



## Mayor's Monthly Message

October 2019

Councillor Matt Foss, myself and CAO Bob Payette were able to attend the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association or AUMA annual convention in Edmonton at the end of September. The meetings provided us with the opportunity to hear directly from the Premier and members of the provincial cabinet, connect with other similar sized municipalities and attend training sessions on key issues related to municipal governance.

Council held a full day strategic planning session on Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>. We used the additional time to review the accomplishments of 2019 as well as debate the top priorities for the coming year in more depth. Budget pressures resulting from reduced transfers from the province were top of mind as we look into the future. We have to find a balance that allows us to deliver on the services and projects that will keep Stirling strong while at the same time ensure we can afford to maintain what we have.

***We would like your help! A short survey is posted on the Village website to help gather resident feedback on priorities. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts and ideas with us. We would appreciate having all responses entered on or before October 28.***

Council was pleased to hear a presentation from Darlene Sinclair, General Manager of Lethbridge & Region Community Futures. Community Futures offers business advice, entrepreneur training and financial assistance to small businesses. Council is exploring ways to better partner with Community Futures and leverage the services they provide in our region.

Council also met with Jamie Anderson in her role as Director of Emergency Management with the County of Warner. We are exploring ways to strengthen our emergency management practices and work with our regional partners to better share best practices, resources and training. Preparing for unexpected events like floods, train derailments, tornados and other potential disasters is important to ensure we have the people, equipment and processes in place before the emergency happens.

We are excited to welcome the opening Village Dental on Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Brad Cornish will be offering a broad range of services from orthodontics, to cleanings, fillings, crowns, root canals and much more. Call 403 756 3570 to book your appointment and support your local dental care option.

The Stirling Parent Link Centre and FCSS (Family and Community Support Services) is hosting a Clothing and Toy Fest on November 13 from 3:00 to 6:00 pm at the Community Centre. This free clothing and toy exchange benefits many families in our community. For more information see the posts on the Stirling Parent Link Facebook group or talk to Stacey at 403 756 3572.

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

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