



## Mayor's Monthly Message

June 2019

As the saying goes... there are typically two major seasons in Canada – winter and construction. The annual road rehabilitation program is well under way in the Village. Council appreciates everyone's patience as crews work to strengthen road bases, load gravel and apply oil. The rehabilitation program for 2019 includes a total of eight interior blocks with four to be completed in June and an additional four planned in September if weather cooperates and there is continued equipment and personnel availability from our partners with the County of Warner. We appreciate the ongoing support of the County of Warner as we complete this work.

A huge thank you all of the volunteers who made Chautauqua possible again this year. The Stirling Silver Saddle Club hosted over 200 people for the "Saddle Up" event on Saturday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. And you will not want to miss the first round of Chautauqua's Got Talent taking place on Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at the Stirling School's new community theatre. The competition then moves to Raymond on Monday, July 1<sup>st</sup> for the final round of competitions. More information can be found at [www.albertachq.ca](http://www.albertachq.ca).

The Village has seen several incidents of vandalism as well as incurred the loss of public property due to theft. Similar break-ins and equipment thefts have occurred in other communities in our region recently. While Council will be exploring potential changes to our security infrastructure as well as operational policies and procedures to help prevent a recurrence in the coming months, these incidents also serve as a reminder to ensure that your own property is properly secured. The Olds Rural Crime Watch has some great reminders and tips to prevent theft and burglary. You can see their various pointers and reminders here: <http://www.oldsruralcrimewatch.ca/tips.html>

Canada faces a major problem – and a preventable one: Almost 500 people die every year from drowning. The week of July 21-27 is known as national drowning prevention week. The Lifesaving Society is a national, charitable organization working to prevent drowning and reduce water-related injury. The Lifesaving Society also certifies Canada's National Lifeguards. National Drowning Prevention Week is one of the Society's leading public education initiatives, with events taking place across the country to focus media and community attention on the drowning problem and drowning prevention. The Society urges individuals to: 1) Supervise children in and around the water. 2) Refrain from drinking alcoholic beverages while participating in aquatic activities. Always wear a lifejacket when boating. Important reminders as we head into a busy summer season.

I look forward to seeing everyone during the many activities and festivities planned for our annual Settler Days celebration on July 19 and 20.

Trevor Lewington

**Have a comment? Question? Idea? Suggestion?**

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