



Embracing the Future while  
Remembering our Past



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# COMMUNITY CORNER

Your source for local information

Spring 2025

## Message From Mayor

We are at the half-way point of this term of Council, and we are living in very uncertain economic and social times.

I would like to congratulate Ric Bresee on his recent re-election to the Provincial government, and hope that this time around Stirling-Rawdon will see some benefits from the grant programs offered to municipalities from the Province. It is very important right now that all of our residents of Stirling-Rawdon support our many local suppliers and businesses.

Council has recently passed the 2025 budget. There will be an increase of 7.87% which, on average, will mean an increase of \$27.90 per month on each assessment. I would like to thank Staff and Members of Council for their diligence and perseverance.

The recent ice storm caused significant damage throughout the municipality, and I would like to thank all Staff and all Members of our Fire Department for their outstanding efforts during this stressful time.

We have two major projects ahead of us for this spring/summer season: the storm water drainage in Springbrook and the re-surfacing for the third coat of asphalt for Springbrook Road east.

## Fire Department By Fire Chief

The Stirling-Rawdon Fire Department has had a busy start to the year with the several medical calls and motor vehicle incidents. Our recent ice storm kept our team very busy assisting our Public Works Department in making sure that our public was safe with clearing roads and attending multiple incidents with downed hydro lines. The Fire Department attended several homes that had carbon monoxide alarms going off due to improper use of generators and heating devices. When using a generator for powering your home you should always keep it outdoors or in a separate building not attached to your home. The amount of carbon monoxide that comes from the generator's exhaust can be fatal. Never run your generator in your garage that is attached to your house. Another good tip is to have a 72-hour kit with supplies that will allow you and your family to be safe.

It is campfire season. Be sure to purchase your burn permit at Home Hardware, McKeown Motor Sales or the Municipal Office. Ensure you are burning safe and only using dry wood in an approved campfire. Remember, nothing will burn you quicker than something hot! Never leave a fire unattended. Make sure to follow all rules and regulations listed on your burn permit. A huge thank you to all our firefighters who volunteer their time and efforts throughout the year, and the support of their families is also appreciated. If you see a green light on a vehicle traveling down the road, please pull over safely. The green flashing light means a firefighter is responding to an emergency, and it could be someone you know.

Please remember to change your batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors as this could save you and your family's life. Please visit [www.srfd.ca](http://www.srfd.ca) to check burning conditions before any burning. For larger burns, please call the Fire Department at 613-395-0214.

# DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## Clerk's Department By Clerk

Property owners in Ontario are required to support a school board, even if they do not have children or their children are not currently attending school. In the case of a residential property occupied by tenants, the tenants can direct the school support for that property. By default, school support is directed to your municipality's English Public School Board. The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is legislatively required to collect school support information and provide it in the assessment roll to every municipality and school board. By ensuring that you are supporting the school board of your choosing, you will be able to vote in the next municipal and school board election for trustees in that school board. Property owners, occupants, and tenants can update their school support designation online at [mpac.ca/schoolsupport](https://mpac.ca/schoolsupport).

Planning to vote in the 2026 municipal election? Now you can register once to vote in both provincial and local elections, all in one place. **RegisterToVoteON.ca** is where you'll find information on eligibility, registration and how to confirm, update or add yourself to the Register. Register today at **vReg.RegisterToVoteON.ca**. For questions related to voter registration, email [info@registertovoteon.ca](mailto:info@registertovoteon.ca) or call 1.866.242.3025.

## Waste & Water Operations By Environmental Manager

The Township of Stirling-Rawdon Environmental Department will be starting out 2025 with some repairs to areas that have been disturbed due to broken water service replacement over the winter.

Plans are in the works to proceed with an additional drinking water well at the treatment plant to provide redundancy to the system. The Water Treatment Plant will also be replacing the Ultraviolet Light Disinfection System that provides disinfection of the drinking water. The current system has become aged and parts are unavailable.

Maintenance activities planned for this year will consist of sanitary sewer flushing, hydrant flushing, distribution valve turning, stormsewer catch basin cleaning and ditch cleanout where sediment has accumulated.

