

Town Crier, May 20, 2017

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

NOTICES OF APPLICATION FOR NOISE CONTROL BY-LAW EXEMPTION

The Queen of the Square Cinema has requested an exemption from the Noise Control By-law 113-79 for The Movies Under the Stars Events each evening from 5:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 9, July 23 and August 20 with rain dates of July 16 and August 27.

27 Market Place has requested an exemption from the Noise Control By-law 113-79 for their 1 Year Anniversary Events on June 30, July 1 and July 2, 2017 until 2:00 a.m. on July 1, 2 and 3 for the amplification of sound and musical instruments.

Anyone wishing to comment on these applications for exemption should provide their concerns in writing or email by May 30, 2017 to: The Corporation of the City of Stratford, Attention: City Clerk, City Hall 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1. Email: clerks@stratford.ca

Notice of Collection: Personal information collected as part of this Notice is pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001. Personal information collected as a result of this Notice will be used to assist Council in making a decision on this application. Names, addresses, opinions and comments will be made available for public disclosure. Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to the City Clerk, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1 or by emailing: jthomson@stratford.ca or by telephone at the number below.

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.

VICTORIA DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford Administration Offices will be closed on May 22, 2017.

LANDFILL SITE HOURS - closed Monday May 22, 2017

CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND GARBAGE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

There will be no change in the Recycling and Garbage Collection schedule on Monday May 22. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00 am on collection dates. For further information, telephone 519-271-0250 ext. 279

FIREWORK SAFETY – VICTORIA DAY AND CANADA DAY

City of Stratford Fireworks By-law 73-2006 provides that fireworks can only be set off on Victoria Day and Canada Day **between 8:00 pm and 12:00 midnight**. In the event of weather conditions such as rain, fog, smog or wind on Victoria Day or Canada Day, fireworks may be set off the day before or the day after Victoria Day or Canada Day.

Sale of Fireworks - Fireworks can be sold in Stratford only for a period of 14 calendar days prior to Victoria Day and Canada Day.

Fireworks may not be set off:

- On any city street or highway.
- In any park or other public place.
- In any building or vehicle.
- In areas containing dead undergrowth or trees.

Firecrackers - which are different than fireworks, cannot be sold or set off anywhere in Stratford.

When setting off Fireworks:

- Use fireworks outdoors only;
- Choose a clear, open area;
- Check wind direction and speed;
- Always have an adult present;
- Have water handy;
- Read and follow label directions;
- Keep spectators away from launch area

Special Events and Community Events: Residents may apply to the Stratford Fire Department for a permit to set off fireworks for special events or community events. Contact the Fire Department at **519-271-3212** for details.

RETAIL CLOSINGS ON VICTORIA DAY

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the *Retail Business Holidays Act*, Victoria Day – Monday, May 22, 2017, is among the holidays when most stores must be closed.

The *Retail Business Holidays Act* provides limited exceptions for retail outlets that may be open, including stores that sell handicrafts and book or magazine stores that are less than 2,400 square feet with a maximum of three employees, pharmacies under 7,500 square feet, flower shops and gas stations. Stores may also remain open in locations established as tourist areas by specific municipal by-laws. Businesses should contact their municipal offices for information.

Minimum fines for opening businesses on prohibited days of retail operation are \$500 for the first offence, \$2,000 for a second offence and \$5,000 for a third or subsequent offence. Retail outlets may be fined up to \$50,000 or the total amount of gross sales for the holiday, whichever is greater. Stratford's designated tourism season is May 1 to November 12 each year and includes the Victoria Day Holiday.

Stratford City By-law 149-92 permits certain retail establishments in Stratford that meet the tourism criteria established by the Province and that provides goods and services primarily to tourists in Stratford, may open for business on Victoria Day under the following provisions:

- The retail business establishment does not open prior to 10:00 am and does not remain open after 4:00 pm;
- The number of persons engaged in the serving of the public does not at any time, exceed four (4);
- The total area used for serving, selling or displaying goods or services to the public inside the establishment is less than 278.71 m² (3000 square feet).
- Certain larger retail business establishments listed in Schedule "A" to By-law 149-92 as amended, may also open on Victoria Day between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm

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, call the Ministry of Government and Consumer Services toll-free at 1-800-889-9768. For more information visit www.sse.gov.on.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.

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

A STITCH IN TIME...FOR CANADA 150!

Do you enjoy sewing and civic pride? Our Sesquicentennial Committee is looking for volunteers to sew bunting for City Hall and banners for downtown lamp posts so our city looks its patriotic best for Canada Day. All materials will be provided. If interested, please contact Mary O'Rourke at 519-301-4720 or patandmaryorourke@gmail.com.

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

May 22	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street	5:15 pm
May 26	Zion Lutheran Church, 202 Erie Street	5:00 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

May 23	Committee of the Whole In-Camera session	6:15 pm	Council Chamber
May 23	Regular Council and Standing committees	7:00 pm	Council Chamber
May 24	Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee	4:30 pm	Council Chamber
May 25	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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