

Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier October 8, 2022

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford administration offices will be closed Monday, October 10, 2022.

LANDFILL SITE HOURS

Closed Monday, October 10, 2022, for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

CURBSIDE RECYCLING AND GARBAGE SCHEDULE

There will be no change in the Recycling or Garbage Collection programs on Monday, October 10, 2022. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00 a.m. on collection dates. For further information, please call 519-271-0250 extension 5279.

RETAIL CLOSINGS ON THANKSGIVING

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the *Retail Business Holidays Act*, Thanksgiving, October 10, is among the holidays when most stores must be closed unless City Council has granted an exemption in order to open for business.

Stratford's designated tourism season is May 1 to November 12 each year and includes the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Stratford City By-law 149-92 permits certain retail establishments in Stratford that meet the tourism criteria established by the Province and that provides goods and services primarily to tourists in Stratford, may open for business on Thanksgiving under the following provisions:

- The retail business establishment does not open prior to 10:00 a.m. and does not remain open after 4:00 p.m.
- The number of persons engaged in the serving of the public does not at any time, exceed four (4)
- The total area used for serving, selling or displaying goods or services to the public inside the establishment is less than 278.71m² (3000 square feet).
- Certain larger retail business establishments listed in Schedule "A" to By-law 149-92 as amended, may also open on Thanksgiving between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Enforcement of the *Retail Business Holidays Act* in Stratford is through Stratford Police Services.

To find out which retail operations are exempted by the Act, call the Ministry of Consumer Services toll-free at 1-800-889-9768. For more information, visit www.sse.gov.on.ca

CITY OF STRATFORD – COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – AMENDED

To: All assessed persons within 70 meters of subject property and all applicable agencies as required under the provisions of the Planning Act.

SUBJECT PROPERTY:

Owner: Gordon Burkse

Agent: Robert Ritz

Location: 82 Charles Street, located on the north side of Charles Street between Mercer Street and Jones Street, legally described as Plan 52 Lot 56

Zoning: Residential Second Density – R2(1)

Official Plan Designation: Residential Area & Heritage Area

Road Classification: Charles Street – Local Street

Purpose: The purpose of this application under Section 44 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990 is to reduce the minimum front yard depth, minimum aggregate side yard width, minimum interior side yard width on the east and west sides of the property to facilitate the construction of a sun room and an addition to the attached garage.

Variances requested:

1. Table 6.4.2 – Regulations in the Residential Second Density R2(1) Zone to reduce the minimum front yard depth from 6.0m to 4.5m.
2. Table 6.4.2 - Regulations in the Residential Second Density R2(1) Zone – to reduce the minimum interior side yard width on the east and west sides of the property from 1.5m to 0.85m.
3. Table 6.4.2 – Regulations in the Residential Second Density R2(1) Zone to reduce the minimum aggregate side yard width for a single detached dwelling from 3m to 1.7m

The Committee has appointed Thursday, October 20, 2022 at 3:00 p.m. in the **Tim Taylor Lounge (upper level) of the Stratford Rotary Complex, located at 353 McCarthy Road West, Stratford** for the purpose of a Public Hearing in this matter.

The Staff Report will be available on request the Monday before the meeting by contacting the Development Services Division by phone at (519) 271-0250 x 5345, by email at planning@stratford.ca or online at www.stratford.ca.

For those persons who wish to participate orally at the public meeting, please contact the Secretary Treasurer directly at planning@stratford.ca no later than **10:00 am on Thursday, October 20, 2022.**

Agencies please respond by Wednesday, October 5, 2022. If you choose to respond via fax, please use 519-271-5966.

Members of the public: Your opinion on this application is important. Those wishing to participate in the planning process are strongly encourage to send their comments, questions, or concerns via mail, email, phone or fax to Miranda Ivany - Tel: (519) 271-0250 extension 5320, Fax: (519) 271-5966 – planning@stratford.ca - City of Stratford, Development Services Division 82 Erie Street, Stratford 2nd Floor, ON N5A 2M4 by **Wednesday October 5, 2022.** If hand delivering comments, please deliver them to the drop box located at 82 Erie Street, Stratford. Attention: Miranda Ivany, Planner, Development Services. Comments received on this application will be summarized and included in the Planning Report. Comments received after the report is completed will be provided to the Committee of Adjustment.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Please contact the Planner, Miranda Ivany at 519-271-0250 extension 5320 or mivany@stratford.ca.

