

OUR Devon News

TOWN OF
Devon
ALBERTA

SPRING 2018



Important Dates

April 21-27 – #PitchInDevon2018
Community Clean Up

April 27 – #PitchInDevon2018
Celebration BBQ

May 4 – Swimming Lesson
Registration Opens

May 5 – K-Days Talent Show Auditions

May 5 & 6 – Spring Treasure Hunt

May 8 & 9 – Large Item Pickup

May 11 – Dr. Deborah MacNamara: Making
sense of anxiety in children & teens

May 12 – 20th Anniversary of the Devon
Community Centre

May 15 & 16 – Brown Bag Collection

May 18 – Devon Community Pool
Opening BBQ!

May 31 – Property Tax Notices sent out

June 1 – Out by the River Celebrating
Diversity Event

June 6 – Senior's Week Celebration

June 6 – Devon Days Kick-off BBQ

June 6-10 – Devon Days

Learn more at Devon.ca/events!

Message from Mayor & Council



Mayor
Ray Ralph

We are excited to bring to you the first edition of our new “Our Devon News”, a newsletter from the Town & Council to our residents sharing our accomplishments from each quarter and other important Town-related information Devon residents should be aware of.

In November 2017 Council set 5 strategic priorities that they would like to accomplish throughout 2018.

These included:

- A Policing Services Review
- Review of a business case for a future recreation complex for Devon
- Exploring land development options

- Improving our communication between the Town and our residents
- Development of an Economic Development Action Plan

We are proud to say that we have hit the ground running on these priorities in 2018 and will continue to work towards addressing them as well as moving onto new priorities as we move through the year.





Council Highlights – 1st Quarter

Council Exploring Future Growth Options for Devon

On Mar. 26, Council gave first reading to Borrowing Bylaw 911/2018 to borrow funds for the development of 32 acres of land west of Highway 60 and the future construction of a recreation complex and other commercial development.

In mid-2017 Administration was directed by Council to jump on an opportunity to jointly purchase a quarter section of land located west of Highway 60 with Alberta Transportation. To spark the development of this land, Council is considering the construction of a new multi-purpose 80,000 sq. ft. recreation facility that will include:

- 15,000 sq. ft. two-story running track and multi-use space
- An entrance feature for a 30 foot high rock wall
- 2 NHL sized rinks with 16 dressing rooms with showers/bathrooms
- Seating for 800 people
- Office space, concession and flex space for supporting offices and personnel

If this project goes ahead, the Town is considering converting the existing Dale Fisher Arena into a Fieldhouse that would



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For the next step towards this project, Council has directed Administration to draft a letter to the Minister of Municipal Affairs requesting an increase in the Town’s borrowing capacity for the cost of developing the land and construction of the multi-purpose recreation facility.

Increasing Devon’s borrowing capacity requires a number of conditions that must be approved by the Minister of Municipal Affairs. The borrowing limit will only be increased if the Minister deems that Devon

is in a strong position financially with well-funded reserves and presents a sound business case for the development of the land and construction of a multi-purpose recreation facility. It is anticipated that this review will take two months to complete.

Updates on this project will be shared as it progresses through upcoming Council Meetings, Our Devon News, the Town of Devon website, The Town Facebook and Twitter accounts and the Devon Dispatch.



RCMP Community Forum

Council has heard loud and clear from the community that they would like to know more about Devon’s Policing Service. The first step towards addressing this was the RCMP Community Forum hosted by the Devon RCMP on Feb. 27 at the Community Centre. High-ranking members of the RCMP shared information with the public about policing followed by a Q & A session where Devon residents had the opportunity to have their questions answered. If you couldn’t attend the forum, the presentation along with the summarized Q & A is available at devon.ca/RCMP.





Economic Development Action Plan

In January, Council adopted the Economic Development Action Plan that outlines clear direction and framework for Council & Town staff to conduct the necessary initiatives for the growth and sustainability of commerce in the Devon.

