



Town Crier

August 22, 2026

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The City of Stratford Council will consider the following matter at a council meeting to be held on Monday, September 14, 2026 at 7:00pm in the Stratford City Council Chambers (upper level), located at 1 Wellington Street, Stratford. The matter affects the City's ongoing Review of its Official Plan.

TOPIC: Official Plan Review Growth Discussion Paper

The Official Plan Review item is non-statutory and is being held for information-sharing, discussion, and early public input. No decisions will be made at this meeting.

The purpose of the meeting is to present and discuss the final Official Plan Review discussion paper: "A Growing City"

This discussion paper addresses key policy areas related to how the City accommodates growth, including intensification, future growth areas, land needs, and whether existing land designations remain appropriate.

Members of the public are encouraged to follow the Official Plan Review and review available materials in advance of the meeting. Meeting materials will be available through the City of Stratford's agenda page and on Engage Stratford at <https://engagestratford.ca/official-plan-review>. The video for this meeting will be published on the City's website at the following link: <https://calendar.stratford.ca/meetings>

Your opinion on this matter is important. Please call, mail or email your comments to Stuart Filson at telephone number 519-271-0250 extension 5429 – sfilson@stratford.ca – City of Stratford, Building and Planning Services Department.

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 Council in making future decisions on the Official Plan Review. Questions regarding this collection should be forwarded to the City Clerk, 1 Wellington Street, P.O. Box 818, Stratford ON, N5A 6W1 or by emailing: tdafoe@stratford.ca or by telephone at the number below.

If you require this document in an alternate format contact City Hall at 519-271-0250 ext. 5237 or email: clerks@stratford.ca

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS

Property Tax – 2026 Final levy due date August 27, 2026

Property tax payments may be made at your bank: in person, telephone, or online banking. Cheques payable to "City of Stratford" can be mailed to P.O. Box 818, Stratford, ON N5A 6W1 or dropped off at the rear entrance mailbox. Cash, Debit, or Cheque is also accepted at City Hall (Ground Floor – Clerk's Office).

Looking to sign up for monthly or quarterly pre-authorized payment plan? Email pap@stratford.ca or call the City Tax Office (519-271-0250 ext. 5212).

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APPLY TO BE ON THE JOINT COMPLIANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE - REMINDER

The City of Stratford, Town of St. Marys, Municipality of North Perth, Township of Perth East, Township of Perth South and Municipality of West Perth are seeking interested applicants for appointment to the Joint Compliance Audit Committee for the 2026 Municipal Election.

Applicant Qualifications:

- Demonstrated knowledge and in depth understanding of the campaign financing rules of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996;
- Proven analytical and decision-making skills;
- Experience working on committees, task forces or similar settings;
- Demonstrated knowledge of quasi-judicial proceedings;
- Availability and willingness to attend meetings (daytime and/or evening); and
- Excellent oral and written communication skills.

Applicants with a background in accounting, law, law enforcement and academics are encouraged to apply.

Please note that those individuals who are running for office in Municipal Elections for any of the participating municipalities, or who have conducted audits or provided financial advice in respect of Municipal Elections for any of the participating municipalities or candidates will be disqualified.

Application Process:

The Application Form can be completed online at the City of Stratford website (www.stratford.ca/elections) or a copy obtained by contacting the applicable Municipal Clerk.

The deadline to apply is 4:30 p.m. on August 28, 2026.

LEAF & YARD WASTE COLLECTION - REMINDER

Leaf and Yard Waste will be collected citywide, on your regular garbage collection day, the week of August 24 – 28. Leaf and yard waste will only be collected in the following forms:

- 110 L Kraft Paper bags
- Certified Compostable bags
- Re-useable Container with label attached

Clear Plastic Bags are NOT accepted and will be left at the curbside. Leaf and Yard waste is also accepted at the landfill depot during regular landfill hours.

The next Leaf and Yard Waste collection week is September 22 – 26.

TREASURE HUNT WEEKEND - REMINDER

August 28 to 30 is a Treasure Hunt Weekend, an opportunity for residents to recycle any unwanted household items by placing them at the curb, for anyone in the community to collect. This event keeps materials with some useful life out of Stratford's landfill site.

Materials can be put out starting at 4 p.m. on the Friday, and any unclaimed items must be removed from the curb by 3 p.m. on Sunday.

Please remember not to leave any items you want to keep, including children's toys or bicycles, near the curb during the Treasure Hunt weekend.

The last Treasure Hunt Weekend for 2026 is September 25 – 27.

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.

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

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