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## March 23, 2021

### LAC STE. ANNE COUNTY ANNOUNCES GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING MILESTONES

Canada and Alberta invest in County infrastructure projects to strengthen the economy and build resilient communities.

Submitted by Lac Ste. Anne County

Lac Ste. Anne County is pleased to announce its receipt of joint federal and provincial grant funding totaling \$11,800,000 for construction of a wastewater transmission line between

lagoon facilities in the County's southeast quadrant. When complete, this line will connect the Hamlet of Darwell lagoon facility to the Tri-Village Regional Sewer Commission lagoon facility in Alberta Beach.

This project – referred to as the Darwell Lagoon

Commission Regional Wastewater Transmission Line - Phase B (Darwell to Tri-Village) – is one of two sub-phases of a more comprehensive regional wastewater transmission system.

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### WHITECOURT THANKS THE COMMUNITY FOR ITS COOPERATION DURING WATER EMERGENCY

Submitted by Town of Whitecourt

MARCH 18, 2021  
The Town of Whitecourt thanks the community for its cooperation and overwhelming support during

the State Of Local Emergency (SOLE) that was declared on March 13, 2021.

A power disruption at the Whitecourt Water Treatment Plant caused the facility's operating system to go offline on the evening of

March 12, stopping the production of water. The SOLE was terminated on March 15, 2021 once the plant was back in operation.

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# Lac Ste. Anne County Announces Green Infrastructure Funding Milestones

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Under the guidance of the Darwell Lagoon Commission, the County has se-



cured close to \$23 million in federal and provincial grant dollars for this system over two years, representing 90% of the cost of this critical wastewater infrastructure project.

"I commend the federal and provincial government for their investments in our region," shared Lac Ste. Anne County Reeve Joe Blakeman. "This funding will help further reduce our dependence on aging infrastructure. It will also create local jobs, strengthen our economy, and support healthier and more sustainable communities for generations to come."

In March Of 2019, Alberta's Transportation Minister approved \$11,272,500 in Water for Life Strategy grant funding for Phase A of this project, which entails construction of a regional wastewater transmission

line from the Summer Village of Sandy Beach to the Town of Onoway lagoon facility. This funding covers 90 per cent of the estimated eligible project costs up to \$11,272,500 for the Darwell Regional Wastewater Transmission line - Phase A (Sandy Beach/Sunrise Beach to Onoway).

In June of 2020, Alberta's Minister of Infrastructure approved grant funding for the Phase B wastewater project through the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP). The County received the maximum federal funding under ICIP, which is 40% of the total eligible costs up to \$4,720,000. The County received additional grant funding under the Water for Life Strategy that covers 50% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$5,900,000.

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We have been in constant communication with other communities and the county ball rep regarding this season, and per our last meeting we decided to open pre-registration to gauge interest in the up coming season. We are still uncertain, due to current restrictions, if there will be a season but remain hopeful and want to be prepared and ready to go, if the season is a go. There is no payment required at this time, if restrictions get lifted and the season is a go, regular fees will then apply. **\*Please note you will not be obligated to pay or play if you register now and change your mind when the season starts\***

This is a means to get the ball rolling and see if there is even enough interest. Should you have any question please don't hesitate to contact myself (Jillene) or Craig Dahl.

**Thank you for your support and understanding, here's to hoping the kids can get back to playing some ball!!**

**Jillene McDonald**, President of Darwell Athletic Association  
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# Whitecourt Thanks the Community for its Cooperation During Water Emergency

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“The combined efforts from those throughout the community show what can be done when everyone pulls together,” stated Whitecourt Mayor Maryann Chichak. “From all the families that scaled back to only the basic uses of drinking and cooking, to the local businesses that halted high-water use activities to conserve - every little bit helped.”

In an effort to meet demand and ensure the safety of the community, water was hauled from neighbouring municipalities throughout

the weekend so that the water supply held in area reservoirs wasn’t depleted to critical levels. Throughout the emergency, and due to conservation efforts, water service went uninterrupted to all areas of the community.

“It was amazing to see our municipal partners and neighbours react so quickly with offers to assist,” added Mayor Chichak. “Within hours of putting the call out, area contractors rallied behind us by getting trucks in service and starting round trip routes to haul water from Mayerthorpe, Edson and Yellowhead County.

Thank you to the drivers that worked throughout the day and night to keep our water supply up. I’d also like to thank local industry for lending their expertise and knowledge to help diagnose the system errors. This truly was a team effort, and really represents what the Whitecourt community is all about.”

Throughout the event, Whitecourt was in communication with the Alberta Emergency Management Agency and Alberta Environment. The type of power surge that occurred on March 12 was so unexpected, that it hasn’t been

contemplated in contingency plans for any water treatment facility across the province. However, surge protection in place at the Whitecourt plant helped protect major infrastructure and minimized the impact of this unique occurrence. The Alberta Water & Wastewater Operators Association has asked that the Town of Whitecourt make a presentation on this experience and share our learnings at an upcoming meeting.

