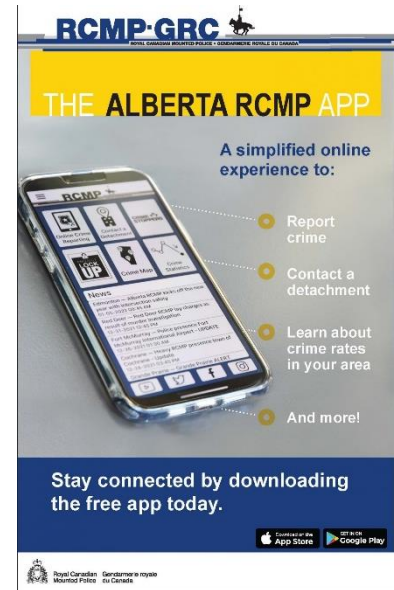




September 2023

Council was pleased to visit this month with Sgt. Brad Noss who has taken over as the Commanding Officer of the Raymond/Magrath Detachment of the RCMP. We appreciate the regular quarterly visits with the RCMP to review our community priorities and review enforcement trends. Property related crime in our area is down by 29% so far this year compared to the same time last year. The Alberta RCMP have developed an app that you can download from the Apple Store or Google Play that allows you to review crime statistics by detachment as well as report non urgent crimes. Remember that you can also report general concerns and suspicious activity to the non-emergency line at (403) 752-3351.



Stirling has a new Fire Chief. Interim Chief Marv Birky was promoted to the permanent role by CAO Donselaar earlier this month. Chief Birky continues to lead an amazing group of professionals who dedicate considerable time to ongoing development and training. Council appreciates all of our volunteers for their leadership in and commitment to our community. Chief Birky has demonstrated the ability to bring together a high performing team while also developing strong relationships with partner agencies across the region. The picture shows the ceremonial changing of Chief Birky's epaulettes by CAO Donselaar to reflect the new permanent rank.

Council this month passed a modernized version of the Noise Control Bylaw. The previous version was out of date with provincial legislation. In general, quiet time in the Village when construction and other major noise is prohibited runs from 10:00 pm to 7:00 am from Monday to Saturday and from 10:00 pm to 9:00 am on Sunday and statutory holidays. There are exceptions for community events, emergency work and commercial business operations.



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This month saw the launch of Stirling's Clean Energy Improvement Program or CEIP for short. The program allows property owners to borrow from the municipality at preferred interest rates to implement energy efficiency projects like insulation upgrades, window replacements and solar generation to name a few. The loan is secured by your property taxes and stays with the property in the event that you sell in the future. You can learn more about the program or complete a prequalification application here: <https://ceip.abmunis.ca/residential/locations/village-of-stirling/>.



Council approved a Water Restrictions Bylaw this month. The bylaw provides a framework under which the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) can implement water restrictions should they become necessary in the future. Our region has not had sufficient precipitation over the last two years. A number of municipalities across southern Alberta implemented restrictions

related to the use of water for non-essential purposes over the summer. While Stirling was not required to implement any such restrictions this year, another dry winter could change the game in 2024.

Demolition work at the bowling alley in the FCSS building will take place over the winter months as our public works team disassembles and removes the equipment. The bowling alley mechanical system is unsafe to operate and is so old that replacement parts are hard to find. We will be clearing out the space to bring lighting, heating and building access up to current safety code standards. Council will be exploring what to do with the new space in the spring. If you have an interest in any of the bowling balls, pins or other parts of the bowling alley equipment – please stop by the office to discuss.



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Councillor Bohn and I were fortunate to be able to attend the Alberta Municipalities Annual Conference in Edmonton this month. The conference brings together around 1,200 municipal leaders from across Alberta to attend education sessions, share best practices and meet with provincial government officials. We had the opportunity to express our concerns about stable and predictable funding for municipalities in a private meeting with Ric McIver, Alberta's Minister of Municipal Affairs.



Changes are coming to the cemetery. A columbarium will be installed to provide families another option for the placement of cremated remains. The Cemetery Society continues to explore other ideas for the ongoing beautification of the cemetery to ensure a peaceful and welcoming space for years to come.

Wishing everyone a restful Thanksgiving next month. Don't forget about the FCCS Clothing and Toy Fest on October 18th. A great opportunity to clear out your closet and help someone in need.

Trevor Lewington

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”
– Anne Frank

STIRLING Clothing and Toy Fest

When? October 18th, 2023
Time 3:30-5:30pm

Where? Stirling Community Centre

Why? To help support our community

How? From the generous donations and support of our community

The clothing/toy fest is a recycling program, which benefits many families in our community.
Pick out clothes and toys at NO CHARGE!
Remaining items will be donated to local charities.

Donations can be dropped off at the front doors of the community centre. Starting Sept. 7th. If possible can you please label bags, it helps with a quicker set up.

For more information or if you would like to help, contact
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