

Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, February 24, 2024

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

2021 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The City of Stratford's 2021 audited financial statements are now available on the City website at www.stratford.ca under "Finance Reports". Copies may also be obtained at City Hall reception. For further information please contact by phone 519-271-0250 extension 5202 or by email corpserv@stratford.ca.

2024 PET TAGS NOW ON SALE – FINAL REMINDER

Register your dogs and cats before March 1 and save!

All dogs and cats in Stratford are required to wear a registration tag at all times. Dog and cat tag registrations expire each year on December 31 and are renewed annually to ensure your pet's information is up to date. A tag allows the Humane Society to return your pet to you should they ever be found wandering. The first time your pet is found wandering by the Humane Society, your pet receives a free ride home!

The cost for a pet tag is:

Type of Pet Licence	Before March 1, 2024	As of March 1, 2024
Dog/Cat – sterilized	\$20.00	\$30.00
Dog/Cat – not sterilized	\$50.00	\$60.00
Dog or Cat under 1 year	\$20.00	\$20.00
Special Needs Dog	No charge; registration required	No charge; registration required

Seniors (age 65 or older) receive a discount on annual identification tags. New residents to Stratford may exchange their current identification tag from another municipality at no cost for a current City of Stratford tag (one time only).

Identification tags may be obtained at:

- Stratford-Perth Humane Society – 125 Griffith Road, 519-273-6600
- City Hall, Clerk's Office – by calling 519-271-0250, extension 5237
- Various Veterinary clinics and pet stores in Stratford (visit the Pet Ownership Page on the City's website for a complete list)

Owners of exotic animals are required by By-law 195-2002 to register their animals. Contact the Humane Society at 519-273-6600 to register your exotic animals. There is no cost for registration.

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR LEASE OF AGRICULTURAL LAND

The City of Stratford is calling for Requests for Expressions of Interest (RFEOI) for Lease of Agricultural land – located adjacent to the Stratford Municipal Airport. The City is leasing 160 acres of agricultural land located adjacent to the Stratford Municipal Airport, approximately 100 acres of that land is farmable. As this land is currently part of the Stratford Municipal Airport, there are restrictions. More details are located in the Request for Expressions of Interest for Interest for Lease of Agricultural Land document. This RFEOI is inviting submissions from Respondents that detail their desire, relevant experience, expertise and resources to undertake the lease of the land.

To Obtain More Information and Apply:

Any potential applicant must contact Fire Chief Neil Anderson at 519-271-0250, extension 7225 or nanderson@stratford.ca to receive all the documents and to apply.

The RFEOI closes on March 1, 2024 at 2:00 p.m.

CLEARING SIDEWALKS OF SNOW AND ICE IN THE CORE AREA AND CLEARING OVERHANGING SNOW AND ICE FROM ROOFS IN THE CITY OF STRATFORD

The purpose of this notice is to advise you that under the conditions of the City of Stratford By-law #225-2005, the owner, occupant or person in charge of any property in the core area as designated in the By-law is required to clear the sidewalks adjacent to their property of all snow and ice throughout the winter.

The sidewalks shall be cleared of snow and ice prior to 10:00 a.m. everyday, except Sundays and Holidays as defined in the Retail Business Holidays Act. Sidewalk conditions must then be monitored between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., and to continue to keep the sidewalks cleared at all times. The By-law also requires that icy conditions be treated with sand and/or salt or other suitable substance.

Also, the owner, occupant or person in charge of an occupied or unoccupied building is required to clear away and remove snow and ice from the roof of a building where such snow and ice may fall on a sidewalk or street. All snow or ice from roofs must be removed by 10:00 a.m. every day except Sundays and Holidays as defined in the Retail Business Holidays Act. The person clearing away the snow and ice shall take all necessary care and precautions for the warning and safety of passers-by and other persons.

Any snow and ice which falls onto the sidewalk shall be placed at the edge of the street immediately adjacent to the curb. Snow should not be placed on the travelled portion of the roadway or in such a way as to obstruct access to any fire hydrant.

Regular inspections will be made of the core area sidewalks after snowfalls and to identify any buildings which have snow and ice which may fall on the sidewalk or street. The set fine for contravention of this By-law is \$115.00 for each occurrence, exclusive of costs. The snow and ice may be removed at the discretion of the Infrastructure Services Department or the Chief of Police, and charged to the owner.

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS

PROPERTY TAX – 2024 INTERIM LEVY DUE DATE FEBRUARY 27, 2024

Your 2024 Interim Tax Bill has now been mailed. If you have not received a Tax Notice or would like to set up a pre-authorized monthly/quarterly payment plan, please call the City Tax Office at 519-271-0250 extension 5212. Property tax payments may be made at your bank in person, by telephone or on-line banking. Cash, Debit or Cheques payable to the "City of Stratford" are also accepted at City Hall. Cheques may also be deposited in the mailbox at the rear entrance to City Hall off Market Square or mailed to P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Feb 26	Committee of the Whole In-camera	CANCELLED	
Feb 26	Regular Council and Standing Committees	7:00 p.m.	Council Chambers
Feb 28	Infrastructure, Transportation & Safety Sub-committee	4:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Feb 29	Planning & Heritage Sub-committee	4:30 p.m.	Council Chambers
Feb 29	Committee of the Whole Open Session – Strategic Priorities	6:00 p.m.	Council Chambers

Meetings are open to the public to attend with the exception of In-Camera sessions (please note the adjournment into the In-camera Session is open to the public to attend and observe). Agendas can be accessed from the City's website. Please check the City's website for the Sub-committee, Committee, Council and Advisory Committee Meeting Schedules as these schedules are subject to change.

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