



STIRLING

Mayor's Monthly Message

May 2024

Council was pleased to welcome Justin Davis to our table this month after his recent win in the May 7th byelection. Councillor Davis grew up in Hill Spring and graduated from Cardston High School. Both he and his wife moved to Edmonton for school and work, where he ultimately spent 15 years working as a contractor in the housing industry and also acquiring a Bachelor of Physical Sciences at the University of Alberta, as well as a diploma from NAIT in Civil Engineering Technology. He was recently quoted as saying, "We have 7 boys and plan to finish raising them all in this great village. After spending 15 years in Edmonton, we chose to move our family to this great community. We love living in Stirling as it is such a great place to raise a family. We have made many friends here and enjoy life in Stirling." We look forward to his insights, ideas and contributions to our meetings.



Council extends appreciation to the public works team for their hard work, long hours and dedicated service during recent heavy rains in overcoming an unexpected mechanical failure at the Village's lift station and ensuring no disruptions to our wastewater system. The infrastructure we rely on is often out of sight and out of mind for most of us, but we are fortunate to have a dedicated team always on guard for problems that could disrupt life in the Village.



Council recognizes the many volunteers who supported the Cemetery Society with the annual cemetery clean up day on May 11th. Council appreciates the efforts of community members who come together to beautify public spaces and enhance the look of our community. The Cemetery Society continues to explore future beautification projects to enhance the look and feel of this important community space.

Did you get a chance to see Shrek: The Musical at the school? A sincere congratulations to the entire cast and crew for their highly entertaining and engaging production. The many hours of planning, preparing and practicing for 6 shows definitely paid off with big smiles, deep laughs and much applause from the appreciative audience. Thank you to everyone who was part of making this experience a success for Stirling School students.



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The Stirling Fire Department provided Council with an update this month on the implementation of the “First Due” system in the department. The interactive app not only helps organize and inform department members about active calls but also tracks important information about equipment inventories and vehicle conditions. The Fire Department continues to embrace both technology and processes to ensure they are at the “top of their game.” The focus on continuous improvement and ongoing professional development by these dedicated professionals is inspiring.



Council heard a presentation from the Chief Mountain Regional Solid Waste Services Commission about their plans for 2024. And yes, CMRSWSC may be the longest acronym for a

municipal entity. The Commission is a municipally directed organization responsible for managing and operating a landfill site in Southern Alberta. The landfill serves 11 municipalities and the Kainai Nation in our region. You can learn more about the landfill, commission and handling of our solid waste here: www.chiefmountainsolidwaste.ca.



It was great to see more than 200 people come out for cake and ice cream to celebrate Stirling’s official 125th birthday on May 5th. Thanks to the Stirling Historical Society for hosting this event and helping tell Stirling’s unique story at the heart of irrigation and agriculture in southern Alberta. We’ve come a long way from the lonely Stirling station that stood out along the tracks in empty grasslands.



Trevor Lewington

“Every successful individual knows that his or her achievement depends on a community of persons working together.” - Paul Ryan