



TOWN OF  
RAINBOW LAKE

# Newsletter

MAY 2021

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## Tax and Assessment Notice

The Property Taxation and Assessment notices for the Town of Rainbow Lake will be mailed out on **May 10, 2021**, to all property owners on the Assessment Roll for the Town of Rainbow Lake.

If you do not receive your Tax and Assessment Notice, or if your notice contains incorrect owner or mailing address information, please contact the Town Office at 780-956-3934 or [admin@rainbowlake.ca](mailto:admin@rainbowlake.ca)

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 Cons Inc. at 780-469-5552 or [aa-ron.steblyk@compassassessment.com](mailto:aa-ron.steblyk@compassassessment.com)

If speaking to the assessor does not resolve your concerns, you may appeal your assessment in writing. Assessment complaint forms are available at the Town Office and are also available on the Municipal Affairs website <https://www.alberta.ca/assets/documents/ma-property-assessment-compliance-review-form.pdf>

On the complaint form, you **MUST** provide the reason(s) why you believe the information shown on the Assessment and Tax Notice is incorrect. Simply stating the assessed value is deemed to high will be insufficient, you will need to provide details as to why you believe the assessed value is greater than it should be.

**Assessment complaint deadline is July 15, 2021**

Your completed complaint form, together with the required complaint fee (\$50), must be **received** at the Town Office no later than 4:30pm on July 15, 2021 to be considered valid as per MGA section 461(1.1)



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# Federal Fuel Charge Increase

On April 1, 2021, federal taxes on greenhouse gas emissions increased from \$30 to \$40 per tonne. As a result the Federal Fuel Charge on natural gas increased from \$1.58/GJ to **\$2.1025899/GJ**.

Natural Gas Utilities are required to invoice the Federal Fuel Charge as per the federal Greenhouse Gas Pollution Pricing Act. All charges collected under this Act are remitted directly to Revenue Canada.

The new rate will be automatically applied to your bill for natural gas consumed beginning April 1, 2021.

For questions and inquiries on the Federal Fuel Charge, please visit:

[www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/excise-taxes-duties-levies/fuel-charge.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/revenue-agency/services/tax/excise-taxes-duties-levies/fuel-charge.html)

As a result of the Federal gas increase, you will notice an increase to your carbon levy charges on your next utility bill.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your gas utility bill, please contact the Town Office at 780-956-3934



# Volunteer Aprreication

It's that time of year again when we recognize all the hard working volunteers our community is so fortunate to have. It is because of all the volunteers that step up to the plate that allow our town to offer programs and events for residents of all ages. Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we will have to host this event remotely once again.

This year, we have come up with two ways that people can nominate candidates to be Volunteer of the Year. You can still nominate the traditional way by filling out the nomination forms (located at the Town Office and at the Rec Plex) or you can post a video on the Rainbow Lake Community Board saying who you nominated and why. For those that wish to stay anonymous, you can still send in a nomination and Mayor Farris will read out your nomination via video and it will be posted on the Town of Rainbow Lake's Facebook Page/ Rainbow Lake Community Board to ensure no nomination is missed.

Call for nominations will be opened from April 28, 2021 to May 12, 2021. Voting will start on Friday May 14, 2021 and will close Sunday May 16, 2021 at midnight. Voting will be done through a survey link on our Facebook Page listing all the nominees for Volunteer of the Year. Voting through the survey link will keep everyone's vote anonymous and results will be posted the following week.

Once again we would like to send out a huge THANK YOU to all the Volunteers in our community. We appreciate all your hard work and everything that you do!!





## RAINBOW LAKE LADIES OPEN

### 2-Ball Best Ball Golf Tournament



June 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

\$80/ Golfer

Friday Nigt Fun: Dress as your Favorite Queen  
Prizes & Games

Saturday Golf: 9:30 Registration

10:00 AM Shotgun Start

18 Holes of golf, Prizes and tons of laughs



Register by Monday June 21<sup>st</sup> 2021

Contact Pam Buekert (780) 841-1658

or Jessica Juneau (780) 926-7119

# Golf Memberships

Golf Memberships are now on sale!! You can pay by cash, cheque, credit card or EFT.

If paying by credit card, charges will be processed on May 8th, 2021. Please see below for prices and details on where and whom to contact for purchase.

Lets go Golfing!!

