

## Important Dates

- Oct. 16 & 17 – Large Item Pick Up
  - Oct. 27 – Halloween Family Dance
  - Nov. 7 – Recreation Facility Open House
  - Nov. 8 – Coffee with a COP
  - Nov. 24 – Christmas in the Park
  - Nov. 30 & Dec. 1 – 2019 Operating Budget Deliberations
  - Dec. 5 – Seniors Tea & Jingles
  - December – Winter Program Guide
- Learn more at [Devon.ca/events!](http://Devon.ca/events!)

## Message from Mayor & Council



It's hard to believe that a year has gone by since last fall's municipal election, but here we are in fall 2018 after a very busy summer. With budget presentations coming up in December, the rest of the year will stay a busy time for both Council and Administration.

This past month Council approved the Voyageur Park Improvement Plan, which will see improvements to Voyageur Park starting in 2019 and continuing throughout the next 5+ years. Council also adopted Devon's first Integrated Pest Management Plan to help provide Town Parks staff with guidelines for managing pests in Devon's parks and other public areas in addition to what is already legislated.

This fall we are also faced with the legalization of cannabis, which will become legal on Oct. 17. Council has been tasked with updating the Town's Community Standards Bylaw to regulate the consumption of cannabis within Devon's boundaries.

And finally, we are still committed to doing our part to spur development on the land west of HWY 60 and we will continue to explore options to bring growth to Devon.

Please, enjoy the fall edition of Our Devon News.





# Creatively Growing Devon

## West of HWY 60 Land Development Update



COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AREA ~32 ACRES

The Town of Devon has been challenged with dormant growth over the past six years. This has negatively impacted the community in several ways including: the loss of residents, businesses, employment opportunities and, in the long term, it will hinder Devon's ability to improve infrastructure and services to its residents.

Devon's Council has been hard at work exploring options to stimulate Devon's growth and economic development. One of the avenues to achieve this is by developing the ~32 acres of land that the Town jointly purchased with Alberta Transportation west of Highway 60 in mid-2017. In an effort to spark the quick absorption & development of this land and open the door to future commercial development in the area, Council is currently considering the construction of a new multi-purpose recreation facility that will act as a catalyst for development.

### Next Steps – Q & A Report

On Sept. 19, 2018 the Town held an Open House with the community to give residents the opportunity to submit questions about the proposed development. The Open House yielded over 190 questions from residents and businesses, which Town staff providing thorough answers to all these questions. To ensure all community members were provided the questions and answers received from the Open House, a detailed report will be released to the public by Oct. 19 through the Town of Devon website at [devon.ca/westof60](http://devon.ca/westof60) with printed versions available at the Town of Devon office.

### Next Steps – Second Open House

The Town will be hosting a second Open House moderated by the Devon & District Chamber of Commerce on Nov. 7, 2018 from 6-8 p.m. at the Devon Community Centre which will give residents the opportunity to share any additional concerns not already addressed through the Q & A report released in October.

### Next Steps – Public Survey

A town-wide survey will be launched in November with residents receiving a unique PIN code per household to access the survey through their utility bill. This survey will provide an opportunity for everyone to share their views on the project. Residents without internet access will be able to participate through a telephone interview process with instructions on their utility bill insert.



## TIMELINE

May 2017

Town purchased land west of HWY 60 with AT



Mar. 2018

Council introduces 1<sup>st</sup> reading of Borrowing Bylaw 911/2018 to fund development of 32 acres of land and construction of a recreation facility

*\*This requires Municipal Affairs approval before 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> reading*

Sept. 2018

1<sup>st</sup> Community Open House



Oct. 2018

Q & A Report provided to Devon community

Nov. 2018

2<sup>nd</sup> Community Open House moderated by Devon Chamber of Commerce

Nov. 2018

Town-wide survey mailed out through utility bills





# Rethinking your Recycling

## Global changes in recycling

As of late 2017, the countries that process and market recyclables have become more stringent with what they will accept. This has trickled down and is now affecting recycling in Devon along with municipalities across North America.

Some items are no longer being accepted in the global recycling markets due to low quality plastics and contaminated materials making loads of otherwise recyclable materials unmarketable.

### What you can do...

- Check the detailed sorting list at [devon.ca/waste](http://devon.ca/waste) to ensure you are disposing of items appropriately
- Do your best to reduce the amount of single-use plastic and other materials that aren't reusable or recyclable that you use by considering packaging before purchasing and using reusable containers and reusable shopping bags to reduce your waste
- Place food scraps, yard waste, soiled paper & cardboard (i.e. greasy pizza boxes) and other organics into your organics (green) cart

Learn more about these global recycling changes at [devon.ca/new-recycling](http://devon.ca/new-recycling).



