



Stratford City Council
Regular Council Open Session
AGENDA

Meeting #: 4763rd
Date: Monday, January 27, 2025
Time: 7:00 P.M.
Location: Council Chamber, City Hall
Council Present: Mayor Ritsma - Chair Presiding, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Biehn, Councillor Briscoe, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Hunter, Councillor McCabe, Councillor Nijjar, Councillor Sebben, Councillor Wordofa
Staff Present: Joan Thomson - Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, Tim Wolfe - Director of Community Services, Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure Services, Karmen Krueger - Director of Corporate Services, Adam Betteridge - Director of Building and Planning Services, Dave Bush - Director of Human Resources, Chris Van Bargaen - Deputy Fire Chief, Audrey Pascual - Deputy Clerk

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1. Call to Order:

Mayor Ritsma, Chair presiding, to call the Council meeting to order.

Land Acknowledgment

Moment of Silent Reflection

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Respectful Conduct Statement

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

The *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and to otherwise comply with the *Act*.

Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest**3. Adoption of the Minutes:**

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Motion by

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford dated January 13, 2025, be adopted as printed.

4. Adoption of the Addendum/Addenda to the Agenda:

Motion by

THAT the Addendum/Addenda to the Regular Agenda of Council and Standing Committees dated January 27, 2025, be added to the Agenda as printed.

5. Report of the Committee of the Whole In-Camera Session:**5.1 At the January 16, 2025, Committee of the Whole In-camera Session, under the Municipal Act, 2001, the following matter was considered:**

6.1 Confidential Verbal Update of the Chief Administrative Officer with respect to a Shared Services Agreement (CM-25-03) - Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(e)); Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (section 239.(2)(f)); and A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(k)).

At the In-camera Session, an update, a report, and advice subject to solicitor-client privilege were received. Direction was given to the City Solicitor, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Mayor.

5.2 January 27, 2025, Committee of the Whole In-camera Session

The January 27, 2025, Committee of the Whole In-camera Session has been cancelled.

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

6.1 David Boghosian, Integrity Commissioner for The Corporation of the City of Stratford

David Boghosian, Integrity Commissioner, will provide an education session on the Code of Conduct and Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

Motion by

THAT David Boghosian, Integrity Commissioner for The Corporation of the City of Stratford, be heard.

7. Orders of the Day:

7.1 Resolution - Proposed Amendment to Building By-law 112-2005 (COU25-008)

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Motion by

Staff Recommendation: THAT the report titled, "Proposed Amendment to Building By-law 112-2005" (COU25-008), be received;

AND THAT Council approve the amendment to By-law 112-2005, as amended, regarding the proposed increases to building permit fees as set out in Schedule "A", effective February 1, 2025.

8. Business for Which Previous Notice Has Been Given:

None scheduled

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

There are no Standing Committee reports to be considered at the January 27, 2025 meeting.

10. Notice of Intent:

None scheduled

11. Reading of the By-law:

The following By-law requires First and Second Readings and Third and Final Readings:

Motion by
THAT By-laws 11.1 be read a First and Second Time.

Motion by
THAT By-laws 11.1 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

11.1 Amend Building By-law Permit Fees 28 - 32

To amend By-law 112-2005 as amended, to revise building permit fees effective February 1, 2025.

12. Consent Agenda: CA-2025-006 to CA-2025-008 33 - 38

Council to advise if they wish to consider any items listed on the Consent Agenda.

13. New Business:

14. Adjournment to Standing Committees:

The next Regular Council meeting is February 10, 2025 in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

Motion by

THAT the Council meeting adjourn to convene into Standing Committees as follows:

- **Social Services Committee [7:05 or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting]; and**
- **Finance and Labour Relations Committee [7:10 or thereafter following the Regular Council meeting]**

and to Committee of the Whole if necessary, and to reconvene into Council.

15. Council Reconvene:

15.1 Declarations of Pecuniary Interest made at Standing Committees

The Municipal Conflict of Interest Act requires any member of Council declaring a pecuniary interest and the general nature thereof, where the interest of a member of Council has not been disclosed by reason of the member's absence from the meeting, to disclose the interest at the first open meeting attended by the member of Council and otherwise comply with the Act.

Declarations of Pecuniary Interest made at Standing Committee meetings held on January 27, 2025, with respect to the following Items

and re-stated at the reconvene portion of the Council meeting:

Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest

15.2 Confirmatory By-law:

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The following By-law requires First and Second Readings and Third and Final Readings.

By-law 11.2 Confirmatory By-law

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on January 27, 2025.

Motion by

THAT By-law 11.2 be read a First and Second Time.

Motion by

THAT By-law 11.2 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

15.3 Adjournment of Council Meeting

Meeting Start Time:

Meeting End Time:

Motion by

THAT the January 27, 2025, Regular Council meeting adjourn.



Stratford City Council Regular Council Open Session MINUTES

Meeting #: 4761st
 Date: Monday, January 13, 2025
 Time: 7:00 P.M.
 Location: Council Chamber, City Hall

Council Present: Mayor Ritsma - Chair Presiding, Councillor Beatty, Councillor Biehn, Councillor Briscoe, Councillor Burbach, Councillor Henderson, Councillor Hunter, Councillor McCabe, Councillor Nijjar, Councillor Sebben, Councillor Wordofa

Staff Present: Joan Thomson - Chief Administrative Officer, Tatiana Dafoe - City Clerk, Kim McElroy - Director of Social Services, Tim Wolfe - Director of Community Services, Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure Services, Karmen Krueger - Director of Corporate Services, Adam Betteridge - Director of Building and Planning Services, Neil Anderson - Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief, Audrey Pascual - Deputy Clerk, Dave Bush - Director of Human Resources, Shannon Archer – Business Integration Manager

Also Present: Members of the Public and Media

1. Call to Order:

Mayor Ritsma, Chair presiding, called the Council meeting to order.

Land Acknowledgment

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Respectful Conduct Statement

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

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Name, Item and General Nature of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest made by a member at the January 13, 2025 Regular Council meeting.

3. Adoption of the Minutes:

R2025-01

Motion by Councillor Briscoe

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford dated December 16, 2024 be adopted as printed.

