

## Mayor's Monthly Message

## February 2023

Two public hearings were conducted this month to provide a forum for any resident concerns regarding rezoning amendments to the Village's Land Use Bylaw. The proposed changes included rezoning the soccer fields from "residential" to "public" reflecting the current use of the lots for community recreation. A similar change was recommended for the land around the lift station and solar ground mount to "public" to reflect the fact residential development is no longer possible on that lot. Council approved the changes and approved both Land Use Amendment bylaws.



Council heard a proposal from the Town of Raymond about the potential for contracted services for garbage collection. The proposal would see the Town of Raymond garbage truck and their staff provide curbside collection services in Stirling. Stirling would then be able to sell our existing truck and avoid the future capital burden when that truck needs to be replaced. The change would also free up capacity within the Village's public works team for other work. Council requested that the Village's CAO work with the Raymond team to develop a formal agreement that will come back at a future meeting for further discussion.

A new policy covering the rental, use and operation of the Community Centre was approved this month. The policy is intended to better clarify responsibilities for building users and update rental agreements. Please visit or call the Village office with any questions about bookings or to learn more about the various options available in this hive of activity in our community.



Spring is just around the corner!

**Trevor Lewington** 

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"Living in a rural setting exposes you to so many marvelous things - the natural world and the particular texture of small-town life, and the exhilarating experience of open space." — Susan Orlean