

# OUR Devon News

TOWN OF  
**Devon**  
ALBERTA

SUMMER 2019



## Important Dates

- **June 30** – Property Taxes Due
- **July 1** – Canada Day Celebration
- **July 19** – K-Days Parade
- **Aug. 10** – EPCOR RiverFest
- **Aug. 28** – Movie in the Park
- **Sept. 4** – Community Awareness Night
- **Sept. 14** – Coach & Parent Day
- **Oct. 2** – Connect with Council

## Summer Pool Events

- **July 7** – Junior Lifeguard Day
- **July 12** – Midnight Swim
- **July 26** – Junior Lifeguard Day
- **Aug. 9** – Deep End Club Party
- **Aug. 16** – Movie Night at the Pool!
- **Aug. 24** – End of Summer Bash & Midnight Swim

Learn more at [Devon.ca/events](http://Devon.ca/events)

## Message from Mayor & Council



Mayor  
Ray Ralph

It's hard to believe that summer is here already, but here we are ready for another busy season in Devon.

One big theme this summer continues to be looking at ways the Town of Devon can reduce its waste, especially when it comes to single use plastics. As part of our strategy to find solutions to this growing issue, Council will be appointing a Waste Reduction Task Force in August to engage the community and research ways the Town can reduce its plastic and waste footprint.

We are also looking to improve the way we send information out to our residents. This summer, we will be running a survey to receive feedback from residents on how they currently receive information from the Town and if there are any other communications tools we should

consider using to improve communicating information about Town related initiatives, events, projects or whatever else.

New to the Town this summer, we have a summer student who is completing his education in indigenous culture and bringing his knowledge and experience working with indigenous people to our Town staff and soon, to the Devon community.

This is just a small part of what we have planned this summer and I look forward to continuing to work with Council to do our best for the future of our Devon.





# Devon joins in on Great Trail Treasure Hunt!

The Great Trail Treasure Hunt has made its way to Devon for 2019! This geocaching inspired contest is aimed at getting Canadians outdoors and discovering all of the amazing wildlife, scenery and history found along the Great Trail network.

Now you can Join the hunt along Devon's river valley trails for one of 200

treasure boxes hidden along trails across all of Canada.

The first step to any great treasure hunt is to gather clues as to the whereabouts of the treasure. Once you feel you've deciphered the treasure's location, get outside and start exploring Devon's trails. Coordinates for the treasure's location will be posted at [thegreattrailtreasurehunt.ca](http://thegreattrailtreasurehunt.ca). The first person to find each box will receive a special edition glow-in-the-dark Canada coin from the Royal Canadian Mint.

If your detective skills are at the same level as Sherlock Holmes or Batman and

you locate the treasure box, you can enter to win one of 200 prizes by:

1. **Logging your name, date and time in the log book**
2. **Taking a selfie with the treasure box**
3. **Copying the redemption code from the underside of the lid and entering it at [thegreattrailtreasurehunt.ca](http://thegreattrailtreasurehunt.ca) for a chance at over 200 amazing prizes!**

Prizes range from a digital camera to hiking boots! The grand prize is valued at \$13,000 US and includes an east coast ocean expedition.

Learn more about the Canadian Geographic Great Trail Treasure Hunt at [thegreattrailtreasurehunt.ca](http://thegreattrailtreasurehunt.ca).

## Now Recruiting – Waste Reduction Task Force



Do you go the extra mile to reduce waste in your home or business? Are you wanting to make a difference and provide input on waste reduction in Devon?

The Town of Devon is currently working towards reducing its plastic footprint by reducing the distribution of single use plastic in the Devon community.

As part of the strategy to reduce Devon's waste, the Town is recruiting a **Waste Reduction Task Force** to assist with engaging the community and gaining input from Devon residents and providing recommendations on waste solutions to Town Council.

Devon's Waste Reduction Task Force will consist of:

- 5 members of the community
- 1 member of Devon Town Council
- The Town of Devon's Environment and Sustainability Coordinator

**Applications open June 12 and will be accepted until July 15, 2019.**

All applications will be reviewed by Administration and recommendations for the Task Force will be provided to Council for final appointment in August.

**Apply to be a part of the Devon's Waste Reduction Task Force!**

- Online: [devon.ca/waste-force](http://devon.ca/waste-force)
- In Person: Applications are available at the Town of Devon Office



### Questions?

Have a question about the Task Force? Email our Environment and Sustainability Coordinator at [ATchir@devon.ca](mailto:ATchir@devon.ca).



### 3rd 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.**

*Note – There is only one Council meeting in July*





# Indigenous Engagement & Cultural Awareness Events

Did you know that the Town of Devon is located within the traditional Treaty 6 lands and within the traditional territory of Papaschase, Enoch, Metis and many other First Nations?

