



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **NEW DEDICATED TRAILER PARKING AT VOYAGEUR PARK MEANS SMOOTH SAILING FOR BOATERS THIS SUMMER**

Devon, AB – Newly opened dedicated boat trailer parking at the Voyageur Park boat launch in Devon will provide more space and more efficient traffic flow for vehicles with trailers to launch their motorized boats.

Construction is now finished on an enhancement to the boat launch parking lot that includes the creation of a new parking lot and access road to complement the existing lot. Vehicles with trailers will now park in the original lot so they're closer to the launch, while vehicles without trailers can park in the new space.

"Parking has been an ongoing issue at our boat launch with multiple user groups coming to Voyageur Park to enjoy the North Saskatchewan River or take a trip through our extensive trail network," says Devon Mayor Ray Ralph. "By working together with the River Valley Alliance, we have come to a win-win solution by providing dedicated boat trailer parking by the river to not interfere with those looking to just enjoy everything else Voyageur Park has to offer."

The project was funded through a partnership between the River Valley Alliance (RVA) and the Town of Devon. The RVA has also previously contributed to Devon's Voyageur Park development with the parking lot enhancement project being an extension of that initial project.

The RVA's goal is to create connectivity and river valley access through a balanced approach of preserving, protecting and enhancing one of the largest metropolitan river valley park systems in the world. Projects include trail connectivity, pedestrian bridges, river valley access points, and boat access.

RVA projects are funded through a one-third cost sharing model among the three levels of government: municipal, provincial, and federal. Municipalities determine the projects – and their priorities – in their communities.

"The RVA is all about creating connectivity and access to the river valley – and that of course includes access to the river," says RVA Executive Director Brent Collingwood. "We're pleased to continue to work together with the Town of Devon in helping to get both citizens and visitors closer to this beautiful gem that's in our own backyard."

**Tips for Voyageur Park boat launch users**

- The northern most parking lot is for boat launch traffic only
- The Voyageur Park boat launch is a single launch site – only 1 boat is to be launched at a time
- Always angle your boat downstream with the current for smoother launching and loading
- Avoid the three large boulders downstream of the boat launch

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**About the River Valley Alliance**

The River Valley Alliance (RVA) is a not-for-profit organization made up of the seven shareholder municipalities that border the North Saskatchewan River in the Edmonton Metropolitan region: the Town of Devon, Parkland County, Leduc County, the City of Edmonton, Strathcona County, the City of Fort Saskatchewan, and Sturgeon County. The RVA's goal is to create trail connectivity and access through a balanced approach of preserving, protecting and enhancing one of the largest metropolitan river valley park systems in the world. Projects include trails, pedestrian bridges, and boat access. The ultimate objective of the RVA is to connect one continuous trail from Devon to Fort Saskatchewan, spanning approximately 100 km.

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