



# Town Crier

August 29, 2026

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

## **2026 STRATFORD MUNICIPAL AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

Notice is hereby given to the Municipal Electors of the City of Stratford that the next Municipal and School Board Election is on October 26, 2026. Voters will be electing:

- One (1) Mayor,
- Ten (10) Councillors,
- Two (2) School Board Trustees for the Avon Maitland District School Board, and
- One (1) School Board Trustee for the Huron Perth Catholic District School Board.

The Candidates for the Conseil Scolaire Viamonde French Language Public District School Board and Conseil Scolaire Catholique Providence French Language Catholic District School Board have been acclaimed.

### *Voter Information*

Eligible voters will be able to vote online or by phone starting October 16 at 10:00 AM until October 26, 2026 at 8:00 PM.

A **Voter Help Centre** will be available in the Community Halls at the Rotary Complex (353 McCarthy Road West) on the following dates and times to assist electors with the voting process and/or answer questions about the voting process:

- Saturday, October 24, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
- Sunday, October 25, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Monday, October 26, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

A **Voter Help Desk** will also be available in the Clerk's Office, located on the Ground Floor of Stratford City Hall, 1 Wellington Street, Stratford. The Voter Help Desk can answer questions, add an elector or change an elector's information on the voter's list. A scent free voting area will also be provided during the hours of operation. The Voter Help Desk will be available during the following dates and times:

- October 16 and 19-23, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
- October 24, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (telephone inquiries only)
- October 25, 2026, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. (telephone inquiries only)
- October 26, 2026 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The Voter Help Desk can be contacted by calling 519-271-0250 extension 5237 or by emailing [elections@stratford.ca](mailto:elections@stratford.ca)

### *Eligibility to Vote*

In accordance with section 17(2) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, a person is entitled to be an elector at an election held in a local municipality if on voting day they;

- reside in the local municipality or are the owner or tenant of land there, or are the spouse of such owner or tenant;
- are a Canadian citizen;
- are at least 18 years old; and
- are not otherwise prohibited from voting by law.

### *Voters' List*

From September 1 to October 26 eligible voters can check, update, or add their information to the voters' list for the 2026 Stratford Municipal and School Board Election. More information will be added to next week's Town Crier on checking, updating, or adding your information to the voters' list.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY**

With students heading back to school next week, vehicle and pedestrian traffic will be increasing across the City. As the safety of all pedestrians is of utmost importance, we ask that everyone please drive carefully and always remember to:

- Stay alert around school buses and in school safety zones.
- Obey proper rules at crossing guard locations and only proceed when crossing guards and pedestrians have completely crossed the road.
- Always be alert & aware of pedestrians - drive slowly & be cautious around schools and crossings.
- Limit any distractions, remove headphones, put away cellphones and other distractions when crossing the street, make eye contact with drivers & pedestrians when in crossing zones.
- Look for signage and adhere to school zone areas identified as 'no parking' or 'no stopping'.
- Follow all instructions from the crossing guards, always wait for the crossing guard to stop traffic and indicate that it is safe to cross.

The City's crossing guards and parking enforcement officers work every day to uphold pedestrian and vehicle safety. We ask that you do your part to help make sure everyone stays safe.

### **CITY COUNCIL ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS**

Each year in October, City Council hosts an awards night to recognize and congratulate local individuals or teams who have won a Provincial or National competition or those who have made other outstanding accomplishments. If you know of someone who should be recognized, please contact the Mayor's Office at 519-271-0250, extension 5236 or [mayor@stratford.ca](mailto:mayor@stratford.ca).

The Town Crier is posted to the City's website.

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