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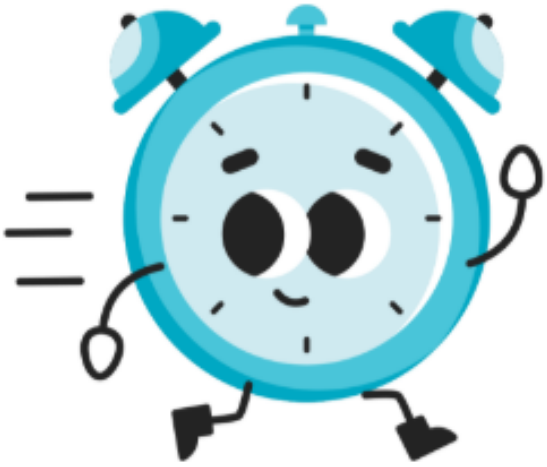
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CLOCKS GO FORWARD 1 HR

SUNDAY MARCH 8, 2026

TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE

CAO CORNER

When my son was younger, I asked him who his favourite Marvel superhero character was. I thought his answer might be the Hulk because he was the strongest or Iron Man for his advanced technology. But my son's answer surprised me. His favourite superhero was Captain America. When I asked him why he liked him, my son replied, "He's the one who makes the plans."

Making a plan is essential work whether you are a superhero or a municipality. Council is in the process of developing a three-year strategic plan to outline its vision for the future. A strategic plan is a living document and can change as situations arise, such as new legislation or an economic boom (or bust). For a municipality, the document provides a direction and framework for the CAO on where to focus our resources so that the municipality is more effective, efficient, and makes decisions based on desired outcomes.

A strategic plan should avoid jargon. I should be able to present the plan to a group of junior high students at Rainbow Lake School and they should be able to understand the goals and actions that need to be taken. You shouldn't need to be a political science graduate or social media pundit to understand how the town wants to build its future.

Earlier this year, Council began its strategic planning process and discussed a range of ideas and goals. Throughout the conversation, a key theme emerged about growing our population. Whether it is to attract new businesses or support existing ones, we need more people. If we want to ensure the viability of our health clinic and school, we need more people. If we want to offer more recreation programs and options, we need more people.

Council is going to review a draft version of its strategic plan at the March 5th Council Meeting. Based on their feedback, the next step will be to share the plan at an Open House with the community and receive your feedback. I hope you take the time to share your thoughts on the plan and support our collective effort to retain and attract more people to Rainbow. And, for the record, my favourite Marvel superhero is Thor.



Jason

NEW!

Rec Plex Amenities

TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE

Zumba — Main Floor

Fire up the projector, find a video online or bring in your favorites.

Monday - Friday

Mornings: 8:00am - 10:00am
Afternoons: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Saturdays: 10:00am - 11:00am

Drop In Fee $2.00

Fieldhouse — Main Floor

The Curling Rink has become the Fieldhouse. Basketball half-court and tumbling mats currently available with further activities to be added in the future.

Inquire For Rates

Dance Studio — 2nd Floor

60" monitor ready for video or video conference lessons. Mirrors on wall to perfect your routine.

Inquire For Rates

Inquiries: Nathan - 780 956 1707
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REC RUNDOWN

LOTS OF NEW

The community of Rainbow Lake has had to face so much “new”. The new shift for Cenovus workers. The loss of the curling rink. The new council. Ever more new snow! Some things never change. The daily grind. The lack of stuff to do. The forty-five minute to hour and a half drive to High Level (depending on the driver). And of course, ever more snow. Thankfully, one thing that was new 60 years ago, and has not changed in all that time, is the presence of this special community nestled in the middle of the forest and just close enough to the rest of society to see that we are just fine calling Rainbow Lake home, thank you very much.

