

OUR Devon News

TOWN OF
Devon
ALBERTA

SPRING 2019

Important Dates

Apr. 15 – Swimming Lessons
Registration Opens

Apr. 16 – Provincial Election

Apr. 29 - May 3 – Pitch In Devon
2019 (Community Clean Up Week)

May 3 – George Canyon @ Dale
Fisher Arena

May 4 – Pitch In Devon 2019
Celebration BBQ & Repair Fair

May 11 & 12 – Spring Treasure Hunt

May 14 & 15 – Large Item Pickup

May 17 – Devon Community Pool
Opening BBQ

May 18 – K-Days Talent Search

May 21 & 22 – Brown Bag Pickup

May 31 – Property Tax Notices
Sent Out

June 1 – Out by the River Event

June 5 – Senior's Week
Celebration

June 5 – Devon Days Kick off BBQ

June 5-9 – Devon Days

Message from Mayor & Council



Mayor
Ray Ralph

On March 12, I had the pleasure of giving the Town's annual State of the Town Address to a packed house of dignitaries, businesses and residents at the Devon Golf & Conference Centre. In my Address, I spoke to some of the successes Devon has had over the past year and provided a preview of what Council will be working towards through the rest of 2019.

Here is just some of what we achieved this past year:

- Providing our residents with a low 1.35% municipal tax increase for 2019
- Not increasing any Town-owned utility costs for 2019
- Improving Protective Services in our community
- Completion of phase one of trail lighting
- Pursuing green initiatives to better "Our Devon"

As we move through 2019, we have lots on the horizon including:

- Continuing to explore options to develop the land west of Highway 60
- Bringing regional transit to our Devon residents
- Exploring ways Devon can reduce single use waste
- Developing a strategy to improve Devon's downtown
- Doing our part to spur commercial growth, while supporting our existing business community

2019 is shaping up to be an exciting year for Devon!

We also have a provincial election now scheduled for April 16. Much of what the Town is able to accomplish is thanks to funding from both the provincial and federal governments and I encourage everyone to exercise your democratic right and vote to do your part in shaping the future of our province.



Devon's Peace Officer Program

Did you know that Devon has a Peace Officer Program? The Town of Devon employs two full-time Community Peace Officers and is welcoming a third Officer this spring. Community Peace Officers are employed by the municipality they serve, however they are appointed by the Solicitor General's Office and given Peace Officer status under the Criminal Code of Canada.

Why does Devon need Community Peace Officers?

Community Peace Officers play a large role in maintaining the peace and bringing a sense of safety to a community. Our Officers have authority to perform traffic stops, make arrests, detain individuals when necessary, conduct searches and seize items and/or property when required.

Some of the services that our Peace Officers provide include:

- Investigating and enforcing municipal bylaws
- Enforcing traffic safety
- Performing animal control services

- Educating the community about proactive safety programs
- Executing proactive patrols throughout the Devon community
- Enforcing liquor and cannabis legislation
- Providing support to the RCMP and other emergency services
- Positive ticketing

How to contact our Community Peace Officers

Our Peace Officers work various shifts throughout the week and are available to address complaints regarding bylaws, parking or traffic issues, ticket inquiries or to provide other general information to the public.

**Peace Officer
Complaint Line:
780-987-3440**
Submit a complaint
online: devon.ca/CPO



Learn more about what our Community Peace Officers can do for you at devon.ca/CPO.

Meet Devon's Community Peace Officers



Sergeant Thomas Perry joined the Town of Devon in April, 2018. Thomas brings previous Peace Officer experience from Parkland County and is excited to now take a leadership role as he continues to serve the Devon community.

Officer Shane Loov joined the Town of Devon in March, 2017. Shane has previous experience in the security industry and graduated from the Justice and Solicitor General Training Academy in spring 2017.



Regional transit one step closer for Devon



Bringing regional transit to Devon is one of Council's top priorities and it took another step forward on March 7, 2019 when Devon received \$250,000 in funding as part of the Alberta Community Transit Fund. This fund aims to provide municipalities funding for the expansion of transit systems, green fleets and increasing ridership in Alberta. Devon was one of 33 successful municipal projects to receive this funding through the province's Climate Leadership Plan.

The next step towards bringing Devon regional transit involves the Town working with Leduc County and the City of Leduc to establish a Partnership and sign an Agreement to explore options for including Devon in the Leduc region's existing bus system. This would include transit options for Devon residents to get to both the Edmonton International Airport and Premium Outlet Collection at the EIA and the south Edmonton Century Park LRT line.

If the proper Agreements are in place with both Leduc County and the City of Leduc this spring, sub-regional transit options could become a reality as early as this fall for Devon.



West of HWY 60 Development Update



Working towards developing the lands west of Highway 60 has been a long process and Devon's Council still believes that development of this land is vital to the future growth of Devon.

In December, the Town submitted a community engagement report to Municipal Affairs to support the application to increase Devon's borrowing limit to help fund the development of the land. This includes bringing services to the land and the construction of a recreation facility which would act as a tenant anchor that would spur quick commercial development of the surrounding land.