## Building Department By CBO



### **The Building Inspections Services Board, for Stirling-Rawdon, Tweed, Madoc Township, Tyendinaga, Deseronto and Marmora and Lake**

**Please be aware that the new 2024 Ontario Building Code has come into effect on January 1, 2025.** Stirling Rawdon Building Department uses an online permitting system called Cloudpermit. To apply for a permit please use the web site [www.cloudpermit.com](https://www.cloudpermit.com). Property owners are responsible for obtaining the appropriate permits and approvals. Please contact the Building Department for any assistance at 1-866-414-0088.

# DEPARTMENT UPDATES

## Stirling-Rawdon Public Library By Library CEO

The Stirling-Rawdon Public Library is in the process of updating our Strategic Plan and has been surveying the community to better understand the focus of our efforts over the coming years. We have received a tremendous response to our survey and look forward to analyzing the results in the upcoming months.

We are excited to announce that upgrades to our washrooms are underway! Thanks to the Municipality's successful efforts in securing a grant for these renovations, we will soon be able to offer a fully accessible single-use washroom for the convenience of our visitors.

Through the Ontario government's "Connecting Public Libraries" initiative, we will be enhancing our Internet access with upgrades to broadband connectivity at the library in the near future.

March Break was a busy week at the library, with 30-40 children participating in programming each day. We are grateful for the assistance of the Stirling Horticultural Society as well as our dedicated volunteers, Hannah Collins and Avi Persaud. Our Children's Librarian and Programming Coordinator, Haley Letch, is now focused on planning a summer filled with exciting programs for families in our community.

We are thrilled to announce our new partnership with Career Edge. Starting on April 17th, we invite community members to drop in once a month from 1 PM to 3 PM to meet with a Career Edge Employment Counsellor. They will be available to provide job search assistance, training opportunities, and other valuable resources.

Program participation continues to increase at the library. We have organized several adult and children's programs for the upcoming months, including Adult Craft Night, Ukulele Group, Art Journaling, Self-Sufficient Living Discussion Group, Yacking with Yarn, Canva Basics, Library Book Club, Storytime, Dungeons & Dragons, After School Hangout, Coding Club, CanFilm Day, and a presentation on Shiatsu. We encourage everyone to check our website or Facebook page for dates and times, or to pick up a newsletter at the library desk.

## Public Works Department By Public Works Manager

Another Winter has come and gone. Thank you for your patience this year as we were short a Truck and a major breakdown with another Truck caused us grief.

Spring Yard and Leaf Pick up is scheduled for Thursday April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 for yard waste and leaves in compostable bags.

Please remember not to blow your grass onto the Road as this is against the Highway Traffic Act and may cause issues. Grass clippings that are laying on gravel roads restrict us from grading as it does not mix well with gravel which may cause voids and create pot holes.

Please always be aware of road maintenance/construction and obey all signs and flag persons. Everyone wants to be safe and go home at the end of the day.

With this wet weather there will be more grass to cut so please have patience with the grass cutting of the parks and roadsides.

Remember that we have several parks to enjoy here in Stirling-Rawdon.

If you see any vandalism to our parks or Township property please contact our Office or the OPP.

Lets enjoy a great summer in our beautiful Community.

Have a great and safe summer!

For any Public Works concerns please call 613-395-1241.

## Message From CAO-Treasurer

Stirling-Rawdon has established their 2025 budget and I would like to thank Council and Staff for the continue efforts and support during these extremely difficult times of prioritizing projects when we have such a large infrastructure deficit. Budget report can be found on our website [2025-budget-overview.pdf](#)

Spring hopefully has sprung and I hope everyone will be able to get outside and enjoy some relaxing experiences at one of our many parks and enjoy the businesses within Stirling-Rawdon.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy summer.



### Council 2022-2026



### COMMUNITY EVENTS

For detail events in your community, please visit the Upcoming Events section of our website at

[Events | Township of Stirling-Rawdon](#)

If you have an event you'd like to place on our **Upcoming Events** or in our community noticeboards, please email the details or poster to

[receptionist@stirling-rawdon.com](mailto:receptionist@stirling-rawdon.com)

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