If you receive this notice and are the owner of any lands that contain seven or more residential units in close proximity to the subject lands, please contact the assigned Planner. Regulations in the Planning Act require the owner to post this notice in a location that is visible to all residents.

Personal information collected as part of this Notice is pursuant to the Municipal Act, 2001 and the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act. Personal information collected as a result of this Notice will be used to assist 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: tdafoe@stratford.ca or by telephone at the number below.

OTHER PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Committee of Adjustment in respect to this application, you must submit a written request before the Committee of Adjustment makes a decision. Requests are to be made to Jeff Bannon, the Secretary Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment in the Infrastructure and Development Services department. This will also entitle you to be advised of a possible Ontario Land Tribunal hearing. Even if you are the successful party, you should request a copy of the decision since the Committee of Adjustment decision may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal by the applicant or another member of the public.

If a person or public body that files an appeal to a decision of the Stratford Committee of Adjustment in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submission to the Stratford Committee of Adjustment before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Land Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

STRATFORD ATTAINABLE HOUSING PROJECT

The City of Stratford and investStratford have launched the next phase of the Stratford Attainable Housing Project, which aims to develop programs designed to create more attainable market housing in Stratford.

For more information about the project and to provide your feedback through an online survey, please visit www.engagestratford.ca.

Paper copies of the survey are also available from the ground floor reception desk at 82 Erie Street, or at the Stratford Public Library.

WATCH FOR YOUR VOTER INFORMATION LETTER IN THE MAIL

Voter Information Letters for the 2022 Municipal Election have been mailed out to those individuals who are on the Voters' List. The Voter Information Letter will contain all of the information needed to cast your ballot, including a Personalized Identification Number (PIN) which you will use along with your date of birth to access the voting system.

If you are on the Voters' List and do not receive your Voter Information Letter in the mail by October 13th, please contact elections@stratford.ca, or call 519-271-0250 extension 5237.

THIRD PARTY ADVERTISER REGISTRATION DEADLINE – 2022 MUNICIPAL ELECTION

Want to be a Third Party Advertiser for the 2022 Municipal Election? An individual, corporation, or trade union may file with the City Clerk a notice of registration to be a registered third party for the 2022 Municipal Election. The deadline to register as a Third Party Advertiser is 4:30 p.m. on October 21. For more information, please visit www.stratford.ca/elections.

2022 STRATFORD MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Less than two weeks until voting opens for the 2022 Stratford Municipal and School Board Elections! As we approach the Voting Period (10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 14 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 24), it's important for electors in Stratford to know their rights as they relate to voter privacy and secrecy. There is an onus on each and every Stratford voter to help protect the principles of voter secrecy and privacy under the Municipal Elections Act.

For example, the law provides that:

- When you are voting, no one may attempt to influence your voting choices, or interfere with your marking of the ballot;
- No one may attempt to obtain information about how you intend to vote, or how you did vote.

What can you do to help uphold the principles of voter privacy and secrecy, and undue interference while voting? Here are some tips!

1. **Cast your Ballot Privately.** Although internet and telephone voting options will allow voters to cast a ballot from virtually anywhere, casting a ballot should still be a private exercise. Find a quiet, private place to cast your ballot, free from interference or close observation by others.
2. **Protect your PIN.** Your secret Voting PIN will arrive in the mail, or may have already arrived. Although a PIN thief would need to know other personal information about you in order to steal and vote using your PIN, it's still important for you to keep your PIN private.
3. **Don't Donate your Vote!** If you choose not to vote, destroy your PIN. It is illegal to give your PIN and your vote to another person.
4. **Say NO to political interference while casting a ballot.** While candidates and their teams are welcome to solicit your support throughout the campaign period, they must not interfere with a voter who is casting a ballot. Ensure that candidates & scrutineers respect your privacy and do not pressure you while you are voting.
5. **Keep your choices private.** Remember that you are not obliged to share your voting choices with anyone, either before or after casting a ballot.

