

Mayor's Final Message

September 2025

A note of thanks and until next time...

After twelve years of serving on Council for the Village of Stirling, the time has come for me to step aside a little earlier than originally expected.

With our home now sold ahead of schedule, I must formally resign my position before the upcoming municipal elections across Alberta as I am no longer a resident. Serving the people of Stirling has been one of the greatest honours and adventures of my life.

I have had the privilege of working alongside dedicated Village staff and three passionate councils who have always embraced a collaborative and forward-thinking approach. Together, we have accomplished more than I could have ever imagined when I first put my name forward for elected office.

Looking back, I am deeply proud of what we achieved together as a community. A few of the many highlights for me include:

- Modernizing and expanding Stirling School with exciting new amenities.
- Bringing high-speed fibre optic broadband to most homes and businesses.
- Becoming one of the first electrically net-zero municipalities in Canada, reducing expenses while also creating a non-tax revenue stream through solar power generation.
- Expanding and modernizing the Theodore Brandley Municipal Library in the Community Centre.
- Adding a Cenotaph to the Village Centre block and re-establishing an annual Remembrance Day tradition.
- Welcoming new businesses like Village Dental, Flex Fitness, Pharmasave, and the Stirling Professional Centre.
- Growing to become the largest Village in Alberta by population with the strongest growth rate in our region.
- Upgrading boilers, basin, and other facilities at the pool that have drastically reduced operating costs and lengthened the life of this essential community asset.
- Modernizing our Fire Department's fleet and equipment along with working with our committed volunteers to enhance policies, training opportunities and community involvement.
- Creating Ridge Utilities, a municipally controlled corporation to generate non-tax revenues for the future and providing a competitive alternative to the incumbent utility companies.

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- Enhancing community celebrations like Settler Days, Fall Festival and Christmas at the
- Completing a comprehensive road rehabilitation program addressing nuisance dusty roads.
- Updating key development bylaws, including our Intermunicipal Development Plan, Municipal Development Plan, and Land Use Bylaw.
- Securing multimillion-dollar provincial grants for lift station upgrades and sewer force main twinning to address future growth and much needed capacity for heavy rain events.
- Securing additional multi-million dollar provincial grants that will enable investment in potable water reservoir repairs, valves, waterlines and related infrastructure to protect our water supply for the long-term.
- Partnering with landowners to launch new housing development opportunities.
- Modernizing the Village office and planning for new commercial space.
- Adding a Safety Coordinator role to ensure better training, policies, and an injury-free workplace and community.

These milestones reflect not only the progress of a community but also the spirit of teamwork, vision, and resilience that define Stirling.

To the residents, thank you for trusting me with this role and for your support through both the inevitable challenges along with the many celebrations of our collective success.

To my colleagues and the Village staff, thank you for your dedication and passion — you have been the true engine behind our success.

While my formal duties as Mayor are ending, my belief in Stirling's bright future remains unwavering. This is a community that knows how to come together, dream big, and deliver results.

Stirling was the absolute best choice for us to raise our family. We've made many lifelong friends here who I hope will stay in touch. My cell number will remain the same and my personal email is <u>TrevorL@triplehpm.com</u>. Please reach out anytime if I can be of service.

I leave knowing Stirling is stronger than ever and well-prepared for the next chapter.

With deep gratitude and fondest best wishes,

Trevor Lewington

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