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## Volunteer Appreciation

This year, we had 10 community volunteers nominated for Volunteer of the Year but **all of you** help make Rainbow Lake a great community to live in. Our nominees were Myles Simms, Jennifer Meloche, Krista Kastiro, Danielle Bourgeois, Laura Toomey, Alana Thede, Dustin Kavanaugh, Chloe Noble, Stephan Long and Ross Neville.

**Congratulations to Krista Kastiro on winning Volunteer of the Year!**



Pictured above: Mayor Michelle Farris awarding Krista Kastiro with her award

Thank you to the Recreation staff for putting on a wonderful dinner for our volunteers and thank you to everyone who gives their time, love and energy to the many programs, boards and associations here in Rainbow Lake.

MAY 2023

# Emergency Planning Workshop 2023

One of the current projects Rainbow Lake's Council has been working on is updating our Municipal Emergency Response Management Plan. There was a two day workshop, including a table top exercise, held on April 24th and 25th at the Recplex. The Town of Rainbow Lake Staff and Council were joined by Alberta Forestry, Alberta Health Services, Mackenzie County, Alberta Transportation and Economic Corridors, the Town of High Level, Cenovus Energy and Transitional Solutions to test out our new plan.





We were faced with a hypothetical wildfire situation and broke out into sections based off of the Incident Command System, a standardized command and control system used to help manage emergency incidents and planned events.



We also had the pleasure of learning more about the FireSmart program from Kevin Hunt with Alberta Forestry and Rodney Schmidt, Fire Chief and WUI member with the Town of High Level Fire Department. The FireSmart program was launched in Rainbow Lake and the surrounding forest back in 2013. The purpose of this project is to “increase neighborhood resilience to wildfire and minimize its negative impact” (FireSmart Canada).

It was a very informative and productive workshop. Thank you to everyone who participated in our best emergency planning workshop to date!

# ARCPG May Events

The Assumption Regional Community Policing Society is a vital organization in our community, providing information, support and referral to victims of crime and/or tragedy. May is a busy month - Check out these important dates:

- May 5—11 ONLINE SILENT AUCTION
- May 11 MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN
- May 5 MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS AWARENESS DAY
- May 14 MOTHER'S DAY TEA FAMILY PAINT DAY
- May 14 MOTHER'S DAY TEA
- May 14-20 VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF CRIME WEEK

## ONLINE SILENT AUCTION MAY 5-11

The Facebook group is called "Rainbow Lake and Chateh Silent Auction May 2023".

The auction opens at 8am on May 4th and will close Thursday, May 11th at 6pm. **All monies collected will go towards assisting victims in our area.**

**SEE PAGE 6 FOR MORE INFORMATION ON MISSING AND MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS AWARENESS DAY.**

## Mother's Day Tea Family Paint Day

*Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>*

*11am-1pm*

*Rainbow Lake Rec Plex*

Mary with Messy Joy will be here for the morning to facilitate a Family Paint Day in the RecPlex to take place before the Mother's Day Tea. Please send an email to [vsu.krista@gmail.com](mailto:vsu.krista@gmail.com) to register your family.

Space is limited to the first 20 people



*No charge for this event but you must register  
Hosted by Rainbow Lake & Chateh Victim Services*

# Mother's Day Tea

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>

1-3pm

Rainbow Lake Rec Plex



Come enjoy a cup of tea with family, friends and neighbours  
Donations graciously accepted for Victim Services at the door

*Hosted by the Rainbow Lake Municipal Library  
in partnership with Rainbow Lake & Chateh Victim Services*

## MOTHER'S DAY PAINT DAY & MOTHER'S DAY TEA

**MAY 14**

The paint event will take place before the tea, from 11am-1pm. Please register as soon as possible to reserve your family's spot in this free event—brought to you by Rainbow Lake & Chateh Victim Services.

Please join the Rainbow Lake Municipal Library, partnered with the Rainbow Lake & Chateh Victim Services, to celebrate all the wonderful mother's in our community.

There will be tea and goodies to snack on from 1-3pm.

## MOOSE HIDE CAMPAIGN

**MAY 11**

"The Moose Hide Campaign Day is a day of ceremony where all Canadians are called together to join together to take a stand against violence towards women and children and to take practical steps for our collective journey of reconciliation. "

"The Moose Hide Campaign recognizes that all forms of violence are unacceptable, regardless of gender. We see the disproportionate number of women who are victims and the importance of engaging men and boys in addressing the issue. We know that 'shame and blame' isn't the answer" Quotes pulled from the Moose Hide Campaign official website. There are a number of pins available—please let VSU know if you would be interested in one. There are some available at the Town Office and Post Office.

