



## Mayor's Monthly Message

### May 2021

Council was excited to hear this month that the Stirling Lions were awarded with a \$12,000 grant from the Community Foundation of Lethbridge and Southwest Alberta. The funds from this grant will be used to upgrade the outhouse/washroom facilities near the Fish Pond and Stirling Silver Saddle Club as they are in need of repair or replacement. The Lions Club and Stirling Seniors Club also plan to contribute cash of \$5,000 each from their own respective fundraising efforts towards the project. Council is grateful to active service clubs like the Lions and Stirling Seniors who are willing to seek out opportunities to invest in the community to enhance community facilities and amenities.

The Community Garage Sale is still going ahead but dates were shifted to accommodate the enhanced public health restrictions imposed by the Province earlier this month. The event will now take place on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup>. Registration is available at the Village office. A fee of \$10 payable to the Stirling Historical Society helps to promote the event in local media and ensures your house is on the event day map. Participants will still need to ensure compliance with any public health guidelines for outdoor gatherings in effect on that date.

Street sweeping is planned for Wednesday, May 26 and Thursday, May 27<sup>th</sup> if the weather cooperates. Please ensure that all garbage bins and vehicles are removed from all paved and rehabilitated roads to ensure we can remove as much sand and gravel as possible. Street sweeping keeps roads safer for bikes, roller blades and other recreational activities and at the same time keeps foreign matter out of our storm water system.

Council approved a bylaw that officially authorizes the creation of a Community Events Committee. Changes to provincial law now require Council to establish each committee by bylaw. The Community Event Committee will be tasked with helping to coordinate activities like Settler Days, Fall Festival and other major Village events. If you are interested in volunteering for this group, please let the office know.

Council is also undertaking a review and update of the Municipal Development Plan. The MDP is typically updated every 10 years or so. The MDP is the master planning document that guides the growth and areas of focus for the future of the Village. Look for a number of public engagement opportunities beginning soon and through into the fall. There will be surveys, public hearings and other ways to provide your input into what Stirling should look like 10 years from now.

Summer will soon be upon us. (At least that's what I keep telling myself through the rain and snow we saw this month!)

Trevor Lewington