

Stratford Town Crier

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Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

HAVE YOUR SAY IN THE NEXT STRATFORD MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

The next Municipal and School Board Election takes place on October 24, 2022, and the City of Stratford is providing notice in accordance with section 40 of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, as amended, of the following important voting information:

How to Vote

Voting in the 2022 Stratford Municipal and School Board Election can be completed using the internet or telephone. These two methods allow eligible electors to vote anytime during the voting period from anywhere with internet or telephone access. You can vote from the comfort of your own home using your computer, laptop, tablet, smart phone, or touchtone telephone.

Eligible electors on the Voters' List will receive a Voter Information Letter in the mail in early October. This letter will contain important information including a Personalized Identification Number (PIN), which you will use along with your date of birth to access the voting system. The letter will also contain the designated internet address or telephone number needed to cast your vote. To ensure you receive your letter, **check your details on the voters' list** by using the Online Voter Services tool at www.stratford.ca/elections. Individuals not on the list will need to complete an Application to Amend the Voters' List Form EL15. Applications can currently be filled out and completed in the City Clerk's Office located on the Ground Floor of Stratford City Hall, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

When to Vote

The Voting Period will begin Friday, October 14 at 10:00 am and end on Election Day, Monday, October 24 at 8:00 pm.

Voter Assistance

Voter Help Centre – Rotary Complex at 353 McCarthy Road West

The Voter Help Centre will be available at the dates and times listed below to assist eligible electors with the voting process. Eligible electors who attend the Voter Help Centre will have the option of voting online using computers supplied on site. Additions, deletions and corrections can also be made to the Voters' List.

- Saturday October 22, 2022 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Sunday October 23, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Monday October 24, 2022 from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm

In accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, Voter Help Centres will also be established at the following institutions and retirement homes, exclusively for the residents of those homes or institutions:

- **Anne Hathaway Residence** - October 17, 2022 from 10:00 am to 12:00 Noon, and October 24, 2022 from 9:00 am to 10:00 am
- **Stratford General Hospital CCU** - October 17, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm, and October 24, 2022, from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm
- **Spruce Lodge, Woodland Towers and Hamlet Estates** - October 18, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon, and October 24, 2022, from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm
- **Cedarcroft Place** - October 18, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm, and October 24, 2022, from 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon
- **Greenwood Court** - October 19, 2022 from 9:00 am to 12:00 Noon, and October 24, 2022, from 9:00 am to 10:00 am
- **Windmill Gardens** - October 19, 2022 from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm, and October 24, 2022, from 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon
- **McCarthy Place Retirement Residence** - October 20, 2022 from 9:00 am to 11:30 am, and October 24, 2022, from 1:00 pm to 2:30 pm
- **River Gardens Retirement Home** - October 20, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm, and October 24, 2022, from 3:00 pm to 4:30 pm

Voter Help Desk – Clerk's Office, City Hall – 1 Wellington Street

A Voter Help Desk will be available in the Clerk's Office, located on the Ground Floor of Stratford City Hall at 1 Wellington Street, Stratford. Assistance in person and additions, deletions and corrections to the Voters' List is available during regular office hours from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday. Questions can also be submitted by calling the Voter Help Desk at 519-271-0250 extension 5237 or emailing elections@stratford.ca during the following dates and times:

- Friday, October 14, 2022 from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm
- Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Sunday, October 16, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm

- October 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm
- Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
- Sunday, October 23, 2022 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm
- Monday, October 24, 2022 from 8:30 am to 8:00 pm

Candidates

For the 2022 Election, eligible electors will cast their ballots for the positions of Mayor, City Councillor, and School Board Trustee. A complete list of certified candidates is available at www.stratford.ca/elections.

More Information

For more information, visit www.stratford.ca/elections, email elections@stratford.ca, or call 519-271-0250 extension 5237.

SEEKING JOINT COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE APPLICANTS - REMINDER

The City of Stratford, Town of St. Marys, Municipality of North Perth, Township of Perth East, Township of Perth South, and Municipality of West Perth are currently seeking interested applicants for appointment to the Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2022 Municipal Election.