For more information on the Moose Hide Campaign, please visit:

**[Moosehidecampaign.ca](http://Moosehidecampaign.ca)**



# MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS PERSONS AWARENESS DAY MAY 5, 2023

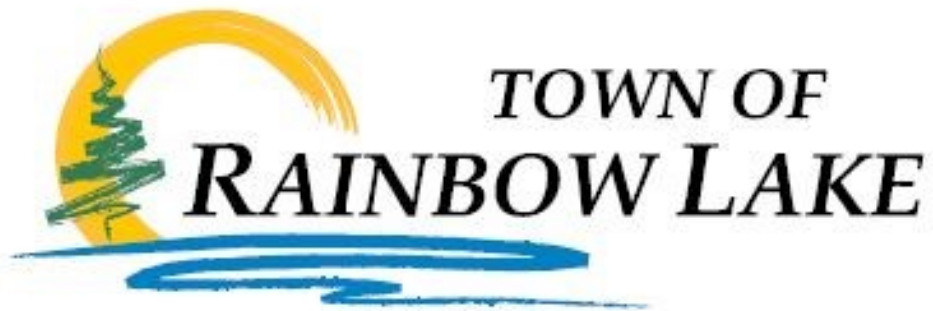
May 5th, also known as Red Dress Day, honors missing and murdered Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit peoples in Canada.

Statistically, Indigenous women and girls, regardless of age or socio-economic status, are **three times more likely to experience violence** and **at least six times more likely to be murdered** than non-Indigenous women and girls in Canada.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Educate yourself on the movement. Resources will be posted to the Town of Rainbow Lake's Facebook Page.
- Wear a red dress on May 5th 2023 and take a stand against violence towards Indigenous women, girls and two-spirit peoples.
- Attend an event near you—there is a Walk for Awareness happening in High Level at 1:00 pm starting at the High Level Arena.

## #NOMORESTOLENSISTERS



The Town of Rainbow Lake is committed to diversity and inclusion, and to building a supportive community that stands against violence, prejudices and racism. We stand with our neighbours, the Dene Tha' First Nation, against the violence and prejudices that face them everyday.

We acknowledge the traditional territories of the Indigenous peoples of the Treaty 8 region and Métis Nation of Alberta. We respect the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Metis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our community.





# **STOP ILLEGAL DRUGS**

## **REPORT DRUG ACTIVITY!**

**Drug Abuse**



**RCMP .....911**

**RCMP COMPLAINT LINE.....780-321-3753**

**CRIME STOPPERS.....1-800-222-TIPS(8477)**



# Peer Support

Peer Support is a helping relationship between a client and support worker that promotes respect, trust, and hope which can empower individuals to make changes and decisions to enhance their life. Typically, the person will be struggling with addiction or mental health to be accepted in the program, but all referrals will be considered.

These sessions are now being offered at the Rainbow Lake Health Clinic. All appointments are walk-in and confidential. Peer support days for May 2023:

**May 12      10am—3 pm**

**May 26      10am—3pm**

Remember... you're not alone <3

# Property Taxes

The 2023 Property Taxation and Assessment Notices will be mailed out May 5th. If you are a property owner on the Assessment Roll for the Town of Rainbow Lake, you will be receiving a notice. If you don't receive your notice, or if your notice contains incorrect owner or mailing information, please contact the Town Office and provide the correct information.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the assessed value of your property, please contact the Town's Assessor Aaron Steblyk of Compass Assessment Consultants Inc. at

780-469-5552 or by email at  
[aron.steblyk@compassassessment.com](mailto:aron.steblyk@compassassessment.com)

If speaking to the assessor does not resolve your concerns, you may appeal your assessment in writing pursuant to section 460 of the MGA. Assessment complaint forms are available at the office as well as on the Municipal Affairs website.

On the complaint form, you MUST provide reason(s) why you believe the information shown on the Assessment and Tax Notice is incorrect. An Assessment Review Board hearing date will be set after the final complaint date.

**Final complaint date: July 11, 2023**

# Office Closure Victoria Day

The Town Office will be closed on Monday, May 22 for Victoria Day. We will resume our regular office hours on Tuesday May 23—open from 7:40am-4:30pm.

Sorry for any inconvenience.



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Rainbow Lake, AB  
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780-956-3934

Recreation Complex  
Rec Plex  
1 Atco Road  
780-956-3778



Town Shop (Public Works)  
58 Imperial Drive  
780-956-3949

Fire Hall  
58 Imperial Drive  
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