

# OUR Devon News



SPRING & SUMMER 2021

## Important Dates

**Apr. 22-30** – Pitch in Devon 2021

**May** – State of the Town Video

**May 8 & 9** – Spring Treasure Hunt

**May 11 & 12** – Spring Large Item Pickup

**May 18 & 19** – Brown Bag Pickup

**May 31** – Property Tax Notices Sent Out

**June 11** – Senior's Week Celebration \*Home Delivery

**June 12** – Out by the River Pride Event

**June 21** – National Indigenous People's Day

**June 30** – Property Taxes Due

**July 1** – Canada Day Celebrations

**Aug. 20** – Movie in the Park

*\*Please note, event dates and format may be modified due to COVID-19 restrictions*

Learn more at [devon.ca/events](https://devon.ca/events)

## Message from Mayor & Council



Hello Devon and welcome to our spring/summer 2021 Our Devon News newsletter.

It has now been just over a year since COVID-19 became a daily part of our lives and we have had to adapt to new ways of living our lives and doing business. We have done our best at the Town to support Devon residents during this time and look forward to the Government of Alberta's vaccination rollout so we can start moving back towards normalcy.

Despite these challenges, we have still been able to accomplish a lot here in Devon over the past year.

On Mar. 29, 2021, the province shared some great news for Devon as Phase 2 of the Highway 19 twinning project is going to begin this spring. This is a huge win for us in Devon as our Council and Council's past have been advocating for this busy highway to be twinned for many years.

Last fall we were notified that Devon was a recipient of the Investing in Canada

Infrastructure Grant Program which would give us the capital funding needed to expand the Dale Fisher Arena into a multi-use recreational facility complete with an indoor swimming pool. Detailed design of the facility is currently being wrapped up and we look forward to shovels in the ground on the facility this spring.

Last, but far from least, there is a municipal election on Oct. 18, 2021. The Nomination Period for residents looking to serve on Council opened on Jan. 4, 2021 and will stay open until Sept. 20, 2021 at 12 p.m. and we invite all of those with a vision for Devon's future to put your name forward to serve our community for the next 4-year term.

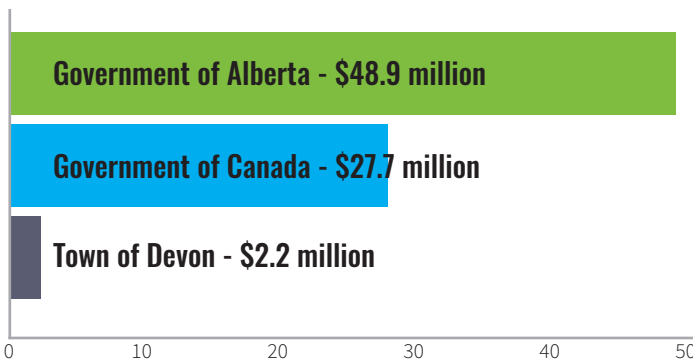
We know this has been a challenging year Devon. Thank you to everyone for doing your part and continuing to follow the public health restrictions issued by the province. We will continue doing our best to support the province's direction as we work to get through this pandemic together.



# Phase 2 of Highway 19 twinning starts this spring!

After over 20 years of advocacy by both past and present Town Councils, an announcement was made on Mar. 29, 2021 at the Devon Community Centre that Phase 2 of the Highway 19 twinning project would begin in spring 2021. Phase 2 of twinning includes the 3.5 km west stretch of Highway 19 that connects to Highway 60 as well as grade widening on Highway 60 and multiple intersection improvements. Construction of Phase 2 is expected to be completed by the fall of 2022.

**The total estimated cost of Phase 2 is about \$79 million.**

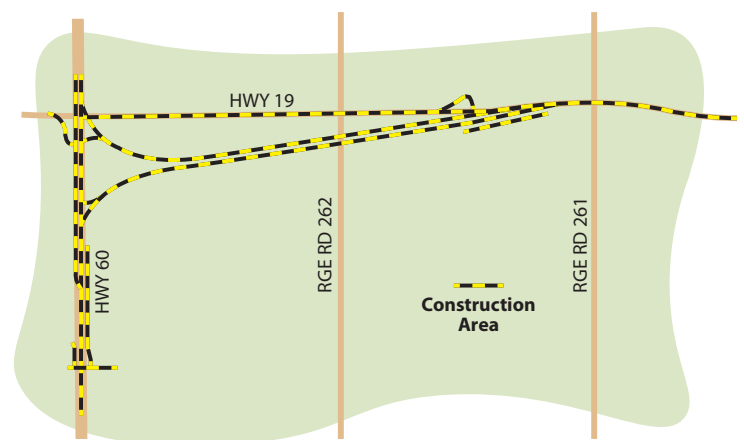


The Town's portion of this cost includes an access intersection at Range Road 261A as the Government of Alberta is turning over the existing part of Highway 19 from Highway 60 to Range Road 261A to the Town of Devon to support development by allowing for future connections to be built in the south end of Devon to the new Highway 19.

