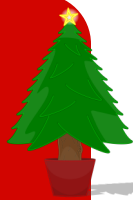


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2025 WRAP UP

It's beginning to look a
lot like Christmas









What a Tree Lighting!

The 2025 Tree Lighting was a huge success! There are many people to thank for contributing to such a cold night feeling warm!

- Youth Center for organizing all the moving parts
- Don Werner for the firewood
- Billy Bateman (of Billy & Boyz) for the heaters in the gazebo
- Silvertip for providing chili and sweet treats
- Cheri Hazelwood for the delicious goodies
- Our Public Works and Rec Departments for the set up
- Cenovus for picking up food including cups and spoons
- The Fire Department for lighting the fires and giving Santa and his Elf a lift to the event!

SAFE WINTER DRIVING TIPS

We know many travel for the Holidays. Here are some travel tips:

- Check vehicle tires and ensure they are suitable for winter travel
- Maintain a safe distance
- Plan and leave early to give yourself plenty of time to reach your destination
- Remove snow and ice from windows and lights
- Keep your fuel tank at least at half to avoid freezing in your fuel line
- Carry an emergency kit with essentials like blankets, snacks, water and a flashlight

Alberta 511 and the AMA report are great resources to check on current highway conditions throughout the province



TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE LIBRARY PRESENTS:

Members of the community were treated to an afternoon of wreath decorating. The Rainbow Lake Library Board donated 30 wreaths for residents to decorate! Sunscape delivered the fresh wreaths and decorating materials and 2 bonus wreaths because of the overwhelming participation! A big THANK YOU to Michelle Farris for arranging this and a big THANK YOU to Alex and Sunscape Gardens! It's fun driving through Town looking at everyone's wreath!

Wreath MAKING





Message from the Mayor

Dear Residents of Rainbow Lake,

As we approach the close of another year, it is my honour to extend warm seasonal greetings on behalf of the Town Council and the Office of the Mayor. This festive season offers us a moment to reflect upon the achievements of our community and the previous council, the resilience we have demonstrated, and the spirit of unity that continues to define Rainbow Lake.

The holidays remind us of the importance of family, friendship, and fellowship. There is also a time to celebrate the diversity of traditions that enrich our town and strengthen the bonds that hold us together.

May this season bring peace, joy, and prosperity to all those throughout the community of Rainbow Lake. As we look forward to the coming year, I am confident that, working together with dedication and optimism, we will continue to make Rainbow Lake a better place and ensure a bright, thriving future for our community.

On behalf of the Town of Rainbow Lake, I wish you and your loved ones a safe and joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year.

Respectfully,

Rick Cartier

Mayor of Rainbow Lake

Christmas

Holiday Skating

23

DECEMBER

Town Holidays Start
No Skating today,
Staff panic buying last
minute gifts

24

DECEMBER

Christmas Eve
No Skating today,
Get Your milk and cookies
ready for Santa!

25

DECEMBER

Christmas!!
No Skating today,
Enjoy your presents gifts
(or your coal) !

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DECEMBER

Boxing Day
No Skating today,
Recover from your
Christmas feast!

Between Dec 27, 2025 and
January 4, 2026, skating will
be made available by
appointment only. Please
call **Recreation: 780-956-1707**
to book your skate time

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JANUARY

Town Holidays End
Skating Resumes,
Back to the ol, routine





Pet Tags

Pet tags for 2026 are available at the Town Office

Tags can be purchased Monday-Friday between 7:40am-4:30pm. If you purchase your tags before the end of January, you can take advantage of discounted pricing!

Neutered & Spayed Cat/Dog License fee

\$20.00

(before January 31, 2026)

\$30.00

(after January 31, 2026)

Non-Neutered & Spayed Dogs License fee

\$40.00

(before January 31, 2026)

\$50.00

(after January 31, 2026)



Property Taxes

A reminder that all 2025 Property Taxes must be paid by December 31, 2025 to avoid entering arrears with the Town of Rainbow Lake. Any Property Taxes left unpaid from before December 31, 2024 will be registered with the province in 2026. Any unpaid Property Taxes left unpaid from before December 31, 2023 will begin the process of tax sale proceedings.

NOTE: As per Section 414 of the Municipal Government Act, any property under tax recovery status must not remove any improvements (ie. buildings) from the parcel unless given consent from the Municipality.



HOLIDAY HOURS

The town office will be closed at noon on
Tuesday, December 23, 2025

WE WILL REOPEN ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5, 2026

**ON BEHALF OF TOWN STAFF AND
COUNCIL, WE WISH EVERYONE A SAFE
AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



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Box 149, 65 Imperial Drive
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(Rec Plex)
1 Atco Road
780-956-3778

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

Fire Hall
58 Imperial Drive
780-956-3354
(Emergencies, dial 9-1-1)