“Of course the efforts of Whitecourt staff were exceptional, and I appreciate the team’s hard work,” added Mayor Chichak.

## PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

### NOTICE OF DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPROVALS

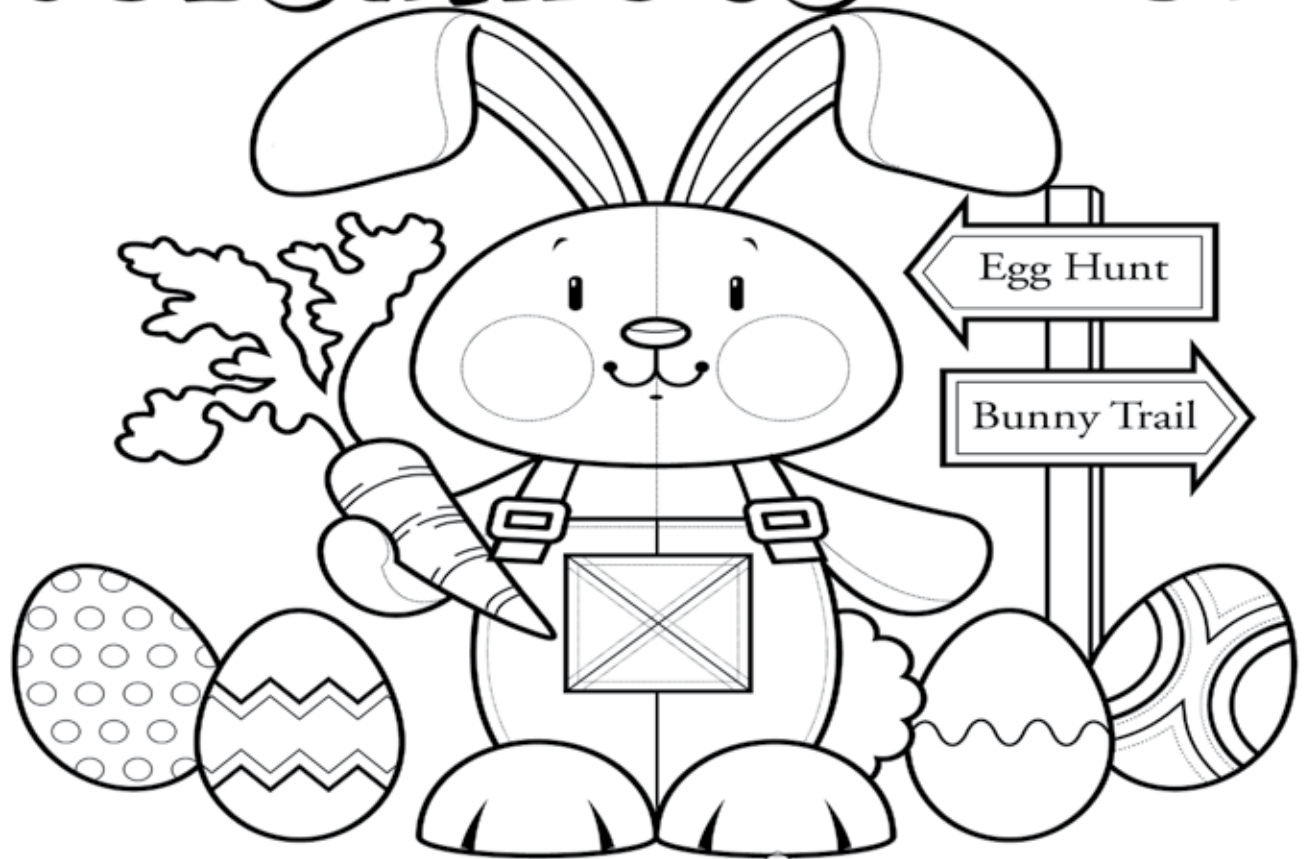
The following Development Permits have been approved or conditionally approved under the provisions of the Land Use Bylaw. This list does not include Permitted Uses. Interested parties are encouraged to contact the Planning and Development department at 1-866-880-5722 or [devassistant@LSAC.ca](mailto:devassistant@LSAC.ca), Monday to Friday 8:30am to 4:30pm to request additional information on a permit.

PERMIT #	LEGAL LAND DESCRIPTION	DESCRIPTION	APPEAL DEADLINE
21-D0045	Lot 11, Block 1, Plan 0821529 Tuscany Hills within SE 34-54-01 W5M 22, 54514 RGE RD 12	Cutting trees on hillside to level out a building site, and moving off of material to have a build site for house.	April 5, 2021
21-D0042	Lot 9, Block 3, Plan 0326055 Heather Downs within SE 04-54-02 W5M 104, 2306 TWP RD 540	Modular home main 48.0' x 40.0' (1676.0 sq. ft.) wall 9.1', 2nd floor 31.0' x 18.0' (215.0 sq. ft.) wall 5.0, basement 48.0' x 40.0' (1676.0 sq. ft.) wall 9'4", open deck (162.0 sq. ft.), covered deck (270.0 sq. ft.) and a Detached Garage 22.0' x 24.0' (528.0 sq. ft.) wall 8.5'	April 12, 2021
21-D0034	SE 03-56-01 W5M	Regional Water Commission Truck Fill/Reservoir, Main 6.0m x 7.5m (45.0 sq. m.) 4.6m walls, Basement 6.0m x 7.5m (45.0 sq. m.) 4.0m walls	April 12, 2021
21-D0050	Lot 17, Block 6, Plan 7821310 Eagle Ridge Estates within NE 15-54-01 W5M 66, 54228 RGE RD 12	Shipping Container, Main 12.19m x 2.44m (29.74 sq. m.) 2.9m walls	April 5, 2021