Carried

4. Adoption of the Addenda to the Agenda:

R2025-02

Motion by Councillor Nijjar

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT the Addenda to the Regular Agenda of Council and Standing Committees dated January 13, 2025, be added to the Agenda as printed.

Carried

5. Report of the Committee of the Whole In-Camera Session:

5.1 January 13, 2025 Committee of the Whole In-camera Session:

It was noted that the January 13, 2025 Session was cancelled.

5.2 ADDED - At the January 9, 2025 In-camera Session, the following matter was considered:

4.1 Confidential Verbal Update of the Chief Administrative Officer with respect to a Shared Services Agreement (CM-25-01) - Litigation or

potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals affecting the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(e)); Advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege including communications necessary for that purpose (section 239.(2)(f)); and A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board (section 239.(2)(k)).

At the In-camera Session, a confidential report of the Chief Administrative Officer (CM-25-02) was considered. Advice subject to solicitor client privilege was provided. Direction was given to the City Solicitor, Chief Administrative Officer, and the Mayor regarding this matter.

6. Hearings of Deputations and Presentations:

None scheduled

7. Orders of the Day:

7.1 Resolution - Considerations for Proceeding with a Request for an Expression of Interest for the Erie Street Parking Lot (COU25-001)

R2025-03

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT the report titled, 'Considerations for Proceeding with a Request for Expression of Interest for the Erie Street Parking Lot' (COU25-001), be received for information.

Members of Council and staff held a discussion regarding the following:

- there being continued efforts in looking for ideas for the development of the Erie Street Parking Lot;
- expediting the process of the development of the property;
- there being an environmental assessment completed for the property in 2005 for commercial and industrial purposes;
- the resurfacing of the lot involving the replacement of areas that are most critical to minimize risks;

- the development of the site allowing for more parking spaces enabling more people to live downtown closer to amenities;
- there being potential competing priorities if the property is developed in conjunction with the Cooper Site;
- a comprehensive parking study being needed to assess the current parking needs for the downtown including the Erie Street site; and
- the resolution of the easements in the site being a critical piece in moving forward with any development.

The Mayor called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.2 Resolution - T-2024-39 Erie Street Parking Lot Resurfacing Tender Award (COU25-003)

R2025-04

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT the tender (T-2024-39) for the Erie Street Parking Lot Resurfacing project be awarded to Steve Smith Construction Corporation at a total price of \$494,747.90, including HST;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the necessary Contract Agreement for the Erie Street Parking Lot Resurfacing project (T-2024-39).

Members of Council and staff held a discussion regarding the following:

- the resolution of the easements potentially being expedited by getting consultants;
- the project coming under budget and the reallocation of funds for resolving the easements;
- public consultation being started while the easements are being addressed to better direct the development of the site; and
- there being a need to reallocate resources as the public consultation process was not included in the work plan.

The Mayor called the question on the motion.

Carried

7.3 Resolution - Award of Tender T-2024-36: Supply and Delivery of Meraki Hardware and Licensing (COU25-002)

R2025-05

Motion by Councillor Nijjar**Seconded by** Councillor Biehn**THAT the Tender (T-2024-36) for the Supply and Delivery of Meraki Solutions, including 3-year licensing, be awarded to C.E. Technology Solutions Ltd. for a total cost of \$204,479.00, including HST.**

Carried

7.4 Resolution - Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre Fee Decrease (COU25-004)

R2025-06

Motion by Councillor Henderson**Seconded by** Councillor Burbach**THAT the following fees in Schedule "F" of the City's Fees and Charges By-law 99-2024, be amended:**

- **Toddler Weekly - \$110.00**
- **Toddler Daily - \$22.00**
- **Pre-school Daily - \$22.00**
- **Before or After – ages 6 and up - \$13.25**

AND THAT the fees be effective January 1, 2025.

Carried

7.5 Resolution - Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Outreach Program Agreement (COU25-005)

R2025-07

Motion by Councillor Biehn**Seconded by** Councillor Nijjar**THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford enter into an agreement with Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance to provide the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Outreach Program;**

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the City with Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance.

Carried

7.6 Resolution - Fire Protection Grant Transfer Payment Agreement (COU25-006)

R2025-08

Motion by Councillor Briscoe

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT The Corporation of the City of Stratford enter into an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Office of the Fire Marshal to support the municipal fire service in acquiring critical equipment and other needs to improve and enhance the level of fire protection service being provided;

AND THAT the Mayor and City Clerk, or their respective delegates, be authorized to sign the Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement provided through the Fire Protection Grant on behalf of the Corporation.

Carried

8. Business for Which Previous Notice Has Been Given:

None scheduled

9. Reports of the Standing Committees:

9.1 Report of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee:

R2025-09

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT the Report of the Infrastructure, Transportation and Safety Committee dated January 13, 2025, be adopted as printed.

Carried

**9.1.1 Annual Corporate Greenhouse Gas Emissions – 2023
(COU24-021)**

THAT the report titled, "Annual Corporate Greenhouse Gas Emissions – 2023" (ITS24-021), be received for information.

9.1.2 Dunn Road Well Failure - Emergency Purchase Update Report (ITS24-020)

THAT the report titled, "Dunn Road Well Failure - Emergency Purchase Update Report" (ITS24-020), be received as per Section 39.1.b. of the City of Stratford's Purchasing Policy P.5.1.

9.1.3 Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) - Primary Digester Roof Failure - Update Report (ITS24-023)

THAT the report titled, "Stratford Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP) - Primary Digester Roof Failure - Update Report" (ITS24-023), be received per Section 39.1.b. of the City of Stratford's Purchasing Policy P.5.1.

9.1.4 Stratford Landfill Public Input Invite November 2024 (ITS24-022)

THAT the report titled, "Stratford Landfill Public Input November 2024" (ITS24-022), be received for information.

9.2 Report of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee:

R2025-10

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Beatty

THAT the Report of the Finance and Labour Relations Committee dated January 13, 2025, be adopted as printed.

Carried

9.2.1 Festival Hydro Inc. and Festival Hydro Services Inc. Q2 and Q3 Updates (FIN24-033)

THAT the Festival Hydro Inc. financial results for the period ended June 30, 2024, and for the period ended September 30, 2024, be received for information;

AND THAT the Festival Hydro Services Inc. financial results for the period ended June 30, 2024, and for the period ended September 30, 2024, be received for information.

