



May 2023

A very busy month for the Stirling Fire Department. A huge thank you to our three crews (so far) in rotation who travelled to the Edson area to help support province wide efforts to fight Alberta's wildland fires. The Stirling Fire Rescue Association was awarded a grant of \$10,000 from the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwest Alberta towards the purchase of air bag extrication equipment. A push in ceremony was also held earlier in the month to officially put in service a new-to-us rescue pumper.



WHAT'S POP'N is officially open at the pool! The Stirling location is located in the pool concession and will be open from 11am to 8pm every day except Sunday. Hours will likely change once the pool opens for the summer season later in June. Try your favorite pop and flavour combo to beat the heat.

Three FLO level 2 charging stations for electric vehicles will soon be operational at the Fire Hall, Village Office and Pool in the next few weeks. These EV chargers were funded through provincial and federal grants. Providing EV charging stations can enable rural communities to draw regional travelers driving EVs and to stay connected to the broader EV charging network, benefiting both local residents and outside visitors, as well as bringing in revenue for local businesses. You can learn more about the FLO network here: <https://www.flo.com/en-ca/>



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The Village will be transitioning weekly waste collection to the Town of Raymond beginning in June. Stirling will contract the public works team in Raymond to pick up waste carts each week. This change allows the Village's own public works team to refocus on other work. Most importantly, Stirling can sell our existing garbage truck and avoid the need to replace it in the future. Look for more information coming soon on the Village website but the only real impact to residents is that garbage day will move from Tuesday to Wednesday each week beginning June 7th.

Council approved minor changes to our Budget & Financial Controls policy this month. The changes provide the Village's Chief Administrative Officer or CAO with more flexibility in managing variances in the budget without having to report every minor detail to Council. The CAO must continue to work within the approved budget but can shift funds around between budget categories to best meet the needs of the Village.



Council approved a "high visibility" safety policy this month. The new policy codifies our long-standing practice where Village employees working outside are required to wear appropriate hi-vis gear to help improve their visibility to other road users and equipment operators. The policy simply makes this existing practice a formal requirement for the Village team.

By now you should have received a "Where to Vote Card" from Elections Alberta. Advance polls are available at various locations in our region from Tuesday, May 23rd through to and including Saturday, May 27th. Election Day is Monday, May 29th. It is important to note that due to changes made by Elections Alberta, there is no polling station in Stirling for this election. Need more information? Visit www.elections.ab.ca.




Trevor Lewington

"Democracy is the only system that persists in asking the powers that be whether they are the powers that ought to be." - Sydney J. Harris

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