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We have a WINNER!



Greg Platt is the Volunteer of the Year! Thank you Greg for all the hard work you put into keeping this community great, well deserved!

TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



The Town held its annual Volunteer Appreciation night to honour our amazing community of Volunteers. Pictured above with Sidney are 3 of the 4 nominees for Volunteer of the Year. L-R is Greg Platt, Jennifer Dawe and Jason Grant. Not pictured is Maureen Leptich.

It was a lovely night highlighting the great work that all our volunteers to do keep programming and events happening! Nona from the Eagle's Nest cooked a delicious meal for everyone.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

REC RUNDOWN

It's a busy time for Recreation!

Sherri and Sidney hosted Volunteer Appreciation on April 24. This is such an important night to recognize all the time and effort our amazing volunteers put into this community. Congratulations Greg on winning Volunteer of the Year and honourable mention to Maureen, Jenn and Jason!

Planning is underway for celebrating Rainbow Lake's 60th Anniversary! We hope you all come out to celebrate Rainbow Lake's long and storied history with us July 3-4.

We are now accepting applications for our Summer Student positions. These include our Summer Fun program positions and working with Public Works on various maintenance activities. Send in those resumes!

– Nathan

TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE

2026 Summer Student Position
Summer Fun Coordinator

The Town of Rainbow Lake is looking for mature, reliable, hard-working individual to fill the Summer Fun Coordinator Position.

The term of employment would be **from June 8th thru August 28th 2026**

Summary: Reporting to the Director of Recreation and Facilities, the Summer Fun Coordinator's general responsibility is to plan, implement and supervise all aspects of the 2026 Summer Fun Kids Camp for children ages 4-12 years.

Qualifications:

- Minimum 18 years of age
- First Aid and CPR Certification an asset
- Post Secondary Education Student or Graduate in Social Services, Leisure Studies, Recreation, Child Development or related field
- Previous Camp experience
- Work as a team player and motivate children
- Experience working with children
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Must be willing to submit to a Criminal background check

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate and plan weekly camp schedule, including weekly themes and activities.
- Ensure that all participants have a fun and safe environment to play for the summer.
- Collect and file all appropriate forms (i.e. safety, incident, medical and registration).
- Ensure facility and equipment is maintained and kept in an acceptable and safe condition.
- Ensure weekly collection of attendance forms.
- Be neat, tidy and approachable.

Suitable applicants will have a desire to make a difference in children's lives, while providing a safe, structured environment that is FUN!

Interested applicants can drop off their cover letters and resumes to:

Recreation Office
Attention: Nathan Nichols
Phone: 780-956-3778
Fax: 780 956-5613
Email: recreation@rainbowlake.ca

TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE

2026 Summer Student Position
Summer Fun Assistants

The Town of Rainbow Lake is looking for mature, reliable, hard-working summer students to fill positions for the summer months.

The term of employment would be **from June 8th thru August 28th 2026**

Summary: Reporting to the Summer Fun Coordinator, the Summer Fun Assistant's general responsibility is to assist the Summer Fun Coordinator in planned daily activities.

Qualifications:

- Minimum 15 years of age
- First Aid and CPR Certification an asset
- Previous camp experience an asset
- Work as a team player and motivate children
- Experience working with children
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Must be willing to submit to a Criminal background check

Responsibilities:

- Follow and deliver Summer Fun Coordinator's program
- Ensure that all participants have a fun and safe environment to play for the summer
- Assist coordinator in day-to-day upkeep of camp facility and equipment
- Help with weekly collection of attendance forms
- Be neat, tidy and approachable

Suitable applicants will have a desire to make a difference in children's lives, while providing a safe structured environment that is FUN!

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TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE

2026 Summer Student Position
Maintenance Worker

The Town of Rainbow Lake is looking for mature, reliable, hard-working summer students to fill positions for the summer months.

The term of employment would be **from June 8th thru August 28th 2026**

Summary: Reporting to the Public Works Foreman and the Director of Recreation and Facilities, Summer Maintenance Workers general responsibility is to keep all town green spaces clean and well maintained.

Qualifications:

- Minimum 15 years of age
- Current First Aid and CPR certification is an asset
- Experience with lawn care equipment is an asset (will train on equipment)
- Be willing to work outside with machinery

Responsibilities:

- Maintain ball diamond, tennis & basketball courts, and other sports related facilities: including lawn care of parks and town green spaces.
- Assist with park cleanup and garbage control within town limits.
- Assist in maintaining pathways, parking lots and public areas.

Suitable applicants will have a desire to make Rainbow Lake an attractive and safe town to live and play.