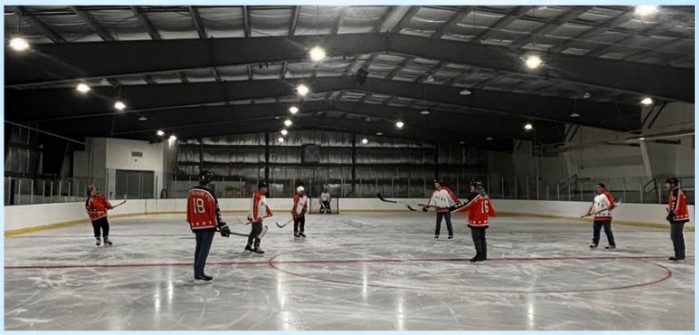
While new changes are not always welcome, the great thing about anything new is that “New” can be anything! “New” must always consider the input of those involved and “New” is usually worth the effort. At Recreation, we are looking to create something new for all community members and those who may one day become community members. Our old, reliable, and stead-fast Rec Plex, has the capacity for all sorts of “New”! For instance, the old curling rink is being utilized for sporting activities. This large space can host any manner of new activities. It is ready to transform you into the “New” you!

This building, largely unchanging on the outside, may become brand new on the inside in many more ways. What inputs will direct this change? Be part of the “dream team”. Contact Nathan with your ideas and inquiries regarding Recreation and make “New” work for You!

Nathan



Come enjoy the last weeks of the skating season!!







OUT & ABOUT AT THE *Community Skate*

Sponsored by Cenovus Energy

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PUBLIC WORKS POST

MARCH: Where Roads Can't Make Up Their Mind!

Sunny afternoons turn into frosty evenings, and that melted snow may refreeze overnight. If the road looks shiny, sorry its not a spring glow, it might be ice. Please slow down, leave extra stopping distance, and watch for slippery spots in the early morning and evening.

Joy





RAINBOW LAKE
15TH ANNUAL WINTER CARNIVAL

Volunteers Needed

FRIDAY MARCH 13, 2026

6:00 PM - CHILI CONTEST
Rec Plex - May the best chili win! **Prizes !** Winner selected by blind taste-test of carnival participants!

7:00 PM - TALENT SHOW
Rec Plex - All talents welcome! **Prizes !** for 1st and 2nd Place
Please Register

8:00 PM - FIREWORKS!!
Devonian Gardens - Come watch fireworks

SATURDAY MARCH 14, 2026

9:00 AM BREAKFAST
Rec Plex - Pancakes and Sausage - Thank you Eagle's Nest !!

9:30 AM - ARTWORK CONTEST JUDGING
Rec Plex - 'My Winter Carnival' Artwork Contest Judging
please have submissions in by March 12, 2026 Prizes !

11:00 AM - 1:30 PM ARENA ACTIVITIES
Arena - Free Skate, Hot Chocolate

12:00 PM - BBQ LUNCH
Rec Plex North Parking Lot- come join us for lunch!

1:00 PM - 2:30 PM CARNIVAL ROOM/NERF WARS
Rec Plex, Curling Rink -Come play for **Prizes !!** Volunteers Needed

2:30 PM - CLOSING CEREMONY
Rec Plex - Door prizes also drawn at this time!

3:00 PM - SWISS-STYLE CRIB TOURNAMENT
Curling Lounge - Come play for **Prizes !!**

7:00 PM - CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
Curling Rink - 18+ Take on the defending champions
Prizes ! Please Register

TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE

To Volunteer, Donate, Register, Inquire:
Contact Nathan: 780 956 1707
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fcss Rainbow Lake Family and Community Support Services

WATER UTILITY UPDATE

As our winter season is still with us, this is a friendly reminder to our residential-commercial customers to leave natural snow in the general area of fire hydrants including the hydrant service line connection from the street to protect this valuable infrastructure from possible freezing. Please take note not to pile snow against fire hydrants as the top bonnet or red marker must be visible, thanks for your cooperation, greatly appreciated.

March 22nd is World Water Day. Canada is blessed with fresh water; however, climate change has resulted in dryer / hotter summers in western Canada and water storage reservoirs are struggling to retain adequate untreated water supplies that can be transformed into usable water sources. It is important that we all practice water conservation measures to ensure an adequate supply for future generations.

Thank you for your support.

James




49TH OILMENS CURLING BONSPEIL
presents
REMEMBER
The 70'S
MARCH 27TH & 28TH
RAINBOW LAKE HOCKEY ARENA
MIXED, LADIES, MENS TEAMS
EARLY BIRD CUT OFF: MARCH 13TH
EARLY BIRD - $400 PER TEAM
AFTER THE 13TH - $500 PER TEAM
RBLOILMENS@GMAIL.COM
18+ EVENT
DINNER & COSTUME CONTEST SATURDAY
FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:
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PLEASE NOTE: WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 10 TEAMS FOR THIS EVENT



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