

Information Release

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Town of Gibbons Echo Glen Pond Enhancement Project

Please be advised that the Town of Gibbons has partnered with the **Alberta Conservation Association (ACA)** through a grant to enhance the Echo Glen Park Fishpond structure for wildlife, plant life, & anglers.

Why:

- Echo Glen Fishpond has not been cleaned out or had any enhancements to its structure in over 20 years and requires structural maintenance of the area to ensure a healthy environment for fish and wildlife populations. A large amount of organic material and silt had built up in the pond contributing to an unhealthy environment for the annually stocked trout and the surrounding habitat.
- A liner will prevent the excess water loss that has been of concern and create a barrier from any chemicals or outside contaminants from entering the water.
- Tree removal to allow for anchoring and protection of the new liner. This will also provide anglers and other visitors of all ages safe and accessible entranceways to use and enjoy the pond while creating a clear line of vision for safety around the water.
- Beautification will include new trees and seating areas that will be placed in strategic locations to allow for anglers and visitors of all ages accessible, safe, and shaded area to access and enjoy the pond.
- To allow for the continuation of annual fish stocking by providing and stable habitat for fish, plants, and wildlife.

What:

- Excavation of pond and surrounding area, which includes some tree removal.
- Pump and drain pond water.
- Install underlay and liner.
- Re-fill pond with water.
- Beautification of surrounding area.

Where:

- Echo Glen Park (Corner of 52nd St. and 50 Ave.)

When:

- April-October 2021

This project is financially supported by the Alberta Conservation Association.



The images below are examples of pond liner projects by <https://www.layfieldgroup.com/en-ca/Environmental-Containment> who will be supplying and installing our new pond liner. This also provides an idea of what the area preparation looks like.



