

Town Crier, October 20, 2018

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

2018 STRATFORD MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Vote in the 2018 Stratford Municipal and School Board Election from the convenience of your home using the internet or telephone until Monday, October 22 at 8:00 pm.

To vote you will need a Personalized Identification Number, which can be found in your Voter Information Letter, along with your date of birth. The Voter Information Letter also contains the information you need to access the internet and telephone voting system.

If you need assistance with internet voting, need to be added to the voters' list or have your information changed, you can visit the Voter Help Centre at the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road West on:

- Saturday, October 20 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Sunday, October 21 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Monday, October 22 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

Computers are also available for use by eligible electors at the Stratford Public Library during its business hours.

You can also be added to the voters' list by visiting the Clerk's Office, located on the ground floor of City Hall, Monday-Friday from 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. An internet voting kiosk has been set up for voters to use once they have been added to the voters' list and received their Voter Information Letter.

Please note: due to the amount of activity at the Clerk's Office, eligible electors requiring assistance with internet voting are encouraged to visit the Voter Help Center at the Rotary Complex during the above noted days and times.

To make it easier to attend the Voter Help Centre at the Rotary Complex and the Clerk's Office, the City will be offering free transit on Monday, October 22 for the entire day.

If you have questions relating to the election and voting please call the Voter Help Line at 519-271-0250 Ext 237:

- Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm
- Saturday, October 20 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Sunday, October 21 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Monday, October 22 from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Remember, every vote counts.

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

STRATFORD POLICE SERVICES BOARD MEETING

The next meeting of the Stratford Police Services Board will be held on **October 24, 2018** at 4:30 p.m. in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 1 Wellington St., Stratford.

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 – 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.

ANNE HATHAWAY DAYCARE - LICENSED CHILDCARE SPACES AVAILABLE

Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre has a limited 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
- Newly renovated facility

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.

For further information contact: Corry Gunn, Manager - 103 Bruce St. Stratford 519-273-1803
cgunn@stratford.ca

CHANGE TO INSPECTION REQUEST PROCESS

Please be advised that effective November 5th, 2018 the deadline for inspection requests will change. Inspections must be received prior to 4:00 p.m. if next day inspection is requested.

Due to an increased number of inspection requests, we believe this change will allow our inspectors to leave the office earlier each day, giving them more time to complete inspections.

We are confident that this will benefit all parties involved.

Currently, Provincial regulations mandate that inspections requested must be completed within 48 hours of notice. Our goal is to complete all inspections within 24 hours of request as volume allows. We will continue to work with homeowners, contractors and our community partners to provide the best service possible.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact Jonathan DeWeerd at 519-271-0250 ext. 219 or by email at jdeweerd@stratford.ca.

CITY OF STRATFORD NEW COMPREHENSIVE ZONING BY-LAW

Notice of Public Information Centre #3

Help Shape Stratford!

Wednesday, November 14, 2018, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Presentation at 7:30 p.m.
Stratford Rotary Complex (Tim Taylor Lounge), 353 McCarthy Road West, Stratford, ON

The City of Stratford has retained WSP Canada Group Limited, to undertake the preparation of the City's New Comprehensive Zoning By-law. Following the second Public Information Centre held on March 9, 2017, the project team has prepared a second draft of the City's New Comprehensive Zoning By-law for consultation. 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 divides land into various zone categories (i.e., residential, commercial, employment), and establishes what uses are permitted and where buildings can be located on a property. 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. For example, the New Comprehensive Zoning By-law contains revised Bed and Breakfast Establishment regulations and new regulations dealing with Short Term Rental Accommodations.

The Event: Public Information Centre #3 provides you an important opportunity to review and comment on the City's New Comprehensive Zoning By-law. As a member of the community you have the insight needed to ensure this new Zoning By-law reflects the needs of your community. **We encourage all members of the public to attend this important Public Information Centre, to review the second draft of the City's New Comprehensive Zoning By-law and provide your input.**

A short presentation will be given at 7:30 p.m. which will be followed by a Q&A session. Prior to and following the presentation attendees are encouraged to review display materials and provide input. Members of the project team will be available for one on one discussion for those who are interested.

Opportunities for Input: At key points throughout the project, the team will engage members of 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 on the Draft Comprehensive Zoning By-law, visit our project website: <https://shapingstratford.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.

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