

Town Crier, October 13, 2018

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS

Beginning October 9, 2018 and continuing for approximately five 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

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 who can be under 18 years). 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, the 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 26, 2018, 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 a.m. 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 at this time for three (3) citizens, one (1) Community Living and one (1) Family Services representative 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 two (2) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms and a position for a member of the Avon Trail for a 2-year term.

Ad-Hoc Citizen's Committee on Council Remuneration – Recently established by Stratford City Council to review and provide recommendations on Mayor and Council remuneration, including consideration of related benefits and pension. There are positions for five (5) citizens with preference given to applicants with experience in Human Resources and those specialized in compensation. The Ad-Hoc Committee is expected to begin meeting in early 2019 with meeting dates yet to be determined. A copy of the Terms of Reference for the Ad-Hoc Citizen's Committee is available on the City's website under Inside City Hall and Advisory Committees.

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 are six (6) citizen positions available for 4-year terms concurrent with the term of Council.

Committee of Adjustment – Meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 5:00 p.m. to make decisions on minor variance and consent applications. There are five (5) citizen positions available for 4-year terms concurrent with the term of Council.

Communities in Bloom Committee – Meets the first Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m. 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 six (6) 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 three (3) citizen representative positions for 2-year terms, a position for a member of Civic

Beautification and Environmental Awareness for a 2-year term, an AREA representative for a 2-year term and a position for a member of CARE for a 2-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 four (4) citizen representative positions for 2-year terms. Special interest groups are invited to request a representative on the Committee at this time.

Stratford City Centre Business Improvement Area (BIA) – Meets the fourth 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. The positions available are for 4-year terms concurrent with the term of Council.

Provincial eligibility requirements for persons who may be appointed to the Stratford City Centre BIA 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.

Stratfords of the World - Ontario Committee - Meets periodically throughout the year at the call of the Chair. The mandate of the Stratfords of the World 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 four (4) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

Stratford Police Services Board – Meets monthly at the call of the Chair to deal with police services in the City of Stratford. There is a community member position available for a 4-year term.

Stratford Public Library Board – Meets on the third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. Operating under the *Public Libraries Act*, the Board is responsible for the governance of the public library. Its focus is on policy development, planning and advocacy. There are ten (10) citizen representative positions available for 4-year terms concurrent with the term of Council. To be eligible you must be a resident of Stratford.

Stratford Town and Gown Advisory Committee - Meets 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 one (1) position available for a student representative for a 1-year term and one (1) alternate student position available.

Stratford Youth Advisory Committee (SYAC) – Meets monthly during the school year. Advises Stratford City Council on issues local youth are facing and strives to improve the quality of life for youth in Stratford. There are available positions for three (3) students from Northwestern Secondary School, three (3) students from Central Secondary School, three (3) students from St. Michael Catholic Secondary School and one (1) student-at-large. If you are interested, contact your principal to put your name forward. If you do not attend one of the high schools, are between the ages of 13-19 and are interested in joining the SYAC, please contact the Clerk's Office for an application form.

Upper Thames River Conservation Authority – Meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. in London to oversee the organization and delivery of programs and services that further the conservation, restoration, development and management of natural resources, other than gas, oil, coal and minerals, in the Upper Thames River watershed. There is a citizen representative position available for a 4-year term. The Administrative By-Law for the UTRCA 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 26, 2018

Personal information collected through the appointment process 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 during business hours.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

October 16, 4:00-5:00 p.m. City Hall Auditorium and October 17, 12:00-1:00 p.m. City Hall Auditorium

FUTURE OF THE VACANT UNIT REBATES, VACANT/EXCESS LAND TAX REDUCTION

The City of Stratford currently provides tax relief to property owners in the industrial and commercial property class under the Vacant Unit and Vacant/Excess Land Programs.

The City is continuing to seek feedback regarding the future of these programs. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey by Oct 15, 2018 or drop in to one of the information sessions. We appreciate your feedback. The survey is available at <https://forms.stratfordcanada.ca/.../Vacant-Unit-Rebates-Prog>

DOOR TO DOOR TEXTILE COLLECTION - OCTOBER 15-19

During Waste Reduction Week the City of Stratford has partnered with Diabetes Canada to offer residents Door to Door Textile Pick Up. Help us divert waste from the landfill by cleaning out your closet and donating your old textiles.

How to Participate in the Textile Program:

STEP 1: Collect your textiles and put them in a garbage bag and mark it with a "D"

STEP 2: During Waste Reduction week (October 15-19) PLACE your BAGS at CURBSIDE on your waste collection day

STEP 3: If you require a FREE pick up outside of these dates, schedule a pick up at declutter.diabetes.ca or call 1-800-505-5525

Please see Waste Calendar or visit www.stratford.ca for more information.

City of Stratford's textile recycling program accepts all adult and children's clothing and footwear, including undergarments, towels, pillows, and curtains, including items that are worn, torn or stained. Even single socks and shoes are welcome!

You can also donate your textiles at the landfill

Telephone: 519-271-0250 www.stratford.ca TTY: 519-271-5241