The Town is currently working on many initiatives regarding Indigenous engagement and cultural awareness activities and events including cultural awareness training for Town staff and elected officials that will be conducted by various Elders with the region.

Later this summer, these engagement opportunities will move onto Devon residents with events to promote cultural awareness of indigenous people.

**Through these engagement opportunities, residents will learn more about:**

- Treaty 6 territory land acknowledgement and flag raising ceremony
- Metis Nation land acknowledgement and flag raising ceremony
- “Treaty Talks” community film viewing and workshop

- Calls to action that can be easily accomplished by municipalities in relation to Truth and Reconciliation
- Trail system naming in collaboration with Elders/ knowledge keepers of surrounding nations
- Interpretive walks throughout the river valley
- Cultural events and workshops such as beading, ribbon skirt making, drumming and many more.

Stay tuned to the Town of Devon website at [devon.ca](http://devon.ca) and social media to keep up to speed on upcoming cultural awareness events!



# Have your say in the Town’s Communications Survey!

Getting information about Town of Devon services, initiatives and events to residents is one of our top priorities and something we are always working to improve. Now we need your help to determine the most effective ways that you like to receive Town-related information .

**The Town currently uses a variety of tools to keep residents informed including:**

- Newspaper advertising
- News releases
- Town website ([devon.ca](http://devon.ca))
- Open house events
- Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
- Radio advertising (88.1 & 93.1 The One)
- Our Devon News newsletter
- Direct email
- Direct mail
- The Lions LED Sign by Dairy Queen
- Magnet signage along Superior St. and HWY 60
- Utility bill inserts
- Print materials (posters, brochures, publications)
- New resident welcome packages
- Our Devon App

## Communications Survey

We want to know how you receive your Town of Devon related information and if there are any other communications tools that we should consider to improve how we communicate with our residents and other stakeholders.

Have your say by taking our short 2-minute survey and help us improve our communication planning as we move into 2020.

**The survey is available:**

- Online: [devon.ca/comms-survey](http://devon.ca/comms-survey)
  - In Person: Paper copies of the survey are available at the Town of Devon Office
- The survey runs until Friday, Aug. 16 and the results will be presented to Town of Devon Council at the Aug. 26 Council Meeting.

# Summer Shack Dates & Places



Summer Shack is back and will be popping up once again in parks across Devon throughout July and August with games, crafts and activities geared for kids 5 and up!

See all the themes, dates and locations for this summer at [devon.ca/summer-shack](http://devon.ca/summer-shack).

JULY			AUGUST		
4 Centennial Park	9 Robina Baker	11 Highwood Park	1 Robina Baker	6 Pipeline Park	7 Centennial Park
16 Centennial Park	30 Centennial Park		13 Centennial Park	15 Robina Baker	
18 Pipeline Park			20 Highwood Park	22 Centennial Park	



# Ripple Affect makes its way into Devon schools



Have you ever heard of a watershed? A watershed is an area of land that carries water after rain falls or snow melts through the soil, groundwater, wetlands, lakes and streams, eventually making its way into larger rivers, lakes and oceans.

With the North Saskatchewan River right in Devon's backyard, Devon sits in the middle of the North Saskatchewan River Watershed along with the Counties of Leduc, Parkland, Strathcona and Wetaskiwin, Enoch Cree Nation, the City Leduc and a number of smaller municipalities.

In 2018, the Town of Devon received funding through the Provincial Watershed Resiliency and Restoration Program to increase the natural ability of the province's watersheds to reduce the intensity, magnitude, duration and effects of flooding and drought and help educate residents on what they can do to reduce their negative impact on Devon's watershed.

As a part of this education, Town staff partnered with Devon schools to bring watershed education into the classroom to teach youth that what goes into their storm drains ends up in our rivers and how they can help to preserve Devon's aquatic ecosystem by reducing the amount of harmful substances that can enter the watershed.

Learn more about the North Saskatchewan Watershed at [nswa.ab.ca](http://nswa.ab.ca).



## Parent and Coach Workshop



Brand new this fall, the Town is launching a Parent and Coach Workshop geared toward parents, coaches or volunteers that are youth sports leaders in the community.

This free all-day workshop (which includes a light lunch) will equip youth sports leaders with the skills they need to support young athletes through four engaging sessions:

### 1. *HIGH FIVE Principles of Healthy Child Development*

### 2. *The Virtues Project*

### 3. *Quality Physical Literacy Experiences*

### 4. *Strategies for Dealing with Disclosure*

Those attending the workshop will also learn about additional opportunities to better support young athletes in the future through full Parent and Coach training certification.

Register online for the Parent and Coach Workshop at [devon.recdesk.com](http://devon.recdesk.com).



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