Phase 1 of twinning was completed in September 2019 and connected the QEII Highway to Range Road 253 on the east stretch of Highway 19. Phase 3 is currently in the detailed design phase and will eventually twin the middle section of Highway 19 between Range Road 261 and Range Road 253.



## Highway 19 Construction Plans



## New Major Project Dashboard now on Devon website

As part of Town Council's continued commitment to transparency and information sharing with Devon residents and other stakeholders, the Town has developed a new Major Projects Dashboard on the Devon website to share information about major projects approved by Council.

### Information shared on the Dashboard includes:

- Background project info
- Fiscal year project was approved
- The funding source for the project
- The approved budget for the project
- The estimated project start and end dates
- The estimated completion percentage of the project
- A map that shows where the project is located



Ball Diamonds Development			
Relocate and Construct New Ball Diamonds			
Fiscal Year 2020-2021		Funding Source Borrowing	
Approved Budget \$2,488,022.00		Est. Start Date January 2020	
Est. End Date Fall 2021		Last Updated On 3/16/2021 3:46 PM	
Estimated Completion			
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Legend			
0 to 30% - Funds approved by Council, project planning, engagement, design work			
31 to 50% - Detailed design, procurement, construction award			
51 to 90% - Construction			
91 to 100% - Substantially completed, assets that have been put into			

The Project Dashboard is available on the Town of Devon website at [devon.ca/project-dashboard](https://devon.ca/project-dashboard), through a button below the homepage banner and under the Projects and Initiatives section under Services on the mega menu.



# Recreation Facility Expansion Update

In Aug. 2020, the Town received confirmation that it was a recipient of the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Grant Program (ICIP) and would receive \$13.5 million in funding from the federal and provincial governments to expand the Dale Fisher Arena into a multi-use recreation facility.

## Some of the improvements in this expansion include:

- The addition of a second sheet of ice
- Enclosing the Devon Community Pool and transforming it into a year-round aquatic facility

- Adding in new fitness amenities including an upper level running track & small fitness spaces
- Reducing long-term operating costs for the facility through energy efficiency

## Where we are at now

On Jan. 25, 2021, Council awarded design engineering for the expanded facility to TBD Engineering and Urban Planning. TBD has since worked with the Town to develop an extensive user group and stakeholder list and has been consulting with these groups throughout March to inform the

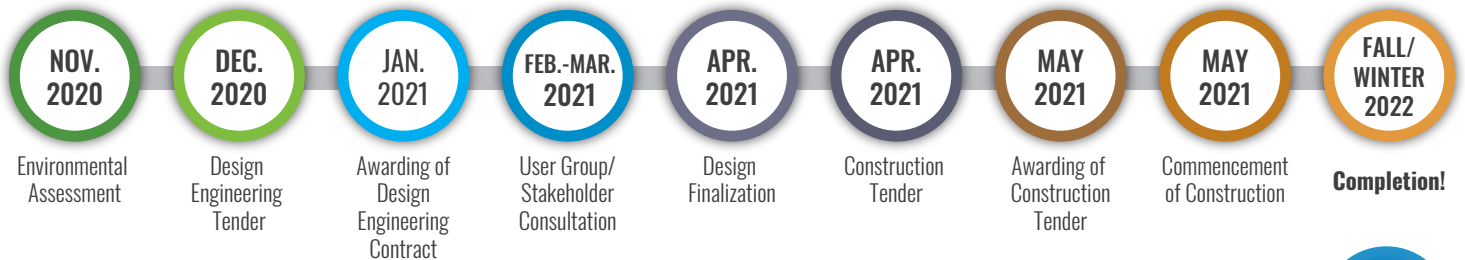
detailed design of the facility. Detailed design of the facility is now currently in progress and once complete, will be shared with the public.

