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In honour of all the hard work Jill put towards the Victim Services Unit, a bench has been placed in Devonian Park to remember the passion that she had for helping victims and the overall wellbeing of the Community. We celebrate and thank her! You made a difference and are dearly missed.

The Final Whistle

In December 2023, I wrote to you with excitement and humility as I stepped into the role of Chief Administrative Officer for the Town of Rainbow Lake. I spoke then of my fascination with neutron stars, those dense remnants of massive stars that, despite their small size, spin with breathtaking speed, some completing up to 90 revolutions every second. To me, they represent energy, focus, and resilience, qualities I hoped to bring into this role.

Now, as I write this farewell, I can't help but reflect on that image. A neutron star spins relentlessly, but even the fastest rotations eventually slow down. My time as interim CAO has been a whirlwind, and though it feels like those rapid revolutions, the clock has ticked down, and the match is nearing its end.

Much like a football game ('soccer'—I will not ever call it that!), that ends after 90 minutes, so too must my tenure conclude. It's not the result I had hoped for, but I can honestly say: I gave it everything I had. I fought for every inch, every decision, every improvement, because I believe in this community. And while we may not have achieved every goal, we achieved something more important: **we kept moving forward together.**

Just like when I was 14 and had to leave home for boarding school, or 19 when I left the comfort of my community and home to carve a future in Japan, and 34 when I moved from all I knew in Japan to Rainbow, now again at 44, I find myself looking for the next adventure. It has been a pleasure and a privilege. Thank you and I will never forget my time here.

I have met some incredible people over the last 10 years in our community, and I would like to thank them for the mentorship, guidance and the belief they had in me. That belief led me here and is leading me as I head out. I am grateful for the knowledge they taught and shared with me, especially my colleagues, I have learnt something from each and every one of you, and I thank you for making me look good all the time in our community. This is what it's about, and I leave a better person than I was at 34 when I first got here. This adventure has not only made me better but has given me perspective on how we can build a better world.

In everything I do, I always envision the end, because it's an inevitable occurrence. And even though I envision it, it always happens differently than I imagined. I am grateful for all the meaningful relationships I have cultivated and all the people who helped me along this journey. I owe you all so much; I don't think I can ever repay that debt, but I can always carry the same torch of being helpful, diplomatic, and collaborative wherever I go, continuing the spirit of community that Rainbow Lake afforded me. I leave with only good memories, some challenges met, some challenges defeating. It's life and I am here for it!

When I introduced myself in December of 2023, I said my door was open, and it remained that way until the very end. I still believe, as I did then, that **together we are stronger**, and I hope that spirit carries forward.

As I sign off, I go back to the beautiful game I love. Ninety minutes, highs and lows, near misses and great goals, that is life and that is leadership. The whistle blows, and the match is over, but the love for the game never fades.

Thank you, Rainbow Lake, for letting me wear the captain's armband, even if only for a short while. It has been an honour.

"Somewhere, something incredible is waiting to be known."

—Carl Sagan

"Keep it simple and keep moving."

—Bernard Kastiro

It's been a privilege and my pleasure, till the end, we keep going.

Mark Kastiro.



A big ole THANK YOU!

The town was extremely fortunate this year to have a large summer student crew. They worked hard this year under the guidance of Myles to get a whole lot accomplished! There was a lot of mowing, weed-whacking, shredding, and learning done by the team. We are so proud of everything they achieved and hope to welcome them back next year!



Pictured L-R: Myles, Cyril, Jordan H, Arley, Jordan T, Mackenzie

Not pictured: Grayson and Karsen

Summer FUN

What another great Summer Fun program we had this year thanks to the wonderful team of Dabora Geit and Tumisang Mabula and with the help of our incredible Rec Department—Sidney, Sherri and Jayla! The kids wrapped up Summer Fun this week with some crafts and a pizza party.

Can't wait to see what creative things they get up to in 2026!





