the clinic (if applicable): Identification, 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.

## ANNE HATHAWAY DAYCARE - LICENSED CHILDCARE SPACES AVAILABLE

**Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre** has a limited 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
- 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](mailto:cgunn@stratford.ca)

## NOTICE - CLEARING SIDEWALKS OF SNOW AND ICE IN THE CORE AREA AND CLEARING OVERHANGING SNOW AND ICE FROM ROOFS IN THE CITY OF 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 is 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.

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.

If you require this document in an alternate format or any additional information, please contact 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.stratford.ca](http://www.stratford.ca).

### **RETAIL CLOSINGS – FAMILY DAY**

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the Retail Business Holidays Act, Family Day, February 18, 2019 is among the days annually when most stores must be closed.

The Act, administered by the Ministry of Government Services, exempts some retail operations. Flower shops, gas stations and book or magazine stores under 2,400 square feet with a maximum of three employees, are among the exempted businesses.

Stratford's designated tourism season is May 1 to November 12 each year and does not extend to Family Day.

There are fines for opening on prohibited days of retail operation. Retail outlets found guilty may be fined up to \$50,000 or the total amount of gross sales for the day, whichever is greater. Enforcement of the Retail Business Holidays Act in Stratford is the responsibility of Stratford Police Services.

To find out which retail operations are exempted by the Act, please call the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services toll-free at 1-800-889-9768. For more information, visit [www.cbs.gov.on.ca](http://www.cbs.gov.on.ca)

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

<b>Feb 18</b>	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street	5:15pm
<b>Feb 19</b>	Stratford Christian Reform Church, 190 Athlone Crescent	5:15pm
<b>Feb 20</b>	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 25 St. Andrew Street	5:30pm
<b>Feb 21</b>	St. Joseph's Parish Hall, 96 Huron Street	5:00pm
<b>Feb 22</b>	Zion Lutheran Church, 202 Erie Street	5:00pm

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**

<b>Feb 19</b>	Finance and Labour Relations Sub-committee	3:30pm	Council Chamber
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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.

**Telephone: 519-271-0250 [www.stratford.ca](http://www.stratford.ca) TTY: 519-271-5241**