

OUR Devon News



FALL 2021

Important Dates

September – Launch of Fall Themed Activity Kits

September – Culture Month

Sept. 1 – Community Awareness Night

Sept. 2-7 – Virtual Community Awareness

Sept. 15 – Coffee with a Cop

Sept. 18 & 19 – Fall Treasure Hunt

Sept. 20 – Federal Election

Sept. 20 – Municipal Election Nominations close at 12 p.m.

Sept. 21 & 22 – Fall Large Item Pick Up

Sept. 30 – Orange Shirt Day & National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

Oct. 4 – Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls (MMIWG) National Day of Action

Oct. 6, 13, 14, 16 – Advance Voting Days

Oct. 18 – Municipal Election Day

Oct. 30 – Halloween Haunt

Nov. 16 – RCMP Town Hall Event

Nov. 27 – Merry and Bright Parade – brought to you by Christmas in the Park

Dec. 3 & 4 – 2022 Operating Budget Deliberations

Dec. 15 – Senior's Tea and Jingles

Message from Mayor & Council



Mayor
Ray Ralph

Hello Devon, and welcome to our Fall 2021 Our Devon Newsletter. It's hard to believe that summer is already almost over. The last few months have been busy as Alberta's "Open for Summer" plan kicked into effect, and province-wide restrictions ended.

The Devon Community Pool opened on June 4 for the first time since 2019, and we have had a busy season with full bookings for rentals and swimming lessons. We were also able to run many of our summer programs and events in-person throughout the summer, including our Day Camps, the Summer Shack program, a Canada Day Parade, a first annual Treaty Six Day celebration, and back to school fireworks.

In June, we released our first-ever "State of the Town" video showcasing the amazing work we have done here in Devon over the past year and a small glimpse into what is to come. This video is available for viewing on the Town of Devon website at devon.ca/stateofthetown and our social media pages.

As we move into the Fall we have many important projects on the go.

First of all, construction of the new ball diamonds west of Highway 60 is nearing

completion, and the diamonds should be ready for use for the 2022 ball season.

Secondly, The Devon transit pilot project is slated to start this Fall and will give Devon residents a new opportunity to commute to and from Edmonton.

The Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) is also launching this fall and we are excited to be able to provide the community with a cost-effective and environmentally friendly way to upgrade their homes.

Lastly, the municipal election is coming up in October. Residents can vote on one of the advance voting days (Oct. 6, 13, 14, 16) or on Election Day itself (Oct. 18). Every vote counts, and we encourage all eligible residents to come out and ensure the best representation as possible through Council for our community.

As we approach the tail-end of our term as Council, we are proud of our work and accomplishments over the past four years and look forward to serving the community for the time we have left. It has been a privilege to work with our community and strive to make Devon the vibrant place that it is today.

Clean Energy Improvement Program launching this fall



Since 2018, Council has been working hard to bring the Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) to Devon. This program provides residents with a new way to finance energy-efficient home upgrades or renewable energy installations.

The program will be up and running soon and open to all property owners in Town. Some perks of the CEIP include financing with a competitive interest rate, repayment terms of up to 20-25 years, and having the option to pay the project off at any time. Additionally, repayment is straightforward as it is added on to the participant's regular property tax bills.

The CEIP charges are tied to the property and not the property owner.

Here are the steps to participate in the CEIP program:

- 1 Pre-qualify** Complete and submit the Pre-qualification form found at myCEIP.ca
- 2 Project application** Once pre-qualified:
 - At this step you will be provided with the project application form.
 - Complete your NRCAN Home Energy

Evaluation and choose your upgrades with the report in hand.

- Select a Qualified Contractor from the CEIP directory, getting at least three quotes. If you don't see your contractor on the list, forward them the link so they can apply BEFORE you complete your program application.
- Complete and submit the Project Application Form and required supporting documents.

3 Agreements Once your project is approved, sign the Clean Energy Improvement Agreement and the Project Agreement.

4 Installation Your Qualified Contractor will install your upgrades. Complete and submit an Upgrade Completion Form with required supporting documents. Then you will complete a post-retrofit NRCAN Home Energy Evaluation.

5 Repayment Once approved, CEIP will pay your contractor. You'll see the total project cost added to your property's tax bill as a Clean Energy Improvement Charge.

Find more details and apply for the program at myCEIP.ca

Contractor call-out

Are you a local contractor?

Find out how you can become CEIP certified and take your business to the next level at myCEIP.ca/contractor



Municipal Election Reminder



Our municipal election is fast approaching on October 18 of this year and we encourage all residents to come out to vote either on one of the advance voting days or on Election Day itself at the **Devon Community Center** (20 Haven Ave., Devon, AB).

Advance Voting Days:

- October 6 - 5-8 p.m.
- October 13 - 5-8 p.m.
- October 14 - 5-8 p.m.
- October 16 - 12-5 p.m.

Election Day:

- October 18 - 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. @ Devon Community Centre

Nomination Period Closes Sept. 20

Devon residents looking to serve on Council and run in the upcoming Municipal Election must have their Nomination paperwork submitted to the Town by Monday, Sept. 20 at 12 p.m.

Learn more about how to become a candidate or about the 2021 Municipal Election at devon.ca/2021election.

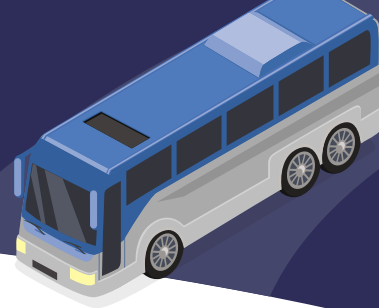
Upcoming Council Meetings

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.





Transit Pilot Project



One of the top priorities for this Council was to bring reliable transit to Devon and provide residents with a way to get to and from Edmonton without needing a vehicle.