Interested applicants can drop off their cover letters and resumes to:

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Public Works Post

May in Northern Alberta: Mud, Frost & False Hope Season

Good news: Not many potholes
Bad news: The roads have chosen… CHAOS

As May rolls in, the frost is finally backing off, the gravel is drying out. Sounds promising, until traffic hits and washboarding starts. Around here, that just means your daily drive now comes with built-in drums. You're not just driving, you're performing. Every tap of the gas turns into a percussion audition. Your dashboard rattles like it's drafting a complaint, and your suspension is quietly rethinking its career. But hey, that is a small-town perk. Where else do you get a free massage, instant wake-up call, and a vehicle inspection all in one trip? If your teeth start chattering, don't worry, it's not the cold, it's the local road character.

Your Public Works Crew are out there doing what we do best:

Grading the roads
Fixing potholes as they pop up (and reappear… and pop up again)
Clearing ditches and helping culverts remember their purpose

Spring is a challenging time, and even with daily progress, the roads can be unpredictable and seem to undo all our hard work, keeping us on our toes.

Public Works Week: May 18-24, 2026

This week recognizes the folks keeping everything running… roads, water, gas, airport, and even internet that lets you complain about the roads and everything else. Most of the work happens behind the scenes… unless you catch us mid-grading the road, then it's very much in front of you. We appreciate the waves, the patience, and the understanding, especially when you're bouncing down the road like you just hit a speed bump… for 3 kilometers straight. Hey, we are not competing in the World Rally Championship, so there's no need to speed. Give the crew some space to do our job safely. And, by the way, make sure your coffee lid is secure, you don't want any unexpected spills all over your lap. Folks, smoother days are coming. Until then—*Stay Muddy, Slightly Shaky, and Keep Smiling!*

– Joy

WATER UTILITY UPDATE

With the spring season in full swing, which is welcomed after a long snowy winter, the annual water turnover in the raw water reservoirs always brings unique challenges in treating the water for the next couple of months.

Should residents notice a small amount of color or a hint of odor in the water, this is not a health concern, it could be slightly more pronounced because of the elevated levels on manganese.

Thank you for your support.

– James



CAO Corner

April was a busy month at the Town Office. Several open houses were held so residents could provide feedback on Council's proposed strategic plan. This plan will guide where the municipality spends its resources over the next 3-5 years. Council will receive the community's feedback and will decide whether to move ahead with the strategic plan or to adjust the priorities based on feedback.

Beyond the strategic plan, Council has approved its annual budget. Along with the education property taxes and requisition for the Boreal Housing Foundation, property owners will be receiving their annual property tax notices. If you have any questions about your assessment, please contact the Town Office and I will do my best to address any concerns you may have. A couple of items to remember when you review your property tax assessment:

- Assessments reflect the estimated market value of a property as of July 1 of the previous year. For example, 2026 assessments are based on July 1, 2025, market conditions.
- Property owners are encouraged to contact their assessor if they believe their assessment is inaccurate. If unresolved, a formal complaint can be filed within the designated timeframe shown on the assessment notice.
- Please remember that your property tax assessment is a combination of your municipal taxes, provincial educational taxes, and housing foundation contribution.

I had the pleasure of attending the Volunteer Appreciation Night. I would like to thank Sidney Platt for hosting the event, and to congratulate all the nominees. It makes me even more proud to live in Rainbow Lake when I hear about the residents who give so much to the community.

One final note…every five years the Government of Canada conducts a national census. You will be receiving information about the census and participation is mandatory. We know that Rainbow Lake's population has shrunk since the last census, so we want to ensure that residents who consider Rainbow Lake as their primary residence are counted.

As always, if you have any questions or would like to meet, my office is open to you.

– Jason



PROPERTY TAXES

The 2026 Property Taxation and Assessment Notices were mailed out April 27. If you are a property owner on the Assessment Roll for the Town of Rainbow Lake, you will be receiving a notice. If you don't receive your notice, or if your notice contains incorrect owner or mailing information, please contact the Town Office and provide the correct information.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the assessed value of your property, please contact the Town's Assessory Aaron Steblyk of Compass Assessment Consultants Inc. at

780-469-5552 or by email at

aaron@compassac.ca

If speaking to the assessor does not resolve your concerns, you may appeal your assessment in writing pursuant to section 460 of the MGA. Assessment complaint forms are available at the office as well as on the Municipal Affairs website.

On the complaint form, you MUST provide reason(s) why you believe the information shown on the Assessment and Tax Notice is incorrect. An Assessment Review Board hearing date will be set after the final complaint date.

Final complaint date: July 3, 2026

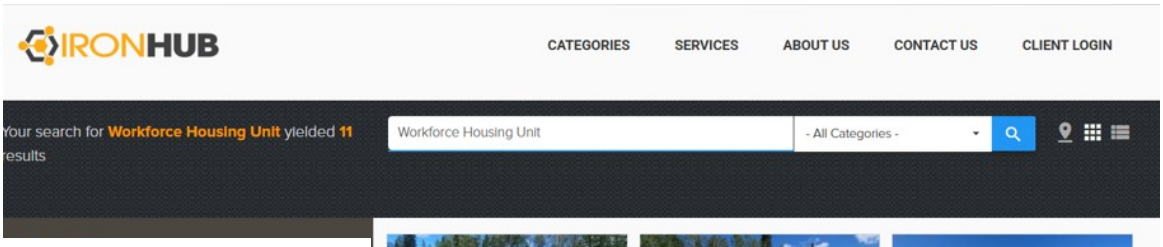


Save the date

July 3-4

Be prepared for food, games and fun! We look forward to welcoming all current and former residents to a great couple of days reminiscing about the “old days” and looking ahead to the future!

