



September 2019

Mayor's Monthly Message

It was an exciting evening on Tuesday, September 17 to be able to welcome Alberta's Minister of Education, the Honourable Adriana LaGrange as well as Hon. Prasad Panda, Minister of Infrastructure to Stirling for the Grand Re-Opening of our school. It is truly an amazing facility that will serve as a foundation for learning and hub for activities in our community for many years to come. The Westwind School division put together a collection of pictures and a brief history that you can access at this link: <https://www.westwind.ab.ca/about-us/news/post/stirling-school-grand-opening>



The re-opening celebration also provided the opportunity for the Village administration to showcase a rendering of the initial plan for street scaping and modernization of the main block in our community in front of the school. Public input on the plan is most welcome. You can stop by the village office to review the renderings in more detail and provide your comments.

Council passes along a big thank you to all of the volunteers who worked hard to plan, organize and deliver another successful Fall Festival on Saturday, September 14th. The weather was not the brightest but that didn't stop many kids from participating in the games. Family movie night is always popular. We also appreciate the volunteers of our Fire Department for their support of our fireworks display that was carried over from July's Settler Days due to windy weather.

Speaking of our amazing Fire Department, they were called into action on September 17 along Highway 4 northbound when a tractor trailer carrying hay bales caught fire. The incident was picked up by several news outlets in Lethbridge. Thankfully there were no injuries and the



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driver had the presence of mind to separate his truck from the trailer before the flames got out of control.

Stirling hosted the quarterly board meeting for the SouthGrow Regional Initiative at the Community Centre on Thursday, September 12th. SouthGrow is a regional economic development agency that represents 26 municipalities across our region including Stirling. There were about 45 elected and administration officials from our neighbours to listen to several presentations including one from Barry Morishita who is the President of the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) on trends in regionalism. There was also a presentation from Lethbridge's Exhibition Park (pictured) on the next steps in their redevelopment plan and the building of a trade and convention centre on the property.



In Council news, Administration presented the findings of a security review. Each of our public facilities was inspected and evaluated for potential security risks. Council will continue to plan ongoing capital upgrades to ensure the security of community assets in our public spaces and buildings. You can help by always reporting suspicious activity or joining the Magrath-Raymond-Stirling Citizens on Patrol program. (Information on COP was in my newsletter last month.)

The Galt Historic Railway Station just north of Stirling is pre-booking for their Victorian Christmas Event that takes place on Wednesday, November 13 and Thursday, November 14. Enjoy an 1890's Victorian Christmas setting with live entertainment and delicious food. Cost is \$20 / person. Call Pat at 403 394 9434 for more information or for tickets. See their website at www.galtrailway.com

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Have a comment? Question? Idea? Suggestion?

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