

Town Crier, October 8, 2016

Stratford Town Crier

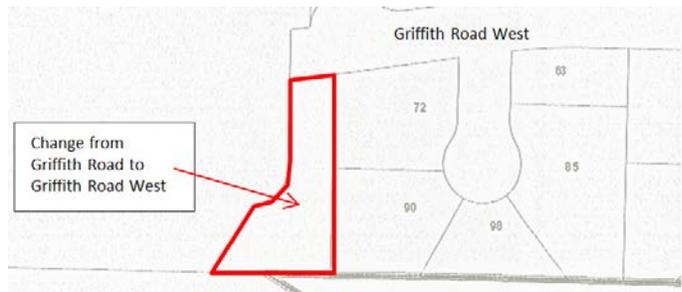
Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

NOTICE OF INTENT – PROPOSED STREET NAME CHANGE

Notice is given that Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford is considering a By-law to change the name of a portion of the name of "Griffith Road", west of Griffith Road West, in the City of Stratford. The authority for changing the names of streets is found in By-law 47-2008 and the Municipal Act, 2001. Abutting property owners are being notified of this proposed street name change.

The proposed By-law would have the following affect:

- The portion of "Griffith Road", west of "Griffith Road West" renamed "Griffith Road West" for continuity in street name.



City Council will consider the By-law at the October 24, 2016 Regular Council meeting to be held at 7:00pm in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford. Comments about the proposed street name change must be made in writing and submitted by October 17, 2016 to:

City Clerk, City Hall, P.O. Box 818, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1
Tel: 519-271-0250 ext. 235 Email: clerks@stratfordcanada.ca

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING UNDER THE RETAIL BUSINESS HOLIDAYS ACT

Stratford City Council will hold a Public Meeting under the Retail Business Holidays Act to hear the following application:

- 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 14, 2016 in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 1 Wellington Street to hear the application from Wal-Mart Canada Corp for an exemption to allow the Wal-Mart store located at 920 Ontario Street, to open on defined holidays during the designated tourism season in Stratford.

The Act requires most retail businesses to close on defined holidays; however, certain exemptions are allowed. Stratford City Council enacted By-law 149-92 to grant exemptions to the Act. The exemptions granted by Council permit certain retail businesses to open on defined holidays from May 1 to November 12 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. for the maintenance and development of tourism. Other restrictions apply.

An application has been submitted requesting an exemption to permit Wal-Mart located at 920 Ontario Street to open on defined holidays between May 1 and November 12 each year.

Any person may attend this Public Meeting to make written or oral comments with respect to this application. Alternatively, written comments may be submitted to the City Clerk, City of Stratford, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1 or clerks@stratfordcanada.ca by November 1.

Personal information, including comments, is collected under the authority of the Retail Business Holidays Act and will be used by the City, Council and authorized agents for the processing of this application and for the administration purposes and will be made available to the public. Questions regarding this collection and release of personal information may be directed to the City Clerk, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1 or by telephone at 519-271-0250 ext. 235 during business hours.

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PROPERTY TAX
2016 Final Levy Due Date
October 14, 2016

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 on-line/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.

PUBLIC APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

This fall, the City of Stratford begins its public appointments process to fill vacancies on City advisory committees and boards. These public appointments are open to Stratford residents and eligible electors who are at least 18 years of age (with the exception of the Youth representatives). Experienced and new members are needed.

You can make a difference by serving on a City advisory committee or board. Advisory committees and boards provide advice to City Council and contribute to the development of policies, programs and initiatives that enhance our quality of life. The community benefits from your expertise, enthusiasm and civic pride. To find out more about the work of these advisory committee and boards, advisory meeting Minutes are available on the City's website.

Persons interested in being appointed to the advisory committees, committees and boards listed below are asked to complete and return no later than **October 24, 2016**, an application form that is available from the City's web site at: www.stratfordcanada.ca or the Clerk's Office, Ground Floor of City Hall, 1 Wellington Street during business hours.

Accessibility Advisory Committee – Meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 11:30 am to improve opportunities for persons with disabilities and to provide for involvement in the identification, removal and prevention of barriers to full participation in the community. There are positions available for citizen representatives for 2-year terms.

Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) - Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. to serve as a forum for the public to raise their viewpoints on particular active transportation issues and/or other findings and to bring these interests to the attention of the appropriate staff, departments or standing committees. The ATAC also acts to educate, promote and enhance active transportation in the City of Stratford. There are positions available for 2-year terms for citizen representatives, a position for a member of the Avon Trail and a position for a member of the Energy & Environment Committee.

Board of Park Management – Meets on the second Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m. to deal with matters regarding the maintenance, improvement and expansion of the City's park system. There is a position available for the remainder of a 4-year term concurrent with the term of Council.

