

Town Crier, February 25, 2017

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

CITY OF STRATFORD NEW COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTRE #2 HELP SHAPE STRATFORD!

Thursday, March 9, 2017, 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Presentation at 7:30 p.m., Stratford Rotary Complex (Community Hall B), 353 McCarthy Road West, Stratford

The City of Stratford has retained MMM Group Limited, a WSP Company, to undertake the preparation of the City's New Comprehensive Zoning By-law. Following the first Public Information Centre on October 21, 2015, the project team has prepared a first draft of the City's New Comprehensive Zoning By-law for consultation. We invite you to participate in this important event to provide your input in Shaping Stratford.

What is a Zoning By-law? The Zoning By-law is the City's primary tool to regulate the use of all land in the City, it divides land into various zone categories (i.e., residential, commercial, employment), and establishes what uses are permitted and where buildings can be located on a property. The New Comprehensive Zoning By-law will implement the policies of the City's new Official Plan and provide updated zoning and development standards that reflect new policy and regulatory initiatives at the provincial and City level.

The Event: Public Information Centre #2 provides you an important opportunity to review and comment on the first draft of the City's New Comprehensive Zoning By-law. As a member of the community you have the insight needed to ensure this new Zoning By-law reflects the needs of your community. We encourage all members of the public to attend this important Public Information Centre, to review the first draft of the City's New Comprehensive Zoning By-law and provide your input.

A short presentation will be given at 7:30 p.m. which will be followed by a Q&A session from the audience. Prior to and following the presentation attendees are encouraged to review display materials and provide input. Members of the project team will be available for one on one discussion for those who are interested.

Opportunities for Input: At key points throughout the project, the team will engage members of the public. There will be a number of opportunities – both on-line and in-person – for you to provide your input. For further information on the City's Comprehensive Zoning By-law Update, and to review and comment on the Draft Comprehensive Zoning By-law and interactive mapping, visit our project website: <https://shapingstratford.ca/>

For those who would like to receive more information please contact Jeff Leunissen, Manager of Development Services at (519) 271-0250 Ext. 221 or jleunissen@stratfordcanada.ca.

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.

STRATFORD'S ANNUAL WATER REPORT

The City of Stratford's Annual Water Report is available on the City's website, www.stratfordcanada.ca or a hard copy is available for viewing in the Infrastructure & Development Services Department, 82 Erie Street, 3rd Floor, during regular business hours.

MEETING NOTICE: ANIMAL CONTROL WORKING GROUP

The City of Stratford's Animal Control Working Group (ACWG) will be holding a meeting on Tuesday 28 February at 4:30pm. The meeting will be held in the Falstaff Room, located on the 2nd floor of 82 Erie Street, Stratford. This meeting is open to the public.

The Animal Control Working Group was appointed to help the City in its review of Animal Control Bylaw 195-2002. The ACWG is comprised of nine (9) members who provide a balance of perspectives on the issues identified for this bylaw review. Issues subject to review have been identified as follows:

- Banning the sale of pets in pet stores;
- Limiting the number of pets allowed per household;
- Licensing;
- Pro-rating/waiving licensing fees for rescue pets;
- Updating business licensing criteria for Pet Stores;
- Updating licensing requirements for kennels and catteries and/or breeders;
- Limiting the amount of dogs per owner allowed in the off-leash Stratford Dog Park;
- Revisions and/or updates to definitions in the bylaw;
- Updates to the standards of animal care requirements;
- Leashing of cats;
- Allowing chickens as pets;
- Enforcement issues.

Note: Other issues may arise as a result of Committee discussions.

The ACWG provides a forum for consultation, review and exchange of information regarding the City's Animal Control Bylaw/relevant sections of the Business Licensing Bylaw.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Potter, Policy and Research Associate: spotter@stratfordcanada.ca; 519-271-0250 ext 253.

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

Feb 26	Avondale United Church, 194 Avondale Avenue	5:15 pm
Feb 27	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street	5:15 pm
Feb 28	Jubilee Christian Fellowship, 707 Downie Street	5:15 pm
Mar 01	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 25 St. Andrew Street	5:15 pm
Mar 02	Parkview United Church, 470 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 27	Committee of the Whole In-camera Session	6:30 pm	Council Chamber
Feb 27	Regular Council and Standing Committees	7:00 pm	Council Chamber
March 1	Infrastructure, Transportation & Safety Sub-Committee	4:30 pm	Council Chamber
March 2	Planning and Heritage Sub-Committee	4:30 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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