



TOWN OF

RAINBOW LAKE

# Newsletter

NOVEMBER 2022

## INTERNET



## INFRASTRUCTURE

## UPDATE

As many of you know by now, the Town was successful in our application to the Universal Broadband Fund to build a Fiber backed Wireless internet mesh system across the entirety of the Town of Rainbow Lake. Once complete, this system will provide up to 1GB per second speeds to the home with unlimited data. This project is being completed as a three part partnership between the Government of Canada, the Province of Alberta and the Town of Rainbow Lake. We are currently completing the agreement negotiation and due diligence review with our higher order government partners before we can build the actual system. To try to expedite, as much as we are able, the Town has already begun completing the part of the project that is being wholly funded by the Town of Rainbow lake, the house installs. To date we have completed 227 home installs. If you did not get an antenna this year, we will be back installing more come spring 2023. Once we have completed an agreement with the Government of Canada and the Province of Alberta, we can begin construction of the system itself and bring our 227 new customers online. We are hopeful at this point, assuming everything goes to plan, to have the system up and running by end of November 2022.

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## TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION DAY

Each year, September 30th marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. This day honors children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. The Town Office was closed on Friday, September 30th, 2022 so our employees wore orange on September 29th to show our support!



Pictured above: Paul Smith—Town Foreman

Pictures below: Wally Olorenshaw—Gas Contractor



Pictured above: George MacGillivray—Public Works

Pictured below: Joy Occidental (left) & Sidney Platt (right)

Both work in our Public Works department!







Pictured above: CAO Dan Fletcher & Mayor Michelle Farris

Pictured below: Councillor Koral D'Aoust

Myles Simms—Recreation (middle right)

Danielle Bourgeois—Finance & Development



# **RAINBOW LAKE AIRPORT UPDATE**



The Rainbow Lake Town Council made the difficult decision earlier this year to downgrade the operational level of the Rainbow Lake Airport from a Federally Certified Aerodrome to a Provincially Registered Aerodrome. This final transition will take place on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Quite simply, this means that moving forward, the Rainbow Lake Airport will no longer be able to accept scheduled passenger airplanes (any flight you would buy a ticket to ride). The airport can still accept private and charter flights as well as emergency fire or medical flights and all helicopters, just nothing you would purchase an individual ticket for.

The upside to this is that it saves the Town between \$75,000 - \$100,000/year in third party inspection and consultant fees. While this seems like an easy decision to have made given we do not have any scheduled commercial service at this time, the concern was that we will not be able to reverse this decision in the future without a very large sum of money to bring the airport back to certification level. It has been a few years now since we have seen scheduled service at our airport and Council felt the time was right to make this decision and put our limited resources into areas that can make better use of them.



## DRIVE WITH CAUTION!



It is getting darker earlier and our winter season has already begun! Please use caution while driving through our community—the snow means less visibility, slippery conditions and less room for children and residents to walk along the roadsides.

# EVENTS

AS SEEN ON    

 **Rainbow Lake**  
Presents  
International Touring  
Comedy Magician  
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**He Fangzhou**  
*Love and Laughter*  
Sat, Nov 5, 6:00PM, Rainbow Lake RecPlex  
Sponsored by Rainbow Lake Public Library

RAINBOW LAKE SCHOOL


# Christmas Craft Fair

**NOV. 20**  
**12 - 4 PM**  
SCHOOL GYM

**TO BOOK YOUR TABLE**  
**CONTACT SHELLEY AT THE SCHOOL**  
Email: [ShelleyDefvsa.ab.ca](mailto:ShelleyDefvsa.ab.ca)

RAINBOW LAKE SCHOOL    LOTS OF GREAT LOCAL VENDORS!    780-956-3851





# **ADDICTION, GRIEF & MENTAL HEALTH RESOURCES**

This past year has been a tough one on our close knit community. If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction or mental health, there are lots of resources available to help!!!

**ADDICTION HELPLINE** 1-866-332-2322

**MENTAL HEALTH HELPLINE** 1-877-303-2642

**HEALTH LINK** 811

**ASPIRE PSYCHOLOGY** 1-780-690-9607

**GRANDE PRAIRIE OPIOID DEPENDENCY PROGRAM (AHS)**

Phone: 780-833-4991

Fax: 780-833-4715



Information pulled from [momsstoptheharm.com](http://momsstoptheharm.com)

## **Healing Hearts with Moms Stop the Harm**

### **Peer Support After a Loss from Substance Use Related Causes**

“Healing Hearts is a free bereavement support group specific to those grieving the loss of a loved one due to overdose or substance-use related harms.

Healing Hearts support groups offer an open-format peer-led model of support. Healing Hearts does not offer therapeutic counselling. The group facilitators have lived experience and have personally lost a loved one to substance related harms.”

Check out their website for more information & resources!

# **STOP ILLEGAL DRUGS REPORT DRUG ACTIVITY!**

**Drug Abuse**



**RCMP .....911**

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

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

# TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE **ARENA SCHEDULE**

## 2022-2023

### MONDAY

**1:30pm-4:30pm**  
**6:00pm-8:30pm**

**General Skate/Parent & Tot (Town Program)**  
**Teens Drop-In Hockey (full gear mandatory)**

### TUESDAY

**10:00am-12:00pm**  
**1:30pm-4:30pm**  
**6:00pm-7:00pm**

**Parent & Tot (Town Program)**  
**General Skate (Town Program)**  
**Minor Hockey (Under 9)**

### WEDNESDAY

**1:30pm-4:30pm**  
**6:00pm-9:30pm**

**General Skate/Parent & Tot (Town Program)**  
**Adult Drop in for ALL (FREE) By Cenovus**

### THURSDAY

**10:00am-12:00pm**  
**1:30pm-4:30pm**  
**6:00pm-7:00pm**

**Parent & Tot (Town Program)**  
**General Skate (Town Program)**  
**Minor Hockey (Under 9)**

### FRIDAY

**9:30am-11:30am**  
**1:30pm-4:30pm**  
**5:00pm-8:00pm**

**Parent & Tot (Town Program)**  
**General Skate (Town Program)**  
**Public Skate (Town Program)**

### SATURDAY

**1:00pm-3:00pm**  
**3:00pm-5:00pm**

**Public Skate (Town Program)**  
**Kids Drop-In Hockey (full gear mandatory)**

### SUNDAY

**1:00pm-3:00pm**  
**3:00pm-5:00pm**

**Public Skate (Town Program)**  
**Kids Shinny Hockey (Helmets mandatory. Full gear recommended)**



# TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE **ARENA PRICES**

**Adult Drop-In Hockey—Sponsored by Cenovus**

**Public + General Skate—\$6.30**

**Children 3 and under—free**

**Parent & Tot—\$6.30**

**Kids Shinny & Drop-in—\$6.30**

**Individual season pass—\$105.00**

**Family season pass—\$315.00**

**Kids party rental \$68.25 (ARENA ONLY)**

**Adults arena hourly rental—\$78.75**

Town Office (Administration)  
Box 149, 65 Imperial Drive  
Rainbow Lake, AB  
T0H 2Y0  
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  
780-956-3354