HOUSING AUCTION



Cenovus is holding an online auction for 11 of their housing units.

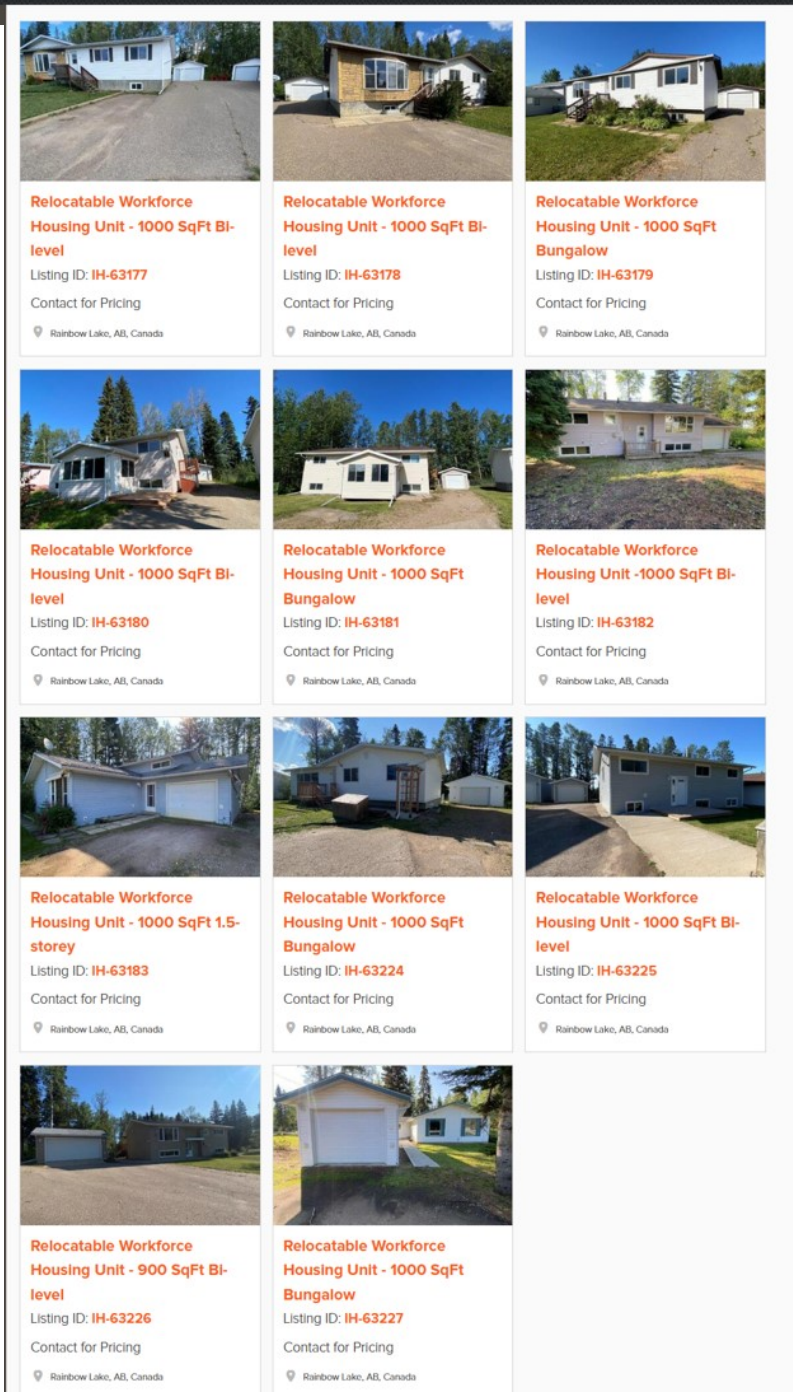
Houses must be removed from their lots and are sold “as-is”.

Information on the units for sale can be found at:

https://marketplace.theironhub.com -

Use the search “workforce housing unit”.

The auction is currently live and ends on June 30, 2026.



INTERNET OUTAGE

Connect Mobility will be experiencing a necessary outage of their system on Tuesday, May 5 from 2pm-6pm.

This is scheduled maintenance to complete an upgrade to their system. This outage will affect all Connect customers in the province.

Thank you for your understanding.





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780-956-3949

Fire Hall
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780-956-1814
(Emergencies, dial 9-1-1)