Anyone who claims to be affected and who wishes to lodge an appeal against any of the above developments must do so in writing on the applicable form on or before 4:30pm on the above noted date(s). Secretary of the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board, c/o Lac Ste. Anne County, Planning & Development department, Box 219, Sangudo, Alberta, T0E 2A0.

PLEASE NOTE: Lac Ste. Anne County requires that a non-refundable fee of \$250.00 be paid for every appeal served on the Subdivision and Development Appeal Board. Fees may be paid by Cheque, Visa, MasterCard, Interac or Cash.

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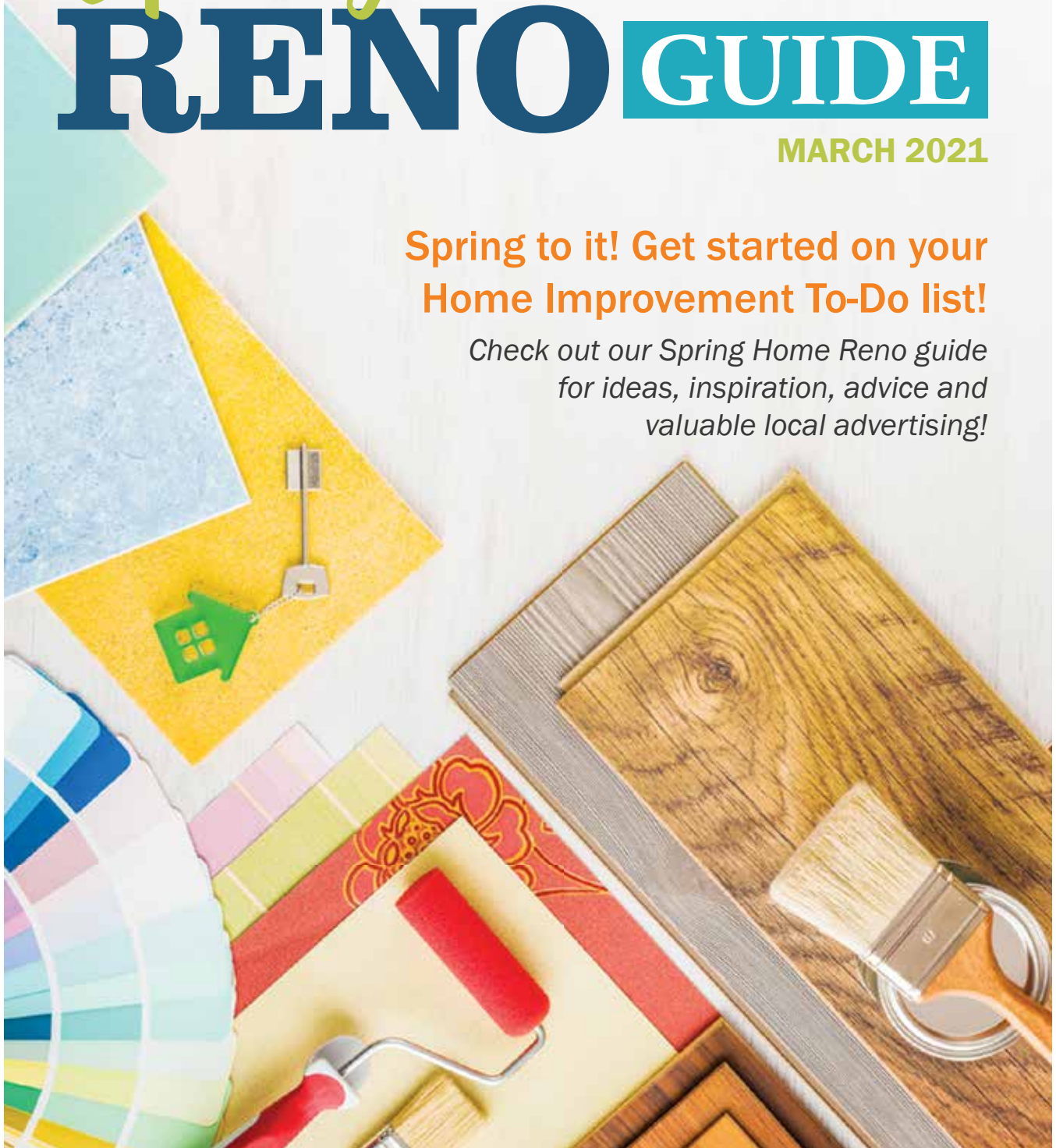
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Home improvement projects can help homeowners transform their homes. Such projects are costly, but many homeowners save money by doing some, if not all, of the work themselves.