## Rainbow Lake Golf and Country Club



### 2021 Membership Fees

<b>Early Bird Prices:</b> <b>Offer Valid April 5-30 2021</b>	<b>Regular Membership:</b> <b>Effective May 1 2021</b>
Junior <18: \$215.00 + GST	Junior <18: \$320.00+ GST
Single: \$425.00 + GST	Single: \$640.00 + GST
Couple: \$695.00 + GST	Couple: \$1040.00 + GST
Family: \$925.00 + GST	Family: \$1155.00 + GST
Senior 55+: \$315.00 +GST	Senior 55+: \$470.00 + GST
Trail Fees: \$240.00 + GST	Trail Fees: \$240.00 + GST

Memberships will be sold at the Aecom office or you can email [rainbowlakegolf@gmail.com](mailto:rainbowlakegolf@gmail.com)

Board members are: Jason Grant, Pam Bueckert, Dustin Kavanagh, Ross Neville, Stephan Long, Blair Standing



Calling all 2021 Graduates  
from the communities of Rainbow  
Lake and Chateh:

*A "Parade of Graduates" is being organized  
for you in the town of Rainbow Lake.*

The parade will occur after the Graduation Ceremony  
on Saturday June 5, 2021, and is an independent event,  
organized by parents, with help from the  
Town of Rainbow Lake.

\*\*\*THIS IS NOT A SCHOOL EVENT\*\*\*

AHS Guidelines will be followed.

If you would like to participate, you must contact Janis  
Barber @ 780-956-4170 by May 31st. We will need to  
know the number of participants, in order to organize  
enough floats to maintain proper social distancing.

***There is no cost to join!***

**COME and HAVE SOME FUN!  
LET THE COMMUNITY SEE YOU AND CELEBRATE  
YOU ON YOUR SPECIAL DAY!**

More details about event time, parade route etc. will follow for the  
Community. Donations for this event are welcome.

# Utility Rate Increase

The Town has changed a great deal over the past 6 years, and we have to look at what changes we must make to move with it. The Town has been steadily losing revenue in the Water, Sewer and Garbage utilities for several years now. This is due to the fact that we have less customers in town as people are moving away, and as such less revenue on our flat rate Water/Sewer/Garbage utility. We have been subsidizing with the Tax Revenue, but with a 30% drop in assessments in 2020, our tax revenue is no longer able to make up the difference. In order to maintain the services we provide, we have to ensure the utilities rates we levy, are covering the cost of providing the service.

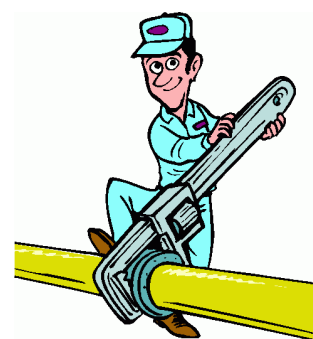
The below chart highlights the current monthly cost for Water, Sewer and Garbage utilities, each month based on a usage of 10 cubic meters of water (our base rate). We have also provided comparison values from other Municipalities where we could easily derive a cost for the same service here in Rainbow Lake. With the new increase shown below, will move Rainbow Lake from almost the bottom of the list to the middle.

TOWN	COST	TOWN	COST
RAINBOW LAKE	\$90.75	HIGH PRAIRIE	\$113.13
<b>RAINBOW LAKE (NEW)</b>	<b>105.00</b>	COUNTY OF NORTH-ERN LIGHTS	\$115.00
		BIRCH HILLS	\$99.75
		HANNA	\$98.65
		CLARESHOLM	\$100.06
		PEACE RIVER	\$77.80
		MACKENZIE COUNTY	\$133.04
		SLAVE LAKE	\$95.06
		FAIRVIEW	\$104.23

# Water Line Project

The water line project that started last summer to replace valves, mains, and infrastructure, will continue into this summer. The areas that will be upgraded this summer will be Banff Ave, Mobil Ave, and Del Rio. Customers and properties that will be affected by the project will be notified in advance. Customers will notice a slight disruption in their water service when they are temporally hooked up to the main water line via hose connection. The hose connection will still allow water service to the property but the pressure might be decreased. We apologize in advanced for any inconvenience this may cause and if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact the Town Office at 780-956-3934

With the work being done on Del Rio this summer, we also have plans to rebuild and clean up the condition it is currently in. We never expected the road to be in the state it is in. With all the rain we had last year, crews weren't able to get in and back it down but we have made it a priority this summer, as well as ditch profiling. Once again, if you have any concerns please contact the Town Office.



# Mothers Day

Mothers Day is on Sunday May 9, 2021 this year. We would like to send a huge shout out to all the Mothers out there and wish you a HAPPY MOTHERS DAY!! We hope that where ever you are, that you have an amazing day and never forget how special you are!!





# Town Office Closed

The Town Office will be closed on Monday May 24, 2021 in recognition of Victoria Day. The office will reopen on Tuesday May 25, 2021 normal business hours. We hope that everyone has a great May long weekend!!



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Box 149, 65 Imperial Drive  
Rainbow Lake, AB  
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Recreation Complex  
Rec Plex  
1 Atco Road

Enforcement Services  
65 Imperial Drive

Town Shop (Public Works)  
58 Imperial Drive

Fire Hall  
58 Imperial Drive

