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Stirling Receives Commemorative Partnership Program Funding for Cenotaph Project

The Village of Stirling is proud to announce the creation of a cenotaph, to be located in the green space on the West side of the Administration building. Mayor Trevor Lewington spearheaded the project, making application to the [Commemorative Partnership Program](#) at Veterans Affairs Canada to obtain grant funding for the project. The grant application was successful, and the Village was awarded the highest amount, totalling \$25,000.00 for the project.

Council approved the Capital project with the 2021 Budget approvals and the complete project is costed at \$52,000.00. This will provide a welcome addition to the completion of the 3rd Street revitalization project and provide for recognition to those Veterans from Stirling who served in the First and Second World Wars.

Mayor Lewington is quoted as saying “Council felt it was important for us as a Community to create a space which will allow us to honor those from our Community who chose to defend our freedoms. Council feels Remembrance isn’t just an event one time a year and the Cenotaph is a way for us to honor those Community members forever.”

Mayor Lewington further added “With everything our community has been through from COVID and Public Health Restrictions Council is looking forward to being able to hold annual Remembrance Day Ceremonies and hopefully bring the community together on this important day.”

The Honourable Lawrence MacAulay, Minister of Veterans Affairs and Associate Minister of National Defence, also commented on the project: “The Commemorative Partnership Program helps communities across Canada create lasting tributes to their local heroes, and the Village of Stirling has done just that. Stirling has a proud history of military service, and I know this monument will ensure folks in the Village will remember those who’ve worn the uniform for generations to come.”

The Village of Stirling has information on the Cenotaph project located on their website at [Stirling Cenotaph | Village of Stirling](#) and will provide updates as the project progress.

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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 by population with 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 connected 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 electrically "net zero" Village. Visit www.stirling.ca for more information.