The Electrical Safety Foundation International, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting electrical safety, recommends that homeowners leave electrical work to the professionals. Licensed electricians are well-trained, whereas homeowners may not be skilled enough to avoid accidents or injuries, which can prove fatal when working with electricity.

Homeowners who take the do-it-yourself route with electrical work should consider these safety tips, courtesy of the ESFI, before beginning a home electrical project.

Learn your home electrical system. Home electrical sys-

tems may include power lines, electric meters, service panels, subpanels, wiring, and more. These systems are complex, and homeowners who intend to do some DIY electrical work should familiarize themselves with their home electrical systems prior to beginning any work. The ESFI notes that knowledge of their home electrical systems can help homeowners more safely navigate them and make maintenance easier.

Honestly assess your skills. An honest assessment of skills is absolutely necessary prior to working on an electrical system. According to the National Safety Council, injuries relating to electrical incidents typically fall into one of four categories: electrical shock, electrocution, falls, and burns. Each of these injuries is significant. For example, electric shock, which occurs

when electrical current passes over or through a person's body, involves burns, abnormal heart rhythm and unconsciousness. Given the potential for serious injury, the ESFI urges homeowners to make an honest assessment of their skills before they begin working on their home's electrical systems. Little or no experience working with electrical systems should be considered a significant hurdle to any DIY project.

Turn the power off. It's essential that the power to the circuit that will be worked on be turned off prior to starting any work. This can be accomplished by switching off the circuit breaker in the main service panel. Similarly, when working on appliances or lamps, make sure the products are unplugged prior to working on them.

Do not touch plumbing or

gas pipes when doing electrical work. The experts at the Indiana Electric Cooperative note that the risk for electrocution is significant when water comes in contact with electricity. It's imperative that homeowners do not touch plumbing and gas pipes when performing a DIY electrical project. Professionals know how to work around such pipes while minimizing their risk for electric shock or worse, and homeowners must familiarize themselves with the techniques professionals rely on to stay safe if they intend to begin DIY electrical projects.

Homeowners are best served by leaving electrical work to the professionals. However, those who insist on doing such work themselves should do their homework and get to know their systems and safety protocols prior to beginning a project.



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## HOW TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT LIGHTING INSIDE YOUR HOME

Lighting in a home serves both practical and aesthetic purposes. It's easy to maneuver around a well-lit home, reducing the risk of slips and falls, and the right lighting can help homeowners create their desired ambiance, which typically changes depending on which room you're in.

When choosing lighting for their homes, homeowners must walk a fine line between appearance and functionality. A fixture in the foyer that instantly impresses visitors likely won't prove as awe-inspiring if it's installed in the living room. When choosing lighting for a home, some general

rules about what works in each room can help homeowners make the most informed decision.

**Kitchen**  
Kitchens are often the busiest room in a home, so lighting here can be especially important. A kitchen often benefits, both practically and aesthetically, from different types of lighting. For example, pendant lighting above kitchen islands can make meal preparation easier and safer, but such lighting likely won't work in breakfast nooks and informal dining areas in the kitchen. Recessed lighting works best in such areas. In kitchens with no island,

under-cabinet lighting can be used to illuminate countertops and simplify meal preparation.

**Formal dining room**  
Many people enjoy the look of chandeliers in formal dining rooms, and such fixtures can be installed directly above the dinner table. The interior design experts at Better Homes & Gardens advise hanging chandeliers roughly 33 inches above the table in dining rooms with eight-foot ceilings, adding three inches for each additional foot above eight feet. Darkened dining areas may be ideal in restaurants, but homeowners may want to

split the difference at home and choose dimmable chandeliers for their dining rooms. This allows homeowners to dim the lights for romantic dinners but turn them up for family gatherings with lots of people around the table.

**Living room**  
Adaptability also is important in the living room, where homeowners may host anything from movie nights to book clubs to parties for the big game. It can be a tall order to accommodate such a wide range of activities, and many homeowners come down to deciding between recessed lighting and track lighting.

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## How To Choose The Right Lighting Inside Your Home

If the living room currently has neither style, homeowners should recognize that it will cost considerably less to install track lighting than recessed lighting. Better Homes & Gardens notes that flexible track lighting provides ambient, task or accent lighting, and track lights can even be moved to change lighting schemes at any time, making them a budget-friendly option for homeowners whose living rooms are multi-purpose spaces. Recessed lighting also works well in living rooms, especially ones with low ceilings. That's because recessed lighting is installed into the ceiling, meaning it does not take up any visual space in the

room. That can help living rooms feel bigger.