In partnership with the Edmonton Transit Service (ETS), an 18-month transit pilot project will take off this fall. During the pilot, residents can ride the bus to get to Edmonton and back.

In June we launched our first transit survey that asked for resident's feedback

on the pilot including, morning and evening departure times, departure/arrival location, and route options.

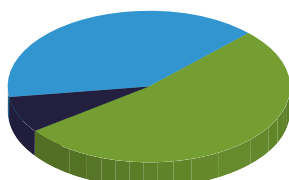
Based on the June survey results it was decided that the bus will run in the a.m. and p.m. once a day on weekdays and will depart from and drop off at the Devon Community Centre. The preferred time window for departure in the morning is 6:30 a.m. – 7 a.m. and for pick up in Edmonton from 5:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

The second survey asked residents their primary reason for wanting to use the bus and what would be the preferred destination and results will be included in the final proposal to Council with ETS in September.

Full results for both surveys, and more information can be found at devon.ca/transit-pilot.

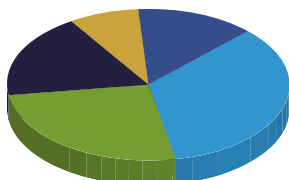
2021 June Transit Survey Results

1. Which route option would you prefer the Town to run?



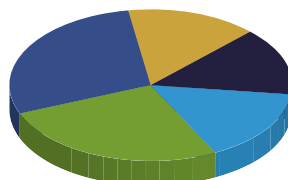
● Devon - EIA Mall - Century Park **51.51%**
● Devon to Century Park **39.66%**
● None of the above **7.82%**

2. The bus will take about 35 mins (option A) or about 45 mins (option B) to reach Century Park in the morning. Which time window would you prefer for a bus to depart Devon in the morning?



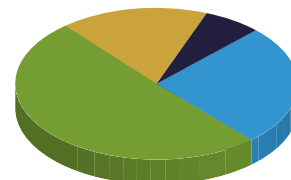
● 7:00-7:30am **34.67%**
● 6:30-7:00am **25.63%**
● 6:00-6:30am **18.09%**
● 5:30-6:00am **8.04%**
● None of these work for me **13.57%**

3. Which time window would you prefer a bus to depart Century Park to head back to Devon in the evening?

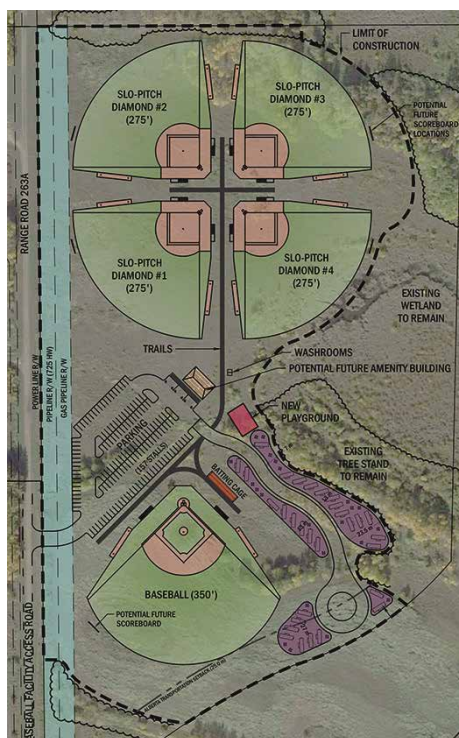


● 5:00-5:30pm **28.50%**
● 5:30-6:00pm **26.50%**
● 6:00-6:30pm **15.50%**
● 6:30-7:00pm **14.50%**
● None of these work for me **15.00%**

4. Which location would you prefer for the bus to pick up/drop off passengers in the morning and evening?



● Hardy's Independent Grocer **16.92%**
● The Devon Community Centre **50.74%**
● Southport Common **25.87%**
● None of these work for me **6.47%**



Ball Diamonds Relocation



Construction of the new ball diamonds located west of HWY 60 is in full-swing with the 350' baseball diamond being sodded and work continuing on the four 275' slow-pitch diamonds.

This new facility will not only boast the 5 new diamonds but also a camping area, and eventually a playground structure. Shovels are in the ground, and the

new diamonds are expected to be ready for use for the 2022 ball season.

Many residents and people in surrounding communities will directly benefit from this project, and waitlists are expected to be largely eliminated for baseball and slow-pitch teams with the expanded facility.



Indigenous Engagement update



The Town has taken great strides this summer on continuing to build Indigenous Relations and promoting inclusion in the community. In June, the Town hosted National Indigenous Peoples Week, which included a powwow celebration, a medicine bag workshop, virtual sharing circles, and a concert by Donny L'Hirondelle.

This summer, Mayor Ralph also proclaimed August 23 Treaty 6 Day, a special day to commemorate Devon's connection with the First Peoples of the Land. For the first annual Treaty Six Day event, the Town hosted a flag-raising ceremony and guest speakers at the Town Office followed by tipi sessions in the Dale Fisher Arena.



RCMP Town Hall



The Devon RCMP will be hosting their first town hall since the pandemic on November 16, 2021 at the Devon Community Centre from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. The event is intended to provide the community with information about the RCMP's current policing priorities, changes that have occurred in the past three years, and projects and initiatives that the Devon RCMP are involved in.

The officers in attendance will also be answering questions from the public

about policing service and seeking feedback from residents to be used to guide next year's policing priorities in Devon. This event is open to all Town of Devon residents and the surrounding communities.



Paid on call Firefighter recruitment



Do you have a desire to give back and promote fire safety in your community? We are taking applications for Paid On-Call Firefighters until mid-September!

Learn more and/or apply at devon.ca/firerecruitment



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