At their March 25 Council Meeting, Council received word from Municipal Affairs that the Minister was not willing to make a decision at this time regarding an increase to the Town's borrowing limit due to the federal government not having yet determined its allocation of funding towards the project and the Town's community engagement efforts revealing a divided community in relation to the support of the Town's request to extend their borrowing limit. With election season coming, federal funding may not be determined until after the election this fall.

In the meantime, Council is not standing by idly waiting and has completed preliminary engineering for this area to provide clearer cost estimates to bring services to this land.

Once funding values have been established, Council will then decide on what level of development is viable to bring to these lands, whether it be to only bring services to the land or completely develop the land including servicing with the intention of selling off subdivided parcels. Construction of a recreation facility is on hold until additional funding can be confirmed.



Design your world – Reusable Bag Design Contest



The Town of Devon has partnered with the Arts Association of Devon to launch a Reusable Bag Design Contest to promote reducing the use of single use items.

Devon artists are invited to submit a design that visually represents how they would contribute to a healthy planet earth living in Devon. The winners will have their design proudly displayed on one of two reusable cloth bags that will be distributed to every Devon household as a part of a single use plastic reduction strategy, which the Town will continue to explore throughout the year.

Contest Criteria

- Artwork must have the words "Our Devon" incorporated into the design in some way
- The design must be an original creation and be signed by the artist (not commercially created)

- The image imprint size on the bags is 8" x 8"

Two Age Categories

- Under 15 years & 15+ years

Submission

Artwork must be submitted as a high quality, printed hard copy and can be dropped off at the Town of Devon Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday or at the Devon Artisan Market on the second Sunday of each month from noon to 4 p.m.

All submissions will become the property of the Town of Devon as winners will be featured on cloth bags distributed by the Town. The contest closes May 12 and the winners will be announced in early June.

More details about the contest are available at [facebook.com/artsdevon](https://www.facebook.com/artsdevon).

2nd Quarter Council Meetings

Council Meetings take place 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.





Trail Lighting Phase 2 scheduled to begin this summer

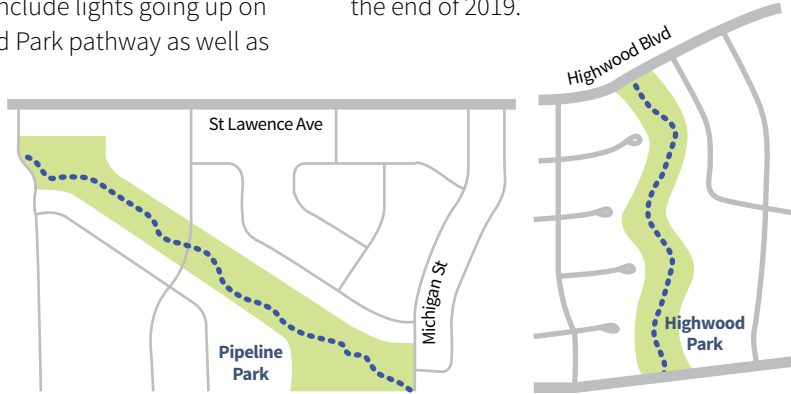
After a successful first round of trail lighting was installed on Devon's paved trails by the Devon Dog Park up through Peace River Drive and around Peace Cemetery, Phase 2 is scheduled to begin this summer.

Phase 2 will include lights going up on the Highwood Park pathway as well as

throughout Pipeline Park east to Gilmour Way. We expect the lighting to be installed by the end of this fall.

There will be a third and final phase of trail lighting in 2020 with placement options expected to come to Council by the end of 2019.

Planned Trail Lighting
(Subject to change)



MAY 18, 2019

K-Days.com/talent-search



Anna Johnson
2018 Youth Category Winner



K-Days Talent Search returns for second year



After a very successful first year, the Town of Devon has once again partnered with Northlands to host

Open Auditions for the K-Days Talent Search. Last year, Devon had over 25 contestants audition with 7 moving on to perform at K-Days.

Those with a special vocal, dancing or theatrical talent are invited to register to perform at the Devon Community Centre for a chance to perform for the 2019 Talent Search at K-Days in July. We look forward to seeing more of our local talent shine again this year and proudly represent Devon on the main stage!

Date: May 18, 2019

Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Place: Devon Community Centre (20 Haven Ave.)

Register for Devon's Open Auditions at K-Days.com/talent-search today.

Pitch In Devon 2019

APRIL 29 – MAY 3



Do you want to help Devon get a head start on looking great for spring? Our annual Community Clean Up Event Pitch In

Devon 2019 starts Apr. 29 and runs until May 3 with our Pitch In Devon Celebration BBQ on May 4 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at the Devon Community Centre.

New this year, Devon's Communities in Bloom will be hosting a Repair Fair during the BBQ where residents can learn from local fixer uppers how to fix common household things instead of throwing them away.

Joining in is easy!

1. Gather your team & choose your clean up area

2. Pick up your clean up kit at the Town of Devon Office
3. Share pics of your clean up efforts on social media using the hashtag #PitchInDevon2019 and be entered to win prizes
4. Celebrate together with us at the round-up BBQ at the Devon Community Centre on May 4 from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
5. Check out the Communities in Bloom Repair Fair during the BBQ at the Devon Community Centre

To register your clean up team, contact our Events Coordinator Jordan at:

P: 780-987-8332

E: JHiggs@devon.ca



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