**Bedroom**  
The home improvement experts at BobVila.com note that bedroom lighting should provide enough light when getting dressed, but also be able to be toned down as residents prepare for their bedtime routines. Both portable and installed lighting can be used in bedrooms to serve these various functions. Recessed fixtures that dim can ensure there's ample light to get dressed in the morning, but they also can be dimmed at night as residents try to get ready to sleep. Portable nightstand lights can make it easier for couples sharing a bedroom,

allowing one person to stay up and read while the other goes to sleep.

Homeowners have many options and many needs when choosing lighting for their homes. A professional

consultation with a lighting expert or interior decorator can help homeowners find lights that provide both practical and aesthetic appeal.



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## THE AVERAGE TIMELINES FOR POPULAR RENOVATION PROJECTS

Home renovation projects are significant undertakings. Working with skilled and experienced contractors can ensure projects go smoothly and are completed promptly. Timing is a big consideration for homeowners as they begin renovating their homes,

and the home improvement experts at HomeAdvisor note that the following are some general timelines for popular renovation projects.

Home addition: Short of a full-scale demolition and rebuild, home additions are the

most time-consuming projects homeowners can undertake. HomeAdvisor notes that its survey of customers who recently completed home addition projects reported that the average time from start to finish was between three and four months.

Certain variables, including the scale of the project and the local permits process, can extend the time it takes to complete a home addition.

Kitchen remodel: Scale is a big factor to consider when estimating the time it takes to complete various home improvement projects, and kitchen remodels are no exception. Some HomeAdvisor users reported projects taking as long as four months, though the average time reported was roughly six weeks. Projects that require major overhauls like rearranging the plumbing and moving walls will likely take longer than more cosmetic projects that are limited to replacing cabinets and countertops.

Bathroom remodel: More than 1,000 homeowners surveyed by HomeAdvisor reported that bathroom remodels took about 4.5 weeks from start to finish. Small-scale remodels that focus on painting the walls a fresh color and replacing existing tiles can be completed in less than two weeks. But like with kitchen remodels, bathroom remodels that involve replacing plumbing fixtures and removing walls figure to take much longer than that.

Siding installation: HomeAdvisor users report that new siding projects take roughly two weeks from start to finish. That estimate is the same regardless of which materials homeowners are replacing and installing.

Replacement windows: Homeowners who want to replace all the windows in their home can expect such a project to take roughly three weeks. HomeAdvisor notes that such a timeline need not concern homeowners worried that they will be forced to brave the elements during the length of the project. Much of a contractors' time during a window replacement project will be spent on upfront measuring and then ensuring a tight fit once the windows have been installed.

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## EXTERIOR LIGHTING CAN ADD AMBIANCE TO A PROPERTY

The value of the right lighting in a home is undeniable. Lighting can instantly transform a room and create the ambiance homeowners are looking to establish. Though it might be mostly seen as a way to create mood inside a home, lighting also can do much for lawns and gardens.

Backyards have come a long way over the last several decades. Once reserved as play areas for children and stomping grounds for the family dog, backyards have become oases for homeowners and their families. Outdoor living areas are wildly popular, and no such area is complete without exterior lighting. In fact, a recent report from the National Association of Home Builders found that 85 percent of home buyers want exterior

lighting, making it the second most desired outdoor feature (patios topped that list).

Exterior lighting can have a dramatic effect on landscaping, and estimates from the online financial resource Kiplinger.com suggest such lighting is inexpensive, with installation averaging roughly \$67 per fixture.

When installing exterior lighting around their landscapes, homeowners can keep various tips in mind to create a relaxing, awe-inspiring mood on their properties at night.

- Consider uplights. Uplights are installed in the ground and direct light up at a tree, focusing on its trunk or canopy. This creates a dramatic effect that makes it possible to enjoy majestic trees at night

just like you might when spending time in the yard during the day.

- Focus on trees. Many homeowners already have exterior lighting lining their walkways and patios, but focusing on trees can create an entirely different look. Though it's possible to install exterior tree lighting on your own, landscaping professionals with lighting experience know which fixtures will pair most effectively with the trees around your property and how to arrange them for maximum effect.

- Opt for warm light. Warm white light creates an inviting feel around the property. The exterior lighting experts at Utah Lights acknowledge that choice of lighting is up to homeowners but also note

that, in situations with lower levels of ambient light, such as in exterior lights around a property, people typically prefer warmer light. That's because warm light tends to be easier on the eyes and directs attention to the features of the landscape, which is many homeowners' goal when installing exterior lighting in their yards.

- Utilize a timer. Modern exterior lighting timers make it easier than ever to control the lights outside a home. Many such timers even adjust for the changing seasons and the shifting hours of daylight. That means homeowners shouldn't have to tinker with the timer once it's set.

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**Sangudo, Alberta, Wednesday, March 17, 2021** – Lac Ste. Anne County is pleased to announce its receipt of joint federal and provincial grant funding totalling \$11,800,000 for construction of a wastewater transmission line between lagoon facilities in the County's southeast quadrant. When complete, this line will connect the Hamlet of Darwell lagoon facility to the Tri-Village Regional Sewer Commission lagoon facility in Alberta Beach.