9.2.2 Third Quarter (Q3) 2024 Operating Variance Report as at September 30, 2024 (FIN24-034)

THAT the report titled "Third Quarter (Q3) 2024 Operating Variance Report as at September 30, 2024" (FIN24-034) dated November 19, 2024, be received for information.

10. Notice of Intent:

None scheduled

11. Reading of the By-laws:

The following By-laws required First and Second Readings and Third and Final Readings.

A request was made to take By-law 11.3 separately.

R2025-11

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Henderson

THAT By-laws 1-2025 to 5-2025 be taken collectively.

Carried unanimously

R2025-12

Motion by Councillor Hunter

Seconded by Councillor Burbach

THAT By-laws 1-2025 to 5-2025 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2025-13

Motion by Councillor Biehn

Seconded by Councillor Beatty

THAT By-laws 1-2025 to 5-2025 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

R2025-14

Motion by Councillor Henderson

Seconded by Councillor Hunter

THAT By-law 6-2025 read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2025-15

Motion by Councillor Nijjar

Seconded by Councillor Briscoe

THAT By-law 6-2025 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

**11.1 Award Tender for Video Surveillance System - Meraki Solutions -
By-law 1-2025**

To authorize the acceptance of a tender, execution of the contract and the undertaking of the work by C.E. Technology Solutions Ltd. for the supply and delivery of Meraki Solutions, including 3-year licensing (T-2024-36).

**11.2 Appointment of a Manager of Revenue and Taxation and Deputy
Treasurer - By-law 2-2025**

To appoint a Manager of Revenue and Taxation and Deputy Treasurer for The Corporation of the City of Stratford.

**11.3 Award Tender for Erie Street Parking Lot Resurfacing Project -
By-law 6-2025**

To authorize the acceptance of a tender, execution of the contract and the undertaking of the work by Steve Smith Construction Corporation for the Erie Street Parking Lot Resurfacing project (T-2024-39).

**11.4 Amend Fees and Charges By-law - Anne Hathaway Daycare Fees
- By-law 3-2025**

To amend the Fees and Charges By-law 99-2024, to change the Anne Hathaway Day Care Centre fees.

**11.5 Agreement - Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance Nurse Practitioner
Primary Care Outreach Program - By-law 4-2025**

To authorize the entering into and execution of an agreement with the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance for the provision of the Nurse Practitioner Primary Care Outreach Program.

11.6 Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement - Fire Protection Grant - By-law 5-2025

To authorize the entering into and execution of an Ontario Transfer Payment Agreement with His Majesty the King in right of Ontario as represented by the Ministry of the Solicitor General, Office of the Fire Marshal for the provision of funding to support the acquisition of critical equipment and other needs to improve and enhance the level of fire protection service being provided.

12. Consent Agenda: CA-2025-001 to CA-2025-005

Council did not advise of any items to be considered on the Consent Agenda.

13. New Business:**13.1 Andrew Pyper**

A member recognized Andrew Pyper, a resident of Stratford and distinguished author. Mr. Pyper passed away on January 3, 2025. The member shared that Mr. Pyper's novels, published under a pseudonym, have been recognized internationally including by the New York Times Book Review. Mr. Pyper was recognized as an accomplished writer as well as a great father, husband, and friend.

13.2 Erie Street Lot

Members of Council and the Director of Infrastructure Services held a discussion regarding the Erie Street Parking Lot development. Discussion focused on the public engagement work to be done and the follow up reports to be provided to Council regarding the results of the engagement and the progress made on resolving the easements in the lot.

13.3 Emergency Control Group

The Mayor acknowledged that the Emergency Control Group has satisfied all 13 program elements required under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act set out by the Province. The Mayor thanked Deputy Fire Chief Chris Van Barga and the entire team for their work.

14. Adjournment to Standing Committees:

There were no Standing Committee meetings to be held.

It was noted that the next Regular Council meeting will be held on January 27, 2025, in the Council Chamber, City Hall.

15. Confirmatory By-law:

The following By-law required First and Second Readings and Third and Final Readings:

By-law 11.7 Confirmatory By-law - By-law 7-2025

To confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on January 13, 2025.

R2025-16

Motion by Councillor Burbach

Seconded by Councillor Biehn

THAT By-law 7-2025 be read a First and Second Time.

Carried two-thirds support

R2025-17

Motion by Councillor Sebben

Seconded by Councillor McCabe

THAT By-law 7-2025 be read a Third Time and Finally Passed.

Carried

16. Adjournment of Council Meeting

R2025-18

Motion by Councillor Beatty

Seconded by Councillor Nijjar

THAT the January 13, 2025, Regular Council meeting adjourn.

Carried

Meeting Start Time: 7:00 P.M.

Meeting End Time: 7:54 P.M.

Mayor - Martin Ritsma

Clerk - Tatiana Dafoe



MANAGEMENT REPORT

Date: January 27, 2025
To: Mayor and Council
From: Connor Occleston, Deputy Chief Building Official
Report Number: COU25-008
Attachments: Draft Schedule "A" to By-law 112-2005,
 December 16, 2024 Public Meeting Minutes

Title: Proposed Amendment to Building By-law 112-2005

Objective: To amend Building By-law 112-2005, as amended, (Being a by-law respecting permits for construction, demolition and change of use and respecting inspections and the charging of permit fees to update all permit fees) with an effective date for new fees of February 1, 2025.

Background: In accordance with clause 7(1)(c) of the Ontario Building Code Act S.O. 1992, c23 as amended, and hereinafter referred to as the "Building Code Act" or simply "BCA", Council is to pass a by-law requiring the payment of fees and prescribing the amounts of such fees. The City has By-law 112-2005 established and amends it as deemed necessary. The last fee update amendment to Building By-law 112-2005 was in 2023.

The City recently held a Public Meeting on December 16, 2024; the minutes from the Public Meeting are attached. The proposed Building By-law fees as noted in Schedule 'A' of Building By-law 112-2005 is also provided.

The Building Code Act requires that municipalities recover the reasonable costs of enforcing and administering the Ontario Building Code through the charging of fees. Both direct and indirect costs are eligible. Included in this, is any capital requirements for fleet, as an example.

