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WELCOME SUMMER!

COMMUNITY CLEANUP



THANK YOU to the wonderful residents of Rainbow Lake and students at Rainbow Lake School for showing up to clean up the community, it looks great!

THANK YOU to Councillor Cheri Hazelwood for providing the delicious hamburgers!

THANK YOU to Cenovus for the use of their BBQ and the chefs for cooking everything!

TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE

JOIN US!

TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE
60TH ANNIVERSARY
1966 – 2026

JULY 3, 2026

RAINBOW LAKE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

6PM FAMILY FUN GOLF & OBSTACLE COURSE

$60,000 HOLE IN ONE PRIZE !
(REGISTER TO RESERVE YOUR SHOT)

JULY 4, 2026

REC PLEX
1 ATCO ROAD, RAINBOW LAKE AB

10AM -4PM OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES (LASER TAG, INFLATABLES, WATER BALLOONS)

12PM FREE BBQ LUNCH 12PM

1PM 60TH ANNIVERSARY CAKE

11AM-11PM BEER GARDEN

5PM PULLED PORK & CHICKEN DINNER

FOOD TRUCKS & FARMERS MARKET

6PM -10PM CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

INQUIRE FOR FREE RV PARKING AVAILABILITY

INFO:
Recreation: 780-956-1707
email: nnichols@rainbowlake.ca

MACEWAN UNIVERSITY VISIT

Town Council met with MacEwan University students to collaborate on a town rebranding project. The students also toured the town including the Rainbow Lake Campground to get a feel for what Rainbow has to offer. Tracy Whatmore of MacEwan University said of the visit “We have already fallen in love with the Town of Rainbow Lake and hope the campaign we put together will help other people fall in love with it too”. Tracy said though it was a quick visit, the class of now 11 students, 2 instructors and 2 coaches are all a buzz about moving up north!

We are excited to see what ideas they generate!



Pictured above L-R: Jason Harley, CAO; Rick Cartier, Mayor; Solange Solacium, Student; Mel Nguyen, Student; Tracy Whatmore, MacEwan Staff; Cheri Hazelwood, Councillor; Ebba Shiimi, Student; Peggie Barnhill; Deputy Mayor; Danny Huppertz, Councillor; Darren Meyer, Councillor

CAO CORNER

Summer doesn't officially begin until June 21. When I lived in the city, I considered it the first day of summer once I saw the food trucks on the street, especially the hot dog vendor, Fat Franks. Now that I live in Rainbow, the "official" first day of summer is when the golf course is opened for the season. It's great to see people in the clubhouse and all of the carts on the course.

You might want to visit the golf course and practice your swing. In case you haven't heard, the Town of Rainbow Lake is hosting a **$60,000** hole-in-one contest to celebrate our town's 60th anniversary. Many golfers are familiar with hole #1 at the course, and I have heard a couple of stories of past hole-in-ones. Maybe it will be you who will walk away with $60k. In case you are wondering, the Town took out an insurance policy, so if anyone wins, taxes won't increase next year because of it.

By now you should have received notice to complete your 2026 census. By law, each Canadian needs to participate in the census. It is essential for our residents to complete their census as it plays a factor in how the provincial and federal governments make funding decisions. Quite simply, the more residents we have, the more funding our community will be eligible for in the future. Since the census occurs once every five years, please take time to complete your information.

Even though it is summer, I would like to give a special shout-out to our public works crew, Joy, George, Sidney, and Myles for their work this past winter. This year, we had a significant snow load. I have been told that it is the most snow residents have seen in the past decade. Our crew worked hard to keep our streets cleared. And when the snow melted, they worked to keep our culverts open so that properties would not flood.

You may have noticed a group of students touring Rainbow Lake. The town has partnered with MacEwan University on a marketing and rebranding campaign. Using their marketing skills, we hope we can attract more interest in living and working in the town. Residents will be invited to see the students' marketing ideas when they virtually pitch their ideas on June 15 from 10-11:30 am. There will be more details to follow.

Before I close, I want to encourage you to invite any former Rainbow residents to join us for our 60th anniversary. Our planning committee has been busy organizing a variety of events that will appeal to people of all ages. There will be something for everyone when Rainbow turns 60!

– Jason

PUBLIC WORKS POST

June in Rainbow Lake: Dust, Bugs & Lawnmower Olympics

June has arrived in Rainbow Lake, and with it comes longer days, greener lawns, and enough dust to remind us that mud season is officially behind us. As the weather warms up, Public Works crews have been busy grading roads, repairing potholes, mowing grass, maintaining utilities, and tackling the never-ending battle against washboards that seem to reappear almost as quickly as the mosquitoes.

At this point, some roads provide a free alignment check, dashboard rattle test, and chiropractic adjustment all in one trip. If you've managed to make it across town without spilling your coffee, consider that a win.

Meanwhile, behind the scenes, our crews are also maintaining water and gas systems, internet connectivity infrastructure, airport operations, parks, municipal facilities, and equipment. This is all happening while every machine in the fleet has apparently joined a support group and agreed to break down one at a time for "team-building purposes."