## Next Steps

The next steps for this project include the tendering for construction of the facility followed by breaking ground with the start of construction this spring. Weather permitting, construction is expected to be complete in the fall/winter of 2022!

Learn more about the Recreation Facility Expansion project at [devon.ca/rec-expansion](https://devon.ca/rec-expansion).

## Recreation Facility Construction Timeline



## Upcoming Council Meetings

Council Meetings take place on the second and fourth Mondays of the month and start at 7 p.m. Due to the current COVID-19 provincial restrictions, all Council Meetings will take place virtually until further notice. All public is welcome to attend the meetings online and a Zoom link is included on each Council Agenda.



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

## Regional Transit Update

On January 28, 2021, the Government of Alberta approved the formation of a new regional services commission for the Edmonton Metropolitan Region called the Edmonton Metropolitan Transit Services Commission (EMTSC) with a mandate of improving transit and mobility throughout the region.

In its early stages, the new EMTSC will work to provide regional transit to the participating municipalities in the Edmonton Metropolitan Region with the long-term vision of improving regional mobility.

## The participating municipalities in the EMTSC include

- The City of Edmonton
- The City of St. Albert
- The City of Leduc
- The City of Spruce Grove
- The City of Fort Saskatchewan
- The Town of Stony Plain

- The Town of Beaumont
- The Town of Devon



## What does this mean for Devon?

Regional transit is something that has eluded Devon for a long time. By partnering with the new EMTSC and adopting a regional approach, regular transit to the Edmonton International Airport, Century Crossing LRT or other regional municipalities could become a reality in Devon as early as mid-late 2022.

In the meantime, the Town is working with the Edmonton Transit Service (ETS) to explore options for bringing transit to Devon sooner and bridge the gap from the launch of EMTSC transit. This work is in the preliminary stages and information will be shared with the public as it is available.

Learn more about all of the work that has gone into bringing transit to Devon at [devon.ca/rtsc](https://devon.ca/rtsc).





## Clean Energy Improvement Program coming to Devon this summer

In 2018, the Town of Devon started pursuing a Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) Program to help Albertans make affordable energy efficiency upgrades to their homes. A lot of work has gone into bringing this program to Devon including a change to the program name. The Town is proud to announce that the new Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) will be available to Devon resident property owners and businesses to apply for starting in summer 2021.

### How does the Clean Energy Improvement Program work?

The CEIP helps address the upfront cost barriers associated with energy efficiency and renewable upgrades. Residential, and in the future commercial property owners can access flexible financing from the Town of Devon to pay for eligible energy efficient upgrades.

What makes CEIP different from all other financing options available in the market is the Clean Energy Improvement Charge is tied to the property and not the property owner. If the property is sold, the new owner assumes responsibility for repayment, while also enjoying the benefits of the upgrade(s).

### Key features of the CEIP

- Competitive interest rates and long repayment terms (up to 25 years depending on project)
- Flexibility to repay the Clean Energy Improvement Charge at any time
- Clean Energy Improvement Charge is tied to the property, not the property owner
- Participation in the program is voluntary for property owners
- If rebates and incentives are available they can be used to reduce your project cost

### Types of Upgrades Available

- HVAC control and heating (e.g., high efficiency furnace, air source heat pump)
- Water heating (e.g., tankless natural gas water heater, drain water heat recovery)
- Renewable and alternative energy (e.g., solar PV, combined heat, and power)
- Doors, windows, and insulation

More information on the Clean Energy Improvement Program is available at [myCEIP.ca](http://myCEIP.ca).

## Nomination Period Open for Devon Municipal Election



The Town of Devon is holding a municipal election this fall on **Monday, October 18, 2021.**

Due to recent changes in legislation, the Nomination Period for prospective candidates is open from **Jan. 4, 2021 to Sept. 20, 2021 at 12 p.m.** Candidates looking to run in the election must schedule an appointment with the Town of Devon's Returning Officer to submit their nomination.

Learn more about the Oct. 18 municipal election at [devon.ca/2021-election](http://devon.ca/2021-election).

### The Returning Officer can be reached at:

**Tony Kulbisky**  
Returning Officer  
P: 780-987-8301  
E: [TKulbisky@devon.ca](mailto:TKulbisky@devon.ca)

## Here's how CEIP would work:

1. Owner decides to make a clean-energy upgrade



2. Owner signs agreement with municipality



3. Contractor installs upgrade



4. Owner pays back upgrade cost through property taxes



5. Property owners will save money on energy bills, reduce emissions and contribute to a green economy



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