

Town Crier, May 13, 2017

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE ON BED AND BREAKFAST ESTABLISHMENTS AND SHORT TERM RENTAL ACCOMMODATIONS

Monday, May 15, 2017 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Tim Taylor Lounge, 2nd floor of the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road West, Stratford, ON

In April 2015, the City of Stratford retained MMM Group Limited, a WSP Company, to assist in the preparation of a new Comprehensive Zoning By-law and much of the feedback to date has focused on Bed and Breakfast Establishments and Short Term Rental Accommodations. As a result, the City is holding a public open house specifically to review existing By-laws as they relate to Accessory Guest Suites/Bed and Breakfast Establishments and Short Term Rental Accommodations regulations and how these uses should be regulated, addressed in the future on **Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm** at the **Stratford Rotary Complex** in the **Tim Taylor Lounge** (2nd floor). 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 establishes what uses are permitted and what criteria a use must meet for it to be permitted. 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.

Licensing By-law: The City currently regulates Bed and Breakfast Establishments, Accessory Guest Rooms and Guest through Licensing By-law (By-law 180-2004). The aforementioned uses are required to be licensed.

Scope of Options: A broad range of options will be presented which will include the following:

- Maintaining the current regulations (status quo);
- Enacting minimal zoning and licensing regulations to deal with health and safety issues only,
- Enacting comprehensive zoning and licensing regulations to deal with a number of issues including but not limited to: health and safety issues, ownership, location, parking, maximum number of licenses issued, length of occupancy, and form of building; and
- Permitting Accessory Guest Suites/Bed and Breakfast Establishments and Short Term Rental Accommodations as-of-right.

More information on the options to be presented will be available on the www.shapingstratford.ca website on May 9, 2017.

The Event: This Public Open House provides you an important opportunity to comment on possible future zoning and licensing by-law provisions as they related to Bed and Breakfast Establishments and Short Term Rental Accommodations. **We encourage all members of the public to attend this important Public Open House and provide your input.**

A short presentation will be given which will be followed by a Q&A session from the audience.

Opportunities for Input: At key points throughout the Comprehensive Zoning By-law Update, the project team has engaged 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 visit our project website: www.shapingstratford.ca.

Feedback on the options presented are welcome through the [shapingstratford](http://shapingstratford.ca) website, attending the public open house, and/or emailing Jeff Leunissen.

If you require this document in an alternate format contact City Hall at 519-271-0250 ext. 237 or TTY at 519-271-5241 or email: clerks@stratford.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@stratford.ca.

NOTICE - RAKING OF WINTER SAND

Reminder to residents from Infrastructure & Development Services that during the months of April and May, winter sand that has accumulated can be raked to the edge of the road or the street gutter. Please help street sweeping operations by spreading the sand out in the gutter area. Please do not place the sand in large piles in the gutter or along the road, as the piles can restrict water flow and be a traffic hazard.

FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

Beginning April 23, 2017 and continuing for approximately four weeks, flushing of fire hydrants will take place within the City of Stratford. Customers could experience some discoloured water. Water quality is not affected

by this colouration. Discoloured water will clear, but before doing laundry, please check to see that water has cleared. If you have any questions, please call the City Water Division at 519-271-0250, ext. 222 during business hours.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS - DESTROY NOXIOUS WEEDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all property owners in accordance with the WEED CONTROL ACT OF ONTARIO, that unless noxious weeds growing on their lands within the Municipality of Stratford are destroyed by June 1, 2017 and throughout the season, the Municipality may enter upon said lands and cause the noxious weed or weed seeds to be destroyed, charging the costs against the land in taxes as set out in the Act.

In the interest of public health, the noxious weeds requiring eradication include Giant Hogweed, Ragweed and Poison Ivy. Other noxious weeds requiring eradication include European Buckthorn, Thistles, Jointed Goatgrass, and others as designated under the above Act.

Enquiries and complaints should be directed to the Infrastructure & Development Services at 519-271-0250 ext. 345. Weed Inspector, City of Stratford

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

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

May 15	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street	5:15 pm
May 18	St. Joseph's Church-Parish Hall, 96 Huron Street	5:00 pm
May 19	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.

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