The three major directions of the plan include:

- Business Retention & Expansion
- Commercial Development
- Industrial Business Growth

Devon's growth is a priority of Council and this plan will help guide the future of economic development for Devon. The full Economic Development Action Plan is available at devon.ca/plans.

Voyageur Park Parking Lot

It's no secret that the parking situation at Voyageur Park has been a challenge over the years and after thorough review, Council has approved the preliminary design of a new parking lot for the park.

The parking lot will feature 70 new parking stalls with funding secured through the River Valley Alliance for two-thirds of the project. This project is planned to start this summer.

Discovery Place Expansion

To facilitate the expansion of Discovery Place, Council has approved the sale of a portion of Town municipal reserve land adjacent to the facility. This expansion will bring 22 more rooms to Discovery Place along with the addition of a dementia ward with 18 dedicated rooms for seniors who require additional care. Construction on this project is slated to begin in late 2018. Learn more about the expansion at devon.ca/news.



Wastewater Treatment Plant Update

In 2016, Devon began the process of upgrading its aging Wastewater Treatment Plant. Some residents have expressed concerns about this project being grossly over budget, but Council has confirmed with Administration that the Wastewater Treatment Plan Update is progressing as planned, is on budget and will be completed by late 2019-early 2020.

K-Days Talent Auditions Coming to Devon

Do you have a special talent that you'd like to share with the world? An open audition for the K-Days Talent search is coming to Devon. This contest is open to anyone and everyone who has a special talent ages 5 and up!

The Devon event will feature prizes for junior, youth and adult categories ranging from \$150 to \$500 cash! Winners of the

Devon audition will move on to perform at K-Days for a grand prize of \$2,000!

Date: May 5, 2018
Time: 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
Place: Devon Community Centre (20 Haven Ave.)

Register at K-Days.com/talent-search today!



Launch of the Our Devon Newsletter

We are always striving to improve communication with our residents. Our Devon News provides a great avenue for the Town & Council to share highlights of what has been accomplished through each three-month period and other important dates or information with residents.



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Spring Large Item Pickup & Treasure Hunt

Each spring and fall the Town schedules a Treasure Hunt and Residential Large Item Pick Up. From May 5 to 12, all user fees will be waived for residential customers at the Devon Recycle Depot.

Treasure Hunt - May 5 & 6

The town-wide treasure hunt gives residents the opportunity to put any usable items out where your carts are normally placed for curbside collection prior to Large Item Pick Up, allowing others the opportunity to give them a new home.

Residential Large Item Pick Up - May 8 & 9

Please leave all unwanted large items out by your collection carts (please ensure you have one meter between large items and carts and move or label any items you do not want picked up) by 7 a.m. on your regular pick-up day.

Learn more about what is accepted during Large Item Pick Up at devon.ca/waste.

Devon Days & Seniors Week

Devon Days 2018 is June 6-10! Learn more about what this year's Devon Days has planned at devondays.ca!



Devon Community Pool Opening May 18

The Devon Community Pool is scheduled to open (weather pending) for the May Long Weekend on Friday, May 18 and invites everyone to come down for the annual Pool Opening BBQ!

Stay up to date on pool related events at facebook.com/devoncommunitypool.



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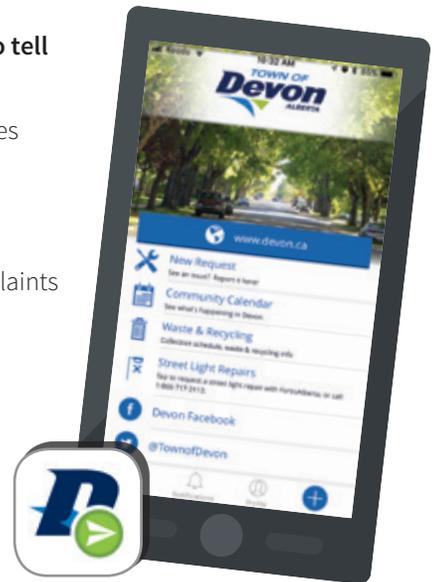
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- Parks & trails issues
- Noise or property complaints
- Animal services
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