AGM'S IN SEPTEMBER

Rainbow Lake Municipal Library -AGM-

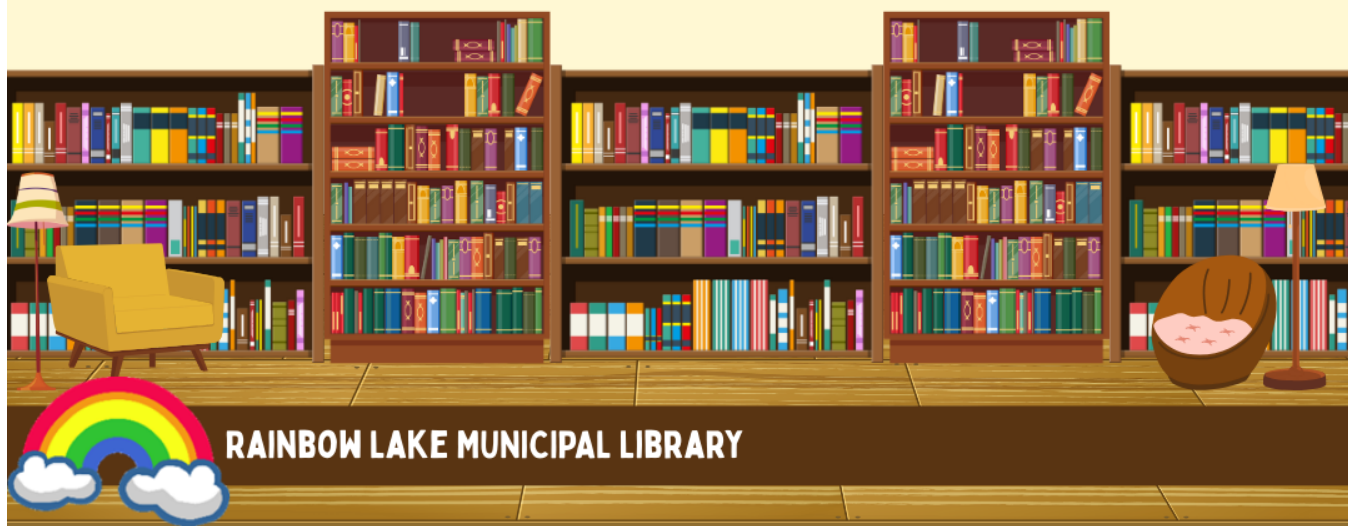


You're invited to the upcoming AGM for the Rainbow Lake Library! We are excited to welcome past, current and new members. This is a rewarding opportunity to help guide the direction of the Library and be part of a team.



When: Tuesday, September 23, 2025 at 7:00pm

Where: Rainbow Lake Library @ 1 Atco Road (East Entrance)



RAINBOW LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY



The Curling Club and the Dart League are holding their respective annual AGMs on September 23, 2025 at 6:00pm in the Curling Lounge.

This is a crucial meeting for determining the direction of the Club and League based on members of the community expressing their interest in participating in a curling season and/or dart league ahead of or at the meeting.

If you plan to put in a team for either of the leagues and don't plan to attend the AGM, please reach out to the following people (if you've let one of the board members know, you do not have to reach out again):

CURLING CLUB:

Alana Thede / Kendra Baglole / Judy Squires

DART LEAGUE:

Kayla Langdon / Stacy Williams

Nomination Day

Thinking about running for Council?

Serving as a member of Council is a great way to give back to your community and make decisions that help shape and grow Rainbow Lake. The deadline to submit your nomination package is September 22, 2025 by 12pm MST. Packages can be dropped off to the Town Office at 65 Imperial Drive.



PROJECTS ON THE GO

The Town is currently working on making some improvements to the Gazebo in Devonian Park by adding screening to the windows/doors (less bugs = WIN!) and freshening it up with some paint!



The gym is getting an expansion! Thanks to a generous donation from Cenovus Energy a wall has been removed to allow for more space for our gym buffs!



SEPTEMBER DATES

WE'RE — — CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 01, 2025 ----- **LABOUR DAY**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2025 ----- **NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH
& RECONCILIATION**



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(Rec Plex)

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Public Works

(Town Shop)

58 Imperial Drive

780-956-3949

Fire Hall

58 Imperial Drive

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(Emergencies, dial 9-1-1)