

Mayor's Monthly Message

February 2024

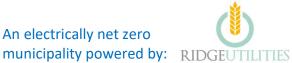
Congratulations to Stirling Wrestling for not only successfully hosting the Alberta Rural Wrestling Provincial Championships this past weekend but also for coming away with two team banners as well as many individual accomplishments. My sincere thanks to all of the parents, teachers, coaches, officials and other volunteers who helped bring this event together. It was great to see 120 athletes from 30 communities converge on our school to battle it out on the mats. The Stirling Fire Department was the beneficiary of the Teddy Bear Toss where over 150 furry friends have been donated to support children in times of crisis.



I want to extend my appreciation to Devynn Bohn for her service on Stirling's Council over the last 2 years. Devynn worked hard to support the Community Events Committee as well as the Tourism & Economic Development Committee. Council wishes Devynn and her family well on their next adventure. As a result of her resignation, we are required to hold a by election to fill the vacant seat.

If you are interested in running for Council and helping to shape the future of our community, nomination paperwork is due to the office no later than 12 noon on Tuesday, April 9th. You can find all the required forms as well as additional information on the Village website here: https://stirling.ca/government/municipal-elections/information-for-<u>candidates</u>. Mark your calendars – byelection day is Tuesday, May 7 with polls open from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm.

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council was provided with an update this month on the planned upgrades to the lift station. Engineering work is complete and a formal request for proposal (RFP) was issued to engage potential contractors. A second request for proposal will be issued for the twinning of the force



main line to our sewage lagoons. The total cost of the combined project is forecasted to be approximately \$2.8 million with roughly \$2.2 million (78%) coming from the provincial government through grants. Ensuring our core infrastructure like wastewater and sewer systems are in good condition and have sufficient capacity is key to Stirling's future growth.

Council was presented with a draft of a revised Dangerous and Unsightly Properties Bylaw this month. The previous bylaw was last updated in 2000. The Village encourages all residents and business owners to control the growth of weeds on their property and to keep properties free of excess amounts of debris or items that lead to unsightly premises.

Our community will be celebrating its 125th Birthday this year. The Village team will be working hard to make small and simple improvements to help beautify the community. We encourage everyone to look after their boulevards, gardens, yards and fences to help make our community look its very best this year.

Trevor Lewington

"There is immense power when a group of people with similar interests gets together to work toward the same goals." – Idowu Koyenikan

