



Mayor's Monthly Message

May 2022

Canada is celebrating the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, marking her 70th anniversary on the Throne. She is Canada's longest reigning Sovereign and the first to celebrate a platinum jubilee. June 2nd will mark the anniversary of Her Majesty's coronation. As part of Canada's recognition of the Jubilee, the Village of Stirling was fortunate to receive a grant of \$5,000 to be used towards community events. Regardless of your opinion about Canada's form of constitutional monarchy, there is something inspirational about 70 years of public service.



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You may have noticed new homes being built and an increase of other development activity happening in the Village as you drive around. So far this year we have seen 10 development applications including 4 new homes and 1 home addition. That's the same level of activity in the first 4 months of this year as all of 2021. (There were a total of 10 development applications all last year.) A combination of steady sustainable growth and in-fill development is very important for the long-term financial health of the Village and local businesses. If you have questions about development and building permits, please contact the Village office.

Council was able to meet with Robin Hepher this month who is the CEO of the Chinook Arch Regional Library System. Stirling is part of the regional library system which provides our library with access to the collections of all participating libraries in the network. Stirling is actually a net lender to the system. That means that more people outside of Stirling borrow books from our library than we, in turn, borrow from the regional system. This is a good sign in that our library maintains a collection that is in demand. Big thanks to Laura Quinton and the whole library team for their hard work ensuring exciting programming and a welcoming space. Have you seen what is available in your library lately? More information can be found here <https://stirlinglibrary.ca/> or you can always drop in at the lower level of the community centre.

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The pool is looking great and the new concession is bound to be a favorite spot for snacks all summer long. (There is even a convenient outside window for anyone who needs a frozen yogurt hit on your way by without having to go in the pool!) Council appreciates all the hard work of the public works team getting the pool ready for the summer season.

Stirling's Annual Community Garage Sale is coming this Saturday, May 28th. Thank you to the Stirling Historical Society for their hard work organizing and promoting this event. The minimal \$10 registration fee helps pay for advertising.



As the weather finally begins to warm up and the days grow longer, a friendly reminder to keep your eyes open for children more active in our streets, on playgrounds and on the sports fields. Please stick to the speed limits in playground and school zones. Remind your kids about Alberta's mandatory helmet laws when biking and blading. RCMP and peace officers from the Ridge Regional Public Safety Service will be stepping up patrols and traffic safety enforcement.

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"Some people think they are in community, but they are only in proximity. True community requires commitment and openness. It is a willingness to extend yourself to encounter and know the other." –**David Spangler**