



Town Crier

October 3, 2026

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

NOTICE OF COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT HEARING

The Stratford Committee of Adjustment will consider the following applications at a hearing to be held on Wednesday October 21, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. in the Stratford City Council Chamber (upper level), located at 1 Wellington Street, Stratford.

APPLICATIONS:

MINOR VARIANCE

ADDRESS: 4117 Perth Line 36

APPLICATION NUMBER: A13-26



Purpose and Effect of the Application

The purpose of the application is to reduce the required setback from an arterial road for townhouse dwellings to 6.0 m whereas the City's Comprehensive Zoning By-law requires a minimum of 7.5 m.

The effect of the application is to facilitate the construction of townhouse dwellings containing additional residential units (ARU) on the subject lands.

Variance Requested:

Section 15.4.27 - Table 8-3: to reduce the required setback from an arterial road for townhouse dwellings from 7.5 m to 6.0 m.

CONSENT AND MINOR VARIANCE

ADDRESS: 93 Trinity Street

APPLICATION NUMBER: B22-26 & A15-26



Purpose and Effect of the Consent Application

The purpose of the Consent Application is to sever the western portion of the subject lands, containing approximately half of the existing 4-storey vacant building on the lands, to create a new residential lot. The proposed severed lands would have an approximate lot area of 7,000 m², lot depth of 197 m, and lot frontage of 20 m.

The proposed retained lands would have an approximate lot area of 20,000 m², lot depth of 177 m, and lot frontage of 144 m. The subject lands currently contain a vacant 4-storey building and received zoning approval for apartment buildings and townhouse dwellings consisting of a total of 361 dwelling units. The effect of the proposed Consent Application is the creation of a separate residential lot from the retained parcel, as required by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) as part of the proposed development's affordable housing commitment.

Purpose and Effect of the Minor Variance Application

The purpose of the Minor Variance Application is to request the reduction of the required minimum lot frontage and interior side yard width for the proposed severed parcel and the required interior side yard width for the proposed retained parcel. The effect of the requested variances is to facilitate the proposed consent application as the development proposes to utilize the existing vacant buildings on the site.

Variances Requested:

1. Table 6.4.5: Regulation in the Residential Fifth Density (R5) Zone - to reduce the minimum lot frontage to 20 m for the proposed severed parcel, whereas the Zoning By-law requires a minimum lot frontage of 30 m.
2. Table 6.4.5: Regulation in the Residential Fifth Density (R5) Zone - to reduce the minimum side yard width for the proposed severed parcel to 3 m whereas the Zoning By-law requires a minimum of 7.5 m.
3. Table 6.4.5: Regulation in the Residential Fifth Density (R5) Zone - to reduce the minimum side yard width for the proposed severed parcel to 6 m whereas the Zoning By-law requires a minimum of 7.5 m.

CONSENT

ADDRESS: 25 William Street

APPLICATION NUMBERS: B18-26, B19-26, B20-26 & B21-26



Purpose and Effect of the Consent Applications

The purpose and effect of these applications is to facilitate a mutual land exchange between Thunderbury Inc. and the Corporation of the City of Stratford, together with the establishment of an easement for right-of-way purposes to formally permit an existing driveway access over City-owned lands. The requested consent applications are described below:

- A. Application B18-26 proposes to sever a parcel of land, owned by Thunderbury Inc., having an area of approximately 53.6 m², to enlarge City-owned lands to prevent patrons of the Lions Pool from encroaching onto 25 William Street.
- B. Application B19-26 proposes to sever City-owned lands having an area of approximately 44.1 m² to enlarge 25 William Street by ensuring on-site parking spaces are wholly contained on the property.
- C. Applications B20-26 proposes to sever City-owned lands having an area of approximately 9.5 m² to enlarge 25 William Street by slightly increasing its lot depth.
- D. Application B21-26 proposes the establishment of a right-of-way easement for access purposes in favour of the owner of 25 William Street over a portion of City-owned lands currently occupied by a driveway.

Additional information regarding these applications may be obtained by contacting the Building and Planning Services Department, at 519-271-0250 Ext 5345 or emailing: planning@stratford.ca during normal business hours.

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

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the City of Stratford Committee of Adjustment in respect of the application, you must make a written request to the Secretary-Treasurer, Stratford Committee of Adjustment, Eva Baker, 82 Erie Street, 3rd Floor Stratford, ON N5A 2M4. 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 Stratford Committee of Adjustment decision may be appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal by the applicant, the Minister or a specified person or public body.

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 the Committee of Adjustment 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, Tatiana Dafoe, 1 Wellington Street,

P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON, N5A 6W1 or by emailing: tdafoe@stratford.ca or by telephone at 519-271-0250 Ext 5237.

2026 STRATFORD MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Less than two weeks until voting opens for the 2026 Stratford Municipal and School Board Elections!