To manage fluctuations in building activity and investment in capital, the BCA allows for reserve funds. Municipalities in Ontario are required to provide building services (permit review, inspections, etc.) on a "full cost recovery" basis and ensure that it be funded by user fees. This includes ensuring a sufficient reserve available to respond to cyclical operational impacts. If there is a surplus in fees after all operating costs are covered, the municipality maintains the excess in a reserve fund to that end.

Analysis: In general, all operating costs, including staffing related costs, have gone up since the last fee review. The proposed fee structure would see an increase in permit fees of 5%. To illustrate, a single detached dwelling from \$1.40 per square foot to \$1.47 per square foot. The building permit for a 1,500 square foot bungalow with an unfinished basement and an attached garage would be an additional \$105 in permit fees (from \$2,100 to \$2,205).

Staff are recommending the fee structure to recover the increasing operational costs and to rebuild the depleted reserve fund to a point expected to meet the target of 100% of one year of annual operating costs (“full cost recovery”).

Clarifications are proposed in Schedule “A” for permit classification, including the distinction between detached additional residential units and units located within the primary dwelling unit. Additionally, minimum permit fees were added as the previous cost per square foot was not resulting in cost recovery.

Financial Implications:

Financial impact to current year operating budget:

Given the Building Division is based on a “full cost recovery” model, approval of the recommendation as outlined in this report will have no impact on the 2025 or future year tax levy. Increases to actual revenues may result and from this, increased transfers to the Building Reserve Fund.

Financial impact on future year operating budget:

Future operating budgeted revenues are intended to fund any future operating budgeted expenditures with no impact on the net taxation levy.

Link to Asset Management Plan: Any capital requirements for asset investment or renewal is funded from reserve funds and the fee structure needs to reflect these requirements.

Alignment with Strategic Priorities:

Intentionally Change to Support the Future

The proposed update to our permit fees will help ensure compliance with the Building Code Act in terms of a cost recovery structure and building reserves for future asset acquisition and renewal and operational requirements.

Alignment with One Planet Principles:

Not applicable: This is an administrative fee schedule update.

Staff Recommendation: THAT the report titled, “Proposed Amendment to Building By-law 112-2005” (COU25-008), be received;

AND THAT Council approve the amendment to By-law 112-2005, as amended, regarding the proposed increases to building permit fees as set out in Schedule "A", effective February 1, 2025.

Prepared by: Connor Occeston, Deputy Chief Building Official
Recommended by: Adam Betteridge, Director of Building and Planning Services
Joan Thomson, Chief Administrative Officer

DRAFT SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW 112-2005
OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD

Effective February 1, 2024

| Type of Permit: Group Type | Type of Permit: Sub-Type | Permit Fee: Fee per Area (Sq. Ft.) | Permit Fee: Fee per Unit |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Group 'A' - Assembly | Finished | (\$2.20) \$2.31 | N/A |
| | Shell Only | (\$1.95) \$2.05 | N/A |
| | Outdoor Patio | N/A | (\$270.00) \$284.00 |
| | Outdoor Pool – Public | N/A | (\$900.00) \$945.00 |
| | Portable Classroom | N/A | (\$485.00) \$509.00 |
| Group 'B' – Institutional | All institutional classifications | (\$2.65) \$2.78 | N/A |
| Group 'C' – Residential | Dwelling (Single, Semi, Duplex, Rowhouse, Stacked Rowhouse, Detached ARU) | (\$1.40) \$ 1.47 | N/A |
| | Garage / Carport (per bay) | N/A | (\$190.00) \$ 200.00 |
| | Shed, Deck, Porch | N/A | (\$190.00) \$ 200.00 |
| | Apartment Building | (\$1.65) \$ 1.73 | N/A |
| | Hotels / Motels | (\$2.10) \$ 2.21 | N/A |
| | Residential Care Facility | (\$1.40) \$ 1.47 | N/A |
| Group 'D' – Business & Personal Services | Finished | (\$1.80) \$ 1.89 | N/A |
| | Shell Only | (\$1.50) \$ 1.58 | N/A |
| | Finishing of Existing Shell | (\$0.47) \$ 0.49 | N/A |
| Group 'E' – Mercantile | Finished | (\$1.80) \$ 1.89 | N/A |

| Type of Permit: Group Type | Type of Permit: Sub-Type | Permit Fee: Fee per Area (Sq. Ft.) | Permit Fee: Fee per Unit |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| | Shell Only | (\$1.50) \$ 1.58 | N/A |
| | Finishing of Existing Shell | (\$0.47) \$ 0.49 | N/A |
| Group 'F' – Industrial | Finished | (\$1.10) \$ 1.16 | N/A |
| | Shell Only | (\$0.85) \$ 0.89 | N/A |
| | Finishing of Existing Shell | (\$0.47) \$ 0.49 | N/A |
| | Parking Garage | (\$0.80) \$ 0.84 | N/A |
| Agricultural | All Agricultural classifications | (\$0.65) \$0.68 | N/A |
| Stand Alone & Miscellaneous Work | Air supported structures | (\$0.80) \$0.84 | N/A |
| | Alternative Solution: Part 9 (each) | N/A | (\$550.00) \$ 578.00 |
| | Alternative Solution: All other Building/system (each) | N/A | (\$1100.00) \$ 1,155.00 |
| | Balcony guard (replace per linear foot) - excluding low rise Residential | (\$0.68) \$ 0.71 | N/A |
| | Balcony repair (per balcony) | N/A | (\$27.00) \$ 28.35 |
| | Ceiling (new or replace per square foot) | (\$0.27) \$ 0.28 | N/A |
| | Change of Use (with no renovations) - All Classifications (min. fee \$260.00) | (\$0.22) \$ 0.23 | N/A |
| | Demolition (If P.Eng. review required min. fee of \$525.00) | (\$0.17) \$ 0.18 | N/A |
| | Designated Structures - Including Solar Panels, but excluding retaining walls, public pools, and signs) | N/A | (\$485.00) \$509.00 |

