

**MEDIA RELEASE** 

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## Stirling appoints Scott Donselaar as Chief Administrative Officer

At its regular meeting last night, the Village of Stirling Council appointed Mr. Scott Donselaar as Chief Administrative Officer (CAO).

Mr. Donselaar has 15 years of municipal government experience in bylaw enforcement, public safety program development, emergency management as well as planning and land development. He is in the final stages of obtaining his Certified Local Government Managers or CLGM designation and is currently enrolled in the Applied Land Use and Planning program at the University of Alberta. Mr. Donselaar has also held a Level 1 Peace Officer designation and is a certified Director of Emergency Management.

"With a proven track record of developing strong teams combined with his desire to continuously learn, Council is looking forward to working with Scott to continue to move our community forward during uncertain times," said Mayor Trevor Lewington. "He brings a broad range of skills and experience which is important for the CAO in a smaller community where a small but mighty administrative team must deliver a wide portfolio of services to residents."

"I am excited to join the Stirling team as we prepare this growing community for an exciting future," notes Scott Donselaar, CAO Designate. "I have been impressed with the progressive projects that the Village has undertaken in recent years and the high level of community engagement that exists. I look forward to working with the Village staff, community organizations and other regional partners to deliver on Council's strategic plan."

Mr. Donselaar and his wife Aimee along with their three children (Lily, Kaitlyn and Liam) currently reside in Raymond.

Mr. Donselaar commences in his new role effective Monday, August 17, 2020.

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## **About Stirling:**

The Village of Stirling is one of three communities in Canada designated as a National Historic Site and the largest village in Alberta with a population of 1,269 residents as of the 2018 municipal census. While Stirling is proud of its past, the community is also preparing for the future with high speed fibre optic broadband internet service to more than 85% of households as well as solar arrays on public buildings to offset municipal power consumption needs resulting in Canada's first "net zero" Village.