As we approach the Voting Period (10:00 a.m. on Friday, October 16 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, October 26), 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 and 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 2026 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.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND BOARDS

The City of Stratford is looking for a diverse range of volunteers to lend their unique voices and perspectives to the City's advisory committees and boards. Community members serving on advisory committees and boards help guide the City's decision making and 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.

Why serve on a 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 you are interested in. Experienced and new members are encouraged to apply.

Please ensure you are available to attend meetings in person on the day and time listed in the description for each advisory committee or board.

If you are interested in volunteering on one of the City's committees or boards listed below, please complete the application available on the City's website at www.stratford.ca. The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, October 30, 2026.

The applications can also be printed from the website or picked up from the Clerk's Office and returned through one of the following means:

Email: adviscom@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

Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC)

Date, Time and Location of Meetings: Meets on the first Tuesday of each month at 12:00 p.m. in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex. Please ensure you are able to attend on this day and time.

Purpose: The purpose of the AAC 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. Members of the AAC will be paid remuneration in the amount of \$125.00 per Committee meeting attended and \$50.00 per site plan review meeting attended.

Available Positions: Four (4) citizens positions are available for appointment for 2-year terms.

Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)

Date, Time and Location of Meetings: Meets the fourth Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the Mansbridge Room at the Rotary Complex. Please ensure you are able to attend on this day and time.

Purpose: 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.

Available Positions: There are three (3) citizen representative positions and one (1) Cycle Stratford representative position available for 2-year terms.

Communities in Bloom Advisory Committee

Date, Time and Location of Meetings: Meets on the second Thursday of the month at 12:00 p.m. in the Mansbridge Room at the Rotary Complex. Please ensure you are able to attend on this day and time.

Purpose: 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.

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

Energy & Environment Advisory Committee

Date, Time and Location of Meetings: Meets on the first Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the Mansbridge Room at the Rotary Complex. Please ensure you are able to attend on this day and time.

Purpose: This Committee provides advice to Council on matters relating to waste reduction initiatives, water and energy conservation and preservation of natural areas.

Positions Available: There are four (4) citizen representative positions available for a 2-year term.

Heritage Stratford Advisory Committee

Date, Time, and Location of Meetings: Meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Mansbridge Room at the Stratford Rotary Complex. Please ensure you are able to attend on this day and time.

Purpose: Heritage Stratford deals with matters relating to the promotion of architectural designing and conserving of heritage architecture and heritage designations. Members of the Heritage Stratford Committee will be paid remuneration in the amount of \$125.00 per Committee meeting attended and \$50.00 per site plan and permit review meeting attended.

Positions Available: There are two (2) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

Stratfords of the World - Ontario Committee

Date, Time and Location of Meetings: Meets periodically throughout the year at the call of the Chair. Typically meetings are held between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. in the Mansbridge Room at the Rotary Complex.

Purpose: 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.

Positions Available: There are five (5) citizen representative positions available for 2-year terms.

Board of Park Management

Date and Time of Meetings: Meets on the second Monday of the month at 3:30 p.m.

Purpose: The Board of Park Management deals with matters regarding the maintenance, improvement and expansion of the City's park system.

Available Positions: There are six (6) citizen positions available for a 4-year term concurrent with the term of Council.

Committee of Adjustment

Date and Time of Meetings: Meets on the third Wednesday of the month at 4:00 p.m.

Purpose: The Committee of Adjustment is a quasi-judicial tribunal appointed by City Council and is independent and autonomous from City Council and City Administration. The Committee of Adjustment has the authority, given by City Council under the Planning Act, to make decisions on applications for certain changes to buildings, properties, and land. These include applications to vary zoning rules (Minor Variance) and divide or adjust property lines (Consent).

Available Positions: There are five (5) citizen positions available for a 4-year term concurrent with the term of Council. Individuals with experience in urban planning,

architecture, environmental planning, land development, surveying, legal/administrative law, contracting or other related fields are encouraged to apply.

Downtown Stratford Business Improvement Area (BIA)

Date and Time of Meetings: Meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:15 p.m.

Purpose: 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. 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.

Available Positions: We are looking for between 3 to 9 individuals to serve on the Board for a 4-year term concurrent with the term of Council.

Stratford Police Service Board

Date and Time of Meetings: Meets monthly at the call of the Chair usually at 4:30 p.m.

Purpose: The SPSB is the civilian body governing the Stratford Police Service. It is responsible for ensuring the provision of adequate and effective policing in the municipality. Its duties are set out in the Community Safety and Policing Act.

Positions Available: There is one (1) community member position available for a 4-year term.

Stratford Public Library Board

Date and Time of Meetings: Meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:45 p.m.

Purpose: 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.

Available Positions: There are ten (10) citizen representative positions available for 4-year terms concurrent with the term of Council.

Additional information regarding these committees and boards are available on the City's website or upon request from the City Clerk's Office, 519-271-0250, extension 5243.

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