This project — referred to as the Darwell Lagoon Commission Regional Wastewater Transmission Line - Phase B (Darwell to Tri-Village) — is one of two sub-phases of a more comprehensive regional wastewater transmission system. Under the guidance of the Darwell Lagoon Commission, the County has secured close to \$23 million in federal and provincial grant dollars for this system over two years, representing 90% of the cost of this critical wastewater infrastructure project.

*I commend the federal and provincial government for their investments in our region," shared Lac Ste. Anne County Reeve Joe Blakeman. "This funding will help further reduce our dependence on aging infrastructure. It will also create local jobs, strengthen our economy, and support healthier and more sustainable communities for generations to come."*

In March of 2019, Alberta's Transportation Minister approved \$11,272,500 in **Water for Life Strategy** grant funding for Phase A of this project, which entails construction of a regional wastewater transmission line from the Summer Village of Sandy Beach to the Town of Onoway lagoon facility. This funding covers 90 per cent of the estimated eligible project costs up to \$11,272,500 for the Darwell Regional Wastewater Transmission line – Phase A (Sandy Beach/Sunrise Beach to Onoway).

In June of 2020, Alberta's Minister of Infrastructure approved grant funding for the Phase B wastewater project through the **Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program** (ICIP). The County received the maximum federal funding under ICIP, which is 40% of the total eligible costs up to \$4,720,000. The County received additional grant funding under the **Water for Life Strategy** that covers 50% of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$5,900,000. The chart below shows federal and provincial grant funding amounts to date for this project.

Darwell Regional Wastewater Transition Line	Federal Funding	Provincial Funding	Municipal/ Other Funding	Totals
Phase A (Sandy Beach/Sunrise Beach to Onoway)	\$ 0	\$ 11,272,500	\$ 1,252,500	\$ 12,525,000
Phase B (Darwell to Tri-Village)	\$ 4,720,000	\$ 5,900,000	\$ 1,180,000	\$ 11,800,000
				\$ 24,325,000

**MEDIA RELEASE: COUNTY ANNOUNCES GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING MILESTONES**

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## Wastewater Infrastructure Background

For years, Lac Ste. Anne County and its municipal neighbours have sought ways to decrease nutrient loading caused by wastewater inefficiencies, and thus improve the water quality of the region’s lakes. A study was conducted to determine the feasibility of a wastewater transmission system to service the northwestern portion of Parkland County; the south of Lac Ste. Anne County; the west of Sturgeon County; and various localities within or adjacent to this area. The outcome of this study was the Regional Wastewater Transmission Line Conceptual Design Report. This document outlined a long-term plan for a wastewater transmission system to service the area, but also recommended that critical priority be given to **Phase I** of this system; further divided into two sub-phases: a transmission line from the Summer Village of Sandy Beach to the Town of Onoway lagoon facility, and another line from the Hamlet of Darwell lagoon facility to the Tri-Village Regional Sewer Commission lagoon facility in Alberta Beach.

Both sub-phases of the master wastewater project are slated to begin construction in the Fall of 2021. Future phases hinge on growth; utilization of existing lagoon facilities; and the availability of funding from senior governments. If variables continue at the anticipated pace, the total build-out of the system as provided in the Darwell Lagoon Commission’s conceptual design may be completed over the next 10 to 20 years.

Visit [infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/icip-pidc-eng](http://infrastructure.gc.ca/plan/icip-pidc-eng) and [alberta.ca/water-for-life-strategy.aspx](http://alberta.ca/water-for-life-strategy.aspx) for details on the grant programs.

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# COMMUNITY PHYSICIANS WILL SOON ADMINISTER VACCINES

*Community physicians will soon begin administering the COVID-19 vaccine, helping more Albertans get their dose as soon as possible.*

**Submitted by Government of Alberta**

Alberta Health has been working with the Alberta Medical Association (AMA) to incorporate community physicians into the vaccine distribution plan as vaccine supply increases.

This has resulted in more than 500 expressions of in-

terest from Alberta physicians and stand-alone clinics. Combined, 185 physician clinics containing 1,100 physicians will create additional capacity for an estimated 14,000 daily doses, as supply allows. Some physicians are already assisting Alberta Health Services (AHS) with vaccine administration.

The first community phy-

sicians are expected to begin administering vaccines in their clinics in April. New temporary billing codes are being added to the schedule of medical benefits to allow physicians to bill for this service. A medical bulletin outlining the details will be issued in the coming days.

Alberta Health is currently reviewing all expressions of

interest. Once this review is complete, interested physicians will be contacted to:

- Validate their interest.
- Organize logistics for supply distribution and record management.

Initially, a limited number of clinics will be able to offer the COVID-19 vaccines; however, vaccine supply is expected to increase during the coming weeks and the number of community clinics administering the vaccine will expand along with supply.

Planning is underway for rapid flow clinics involving physicians and other health-care professionals that can be used in the future, if needed. These clinics would be used if Alberta received an unexpected surge in vaccine supply.

To date, 368,124 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered in Alberta, with 91,593 people fully immunized with two doses.

