



Town Crier

October 10, 2026

Public Information, Notices and Meeting Schedule

THANKSGIVING DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City of Stratford administration offices and the Landfill will be closed on Monday, October 12, 2026, for the Thanksgiving Day Holiday.

There will be no change in the Recycling or Garbage Collection programs on Monday, October 12, 2026. Please ensure materials are to the curb prior to 8:00 a.m. on collection dates. For further information, please call 519-271-0250 extension 5279.

RETAIL CLOSINGS ON THANKSGIVING DAY

Shoppers and merchants are reminded that under the *Retail Business Holidays Act*, Thanksgiving, October 12, 2026 is among the holidays when most stores must be closed unless City Council has granted an exemption in order to open for business.

Stratford's designated tourism season is May 1 to November 12 each year and includes the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Stratford City By-law 149-92 permits certain retail establishments in Stratford that meet the tourism criteria established by the Province and that provides goods and services primarily to tourists in Stratford, may open for business on Thanksgiving under the following provisions:

- The retail business establishment does not open prior to 10:00 a.m. and does not remain open after 4:00 p.m.
- The number of persons engaged in the serving of the public does not at any time, exceed four (4)
- The total area used for serving, selling or displaying goods or services to the public inside the establishment is less than 278.71m² (3000 square feet).
- Certain larger retail business establishments listed in Schedule "A" to By-law 149-92 as amended, may also open on Thanksgiving between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

Enforcement of the *Retail Business Holidays Act* in Stratford is through Stratford Police Service.

To find out which retail operations are exempted by the Act, call the Ministry of Consumer Services toll-free at 1-800-889-9768. For more information, visit <https://www.ontario.ca/page/retail-business-holidays>.

ATTENTION STRATFORD PROPERTY OWNERS

Property Tax – 2026 Final levy due date October 28, 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).

Go paperless for future notices by visiting www.stratford.ca/eSend.

WATCH FOR YOUR VOTER INFORMATION LETTER IN THE MAIL

Voter Information Letters will be mailed to those individuals who are on the Voters' List by October 14. The Voter Information Letter will contain all the information needed to cast your ballot, including a Personalized Identification Number (PIN) which you will use along with your date of birth to access the voting system.

To check if you are on the Voters' List, add or change your information, visit the City's website at stratford.ca/elections.

If you are on the Voters' List and do not receive your Voter Information Letter in the mail by October 14th, please contact elections@stratford.ca, or call 519-271-0250 extension 5237.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Date	Meeting	Time	Location
Oct 13	Committee of the Whole In-camera Session	CANCELLED	
Oct 13	Regular Council and Standing Committees	CANCELLED	

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 posted to the City's website.

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