Applicants with a background in accounting, auditing or law are encouraged to apply. Please note that those individuals running for office in Municipal Elections for any of the participating municipalities, or who have conducted audits or provided financial advice in respect of Municipal Elections for any of the participating municipalities or candidates will be disqualified.

The purpose of the Joint Compliance Audit Committee is to:

- Consider compliance audit applications, decide whether they should be granted or rejected;
- Appoint an auditor if the application is granted;
- Receive the auditor's report;
- Consider the auditor's report and decide if legal proceedings should be commenced; and
- Advise Council if the auditor's report indicates that there were no apparent contraventions and if there appears to be no reasonable grounds for the application.

The term of the Committee will commence in 2022 and continue through to 2026. Municipal Election Candidates have until Monday May 1, 2023 to file their Financial Statements. Any requests for a Compliance Audit will occur after that date. **The remuneration will be an established per diem rate (plus mileage).**

Applications can be completed online at the Perth County website, or a copy obtained by contacting the City of Stratford's Clerk's Office at elections@stratford.ca. **The deadline to apply is 8:00 a.m., on Monday, September 19, 2022.**

For more information on the purpose of a Compliance Audit Committee and preferred qualifications of members, please visit www.stratford.ca/elections.

LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION SCHEDULE

Leaf and yard waste will only be collected in the following forms:

- 110 L Kraft Paper bags
- Certified Compostable bags
- Re-useable Container with label attached

Clear Plastic Bags are NOT accepted and will be left at the curbside.

Leaf and Yard waste is accepted at the landfill depot during regular landfill hours.

The next Leaf and Yard Waste collection weeks are:

- September 12-16
- October 24-28
- October 31-November 4
- November 7-11
- November 14-18
- November 21-25



CHECKING YOUR INFORMATION ON THE VOTERS' LIST AND APPLICATIONS TO UPDATE THE LIST - REMINDER

As of September 1st, and up until the close of voting, electors can verify their own elector details on the City's election webpage, www.stratford.ca/elections, using the Online Voter Services tool. When using this tool, an elector must enter their full name, date of birth, and

street address. If their information is correct and up to date on the Voters' List, it will confirm this on the screen in real time. If you cannot confirm your information, it is likely you are not on the list to vote and will need to complete an Application to Amend the Voters' List Form EL15 to apply to amend the Voters' list.

Applications to amend the Voters' List can be filled out and completed in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Please bring one document showing your name and Stratford address. A list of acceptable documentation showing your name and Stratford address is outlined on our website at the link below. Additional hours and locations where applications to amend the voters' list can be submitted will be communicated on the City's website.

To access the Online Voter Services tool or for more information regarding the 2022 Municipal Election please visit www.stratford.ca/elections.

BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY - REMINDER

With students back in school, vehicle and pedestrian traffic will increase across the City in the morning and afternoon around school arrival and dismissal times. As the safety of all pedestrians is of utmost importance, we ask that everyone please drive carefully and always remember to:

- Stay alert around school buses and in school safety zones.
- Obey proper rules at crossing guard locations and only proceed when crossing guards and pedestrians have completely crossed the road.
- Look for signage and adhere to school zone areas identified as 'no parking' or 'no stopping'.

The City's crossing guards and parking enforcement officers work every day to uphold pedestrian and vehicle safety. Do your part to help make sure everyone stays safe.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Sept 12 Committee of the Whole In-camera Participation	5:45 p.m.	Electronic
Sept 12 Regular Council & Standing Committees Participation	7:00 p.m.	Electronic
Sept 13 Social Services Sub-committee		CANCELLED
Sept 15 Community Services Sub-committee		CANCELLED

Meetings continue to be held electronically. Agendas, including a link to watch the meeting while in progress, are available on the City's website. A video of the meeting will also be posted to the City's website once available. Please check the City's website for the Sub-committee, Committee, Council and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedules as these schedules are subject to change.

A copy of the Town Crier is available on the City's website.

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