## Voyageur Park Improvement Plan

On Sept. 10, Town Council adopted the Voyageur Park Improvement Plan. This plan outlines future improvements to Voyageur Park that will be worked into a long-term plan for implementation starting in 2019.

Some featured park improvements in the plan include adding improved regulatory and wayfinding signage, creative play structures, a new bike skills expansion area and many more. See the entire Voyageur Park Improvement Plan including the phasing strategy for adding improvements to the park over the next 5+ years at [devon.ca/VPIImprovement](http://devon.ca/VPIImprovement).



## Integrated Pest Management Plan

Council also adopted the Town's first Integrated Pest Management Plan at their Sept. 10 meeting.

This plan will help Town of Devon Park's staff with several functions including:

- ensuring public accountability for pesticide use
- complying with all pertinent laws, regulations, bylaws and policies regarding the use of pesticides on land the Town is responsible for
- developing and promoting opportunities for public education on environmentally sound pest management
- training staff who are responsible for implementing the Town's Integrated Pest Management Plan
- promoting long-term, cost effective management of pests in Devon

A full copy of the Town of Devon Integrated Pest Management Plan is available at [devon.ca/plans](http://devon.ca/plans).



# Cannabis Update

With cannabis legal in Canada as of Oct. 17, 2018, Town Council has had their work cut out for them to ensure that the Town's Land Use Bylaw and Community Standards Bylaw are both ready for this federal legislation.

## Land Use Bylaw Update

Earlier this summer, Council approved an amendment to the Town's Land Use Bylaw adding extra stipulations to where cannabis can be sold in Devon. As a result, cannabis retail stores must be located 100 metres from schools and hospital property lines, playground structures and the front door of any daycares.

## Public Consumption of Cannabis Survey

The Town's Public Consumption of Cannabis Survey saw a huge amount of participation with **437 respondents** filling out the survey. Thank you to everyone who took a couple minutes to share your thoughts on this important issue facing our community.

## Community Standards Bylaw Update

On Oct. 9, 2018 Council unanimously passed amendments to the Town's Community Standards Bylaw adopting a zero-public consumption of cannabis stance for Devon. The amended bylaw prohibits the smoking or vaping of cannabis in public places within the Town of Devon's limits, only allowing for the recreational consumption of cannabis to be on private property once cannabis becomes legal on Oct. 17.

Bylaws for the recreational consumption of cannabis vary between municipalities. Anyone considering consuming cannabis in a public area is recommended to check the local Town/City/County website to determine if public consumption of cannabis is acceptable where they are.

Devon's amended Community Standards Bylaw along with both provincial and federal guidelines for the sale and consumption of recreational cannabis are available on the Town of Devon website at [devon.ca/cannabis](http://devon.ca/cannabis).

## Survey Results:

Provincial regulations currently state that smoking tobacco is prohibited in public facilities and within 5 metres of any entrance to public facilities to protect people from second-hand smoke. Should the rules regarding smoking of cannabis in public places be:



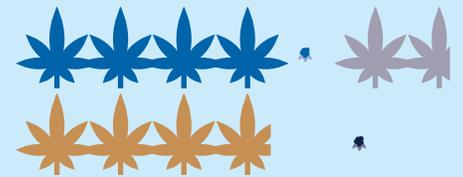
**67.5%** - more restrictive than current tobacco regulations

**4.3%** - less restrictive than current tobacco regulations

**27.7%** - the same as current tobacco regulations

**0.5%** - I don't know enough about current tobacco regulations

Provincial regulations currently state that alcohol consumption is only allowed on private residences and permitted locations and businesses. Should the rules regarding smoking of cannabis in public places be:



**41.2%** more restrictive than current alcohol regulations

**18.3%** less restrictive than current alcohol regulations

**39.6%** same as current alcohol regulations

**0.9%** don't know enough about current alcohol regulations

Other recurring comments in the survey include ensuring consumption and sales of cannabis is kept away from the Town's parks, schools and hospitals and that cannabis use should be limited to private residences in Devon.

## Coffee with a Cop



Devon's Community Peace Officers are proud to partner with the Devon RCMP to launch the Town's

first ever "Coffee with a Cop" program. This is an opportunity for residents to have an informal chat with Town Peace Officers and members of the RCMP to share any issues they are experiencing relating to policing or anything else that may be on their minds.

Coffee with a Cop is planned to be held monthly with its sessions at the Devon Tim Hortons on:

- Thursday, Nov. 8 from 8-9 a.m.
- Thursday, Dec. 20 from 2-3 p.m.

Stay tuned to our winter newsletter, the Town of Devon website and/or Town social media for future 2019 Coffee with a Cop dates and times.

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