Alberta's government is responding to the COVID-19 pandemic by protecting lives and livelihoods with precise measures to bend the curve, sustain small businesses and protect Alberta's health-care system.

**Quick facts**

- Billing code info will be posted on the Alberta Health Care Insurance Plan Bulletins page

- For rapid flow through clinics, it is expected that an Alternative Relationship Plan (ARP) will be the method of payment, and discussions with AHS and AMA are underway to finalize.

- There are approximately 5,600 family physicians in Alberta

- Alberta Health and the AMA are working collaboratively to help ensure Alberta's vaccine supply is effectively and efficiently utilized and Albertans have access to information to inform their vaccine decisions from trusted sources.

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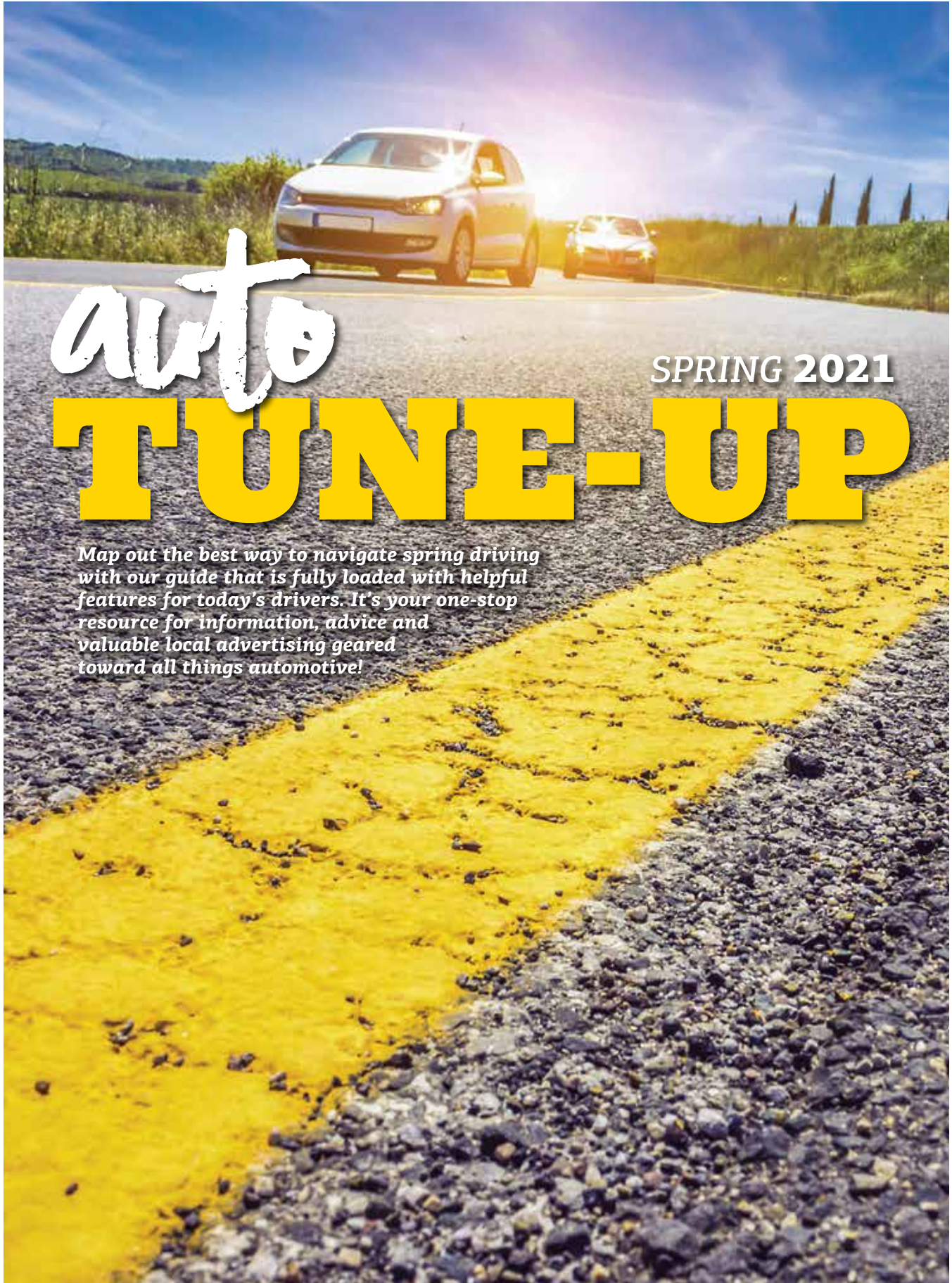
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## WHAT TO DO IN THE IMMEDIATE AFTERMATH OF A CAR ACCIDENT

Car accidents happen every day. Though the World Health Organization reports that approximately 1.35 million people die each year as a result of road

traffic crashes, many more people walk away from such accidents relatively unscathed. In such instances, knowing what to do in the immediate

aftermath of an accident can help drivers and passengers stay safe and start on their road to physical and financial recovery.

too hurt to move can check on their passengers after assessing their own condition. Before moving a passenger who is injured, speak with an emergency response professional. This person can assess the situation and determine if it's safe to move an injured passenger or if it's best to wait for first responders to arrive on the scene.