| Type of Permit: Group Type | Type of Permit: Sub-Type | Permit Fee: Fee per Area (Sq. Ft.) | Permit Fee: Fee per Unit |
|-------------------------------|--|--|--|
| | Elevator, escalator, lift | N/A | (\$485.00) \$ 509.00 |
| | Engineering review – Where, at the discretion of the CBO, third-party review is required for Part 4 designs submitted by a designer as part of an application. Fee is in addition to applicable fees for building permit application. | N/A | (\$2,175.00) \$ 2,284.00 |
| | Exterior ramps (excluding low rise Residential) | N/A | (\$270.00) \$ 284.00 |
| | Fireplace/Woodstove (each) | N/A | (\$130.00) \$ 137.00 |
| | Foundation or Conditional Permit - In addition to Building Permit Fee (Min. \$525.00) | (\$0.22) \$ 0.23 | N/A |
| | Interior Finishes - All Classifications not specified elsewhere (Min. \$284.00) | (\$0.50) \$ 0.53 | N/A |
| | Alterations/Renovations to previously finished areas - All Classifications not specified elsewhere (Min. \$284.00) | (\$0.45) \$ 0.47 | N/A |
| | New ARU – Inside of the Primary Dwelling Unit (Min. \$1,000.00) | (\$1.40) \$1.47 | N/A |
| | Rack storage systems (per lin. ft.) | (\$0.50) \$ 0.53 | N/A |
| | Reclad exterior wall (per lin. ft.) | (\$0.17) \$ 0.18 | N/A |
| | Retaining Wall (per lin. ft.) | (\$3.40) \$ 3.57 | N/A |
| | | | |

| Type of Permit: Group Type | Type of Permit: Sub-Type | Permit Fee: Fee per Area (Sq. Ft.) | Permit Fee: Fee per Unit |
|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| | Shoring & Underpinning (per lin. ft.) | (\$3.70) \$ 3.89 | N/A |
| | Signs | N/A | (\$130.00) \$ 137.00 |
| | Storefront replacement | N/A | (\$270.00) \$ 284.00 |
| | Temporary Buildings (each) | N/A | (\$270.00) \$ 284.00 |
| | Temporary Tents (each) | N/A | (\$190.00) \$200.00 |
| Mechanical Work (independent of Building Permit) | HVAC Permit (non-residential) | (\$0.17) \$ 0.18 | N/A |
| | Fire Sprinkler System, Standpipe, etc. (Min. \$284.00) | (\$0.12) \$ 0.13 | N/A |
| | Commercial Kitchen, Spray Booth, Dust Collector (each) | N/A | (\$270.00) \$284.00 |
| Electrical Work (independent of Building Permit) | Fire Alarm System & Electrical Work (Min. \$284.00) | (\$0.12) \$0.13 | N/A |
| | Electromagnetic locks & Hold open devices (each) | N/A | (\$130.00) \$137.00 |
| | Emergency Lighting (per storey) | N/A | (\$130.00) \$137.00 |
| Plumbing Work (independent of Building Permit) | Plumbing Permit (per fixture, min. fee \$137.00) | N/A | (\$18.00) \$19.00 |
| | Catchbasin, maintenance holes, roofdrains (each) | N/A | (\$27.00) \$ 28.00 |
| | Building / Site Services (per lin. ft.) | (\$0.85) \$0.89 | N/A |

| Type of Permit: Group Type | Type of Permit: Sub-Type | Permit Fee: Fee per Area (Sq. Ft.) | Permit Fee: Fee per Unit |
|----------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | Backflow Prevention Device (per device) | N/A | (\$130.00) \$137.00 |
| On-site Sewage System | New or Replacement system | N/A | (\$650.00) \$683.00 |
| | Alterations / Repair | N/A | (\$490.00) \$515.00 |
| Other Fees | Minimum Permit Fee: Low rise residential (SDD, Semi- detached, Triplex) | N/A | (\$130.00) \$137.00 |
| | Minimum Permit Fee: All Classifications (Unless noted otherwise) | N/A | (\$284.00) \$284.00 |
| | Revision to Permit Fee - Applicable to square footage of area where plan examination required due to submission of revisions after permit issued. (Min. \$137.00) | (\$0.12) \$0.13 | N/A |
| | Permit to Occupy unfinished building | N/A | (\$270.00) \$284.00 |
| | Transfer Permit (change of permit ownership) | N/A | (\$270.00) \$284.00 |
| | Special Inspection Fee after hours (per hour) | N/A | (\$270.00) \$284.00 |
| | Special research requests of Building Division (per hour or part thereof and includes requests for written information) | N/A | (\$65.00) \$68.00 |
| | Property Surveys - Records FOI | N/A | (\$27.00) \$28.00 |
| | Staff Time / 15 min. | N/A | (\$10.00) \$16.00 |
| | Photocopies (Black & White, Letter, Legal, Tabloid) - per copy | N/A | (\$0.21) \$0.22 |

| Type of Permit: Group Type | Type of Permit: Sub-Type | Permit Fee: Fee per Area (Sq. Ft.) | Permit Fee: Fee per Unit |
|---------------------------------------|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| | Photocopies (Colour, Letter, Legal, Tabloid) - per copy | N/A | (\$0.80) \$0.84 |
| | Plotter copies (Large format) - per sheet | N/A | (\$22.00) \$23.00 |



CITY OF STRATFORD PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES

A **Public Meeting** was held on Monday, December 16, 2024, at 7:07 p.m., to give the public and Council an opportunity to hear all interested persons on the proposed amendments to the Building By-law 112-2005, including Fee Schedule A.

COUNCIL PRESENT: Mayor Martin Ritsma – Chair presiding, Councillor Lesley Biehn, Councillor Taylor Briscoe, Councillor Jo-Dee Burbach, Councillor Bonnie Henderson, Councillor Mark Hunter, Councillor Larry McCabe, Councillor Harjinder Nijjar, Councillor Cody Sebben, and Councillor Geza Wordofa.

COUNCIL REGRETS: Councillor Brad Beatty

STAFF PRESENT: Joan Thomson – Chief Administrative Officer, Neil Anderson – Director of Emergency Services/Fire Chief, Taylor Crinklaw - Director of Infrastructure Services, Adam Betteridge – Director of Building and Planning Services, Tim Wolfe – Director of Community Services, Kim McElroy – Director of Social Services, Dave Bush - Director of Human Resources, Connor Occleston – Deputy Chief Building Official, Tatiana Dafoe – City Clerk, Audrey Pascual – Deputy Clerk, and Lisa Francis – Recording Secretary, Marc Bancroft - Manager of Planning, Alex Burnett - Planner.

