



SPRING & SUMMER 2022

# OUR Devon News

## Message from Mayor & Council



Mayor  
Jeff  
Craddock

Spring is here Devon and we have so much going on as we move into the summer months.

Bringing new development to Devon is still top of mind for Council as we have plenty of major construction projects going on within our community. If you take a short drive west of Highway 60 on Miquelon Ave. you can see that the new ball diamond development off Aspenleaf Road is at the tail end of construction and we expect them to be ready to go for ball players to enjoy this summer.

On the theme of construction, Alberta Transportation has also been making some great progress on the west side of Highway 19. This section is currently scheduled to be complete this fall and is a great step towards improving safety on this busy road for our residents.

In late April, we also approved the tender for an extension to the south end of Michigan Street which will see it tie

into Highway 19 and add a whole new connection from Highway 19 into both the new commercial/light industrial development at the corner of Highway 19/60 as well as a quicker way for our southern residential neighbourhoods to be able to access both major highways.

This summer features a return to our full summer programming and events including a full season at the Devon Community Pool, our Summer Day Camps, Summer Shack, and our annual Canada Day Celebration. Devon Days will also return for the first time since 2019 this summer and Red 19 Entertainment will be hosting a second year of their Concert Series in Centennial and Voyageur Park.

As you can see, we have a lot going on Devon and we are going to continue to do our part to attract new businesses and show everyone why so many have chosen Devon as their place to call home.

## Important Dates

- May 7-8 – Spring Treasure Hunt
  - May 10-11 – Spring Large Item Pick Up
  - May 17 & 18 – Brown Bag Pick Up
  - May 18 – 2022 Devon State of the Town
  - May 20 – Devon Community Pool Opening Day
  - May 31 – Property Tax Notices Sent Out
  - June 4 – Out by the River – Pride Event
  - June 8 & 9 – Seniors Week Celebration
  - June 9 – Devon Days Kick Off BBQ
  - June 9-12 – Devon Days
  - June 21 – National Indigenous Peoples Day
  - June 30 – Property Taxes Due
  - July 1 – Canada Day Celebration
  - Aug. 19 – Movie in the Park
  - Sept. 8-13 – Community Awareness Week
- \*Please note, event dates and format may be modified due to COVID-19 restrictions*
- Learn more at [devon.ca/events](https://devon.ca/events)



# Paragon Ballpark ready to open this summer

In early 2020, the decision was made to make some major changes at the corner of HWY 19/60, moving the Field of Dreams ball diamonds to a new parcel of Town-owned land west of HWY 60 on Miquelon Ave. and rezoning the HWY 19/60 corner for commercial/light industrial development.

After a thorough public engagement process and almost two years of planning, landscaping and construction, Paragon Ballpark will be ready to play ball this summer!

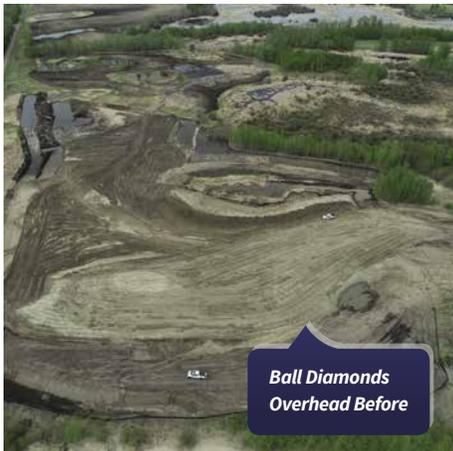
### Paragon Ballpark Features

Paragon Ballpark will feature a number of improvements for ball players including:

