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Stirling Residents Recognized with Queen's Platinum Jubilee Medals

Three residents of Stirling were recognized at ceremonies over the last week for their public service and contributions to the province.

"It's both a privilege and an honour to stand with incredible and talented leaders from our community like Ms. Nelson and Deputy Chief Birky", remarked Trevor Lewington, Mayor of the Village of Stirling. "I'm humbled to be recognized for my own public service through this medal program especially when there are so many deserving people who contribute to making life better and building community across our region."

Marvin (Marv) Birky is the Deputy Chief of the Village's volunteer Fire Department. He is well known for his ability to build strong partnerships with other emergency services departments as well as other community partners across the region. Deputy Chief Birky has played an integral role in the development of a regional training centre within the Stirling Department that benefits the surrounding area. Deputy Chief Birky received his Platinum Jubilee Medal along with Mayor Lewington at a ceremony in Calgary on December 4.

Sandra Nelson is a long-time resident of Stirling. She has previously served as the Board Chair of the SouthGrow Regional Initiative and is actively engaged in many community groups including the Stirling School. Ms. Nelson is a tireless champion for the community and always looking for grant and funding opportunities to enhance facilities and programming in Stirling and area. Ms. Nelson received her Platinum Jubilee Medal at a ceremony in Taber this afternoon.

"Stirling is a vibrant community in the Taber-Warner constituency and tangible proof that rural Alberta is a great place to build a life," noted Hon. Grant Hunter, Member of the Legislative Assembly for Taber-Warner. "I would like to offer my congratulations to Ms. Nelson, Deputy Chief Birky and Mayor Lewington for receiving this well-deserved recognition as well as my thanks for their continued service to their community, the region and our province."

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About the Platinum Jubilee Medal:

To be eligible, a medal nominee must a) be a Canadian citizen or permanent resident with a tangible link to Alberta at the time the medal is granted and b) have made a significant contribution to Canada, Alberta, or to a particular Alberta region or community. Seven thousand Albertans will receive the medal as a symbolic recognition of the 70th anniversary of Her Late Majesty's accession to the Throne as Queen of Canada. Additional information on the program can be found here: <https://www.alberta.ca/queens-platinum-jubilee-medal.aspx>.

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.