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Mayor's Monthly Message

May 2018

Building community requires many willing hands. We're fortunate to live in a community where volunteerism is part of who we are. Council expresses sincere appreciation to all of the youth and their respective leaders who gave up a Saturday morning to take part in Highway Clean-up on May 5th. In addition, approximately 35 volunteers supported the Cemetery Society's Annual Community Clean-up one week later on May 12.

We also appreciate all those residents who attended our Townhall Meeting on May 9th. Members of Council presented a high-level summary of our draft strategic plan for the next four years. The strategic plan outlines some of the key goals that Council wishes to achieve during the next term. The document can be reviewed by downloading a copy from this link: <http://stirling.ca/government/financials>

One of the top capital improvement priorities this year is to accelerate the rebuilding and rehabilitation of gravel roads in our community. Beginning with this year's capital budget, all available funds are being redirected to road rehabilitation. By partnering with Warner County, we are targeting to rebuild and apply oil on up to 15 blocks this summer as compared to our typical annual capacity of completing just 4 blocks. Work is currently scheduled for both the last week of June and the beginning of September. The project schedule and amount of work that completed is subject to the weather cooperating. It is our goal to have approximately 45 blocks rebuilt by the end of this Council's term.

May is a busy month as preparations for the summer begin around our community. You likely would have already noticed street sweeping services being used to remove heavy gravel and sand from our streets that built up from the winter season. A major sewer replacement project will be completed along second avenue throughout the month of June. There will be some inconvenience as roads are blocked to allow for this construction. Utilities in this particular area of the Village are quite deep and require specific trenching and bracing precautions to protect contractors. We thank you in advance for your patience as this important infrastructure work is completed.

We will again be controlling mosquitoes through a West Nile prevention program including both fogging and by using larvicide in standing water and ditches. Spraying is only permitted when a certain type of mosquito (*Culex tarsalis*) that carries the West Nile virus is prevalent. We are using a new chemical this year that does not contain malathion. As always, if you have any concerns or questions about the West Nile prevention program, please contact the Village office.

Council was also focussed in May on approving a budget amendment that reallocates additional funds to the Fire Department. In addition, a small amount of funding was set aside to support early design work on the potential relocation of the Theodore Brandley Library as well as development of a new future subdivision.

Finally, a sincere congratulation to our graduates in the class of 2018. Convocation ceremonies are planned at the Stirling School for Friday, May 25th. We hope you have a safe and memorable celebration!

Trevor Lewington

Have a comment? Question? Idea? Suggestion?

I'd love to hear from you.

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