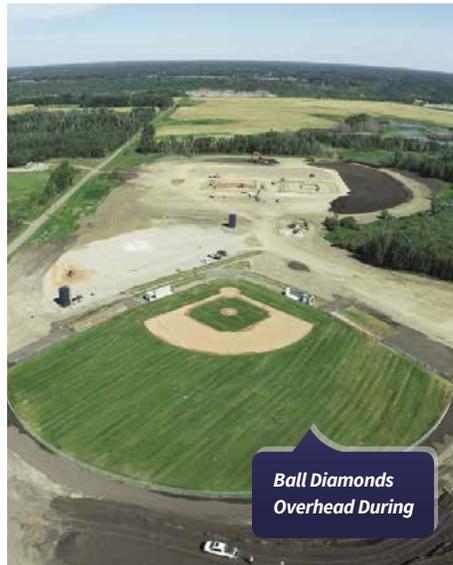
- A batting cage
- A new playground
- Four 275' slo-pitch diamonds
- One 350' baseball diamond
- Washrooms
- An un-serviced grass camping areas for players to enjoy

The Town has also upgraded both Miquelon Ave. and Aspenleaf Road to better accommodate those heading out to the ballpark.

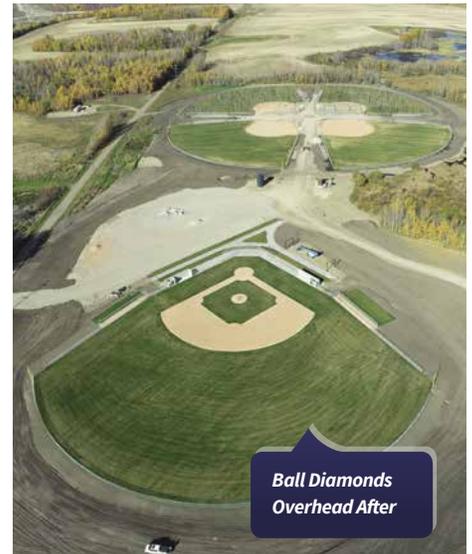
A grand opening event is also planned for this summer and everyone interested is invited to come on out to have a first-hand look at the great work that has gone into Paragon Ballpark. Details on the opening will be shared later this spring through the Town's website and social media.



Ball Diamonds Overhead Before



Ball Diamonds Overhead During



Ball Diamonds Overhead After

May 9 & 24	June 13 & 27
July 11	August 8

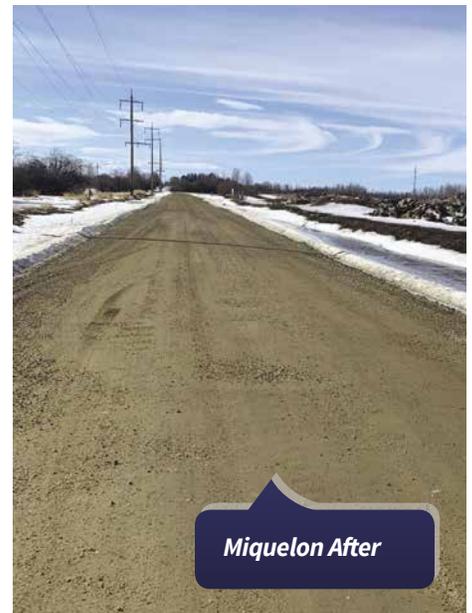
### Upcoming Council Meetings

Council Meetings occur on the second and fourth Mondays of the month and start at 7 p.m. at the Town of Devon Office at 1 Columbia Ave. West, Devon. All public is welcome to attend.

