



STIRLING

# Mayor's Monthly Message

June 2024

Stirling was one of the first communities in the region to participate in the Southwest Alberta Blackfoot Signage Project. Grants were made available from Community Futures Lethbridge Region and the SouthGrow Regional Initiative to fund the signage. As we celebrate Stirling's 125th year, we were pleased this month to formally acknowledge our Blackfoot name of Omahksikimii Itaikkiakiop or "Lake where we trap" on each of the entrance signs to the Village. (Pronounced oomah-gsi-gim-me, e-deck-gea-geoup. The hard g's sound the same as in "get" not "general".) I'm pictured at the right with Peter Casurella, Executive Director of the SouthGrow Regional Initiative. Read the media release here: <https://stirling.ca/archives/14630>.



Stirling will receive up to \$2.5 million for upgrades to our 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. Funding 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. (Pictured with myself is Taber Warner MLA, Hon. Grant Hunter for the media event.) Read the media release here: <https://stirling.ca/archives/14733>.



Council expresses appreciation to the public works team for their hard work getting the pool ready for its opening this month. We were able to offer several dedicated days to the Stirling School for their athletic education programs before opening to the public on June 20<sup>th</sup>. You can follow "Stirling Swimming Pool" on Facebook to stay up to date on the latest events, specials and news. Have you booked your swimming lessons or lifeguard courses yet? Be sure to visit the concession and grab your What's Pop'n while you're there!

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Stirling hosted the Summer Municipal Leaders Caucus for Alberta Municipalities on Wednesday, June 26th. Elected officials from across the region met at our Community Centre to discuss common concerns. The members of the Association of Alberta Municipalities including Stirling represent communities with over 85% of Albertans living in summer villages, villages, cities, towns, and specialized municipalities. The organization advocates on behalf of its member communities for solutions to municipal economic, environmental, governance, infrastructure, and social issues.



Did you know that you can finance energy efficiency upgrades to your home including solar panels secured by your property rather than your personal credit? Stirling is pleased to participate in the Clean Energy Improvement Program. Learn more here:

<https://stirling.ca/clean-energy-improvement-program-ceip>.



A big thank you to the hard-working volunteers of the Community Events Committee. They have planned an impressive list of activities for an action packed, family friendly Settler Days from July 17<sup>th</sup> through 20<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye on the Village website and Facebook page for updates on all the fun! My sincere gratitude to the many sponsors who have helped us ensure most of the activities and meals are available for low or in many cases no cost.

  
Trevor Lewington

*"In a world where the social fabric seems to be rapidly fraying, the economy is uncertain, and the future of the planet is at risk, is there a better way to hit the reset button than to come back to the neighbourhood level and begin to genuinely rely on one another again?" - Amanda Adams*

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