

Town Crier, October 7, 2017

Stratford Town Crier

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

PROPERTY TAX
2017 Final Levy Due Date
October 13, 2017

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.

MEETING NOTICE: ANIMAL CONTROL WORKING GROUP

The City of Stratford's Animal Control Working Group (ACWG) will be holding a meeting on Wednesday October 11, 2017 at 4:30pm. The meeting will be held in the Falstaff Room, located on the 2nd floor of 82 Erie Street, Stratford. This meeting is open to the public.

The Animal Control Working Group was appointed to help the City in its review of Animal Control Bylaw 195-2002. The ACWG is comprised of nine (9) members who provide a balance of perspectives on the issues identified for this bylaw review. Issues subject to review have been identified as follows:

- Banning the sale of pets in pet stores;
- Limiting the number of pets allowed per household;
- Updating licensing requirements;
- Limiting the amount of dogs per owner allowed in the off-leash Stratford Dog Park;
- Revisions and/or updates to definitions in the bylaw;
- Updates to the standards of animal care requirements;
- Leashing of cats;
- Allowing chickens as pets;
- Enforcement issues.

Note: Other issues may arise as a result of Committee discussions.

The ACWG provides a forum for consultation, review and exchange of information regarding the City's Animal Control Bylaw/relevant sections of the Business Licensing Bylaw.

For more information, please contact Stephanie Potter, Policy and Research Associate: spotter@stratford.ca; 519-271-0250 x253.

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 20, 2017**, 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 and a position for a member of the Energy & Environment Committee.

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 AREA 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 and a position for a member of SABA for a 2-year term. 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 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 a position available at this time for a citizen representative for a 2-year term to November 30, 2019.

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.

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
Or email clerks@stratford.ca

The deadline for receipt of applications is October 20, 2017

Notice of Collection: 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 and other administrative purposes. 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.

2018 BUDGET MEETINGS

The Finance and Labour Relations Committee of Stratford City Council has scheduled the following meetings to review draft 2018 operating and capital departmental budgets, and to formulate recommendations to Council concerning approval of the 2018 budget. All meetings are to be held in the City Hall Council Chambers at 5:15 pm.

- Thursday, November 2, 2017
- Wednesday, November 8, 2017
- Monday, November 20, 2017
- Tuesday, December 5, 2017
- Tuesday, December 12, 2017

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe. Agendas and Minutes will be posted as available to the City website under the event calendar.

As dates, times and location are subject to change, please contact the Office of the Director of Corporate Services if you wish to confirm a meeting date and time, or if you require further information. Updates to the budget meeting schedule will also be posted to the City's website at www.stratfordcanada.ca under 2018 Budget.

Contact information is by phone at 519-271-0250 ext. 202, or by email at stfdbudget@stratford.ca

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR NOISE CONTROL BY-LAW EXEMPTION

27 Market Place and Bard's Steakhouse has requested an exemption from the Noise Control By-law 113-79 on December 30, 2017 until 2:00 a.m. on December 31, 2017 for the amplification of sound and musical instruments for an outdoor New Year's Eve in the Square.

Anyone wishing to comment on this application for exemption should provide their concerns in writing or email by October 13, 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.

NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND CITY OF STRATFORD SIGN BY-LAW 159-2004

In accordance with Section 10(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001 Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford, on Monday, October 23, 2017 at 7:00 pm, in Council Chambers at City Hall, located at 1 Wellington Street, will consider amending Sign By-law 159-2004 as follows:

- to allow third party advertising;
- that mandatory information be included in the advertisement, such as the name of the registered third party; the name, business address and telephone number of the individual who deals with the publisher under the direction of the registered third party; and, name of the municipality;
- to increase the maximum size of an election sign from 1.5 m² to 3.7 m²,
- to require a 1m setback from a sidewalk and 3 m setback from the travelled portion of a road; and,
- to establish a 6 m separation distance between signs of the same candidate on a road allowance.

Additional information on the possible amendment is available by contacting Jeff Leunissen, Manager of Development Services, at (519) 271-0250 x 221 or jleunissen@stratford.ca; or by visiting the City's website www.stratfordcanada.ca.

Written submissions regarding the proposed changes should be addressed to jleunissen@stratford.ca prior to the Council meeting.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Oct 10	Committee of the Whole In-Camera Session	6:35 pm	Council Chamber
Oct 10	Regular Council and Standing Committees	7:00 pm	Council Chamber
Oct 11	Social Services Sub-committee	4:30 pm	Council Chamber
Oct 12	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 website or may be picked up from the City Clerk's Office the Friday before the scheduled meeting. Also, check the City's website 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.

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