No two car accidents are the same, but the Insurance Information Institute recommends anyone involved in a car accident take the following steps to make the most informed decisions in what is often a difficult situation.

- Get to a safe place. If possible, move to the side of the road or a sidewalk. If it's safe to move a vehicle and the vehicle is in a hazardous position, such as in the middle of the road, pull it to the side of the road. If the vehicle won't start or you suspect it could be dangerous to move it, leave the car where it is and get yourself and any passengers who can move to the side of the road or a side-

- Assess your physical condition. The Ili recommends people involved in accidents check themselves for injuries in the immediate aftermath of an accident. Call 911 if you are hurt. If you're seriously injured, try to remain still and only move with the assistance of emergency response personnel.

- Assess passengers' physical condition. Drivers who are not



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walk.

- Call 911. If you have not already done so, call 911 once you have gotten to a safe place. The Ill notes that no accident is too minor to involve the police, and some local laws even mandate that all traffic accidents be immediately reported. Be sure to fill out an accident report, which can be vital for drivers who intend to file claims with their insurance providers.

- Turn the vehicle off. If the vehicle is still running, turn it off. Turn on the vehicle's hazard lights and, if you can physically do so and it's safe to do so, place road flares around the car to warn fellow motorists.

- Exchange information. Exchange contact and insurance information with the other driver once everyone has determined that they are not injured. The Ill recommends

exchanging full names and contact information. Specific information like insurance companies and policy numbers, driver's license numbers and license plate numbers, the exact location of the accident, and the type, color and model of the other driver's vehicle also should be exchanged and noted.

- Avoid discussing fault with the other driver. Drivers will not determine who's at fault. Such decisions are made by insurance adjusters. Discussing fault with the other driver in the immediate aftermath of an accident can lead to difficult, potentially heated exchanges.

- Document the accident. The Ill recommends motorists involved in accidents identify the responding police officers and ask them how to obtain copies of the official accident report. Take pictures and speak with

any witnesses, jotting down their names and contact information if possible.

- Notify your insurance provider. Notify your insurance provider as soon as possible. You can even do so from the scene of the accident if you're

capable of doing so. This can jump-start the claims process.

Knowing what to do in the immediate aftermath of a car accident can calm drivers' nerves and get them on the road to recovery that much sooner.

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## HOW TO EFFECTIVELY SANITIZE A CAR

The COVID-19 pandemic changed the way people live. One readily felt effect was spending more time at home. Vehicles sat idle in driveways and even some automotive insurance providers reduced rates because people were driving much less.

Even with stay-at-home measures in place, people still need to leave their homes to stock up on essentials, such as food or medicine. In other cases, people may have been essential workers who drive for a living, including delivery drivers or health care personnel who were incapable of working from home.

Any time a person goes out in public, he or she runs the risk of contracting viruses. Bacteria and germs may reside on various surfaces, including those inside vehicles.

People want to protect them-

selves and now are more aware of the importance of frequently cleaning and sanitizing their cars. Keeping a vehicle safe to drive without affecting its upholstery or electronic components is paramount.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention makes a distinction between cleaning and disinfecting. Cleaning refers to the removal of germs, dirt and impurities from surfaces. It does not kill germs, but can lower their numbers. Disinfecting refers to using chemicals to kill germs on surfaces. The following are some ways to deeply clean and sanitize a car.

Wash hands. First and foremost, it is crucial to wash your hands before and after using the car. This can reduce the likelihood of growing ill because of transferred viruses or bacteria.

Use rubbing alcohol. Solu-

tions that contain 70 percent alcohol are effective against many viruses and bacteria, including coronaviruses, says the CDC. Furthermore, Jeff Stout, Executive Director of Global Innovation at Yanfeng Automotive Interiors, says that, for the most part, nearly every interior surface of a vehicle can be cleaned with isopropyl alcohol. Plastic to painted chrome to imitation leather have been tested to ensure they don't degrade when exposed to pure isopropyl alcohol.

Avoid bleach or hydrogen peroxide. While bleach and peroxide are very effective cleaners and sanitizers, they are likely to damage a car's upholstery, according to Consumer Reports.

Use soap and water: Experts say that vigorous washing with a soap-and-water solution can be effective against many contaminants because it breaks

down the protective envelope that surrounds coronaviruses and other germs to disarm them. Friction also can help to break down germ cells during cleaning.

"You want to do the best with what you have, so even soap and water can chip away at the risk," says Stephen Thomas, M.D., Chief of Infectious Diseases and Director of Global Health at Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY.

Address frequently touched surfaces. Pay attention to the steering wheel, door handles, buttons, touchscreen displays, shift lever, and more when sanitizing. Each of these items can harbor germs.

Deep-cleaning a vehicle has become a necessity since COVID-19 emerged. Frequently cleaning and sanitizing can help make vehicles safer to operate.



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