



August 2023

Thank you to everyone for your help with conserving water at the end of July as our public works team completed critical repairs and a valve replacement at our water reservoir. Your collective efforts ensured there was water available for essential household use throughout the community as well as for fire suppression if needed during the repairs. The Village team works hard to ensure reliability of the utilities that you use every day and always seeks to complete repairs quickly and with as little impact on daily life as possible.



Road repairs and annual road rehabilitation program has been completed for the year. The Village has been on a plan of oiling and building up roads throughout the community over the last 8 years to reduce dust, improve drainage and improve road safety. We appreciate the partnership of the County of Warner through the use of their equipment and crews to complete this work. We also appreciate the patience of residents who have access to their roads and driveways temporarily blocked

as this work is completed.

At this month's Council meeting, we reviewed a proposed update to the Noise Bylaw. The current Noise Bylaw (#297) dates back to 1985 and is very much out of date. A new version is required to be compliant with both provincial legislation and modern legal processes. Do you think there should be more or less restrictions on noise in our community? Do you think there should be different "quiet hours" on the weekend or holidays versus during the week? Feel free to email me at [Lewington@stirling.ca](mailto:Lewington@stirling.ca) (or any other member of Council) if you have some specific recommendations or ideas. A copy of the bylaw is available from the Village office.



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Council also reviewed and approved an opportunity to acquire private land for sale within the Village to support further housing development. In-fill development or adding homes to vacant lots is important for the long-term financial sustainability of Stirling. Council recognizes the need for more diversity in housing stock to better accommodate rentals, starter homes for young families and other options such as seniors looking to downsize. A growing population also makes it easier for the development of new businesses.

The Community Events Committee has been hard at work. Just as soon as July's three days of Settler Days fun ended, these intrepid volunteers got right back to work to plan and deliver the 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall Festival. Look for updates on the Village website and Facebook page for all the activities and entertainment planned for Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup>. Look forward to seeing you there!



Trevor Lewington

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– **Muhammad Ali**

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