ALSO PRESENT: Members of the public and media.

Mayor Ritsma called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. and stated the purpose of the meeting was to give Council and the public an opportunity to hear all interested persons on the proposed amendments to the Building By-law 112-2005, including Fee Schedule A. The Mayor explained the order of procedure for the public meeting.

STAFF PRESENTATION

The Deputy Chief Building Official provided an overview of the management report as follows:

- the purpose of the public meeting being to hear comments regarding an increase to the fees under the Building By-law 112-2005;
- there being a 5% increase to the fees across the board; and
- there being fees added due to how building construction has changed and the descriptions in the fee schedule being revised to better apply to the building permits being applied for.

QUESTIONS FROM COUNCIL

Councillor Henderson questioned if staff had taken into consideration the streamlining of the permitting process to speed up the issuance of permits to applicants. The Deputy Chief Building Official noted that the proposed changes are only to increase the fee revenue to better facilitate the cost recovery method as required by the Act to run the department.

Councillor Henderson questioned whether notice had been provided to the Stratford and Area Builders Association of the proposed amendments. The Deputy Chief Building Official confirmed that the Association had been notified of the proposed changes in their November and December newsletter and the City did not receive any comments from the association.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Mayor asked if there were any members of the public present wishing to provide questions or comments. There were no members of the public who came forward to speak to this matter.

The Mayor noted that the matter will be considered at a future Regular Council meeting where members of Council will be provided with an opportunity to have full discussion of the proposed amendments. It was noted by the Mayor that should members of the public wish to receive further notice regarding this matter, they were instructed to email the Clerk's Office at clerks@stratford.ca. The Mayor advised that a video recording of this meeting will be posted to the City of Stratford's website.

The Mayor adjourned the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

No requests for further notice were received from a member of the public.



**BY-LAW NUMBER XXX-2025
OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD**

BEING a By-law to amend By-law 112-2005 as amended,
to revise building permit fees effective February 1, 2025.

WHEREAS the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c.25, S.130, as amended, provides that a municipality may regulate matters not specifically provided for by the Municipal Act or any other Act for purposes related to health, safety and well-being of the inhabitants of the municipality;

AND WHEREAS, Section 7 of the Building Code Act 1992, S.O. 1992, c.23, as amended, empowers council to pass by-laws respecting permits for construction, demolition, occupancy, change of use, mechanical, plumbing, sewage systems and conditional permits and respecting inspections and the charging of permit fees;

WHEREAS Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford enacted By-law 112-2005 respecting permits for construction, demolition and change of use and respecting inspections and the charging of permit fees;

AND WHEREAS the building permit fees have been amended from time to time by Council as deemed necessary;

AND WHEREAS Council held a public meeting, pursuant to section 7.(6) of the Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, Chapter 23, on December 16, 2024, to consider further amendments to the current building permit fees;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford as follows:

1. That Schedule "A" to By-law 112-2005, as amended, be deleted and replaced with Schedule "A" attached hereto.
2. The fees in Schedule "A" attached hereto shall come into effect on February 1, 2025.
3. All other provisions of By-law 112-2005 as amended, shall remain in force and effect.

Read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and

FINALLY PASSED this 27th day of January, 2025.

Mayor – Martin Ritsma

Clerk – Tatiana Dafoe

THIS IS SCHEDULE "A" TO BY-LAW XXX-2025

Adopted this 27th day of January, 2025

OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD**Amending Schedule "A" to
By-law 112-2005, as amended****Effective February 1, 2025**

| Type of Permit: Group Type | Type of Permit: Sub-Type | Permit Fee: Fee per Area (Sq. Ft.) | Permit Fee: Fee per Unit |
|---|---|---|-------------------------------------|
| Group 'A' - Assembly | Finished | \$2.31 | N/A |
| | Shell Only | \$2.05 | N/A |
| | Outdoor Patio | N/A | \$284.00 |
| | Outdoor Pool – Public | N/A | \$945.00 |
| | Portable Classroom | N/A | \$509.00 |
| Group 'B' – Institutional | All institutional classifications | \$2.78 | N/A |
| Group 'C' – Residential | Dwelling (Single, Semi, Duplex, Rowhouse, Stacked Rowhouse, Detached ARU) | \$1.47 | N/A |
| | Garage / Carport (per bay) | N/A | \$200.00 |
| | Shed, Deck, Porch | N/A | \$200.00 |
| | Apartment Building | \$1.73 | N/A |
| | Hotels / Motels | \$2.21 | N/A |
| | Residential Care Facility | \$1.47 | N/A |
| Group 'D' – Business & Personal Services | Finished | \$1.89 | N/A |
| | Shell Only | \$1.58 | N/A |
| | Finishing of Existing Shell | \$0.49 | N/A |
| Group 'E' – Mercantile | Finished | \$1.89 | N/A |
| | Shell Only | \$1.58 | N/A |
| | Finishing of Existing Shell | \$0.49 | N/A |
| Group 'F' – Industrial | Finished | \$1.16 | N/A |
| | Shell Only | \$0.89 | N/A |
| | Finishing of Existing Shell | \$0.49 | N/A |
| | Parking Garage | \$0.84 | N/A |

| Type of Permit: Group Type | Type of Permit: Sub-Type | Permit Fee: Fee per Area (Sq. Ft.) | Permit Fee: Fee per Unit |
|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| Agricultural | All Agricultural classifications | \$0.68 | N/A |
| Stand Alone & Miscellaneous Work | Air supported structures | \$0.84 | N/A |
| | Alternative Solution: Part 9 (each) | N/A | \$578.00 |
| | Alternative Solution: All other Building/system (each) | N/A | \$1,155.00 |
| | Balcony guard (replace per linear foot) - excluding low rise Residential | \$0.71 | N/A |
| | Balcony repair (per balcony) | N/A | \$28.35 |
| | Ceiling (new or replace per square foot) | \$0.28 | N/A |
| | Change of Use (with no renovations) - All Classifications (min. fee \$260.00) | \$0.23 | N/A |
| | Demolition (If P.Eng. review required min. fee of \$525.00) | \$0.18 | N/A |
| | Designated Structures - Including Solar Panels, but excluding retaining walls, public pools, and signs) | N/A | \$509.00 |
| | Elevator, escalator, lift | N/A | \$509.00 |
| | Engineering review – Where, at the discretion of the CBO, third-party review is required for Part 4 designs submitted by a designer as part of an application. Fee is in addition to applicable fees for building permit application. | N/A | \$2,284.00 |
| | Exterior ramps (excluding low rise Residential) | N/A | \$284.00 |
| | Fireplace/Woodstove (each) | N/A | \$137.00 |
| | Foundation or Conditional Permit - In addition to Building Permit Fee (Min. \$525.00) | \$0.23 | N/A |
| Interior Finishes - All Classifications not specified elsewhere (Min. \$284.00) | \$0.53 | N/A | |

