

Council offers a hearty congratulations to Deputy Chief Nicole Mrak on her recent promotion to the role of Fire Chief. The transfer of command ceremony for the Stirling Fire Department took place at our meeting this month in Council Chambers. Chief Mrak has been instrumental in building systems and processes for the department to sustain the capability of its members.

Council also extends appreciation to former Chief Marv Birky for his leadership and tenacity in building a skilled and motivated team of volunteer professionals. We wish him well as he relocates to spend more time with family.



Council approved the allocation of funds to complete the Structure Protection Unit or SPU to support future deployments with Alberta Wildfire and other departments. The Stirling Fire Department has been called into action each of the last 3 years to support other regions deal with wildfires. These deployments provide an opportunity for our volunteers to build their skills, support other Albertans in need and generate revenue for the department.



Sergeant Brad Noss from the Raymond RCMP attended our meeting this month to provide an update on the most recent quarter's crime statistics. Sergeant Noss also consults Council each quarter to ensure the areas of focus for the detachment are aligned with Council's priorities and the community's needs. We appreciate the direct line of communication with our local detachment commander and their involvement in our community.

At the beginning of this four-year term, Council met to develop a strategic business plan. Council reviews a scorecard each quarter to track our progress against the key goals and objectives of the business plan. Administration presented a final scorecard for discussion this month and Council was pleased to see that for the most part, we have accomplished all of the major projects we set out to deliver since the last municipal election. Some of the highlights included:

- Completion of major infrastructure upgrades including: the pool basin and mechanical systems, lift station and sanitary sewer force main. We also have a funded project to begin next year to upgrade the potable water reservoir and many waterlines and valves.
- Completion of important regulatory master plans including total rewrites of the Municipal Development Plan (MDP) and Land Use Bylaw (LUB).
- The development and sale of several Village acquired land parcels as well as prospects for several future development projects. Sustainable growth is important for the future of our Community.

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Council has just two meetings remaining this term on Wednesday, September 3<sup>rd</sup> and September 17<sup>th</sup>. Candidates considering running for Council must file their nomination papers by 12 noon on Monday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Interesting in shaping the future of the community? You can access the information for prospective candidates on the Village website here:

<https://stirlingab.web.catalisgov.ca/information-for-candidates>

**YOUR COMMUNITY,  
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**Are ready to vote?  
Make sure you're  
registered.**

Be sure your voice is heard! Advance voting will take place on October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Village Office. Election Day is October 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 8:00 pm at the Community Centre. Information for voters can be found on the Village website here:

<https://stirling.ca/?SEC=F1FA8262-C38F-49A0-B3EF-275F934CD7C0>

And a final thank you to all of our summer students who will soon be returning to the classroom. Summer employment is critical to keeping the Village looking great and operating smoothly. Students help deliver programming at the Michelson Farmstead, allow extended hours of operation at the pool, ensure parks and facilities stay safe and looking great. The Village is also committed to providing employment opportunities and work experience for local students in our community. We appreciate all that our summer students do for us.



Trevor Lewington

***"Every election is determined by the people who show up."*** - Larry J. Sabato

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