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Stirling Receives \$2.5 million from Alberta Municipal Water / Wastewater Program

The Village of Stirling will receive up to \$2,508,233 for upgrades to its potable water reservoir and distribution systems under the Alberta Municipal Water / Wastewater program (AMWWP). This new funding is in addition to almost \$2.2 million received in 2023 under the program to support improvements to the Village's lift station and sewer force mains.

"Supporting critical water and wastewater infrastructure in rural Alberta is essential for sustaining growth, creating jobs, and improving quality of life. This \$2.5 million investment in Stirling's water systems under the AMWWP demonstrates the Alberta government's commitment to ensuring reliable services and fostering economic growth and development in rural communities across the province." – Hon. Devin Dreeshen, Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

"Water is the new gold and is key to Southern Alberta for its continuing growth. Projects like this are essential as we must ensure that Albertans and their businesses are having their needs met. I want to thank Minister Dreeshen for this investment into Southern Alberta's future." – Hon. Grant Hunter, MLA, Taber Warner

"Stirling celebrates its 125th birthday this year, funding from the Alberta Municipal Water / Wastewater Program over the last two years unlocks a total investment of almost \$6 million in our core infrastructure to ensure reliable services for current residents and support future growth as we map out our future. We are grateful for the Government of Alberta's continued strategic investment in that future." – Trevor Lewington, Mayor, Village of Stirling

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Media Advisory: There will be a media availability tomorrow, Wednesday, June 26th, 2024 at 9:00 am with MLA Hunter and Mayor Lewington in Stirling at the Information Kiosk located on the corner of 4th Avenue and Highway 846. Stirling is also hosting the Alberta Municipalities Summer Municipal Leaders' Caucus at the Stirling Community Centre located at 409 2 Street beginning at 10:00 am.

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About the Alberta Municipal Water / Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP):

The Alberta Municipal Water/Wastewater Partnership (AMWWP), which launched in 1991 by the Government of Alberta, provides cost-shared funding to eligible municipalities to help build municipal facilities for water supply and treatment, and wastewater treatment and disposal. Learn more about the program and approved projects here: www.alberta.ca/alberta-municipal-water-wastewater-partnership.

About Stirling:

The Village of Stirling is one of three communities in Canada designated as a National Historic Site and is the largest village in Alberta by population with 1,269 residents as of the 2019 municipal census. While Stirling is proud of its past, the community is also preparing for the future with high-speed fibre optic broadband internet service connected to more than 90% of households as well as solar arrays on public buildings to offset municipal power consumption needs resulting in Canada's first electrically "net zero" Village. Visit www.stirling.ca for more information.