| Type of Permit: Group Type | Type of Permit: Sub-Type | Permit Fee: Fee per Area (Sq. Ft.) | Permit Fee: Fee per Unit |
|---|--|--|-----------------------------|
| | Alterations/Renovations to previously finished areas - All Classifications not specified elsewhere (Min. \$284.00) | \$0.47 | N/A |
| | New ARU – Inside of the Primary Dwelling Unit (Min. \$1,000.00) | \$1.47 | N/A |
| | Rack storage systems (per lin. ft.) | \$0.53 | N/A |
| | Reclad exterior wall (per lin. ft.) | \$0.18 | N/A |
| | Retaining Wall (per lin. ft.) | \$3.57 | N/A |
| | Shoring & Underpinning (per lin. ft.) | \$3.89 | N/A |
| | Signs | N/A | \$137.00 |
| | Storefront replacement | N/A | \$284.00 |
| | Temporary Buildings (each) | N/A | \$284.00 |
| | Temporary Tents (each) | N/A | \$200.00 |
| Mechanical Work (independent of Building Permit) | HVAC Permit (non-residential) | \$0.18 | N/A |
| | Fire Sprinkler System, Standpipe, etc. (Min. \$284.00) | \$0.13 | N/A |
| | Commercial Kitchen, Spray Booth, Dust Collector (each) | N/A | \$284.00 |
| Electrical Work (independent of Building Permit) | Fire Alarm System & Electrical Work (Min. \$284.00) | \$0.13 | N/A |
| | Electromagnetic locks & Hold open devices (each) | N/A | \$137.00 |
| | Emergency Lighting (per storey) | N/A | \$137.00 |
| Plumbing Work (independent of Building Permit) | Plumbing Permit (per fixture, min. fee \$137.00) | N/A | \$19.00 |

| Type of Permit: Group Type | Type of Permit: Sub-Type | Permit Fee: Fee per Area (Sq. Ft.) | Permit Fee: Fee per Unit |
|-------------------------------|---|--|-----------------------------|
| | Catchbasin, maintenance holes, roofdrains (each) | N/A | \$28.00 |
| | Building / Site Services (per lin. ft.) | \$0.89 | N/A |
| | Backflow Prevention Device (per device) | N/A | \$137.00 |
| On-site Sewage System | New or Replacement system | N/A | \$683.00 |
| | Alterations / Repair | N/A | \$515.00 |
| Other Fees | Minimum Permit Fee: Low rise residential (SDD, Semi-detached, Triplex) | N/A | \$137.00 |
| | Minimum Permit Fee: All Classifications (Unless noted otherwise) | N/A | \$284.00 |
| | Revision to Permit Fee - Applicable to square footage of area where plan examination required due to submission of revisions after permit issued. (Min. \$137.00) | \$0.13 | N/A |
| | Permit to Occupy unfinished building | N/A | \$284.00 |
| | Transfer Permit (change of permit ownership) | N/A | \$284.00 |
| | Special Inspection Fee after hours (per hour) | N/A | \$284.00 |
| | Special research requests of Building Division (per hour or part thereof and includes requests for written information) | N/A | \$68.00 |
| | Property Surveys - Records FOI | N/A | \$28.00 |
| | Staff Time / 15 min. | N/A | \$16.00 |
| | Photocopies (Black & White, Letter, Legal, Tabloid) - per copy | N/A | \$0.22 |
| | Photocopies (Colour, Letter, Legal, Tabloid) - per copy | N/A | \$0.84 |
| | Plotter copies (Large format) - per sheet | N/A | \$23.00 |



STRATFORD CITY COUNCIL
CONSENT AGENDA

January 27, 2025

REFERENCE NO. CONSENT AGENDA ITEM

CA-2025-006 Road Closure Notices

In accordance with By-law 135-2017 as amended, the Infrastructure Services Department is providing notification that:

- Downie Street between Whitelock Street and Bruce Street will be closed for an emergency sewer repair at 622 Downie Street, Tuesday January 7, 2025, from 7:30 a.m. until completion in the early evening.
- East Gore Street from Nile Street to Taylor Street will be closed for one day only, Tuesday, January 14, 2025, to facilitate crane operations at a municipal property. Traffic attempting to travel westbound on East Gore Street will be detoured along Taylor Street. Eastbound traffic on East Gore Street will be detoured onto Nile Street.
- Walnut Street from Dufferin Street to Nelson Street will be closed to through traffic, local traffic only, on Tuesday, January 14, 2025, for a water main break repair.
- Traffic attempting to travel westbound on Vivian Line 37 near Harrison Street will experience construction delays using flaggers, Friday, January 17, 2025, until approximately 5 p.m.
- A portion of Richard Monette Way, primarily bus parking and parking spaces, will be temporarily closed to traffic from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 25, 2025, for Stratford Winterfest.

CA-2025-007 Resolution from the Corporation of the Town of Kearney regarding Changes to the Planning Act through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, and the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024.

Attachment – Letter from the Corporation of the Town of Kearney dated December 19, 2024, and the Corporation of the Town of Kearney Council Resolution #2024-398.

Endorsement of this resolution is requested.

CA-2025-008

Resolution from the Corporation of the Town of Aylmer regarding Opposition to Provincial Legislation on Cycling Lanes and Support for Municipal Authority in Transportation Planning.

Attachment – Letter from the Corporation of the Town of Aylmer dated January 9, 2025.