*\*There is only one Council meeting in July & August*



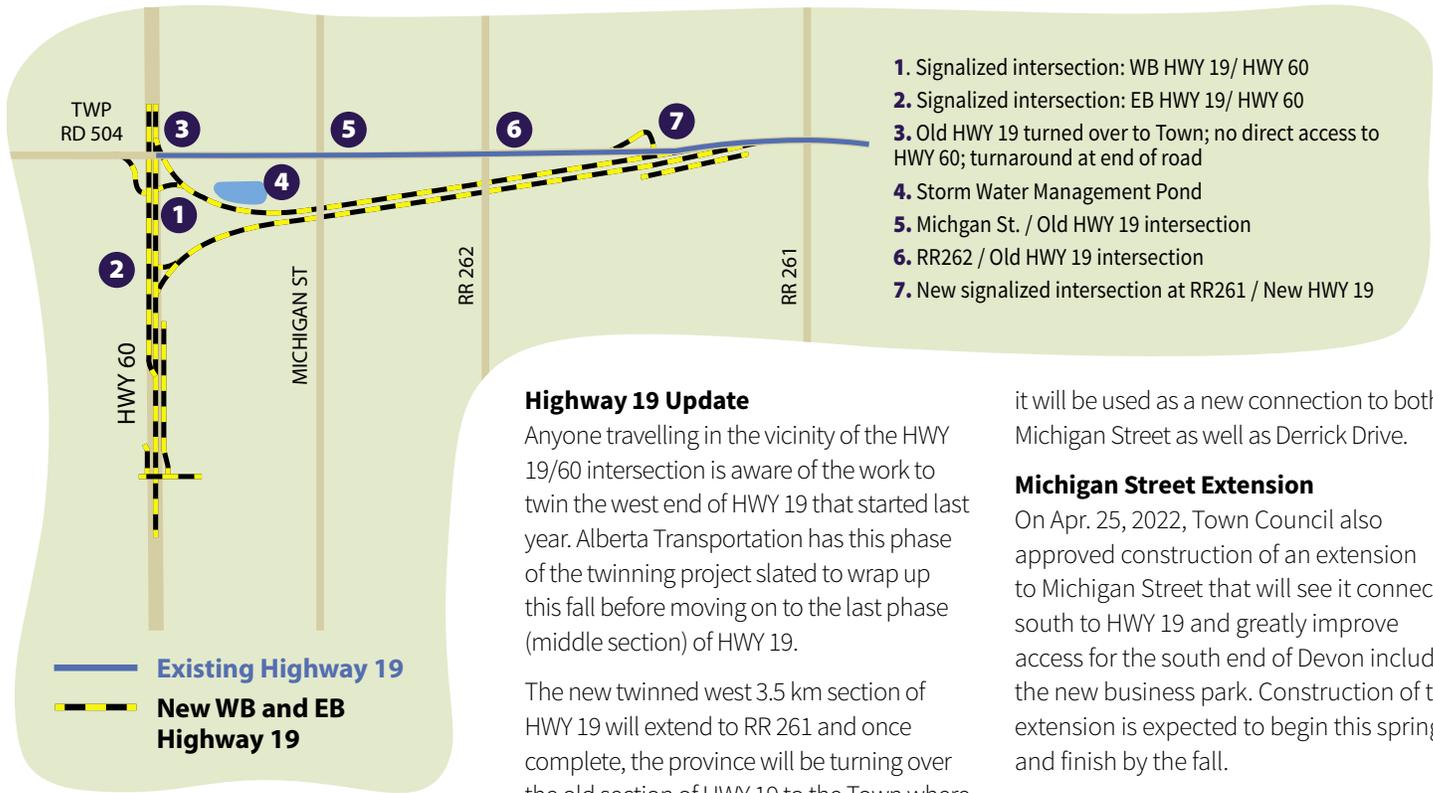
Miquelon Before



Miquelon After



# Highway 19 & Michigan Street Construction Update



### Highway 19 Update

Anyone travelling in the vicinity of the HWY 19/60 intersection is aware of the work to twin the west end of HWY 19 that started last year. Alberta Transportation has this phase of the twinning project slated to wrap up this fall before moving on to the last phase (middle section) of HWY 19.

The new twinned west 3.5 km section of HWY 19 will extend to RR 261 and once complete, the province will be turning over the old section of HWY 19 to the Town where

it will be used as a new connection to both Michigan Street as well as Derrick Drive.

### Michigan Street Extension

On Apr. 25, 2022, Town Council also approved construction of an extension to Michigan Street that will see it connect south to HWY 19 and greatly improve access for the south end of Devon including the new business park. Construction of the extension is expected to begin this spring and finish by the fall.



# Medicine Park coming to River Drive this fall

We are proud to announce that the Town has received funding through the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative Grant for the addition of a new Medicine Park along River Drive where Ball Diamond #2 is currently located.

