

Town Crier, January 7, 2017

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

2017 BUDGET OPEN HOUSE

Stratford City Council is holding an Open House for residents to provide their comments and ideas about the 2017 budget before it is approved by Council. This will be an informal drop-in format.

The Open House is being held in the City Hall Auditorium on January 16, 2017. Residents are invited to drop in anytime between 6:00 pm and 7:30 pm to review budget materials and speak to members of Council and City staff. This public consultation is an important part of the budget process and is the second Open House being held for residents to learn more about the budget and offer their opinions.

Please contact the Office of the Director of Corporate Services if you require further information by phone at 519-271-0250 ext. 202, or by email at stfdbudget@stratfordcanada.ca

2017 BUDGET MEETING

The Finance and Labour Relations Committee has scheduled one last budget meeting to finalize its recommendations to Council concerning approval of the 2017 budget.

The meeting will be held on January 16, 2017, at 7:30pm in the City Hall Council Chambers. The final 2017 tax levying by-law will be approved by City Council at the end of January. Please note all budget meetings are open to the public.

REMINDER FOR 2017 BUSINESS LICENCES

Your Stratford business licence expired December 31, 2016. The City of Stratford licenses certain businesses providing goods or services in Stratford. Licences are issued in order to regulate businesses, ensure compliance with land use and building regulations and for consumer protection. Being granted a City of Stratford Business Licence does not relieve the applicant from complying with all Municipal By-laws or with Provincial or Federal legislation.

The Clerk's Office of the Corporate Services Department issues licences for the following types of businesses: adult entertainment, auctioneers, body piercing, body rub, circus, old gold, precious metals and old jewellery sales, outdoor cafes on municipal property, refreshment vehicles, mobile food vendors, bicycle ice cream vehicles, hawkers and pedlars, flea markets, craft/antique/trade shows, transient traders, door to door sales, tattoo parlours and pawn shops.

For more information, contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 ext. 237. Applications or renewal applications and fees may be submitted in person or by mail to the Clerk's Office. Check the City's website at www.stratfordcanada.ca for more information and for forms.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Approval from the City of Stratford is required to hold an event on municipal property, including, but not limited to, parades, walk-a-thons, road races, concerts, fairs, gatherings or other events on city streets, sidewalks, trails, parks, etc., or that involve temporary road closures. It is the responsibility of the organization to obtain approval for their event.

Applications must be submitted, with all applicable attachments, a minimum of 12 weeks prior to the event to the City Clerk's Office. Any application received less than 12 weeks prior to the proposed event will be subject to a fee of \$150.00.

The City Clerk's Office will advise whether or not approval has been granted for the event. Applications are available at www.stratfordcanada.ca or at the City Clerk's Office, 1 Wellington Street, Ground Floor. For more information contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250 ext. 230.

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

Jan 09	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street	5:15 pm
Jan 10	Christian Reformed Church, 190 Athlone Crescent	5:15 pm
Jan 11	St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 25 St. Andrew Street	5:15 pm
Jan 12	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

Jan 9	Committee of the Whole In-camera Session	6:40 pm	Council Chamber
Jan 9	Regular Council and Standing Committees	7:00 pm	Council Chamber
Jan 11	Social Services Sub-committee	4:30 pm	Council Chamber
Jan 12	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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