8 Main Street, P.O. Box 38, Kearney, Ontario POA-1M0

Ph.# (705) 636-7752 Fax # (705) 636-0527

<https://townofkearney.ca> email admin@townofkearney.ca

December 19, 2024,

Dear Hon. Paul Calandra, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing,

Thank you for your recent communication regarding the changes to the Planning Act through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, and the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024.

While we appreciate the government's efforts to address the housing supply crisis by promoting the creation of additional residential units (ARUs), we must express our concerns about the applicability of these changes in rural municipalities.

The "as-of-right" permission to develop up to three units per lot is only permitted in urban areas where municipal servicing is provided. In these areas, the demand for housing is high, and land is scarce. However, in rural municipalities, where population density is lower and land availability is not typically a constraint, these changes do not apply.

Rural municipalities often struggle with infrastructure limitations, specifically with water supply, sewage systems, and transportation networks. While these changes the Province has made does cut red tape for urban areas of Ontario, they do not address constraints rural municipalities deal with when trying to increase density without municipal servicing. Additionally, the increased residential density permitted by the amendments may not be compatible with the rural character and lifestyle that residents value.

We believe that a one-size-fits-all approach to ARU development may inadvertently overlook the distinct needs of rural communities. As municipalities in rural, Northern Ontario have before, we urge the government to consider creating tailored policies that recognize the specific conditions and requirements of rural areas, ensuring that any regulatory changes support sustainable and contextually appropriate growth.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide our feedback and look forward to working collaboratively with the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing to develop solutions that are beneficial to all Ontarians and where they choose to live.

Sincerely,

Mayor, Cheryl Philip

On behalf of the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney



Town of Kearney

COUNCIL RESOLUTION # 2024 - 398

Date: December 19, 2024

MOVED BY:

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

SECONDED BY:

- Beaucage, Keven
- Pateman, Heather
- Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor
- Sharer, Jill

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Kearney has received a communication from the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Paul Calandra, regarding changes to the Planning Act through the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, and the Cutting Red Tape to Build More Homes Act, 2024;

AND WHEREAS this announcement from Minister Calandra does not fully address the needs of Rural or Northern municipalities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council confirms their desire for the attached letter to be sent to the Minister of Municipal Affairs & Housing, Paul Calandra; MPP Graydon Smith; MP Scott Aitchison; Premier Doug Ford; AMO; FONOM; ROMA and to affected municipalities in Rural/Northern Ontario for their support.

CARRIED

DEFEATED

Recorded Vote Requested by: _____

Recorded Vote:

For

Opposed

Beaucage, Keven

Pateman, Heather

Philip, Cheryl – Mayor

Rickward, Michael – Deputy Mayor

Sharer, Jill



January 9, 2025

The Honorable Doug Ford
Premier of Ontario
Legislative Building
Queen's Park
Toronto, ON M7A 1A1
premier@ontario.ca

Re: Motion regarding Opposition to Provincial Legislation on Cycling Lanes and Support for Municipal Authority in Transportation Planning

At their Regular Meeting of Council on January 8, 2025, the Council of the Town of Aylmer endorsed the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Government of Ontario has announced legislation requiring provincial approval for new cycling lanes;

AND WHEREAS this legislation would compel municipalities to demonstrate that proposed cycling lanes will not negatively impact vehicle traffic;

AND WHEREAS cycling infrastructure is crucial for environmental transportation, road safety, and public health, and provincial oversight in this matter represents an unwarranted intrusion into municipal authority;

AND WHEREAS the Town of Aylmer is evolving an active transportation plan to enhance walking and cycling infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has strongly criticized this proposed legislation as a "significant overreach" into municipal jurisdiction;

AND WHEREAS AMO has stated that none of its 444 member municipalities were consulted or shown evidence justifying the province's proposed veto power over new bike lanes;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Town of Aylmer strongly opposes the proposed provincial legislation governing bicycle lanes and affirms its support for maintaining municipal jurisdiction over cycling infrastructure decisions.



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2. That the Town of Aylmer endorses the AMO's position that municipalities are better positioned than the Ministry of Transportation to make decisions about local transportation matters based on local knowledge and community input.
3. That the Town of Aylmer calls on the Government of Ontario to withdraw the proposed legislation and respect the established authority of municipalities to make informed decisions about local transportation needs, including the implementation of cycling lanes.
4. That the Town of Aylmer reaffirms its commitment to its transportation plan and the continued development of safe, environmentally friendly, efficient cycling infrastructure for the benefit of all residents.
5. That the Town Clerk be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to the Premier of Ontario, the Minister of Transportation, the Member of Provincial Parliament representing constituencies within the Elgin-Middlesex-London region, to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (amo@amo.on.ca) and all Municipalities in Ontario.
6. That the Town of Aylmer calls upon municipalities across Ontario to adopt similar resolutions in defense of local decision-making authority and sustainable, efficient and environmentally friendly transportation planning.

Thank you,

Owen Jaggard

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk | Town of Aylmer
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CC:

Hon. Prabmeet Singh Sarkaria prabmeet.sarkaria@pc.ola.org
Hon. Rob Flack rob.flack@pc.ola.org
Association of Municipalities of Ontario resolutions@amo.on.ca
All municipalities



**BY-LAW NUMBER XXX-2025
OF
THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF STRATFORD**

BEING a By-law to confirm the proceedings of Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at its meeting held on January 27, 2025.

WHEREAS subsection 5(1) of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25, as amended, ("the Municipal Act, 2001") provides that the powers of a municipal corporation are to be exercised by its council;

AND WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the Municipal Act, 2001, provides that the powers of council are to be exercised by by-law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by By-law;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ENACTED by the Council of The Corporation of the City of Stratford as follows:

1. That the action of the Council at its meeting held on January 27, 2025, in respect of each report, motion, resolution, recommendation or other action passed and taken by the Council at its meeting, is hereby adopted, ratified and confirmed, as if each report, motion, resolution or other action was adopted, ratified and confirmed by its separate by-law.
2. The Mayor of the Council and the proper officers of the City are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action, to obtain approvals where required, and, except where otherwise provided, to execute all documents necessary in that behalf in accordance with the by-laws of the Council relating thereto.

Read a FIRST, SECOND and THIRD time and
FINALLY PASSED this 27th day of January, 2025.

Mayor – Martin Ritsma

Clerk – Tatiana Dafoe