Construction is scheduled to begin this summer with the old ball diamond

backstop first being removed and a 30-foot concrete pad installed in the colors and orientation of the Cree Medicine Wheel. The Medicine Park will also feature a stamped fire pit in the middle, curved benches surrounding the circle and a pathway from the River Drive trail to the Medicine Park. The space around the healing circle will be landscaped with

native vegetation, space for the medicinal plants and interpretive signage explaining what medicines are available in the park.

The Medicine Park is expected to be completed this fall and we look forward to opening it up for the community as Devon continues walking the path towards reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples.





# Summer loaded with events

*We are back with our first full summer of events since 2019! This summer we will have a full season at the Devon Community Pool, a full line up of day camps, Devon Days will return and more!*

## CANADA DAY CELEBRATION

The Town is excited to bring back a full Canada Day Celebration on July 1 this summer!

Details about the celebration will be shared later this spring through the Town's social media as well as on the Devon website at [devon.ca/CanadaDay](http://devon.ca/CanadaDay).

## DEVON DAYS

Devon Days is back this year with a midway and tons of activities being planned for June 9-12!

Learn more about what the Devon Days Committee has planned for this year at [devondays.ca](http://devondays.ca).

## DEVON COMMUNITY POOL

The Devon Community Pool opens for the season on May 20 and will close on Aug. 29 and we are pleased to once again be able to offer a full summer of outdoor fun for residents including lessons, lane swim, public swimming, and events throughout the year!



Stay up to date on all of the pool offerings at [devon.ca/pool](http://devon.ca/pool) or at the Devon Community Pool Facebook page at [facebook.com/devoncommunitypool](https://facebook.com/devoncommunitypool).

## SUMMER DAY CAMPS

Devon's Summer Day Camps are also back with a full slate of offerings for the summer including half day camps for kids 3-5 years and 6-10 years and full day camps for kids 6-10 years. Some of this year's themes include Bug Bonanza!, Summertime Superheroes, Eco-Explorers, Stay Cool, Mission Impossible, and more!

Learn more or register for our Summer Day Camps at [devon.recdesk.com](http://devon.recdesk.com).



## RED 19 ENTERTAINMENT SUMMER CONCERT SERIES

Red 19 Entertainment's Summer Concert Series is returning for another summer of acoustic shows in Centennial Park followed by the grand finale down in Voyageur Park.

Acoustic shows are currently planned for Thursday, July 7, 21 and Aug. 4 from 7-9 p.m. at Centennial Park and the finale is scheduled for Saturday, Aug. 13 starting in the afternoon until the late evening.

More details will be shared later this spring as they are finalized with Red 19 at [devon.ca/concertseries](http://devon.ca/concertseries).

# New paid parking options available for 2022 at Voyageur Park Boat Launch



Paid parking has returned at the Voyageur Park Boat Launch for the 2022 season.

Paid parking was introduced at the Voyageur Park Boat Launch in 2021 to improve parking controls at the launch by ensuring the space is reserved for vehicles with boat trailers. After receiving feedback from boaters in 2021, new paid parking options have been added for the 2022 season including hourly, monthly, and seasonal rates.

## Boat Launch Parking for Devon Residents and Businesses

Devon residents and businesses will be able to register the license plate number of their boat trailer for a seasonal permit at no charge at the Town of Devon Office

with their proof of residency. These permits are required to be displayed on the rear-view mirror or on the front driver side of the vehicle dashboard.

## Boat Launch Parking for Visitors to Devon

There are three paid parking options for visitors to the Voyageur Park Boat Launch.

- Hourly Rate: \$2.50/hour up to \$10/day
- Monthly Pass: \$40 per month
- Seasonal Pass (May-Oct): \$150 for 2022 season

Hourly, monthly, and seasonal passes will all be available for purchase at the Precise Park

machine in the boat launch parking lot. Boaters are asked to leave their parking slips clearly visible on the front driver's seat of their vehicle dashboards.

Parking fees **ONLY** apply at the boat launch parking lot. Vehicles without boat trailers may park in the lot next to the boat launch (Lot B) and are **NOT** required to pay for day-use parking.



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