

# Stratford Town Crier

Town Crier, October 16, 2021

## Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedules

### **SCHOOL BUS SAFETY TIPS - REMINDER**

School is back in session and that means more school busses are on the road taking kids to and from school. To help keep our children safe when boarding and exiting their school bus, please remember the following school bus safety tips:

#### Motorists

- Stop at a safe distance back from the bus
- Do not proceed until red lights have stopped flashing and bus is moving
- Do not block driveways or the flow of traffic when waiting in your vehicle for the school bus to arrive at the bus stop
- Watch for kids getting on and off the bus

#### Pedestrians

- Stay back from danger zones around bus
- Make sure you and the bus driver can see each other
- Always cross the road in front of the bus, never behind
- Walk, don't run!

Be Alert, Stay Safe.

### **FLUSHING OF FIRE HYDRANTS**

Beginning September 13, 2021, and continuing for approximately six 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 5222 during business hours.

### **APPLICATIONS TO SERVE ON AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND BOARD NOW BEING ACCEPTED - REMINDER**

The City of Stratford is seeking interest from members of the public to fill vacancies on City advisory committees and local 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 representative positions who can be under 18 years of age). Experienced and new members welcomed!

You can make a difference by serving on an advisory committee or board. The purpose of advisory committees and local boards is to 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 and to review advisory meeting minutes, please visit the City's website.

Persons interested in being appointed to the advisory committees and boards listed below are asked to complete, and return no later than **Friday, October 22, 2021**, an application form that is available from the City's website at: [www.stratford.ca](http://www.stratford.ca) or at 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 a.m. 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. The Accessibility Advisory Committee shall be comprised of 9 members, with a majority of the members being persons with disabilities as prescribed in the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005.

There are two (2) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms and one (1) agency representative to fulfill the remainder of a 2-year term (to November 14, 2022).

**Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)** - Meets on the fourth 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 two (2) citizen representative positions and one (1) Cycle Stratford representative position available for 2-year terms.

**Communities in Bloom Committee** – Meets the first Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m. 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 be financially sustainable.

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

**Energy & Environment Committee** – Meets on the first 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 four (4) citizen positions available for 2-year terms.

**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 three (3) citizen representative positions and (1) Stratford and Area Builders Association representative position available for a two year term. Special interest groups are also invited to request a representative on the Committee at this time.

**Stratford Town and Gown Advisory Committee** - Meets on the 3rd Thursday of September, February and April at 4:30 p.m. to serve as a forum for the exchange of information on issues and initiatives involving post secondary student life in Stratford, The Corporation of the City of Stratford and the community.

One (1) position is available for a citizen representative for a 2-year term.

**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 five (5) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

Additional information regarding these advisory committees is available on the City's website or upon request from the City Clerk's Office, Attention: Clerk, The Corporation of the City of Stratford, City Hall, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1, 519-271-0250, extension 5237.

The deadline for receipt of all applications is: **Friday, October 22, 2021**

Personal information collected through the appointment process will be used by City Council for the purpose of making appointments to boards and committees. Questions regarding this collection should be directed to the Clerk, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1, telephone 519-271-0250, Extension 5329 during business hours.

## **ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS PROPERTY TAX – 2021 FINAL LEVY DUE DATE OCTOBER 15, 2021**

For your convenience, property tax payments by cheque may be deposited in the mailbox at City Hall, Rear Entrance. Payment may be made at your bank or 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. 5209 or 5213.

## **GOOD GOVERNANCE PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION #4 – OCTOBER 20, 2021**

The fourth and final Good Governance Public Information Session will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom. This session will focus on City Finance – where the money comes from and where it goes. Details on how to participate have been posted on the City of Stratford's website at [www.stratford.ca/governance](http://www.stratford.ca/governance).

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO DECLARE AS SURPLUS AND DISPOSE**

At the October 25, 2021, Regular Council meeting, City Council intends to declare the following city-owned land as surplus to the needs of The Corporation of the City of Stratford and to dispose of the land:

Part Lot 2, Plan 86, known municipally as 51 McNab Street

The city-owned land is vacant, measuring 33 ft. by 76 ft. for total square footage of 2,508 ft<sup>2</sup>. The property is zoned Residential Second Density R2(1) and bordered by McNab and Brydges Streets. The property is not a buildable lot on its own.

The Council meeting begins at 3:00 pm via Zoom. Questions about the subject land may be made to the City Clerk at [clerks@stratford.ca](mailto:clerks@stratford.ca) before October 19, 2021.

## **PUBLIC INPUT INVITED - STRATFORD LANDFILL SITE**

The City of Stratford welcomes feedback on the operation of its Romeo Street landfill site, and there are several options to provide it.

Comments can be made to the Infrastructure and Development Services department by calling 519-271-0250 extension 261 or by emailing [mcronin@stratford.ca](mailto:mcronin@stratford.ca) by Friday, November 5, 2021. Comments received will be included with the agenda for the meeting.

Citizens are also invited to comment on the operation of the landfill site at the upcoming Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Sub-committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 24, 2021, at 3:30 p.m., by requesting to appear as a delegation.

Delegation requests can be made by completing the Delegation Request Form, available on the City's website at <https://forms.stratford.ca/IT-Services/Clerks-Corporate-Services/Delegation-Request-Form>. Alternatively, requests can be made by contacting the City Clerk at [clerks@stratford.ca](mailto:clerks@stratford.ca). Requests to appear as a delegation must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16, 2021. Details for participating in the meeting will be provided once the request is confirmed. This meeting will be held electronically via Zoom and a link to watch the meeting while in progress will be available on the first page of the Sub-committee agenda at the following link:  
<https://calendar.stratford.ca/meetings/Detail/2021-11-24-1530-Infrastructure-Transportation-and-Safety-Sub-commi>

Answers to some frequently asked questions about the Stratford Landfill Site can be found on the City's website at <https://www.stratford.ca/en/live-here/landfill-faq.aspx>

Notice of Collection: Personal information is collected under the authority of the Municipal Act, 2001 and will be used by City Staff and City Council to assist in making a decision on this matter. All names, addresses, opinions and comments will be made available for public disclosure. Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to Tatiana Dafoe, City Clerk, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON N5A 6W1, by emailing: [tadafoe@stratford.ca](mailto:tadafoe@stratford.ca) or by telephone 519-271-0250 extension 5237 during business hours.

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

<b>Oct 18</b>	Special Council and Public Meetings	5:00pm	Electronic Participation
<b>Oct 18</b>	Committee of the Whole In-camera	6:00pm	Electronic Participation
<b>Oct 19</b>	Finance and Labour Relations Sub-committee	3:30pm	Electronic Participation
<b>Oct 21</b>	Planning and Heritage Committee	6:00pm	Electronic Participation

Given the COVID-19 Pandemic and the declared emergency, the City will be posting a video of the meeting to our website once available. Agendas and a link to watch the meeting while in progress can be accessed from the City's website.

**Telephone: 519-271-0250 [www.stratford.ca](http://www.stratford.ca)**