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STIRLING
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

Mayor's Monthly Message

January 2018

The start of a new year is always exciting with the opportunity to set new goals and make small course corrections if the previous year didn't quite turn out the way we had anticipated. Council has a strategic planning session planned for the end of January to help set the direction for our four-year term and build on some initial planning we completed shortly after the election. Our plan is to gather resident feedback in a number of ways including during a Town Hall meeting that is tentatively scheduled for May 9th. We look forward to sharing our ideas with you and hearing your thoughts as we work together to shape the future of our community.

The School Modernization Finance Committee continues to engage with corporate business partners, Laker alumni, community groups and other levels of government to meet our community commitment towards the project. In the last month, we have received commitments for two large donations that combined with the Village's capital and prior commitments now total approximately \$275,000. We continue to move closer towards the ultimate \$1 million goal. It is gratifying to see our community rally around this project including a contribution this month of \$5,000 by the Stirling Historical Society. I appreciate the Historical Society's work to preserve our past while at the same time creating a legacy for the future.

Another key community group in Stirling is the Lions and Lionesses who presented to Council in January. At a recent meeting, the Lions confirmed a donation of \$5,500 towards the purchase of team game chairs as part of the School Modernization project. The Lions also plan on making another significant contribution later in the year. Most residents are aware of the pivotal role club members played in the development and building of the Stirling Lions Community Centre, but did you know about some of their other community building projects over the years? The Lions helped to develop the fishpond as a joint venture with the Village. The Village now maintains the property while the Lions Club ensures that the pond is replenished with fish each year. Over the years, funds for playground equipment has been raised and donated. The Lions also support a Scholarship to the Stirling School for \$1,000 which is given each year to a worthy graduating student. While there are too many other projects to list in detail, a few other examples include: the annual School Pancake, Sausage and Eggs Dinner, support of the cemetery beautification projects, involvement in and support of the 2016 and 2017 Chautauqua events resulting in a \$1,200 donation to the Stirling Fire Department for purchase of a new uniform and equipment. I'm always impressed by the energy and enthusiasm of Lions and Lionesses to work for the betterment of the whole community.

Lastly, if you are looking for a solution to your Valentine's Day consider supporting the Stirling Silver Saddle Club with their 3rd Annual Valentines Dinner, Auction and Dance. You can email stirlingssc@gmail.com for more information.

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Have a comment? Question? Idea? Suggestion?

I'd love to hear from you.

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