Communities in Bloom Committee – Meets the first Thursday of the month at 12:00 Noon. The mandate of the Communities in Bloom Committee is:

- To foster civic pride, environmental protection and beautification, through community participation.
- To improve the tidiness, appearance and visual appeal of neighbourhoods, parks, open spaces and streets.
- To focus on environmental awareness and preservation of heritage and culture.
- To co-ordinate a host program as required;
- To be financially sustainable.

There are citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

Energy & Environment Committee – Meets on the second Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. to advise Council relating to waste reduction initiatives, water and energy conservation and preservation of natural areas. There are citizen representative positions for 2-year terms, a position for a member of CARE for a 2 year term and a position for a youth representative for a 1-year term.

Heritage Stratford – Meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. to deal with matters relating to the promotion of architectural designing and conserving of heritage architecture and heritage designations. There are citizen representative positions for 2-year terms. Special interest groups are invited to request a representative on the Committee at this time.

Spruce Lodge Non-Profit Housing Corporation – Meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The Board is responsible for the governance of Spruce Lodge Non-Profit Housing Corporation which operates social housing units. Housing is made available both to seniors, as well as to adults with disabilities. Rents are set both on a geared-to-income basis as well as on a market rate basis. The Board is comprised of 9 members. There is a citizen position available on the Board for a 2-year term.

Stratford City Centre Business Improvement Area (BIA) – Meets the third Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. to deal with matters concerning promotion and beautification of the downtown core. To be eligible for appointment, you must be a downtown property owner or business operator. There is a position available for the remainder of a 4-year term concurrent with the term of Council.

Provincial eligibility requirements for persons who may be appointed to the City Centre Committee are:

- a) persons who own property that is in either the commercial or industrial property class in the designated city centre and who are shown on the last revised assessment roll;
- b) persons who operate businesses, either owning the business premises or holding them under a lease requiring the payment of property taxes;
- c) persons operating businesses in leased space under a gross lease entered into on or before June 11, 1998;
- d) nominees of persons who qualify under (a), (b) or (c).

Incorporated members shall be represented only by a named person so designated in the corporation's official designation letter for that purpose filed with the City of Stratford.

Stratford Town and Gown Advisory Committee - Meets three times per year on the 3rd Thursday of September, February and April at 5:00 p.m. to serve as a forum for the exchange of information on issues and initiatives involving the University of Waterloo, The Corporation of the City of Stratford and the community. There is a position available at this time for an alternate student representative from the University of Waterloo Stratford Campus for a 1-year term to August 31, 2017.

Stratford's of the World - Ontario Committee - Meets periodically throughout the year at the call of the Chair. The mandate of the Stratford's of the World – Ontario Committee is:

- To encourage community partnerships which provide additional opportunities;
- To assist with the recurring reunion program with other Stratfords' every two years
- To ensure that the annual Friendship Flower Bed is updated;
- To be financially sustainable.

There are citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

Upper Thames River Conservation Authority – Meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in London to deal with the implementation of a program designed to further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources other than gas, oil, coal and minerals. There is a citizen representative position available for a 3-year term. UTRCA's Board of Directors' Policy Handbook can be found at <http://thamesriver.on.ca/about-us/boardofdirectors/>.

Additional information regarding these advisory committees is available upon request from the City Clerk's Office, 519-271-0250, ext. 237.

Attention: City Clerk
The Corporation of the City of Stratford
City Hall, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1

The deadline for receipt of applications is October 24, 2016

Personal information collected through the appointment process is under the Municipal Act and will be used by City Council for the purpose of making appointments to boards and committees. Questions regarding this collection should be directed to the City Clerk, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1, telephone 519-271-0250, Ext. 235.

THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford Administration Offices will be closed on **October 10**. The City of Stratford Landfill will be closed in recognition of the Thanksgiving Day Holiday. Waste collection will be operating on a normal schedule. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00 am on collection dates. For further information during office hours, telephone **519-271-0250 ext. 279 or 519-271-0820**.

FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

Beginning August 29, 2016, and continuing for approximately two weeks, hydrant maintenance activities, including localized flushing, will be taking 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, check to see that water has cleared. If you have any questions, call the City Water Division at **519-271-0250, ext. 222** during business hours.

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

Oct 10	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie Street	5:15 pm
Oct 17	The Local Community Food Centre, 612 Erie 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

Oct 11	Committee of the Whole In-camera Session	6:00 pm	Council Chamber
Oct 11	Regular Council and Standing committees	7:00 pm	Council Chamber
Oct 12	Social Services Sub-committee	4:30 pm	Council Chamber
Oct 13	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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