



STIRLING

Mayor's Monthly Message

July 2024

Wow! What a party! My sincere thanks to everyone involved in planning, organizing and delivering the best Settler Days yet. What a jam-packed weekend of family-friendly fun. I appreciate the leadership of the Community Events Committee for their thoughtful master plan and coordination of the countless details. The Village's public works and administration teams work tirelessly behind the scenes to take care of the many logistics required to host such a big event. The Stirling Fire Department once again did a great job of a tasty pancake breakfast as well as providing oversight to ensure a safe fireworks display. It simply would not be possible to have Settler Days without the army of volunteers required to take care of everything from preparing meals to supervising bouncy castles to the eventual clean up.



Speaking of Army, we were pleased to confer "Freedom of the Village" on the 20th Independent Field Battery as part of our 125th Anniversary celebrations. Honorary Chief Magistrate for the Day Ron Bore did a masterful job of welcoming our friends from the Royal Canadian Artillery and presenting them with the honour. You can read more details about the history of this practice on the Village website here: <https://stirling.ca/archives/14935>

We were also fortunate to have had many generous sponsors who contributed to this year's festivities. The contributions of both money and in-kind supplies from these partners helped ensure this special anniversary edition of Settler Days was affordable for families and had a few extras befitting the celebration of an important milestone. Please join me in thanking these businesses if you get the chance.



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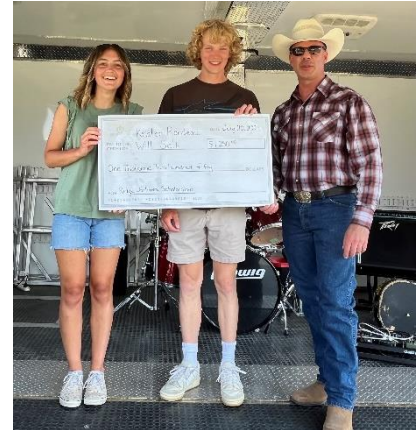
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It was exciting to be able to provide two deserving graduates of the Stirling School with the Ridge Utilities 125th Anniversary Scholarship. Kirsten Rondeau and Will Selk each received \$1,250 from Ridge Utilities to assist them in their future studies. Thank you to everyone who has chosen to buy electricity and natural gas from Ridge and help us reinvest into community projects.



The Government of Alberta asked municipalities to deliver a 5 to 10% reduction in water use over the year as part of a combined effort to tackle drought conditions across the province. I'm pleased to report that as of the end of June, that we collectively as a community, had used 99,379 cubic meters of water as compared to 115,703 for the same time last year. A total reduction of 14.1% exceeding the provincial target. Thank you for your efforts to use water more efficiently.

It's been hard to watch the devastating scenes coming out of Jasper. A raw reminder of the importance of emergency preparedness for every household. My gratitude for Andre Thibaudeau and Domanick Mrak from the Stirling Fire Department for their willingness to answer the call from the Alberta Emergency Management Agency and be deployed to northern Alberta with 2 volunteers from Nobleford's department.



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"Those who purify your water, inspect your meat, and test your kids' toys, as well as a huge number of nurses, teachers, and our soldiers, are public employees. The firefighters who don't hesitate to rush toward danger while you run away from it - they are all public employees." - Jennifer Granholm

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