



STIRLING

Mayor's Monthly Message

January 2025

Council was pleased to be able to hear from our Member of the Legislative Assembly, Hon. Grant Hunter at our meeting this month. MLA Hunter outlined some of the key legislation passed in the recent fall sitting of the legislature. We also had the opportunity to discuss provincial funding to municipalities, provincial budget priorities and the future costs of policing.



Administration presented a report on development activity which highlighted that permits were issued for 5 new homes in 2024. The value of all building permits issued during the year was just over \$2.5 million. This represents an increase from just 1 new build in 2023 but was comparable to 5 in 2022.



The final version of the modernized land use bylaw should be back in front of Council for third and final reading in the next few meetings. In addition, the Village will soon be bringing 5 new serviced lots to the market for sale. We remain focussed on sustainable growth while ensuring a balance with the small village lifestyle we all enjoy.

A new year means it's time to renew permits. All dogs over the age of six months need to be licensed. There is a limit of three dogs per household. If you are operating a new business or haven't previously been issued a Business License, you will need to fill out an application form and visit the Village Office to get your 2025 License. Every business, including home based businesses, is required to annually renew their business license at the current rate. See the Village website for more information or drop by the office if you have any questions.

Have you had the chance to explore the Village's new website yet? You can now stay informed by signing up for communications about emergencies, events and other news. You can control what information you want to receive and by what method. There is also an online service request form if there is something in the community the public works team should be aware of.

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"In the New Year, never forget to thank your past years because they enabled you to reach today! Without the stairs of the past, you cannot arrive at the future." - Mehmet Murat Ildan

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