

# Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, March 16, 2024

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

## **NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING ACCOMMODATION LICENSING BY-LAW FEE IMPLEMENTATION**

**Date and Time of Meeting:** Monday, March 25, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

**Location:** Council Chambers in City Hall, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford

**Purpose of the Public Meeting:** The City of Stratford invites public input on the establishment of fees for the administration of the City's Accommodation Licensing By-law 130-2022. Such fees would be established in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25. This meeting will discuss the proposed fees necessary for the licensing, regulation, and governance of Short-Term Rental Accommodations (STRAs) and other accommodations as outlined in the By-law. The establishment of such fees would require an amendment to Schedule "B" of the City's Fees & Charges By-Law 117-2023.

The City of Stratford has evaluated the licensing fee structure based on service cost analysis and a comparison with other municipalities. It is proposed that the fees associated with obtaining a licence under the City's Accommodation Licensing By-law be as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Fee</b>
i) Application for Short Term Rental Licence (First Room, and per Application/Licence) a. Plus the following applicable amount per additional room:	\$402.00 \$122.00
ii) Late Filing Fee (per Application/Licence)	\$68.00
iii) Transfer processing Fee (per Application/Licence)	\$33.00
iv) Appeal Fee (Short Term Rental & Bed and Breakfasts)	\$180.00

A Management Report that details the recommendations will be presented at the Public Meeting.

All those present at the public meeting will be given the opportunity to speak. To speak at the public meeting, when the Mayor or Chair asks if there are any members of the public wishing to provide comments or ask questions, please raise your hand and once acknowledged, proceed to the podium to provide your comments.

To watch the meeting live please click or enter the following link into your URL bar:  
<https://video.isilive.ca/stratford/live.html>

Members of the public: your opinions on this are important and encouraged. Please call, mail, or e-mail your comments to Josh Lee-Him, By-Law Enforcement Officer, City of Stratford Building and Planning Services – Telephone (519) 271-0250 extension 5328, – [jleehim@stratford.ca](mailto:jleehim@stratford.ca) - in order for your comments to be summarized at the public meeting.

## **NOTICE OF NOISE BY-LAW EXEMPTION**

The property owners of 219 William Street have requested an exemption to Noise Control By-law 113-79 for the Stratford Dock Music Concert Series located on their private dock along the Avon River. The performances will be held each evening from 7:00p.m. to 8:00p.m. on the following dates:

- Sunday, June 2, 2024
- Sunday June 16, 2024
- Sunday, June 23, 2024 – Rain date
- Sunday, July 7, 2024
- Sunday, July 21, 2024
- Sunday, July 28, 2024 – Rain date

Anyone wishing to comment on this application for exemption should provide their comments in writing or email by Thursday, March 28, 2024 to: The Corporation of the City of Stratford, Attention: Events Coordinator, Community Services, P.O. Box 874, 357 McCarthy Rd., Stratford, ON N5A 6W3. Email: [hdenny@stratford.ca](mailto:hdenny@stratford.ca)

## **GRAND TRUNK RENEWAL - COMMUNITY DIALOGUES**

Please join us to discuss the next steps in the renewal of the Grand Trunk site in Stratford.

The City of Stratford's Ad Hoc Grand Trunk Renewal Committee will be hosting a series of community events this spring to engage with residents and start a dialogue on refreshing the vision and guiding principles for the 18-acre City-owned downtown site.

The first event is planned for March 26, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Hall A at the Stratford Rotary Complex, 353 McCarthy Road West. It will be an opportunity to learn about the history of the site, where we are today and the process and work to date of the Grand Trunk Ad Hoc Committee.

Further details about these community dialogues, along with links to register, are available on Engage Stratford at <https://engagestratford.ca/grand-trunk-renewal>.

## **NO OVERNIGHT PARKING (2AM-6AM) - REMINDER**

Drivers are reminded that overnight parking in the City of Stratford is not permitted on any roadway, shoulder, or City parking lot between 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m., unless otherwise designated. Parking in a manner which obstructs municipal snow clearing operations is also prohibited. This is even more important during significant snowfall events to ensure that City snow plow operators can safely and efficiently clear roads. Parking in a manner which obstructs municipal snow clearing operations and/or parking overnight (between 2 a.m. and 6 a.m.) each carry a set fine of \$80, or a \$60 voluntary payment if paid within 7 days.

Stratford Police Services enforce this restriction and should be contacted if there is an overnight parking situation at the non-emergency line of 519-271-4141.

For additional information, please contact the Clerk's Office at 519-271-0250, extension 5230.

## **MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Mar 19</b>	Finance & Labour Relations Sub-committee	4:30 p.m.	Council Chamber

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.

The Town Crier is also available on the City of Stratford's website.

**[www.stratford.ca](http://www.stratford.ca)**