For more information and to stay up to date on the 2022 Stratford Municipal and School Board Election, please visit www.stratford.ca/elections. Questions can be directed to the City Clerk's Office at elections@stratford.ca or 519-271-0250 Extension 5237.

SPORT TOURISM STRATEGY – PUBLIC TOWN HALL SESSION

A Public Town Hall session will be held Wednesday, October 12 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. in the Tim Taylor Lounge of the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road West.

This is an opportunity to educate the community about the potential value of the Sport Tourism industry, what it may mean for Stratford, and establish some common understanding and language with the wider community.

It is also a chance to understand any concerns the community may have, and receive additional input that may help inform the Sport Tourism Strategy being developed.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - APPOINTMENTS TO ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND BOARDS - REMINDER

The City of Stratford is looking for a diverse range of volunteers to lend their unique voices and perspectives to help guide the City's decision-making by joining various advisory committees and boards. Community members serving on an advisory committee provide advice and feedback to City Council in a variety of areas, including but not limited to the environment, accessibility, active transportation, heritage and safe communities. Boards have the autonomy to make decisions for the good of their organizations.

Why serve on an advisory committee or board? Volunteering makes a difference in our community and is a great way to give back. It's also an opportunity to help influence decision-making in your local government and be part of democracy in action. You will learn new skills, build your understanding of how municipal government works, and make connections with other passionate members of the Stratford community.

These opportunities 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). Additional qualifications may apply depending on the advisory committee or board you are interested in. Experienced and new members are encouraged to apply.

If you are interested in volunteering on one of the City's advisory committees or local boards listed below, please complete and return no later than Friday, October 28, 2022, an application to the attention of the City Clerk through the following:

Email: clerks@stratford.ca

In-person or mail to:

The Corporation of the City of Stratford,
Attention City Clerk,
Clerk's Office, Ground Floor, Stratford City Hall
P.O. Box 818,
Stratford, ON N5a 6W1

The application form is available through the City's website or by pick-up at the City Clerk's Office.

Accessibility Advisory Committee

Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. The purpose of this Committee is 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. Four (4) citizens and two (2) Agency representative positions are available for appointment for 2-year terms.

Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)

Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the ATAC is 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.

Board of Park Management

Meets on the second Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m. The Board of Park Management deals 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. The Committee of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial tribunal appointed by City Council and is independent and autonomous from City Council and City Administration. It derives its jurisdiction from the Planning Act of Ontario. The Committee makes 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 Advisory Committee

Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m. The mandate of the Communities in Bloom Committee is:

- 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 three (3) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

Energy & Environment Advisory Committee

Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. This Committee provides advice to Council on matters relating to waste reduction initiatives, water and energy conservation and preservation of natural areas. There are three (3) citizen representative positions available 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 youth representative for the remainder of a one-year term ending August 31, 2023.

Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee

Meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Heritage Stratford deals 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 and (1) Stratford and Area Builders Association (Alternate) position for a 2-year term.

Downtown Stratford Business Improvement Area (BIA)

The Downtown Stratford BIA Meets the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m. The BIA deals 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 are eight (8) positions available for 4-year terms concurrent with the term of Council.

Provincial eligibility requirements for persons who may be appointed to the Downton Stratford 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 six (6) 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 matters in the City of Stratford. There is one (1) 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.

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 community representative position available for a 2-year term, one (1) position available for a student representative for a 1-year term and one (1) alternate student position available.

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 may be one (1) 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 and boards is available on the City's website or upon request from the City Clerk's Office, 519-271-0250, extension 5237.

FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS - REMINDER

Beginning September 26, 2022, and continuing for approximately five weeks, preventative maintenance flushing of fire hydrants will take place within the City of Stratford. Customers may temporarily experience discoloured water. Water quality is not affected by this colouration, and the water is safe to use and consume. 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, extension 222 during business hours.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Oct 11	Committee of the Whole In-camera	5:00 p.m.	Electronic Participation
Oct 11	Regular Council and Standing Committees	7:00 p.m.	Electronic Participation
Oct 12	Social Services Sub-committee		CANCELLED
Oct 13	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.

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