

Mayor's Monthly Message

July 2022

It's simply not possible to capture the scope of the massive efforts required to pull off a successful community celebration like our annual "Settler Days". It was great to see so many families take part in the broad range events and activities. I enjoyed connecting with former residents, extended family members and recent grads returning home to be part of the weekend.

Council appreciates the leadership and hard work of the Community Events Committee who designed and executed an exciting three-day program. The countless hours of planning and their tireless efforts are the core of making Settler Days happen. A huge thank you to: Aimee Donselaar, Emilie Foss, Brennan Lightfoot, Karma McClenaghan and Sandra Nelson along with Councillors Gary Bikman and Devynn Bohn.

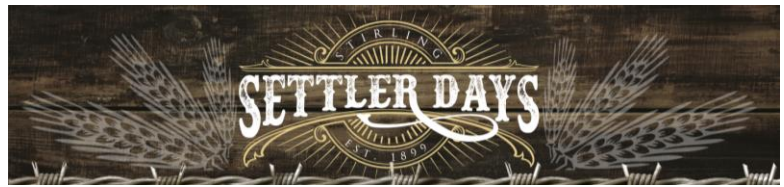
The Stirling Fire Department hosted a vehicle extrication demo on Friday night, served pancakes with all the trimmings to more than 400 people on Saturday morning before jumping in the parade in full bunker gear, they operated the monster slip n'slide on Saturday afternoon and provided fire watch for the concluding fireworks that evening. They also responded to a critical medical call on Saturday. These dedicated professionals already give a significant amount of their time to complete training, maintain equipment and yet still find ways to give back in other ways.



The Village's Public Works team toils away for many weeks ahead of the event to prepare our parks and public spaces, organize logistics and move equipment. The re-opening of the pool after a two year closure because of the pandemic also required significant efforts to ensure a safe and clean place for everyone to cool down. A new concession has proven to be a popular addition.

The Village's Office Team is behind the scenes coordinating activities, supporting volunteers and paying the bills!

Stirling Public Library volunteers put together a number of activities and hosted several concessions through the festivities. All proceeds from the concessions go to support library programming and activities.



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We also could not have so many activities throughout Settler Days without our generous Sponsors and Supporters including:

- Cake Walk sponsors - Hyatt Dispensary, Garber Agencies, Jerry's Pop Shop, Raymond Dairy Queen, Nelson Family Ranches & Edible Elegance
- Grandma's Oven – Pancake breakfast sponsor
- Greg Robinson – DJ extraordinaire
- Phil Still – Fireworks
- Pixalis Media – Logo, program and tshirt design
- Royal Canadian Army, 20th Independent Field Battery – Jubilee tree planting
- RCMP - parade
- Sandra Nelson & Zach Montague – Parade Marshalls
- SIPS – food truck
- Stirling Historical Society – Music on the Veranda
- Stirling Silver Saddle Club – Roping and other activities
- Town of Raymond – Movie in the Park partner
- Village Dental – Sponsor of the family dance street party
- Volker Stevin – Snow plow simulator



Council did managed to squeeze in some other business this month!

Our July Council meeting included information requested by the Stirling Cemetery Committee about the process of regaining title to plots that have been sold previously but never claimed or used after many years.

Council also reviewed a License of Occupation request for an undeveloped road allowance. Residents may “rent” unused alleys and roadways for grazing and other purposes under certain conditions. The policy can be viewed here: <http://stirling.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/Policy-DV03-21-Road-Allowance-License-of-Occupation-Policy.pdf>

Wishing you a safe and enjoyable summer!

Trevor Lewington

“It is not more bigness that should be our goal. We must attempt, rather, to bring people back to the warmth of community, to the worth of individual effort and responsibility, and of individuals working together as a community, to better their lives and their children’s future.” - Robert F. Kennedy