Dust control operations are underway, grass is growing faster than our budgets, and summer maintenance season is in full swing. While progress may sometimes seem slow, there's a lot happening behind the scenes to keep services operating safely and reliably for residents.

A Friendly Reminder

Please slow down around working crews and equipment. A few extra seconds can make a big difference in keeping everyone safe. The potholes may be unavoidable, but airborne gravel doesn't need to become part of the local weather forecast.

If you notice something that needs attention, please contact the Town Office at: 780-956-3934. In a community like Rainbow Lake, one of our greatest strengths is people looking out for one another. Your observations and feedback help us identify issues early and keep our town running smoothly.

Thank you for your continued patience, support, and understanding as we work through another busy summer season.

– The Public Works Department

"Keeping Rainbow Lake running… while mother nature keeps us grounded"

REC RUNDOWN

Rainbow Lake Recreation would like to send a big shout out to spring for finally arriving! And with this season, all the great things that go along with it. We appreciate everyone that was able to participate in Earth Day clean-up activities, especially the food donations from the ESSO, RJ's, the BBQ and crew from Cenovus, The Village, Rainbow Lake School Staff, and the Town of Rainbow Lake staff who made lunch at the school a big success. A special thank you goes out to Council Member Cheri Hazelwood for donating those wonderful home-made beef patties. The bar has been raised to new heights for all future BBQs!! We hope everyone was able to utilize the transfer station on the given days and thank you to everyone for helping to clean up our community.

Congratulations to the grads this year of Rainbow Lake School and thank you for celebrating with us at the Rec Plex. This joyous occasion reminds us of the upcoming closure of the school year for summer holidays. We wish all travelling families safe journeys this summer and bountiful access to sunscreen and bug spray, especially while still here in Rainbow Lake. While in Rainbow Lake, contact Recreation to book time at the Rec Plex – recbookings@gmail.com. The arena can be utilized for ball hockey, pickle-ball, roller blading, etc.

We are looking forward to Canada Day on July 1st and The Town of Rainbow Lake's 60th anniversary celebration on July 4th. Community members are encouraged to volunteer for both events and parents can arrange with the recreation department to have their children participate in the Canada Day parade by decorating their scooters and bicycles and joining the Town of Rainbow Lake vehicles. Don't forget to practice your swing for the 60th anniversary $60,000 hole-in-one challenge on July 3 at the Rainbow Lake Golf and Country Club. This challenge will coincide with the Family Fun Golf tournament as part of the 60th Anniversary festivities so bring the whole family!

– Nathan

AND SO THE ADVENTURE BEGINS!



The Town of Rainbow Lake was proud to host the graduation ceremony for this year's graduating class.



BIG CONGRATULATIONS going out this year to Kaylen and Andrei, the graduating class of 2026!

We wish you all the very best in your future!


EXIT
Class of
202
Congrats GR




Class of
2026
Congrats GRAD

WATER UTILITY UPDATE

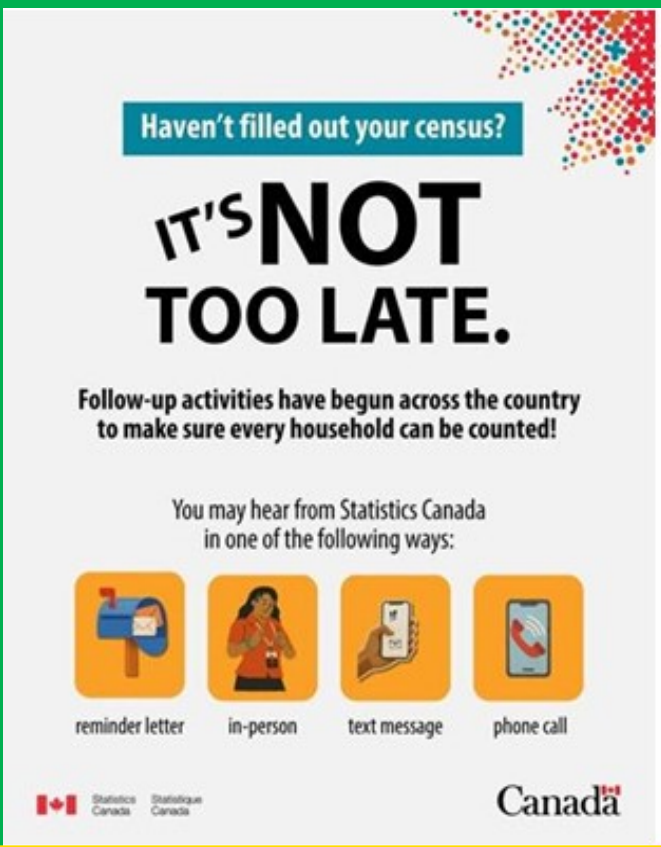
Concerning the Manganese Levels in the Drinking Water, the introduction of a moderate dosage of KMn04 was commenced on May 06, with a slight increase in the dosage on May 8th. With an extensive monitoring program, which will continue within both the Water Plant and Distribution System, the entire water system has manganese levels below the Maximum Acceptable Concentration, and we will continue to reduce the levels to the best of our ability.

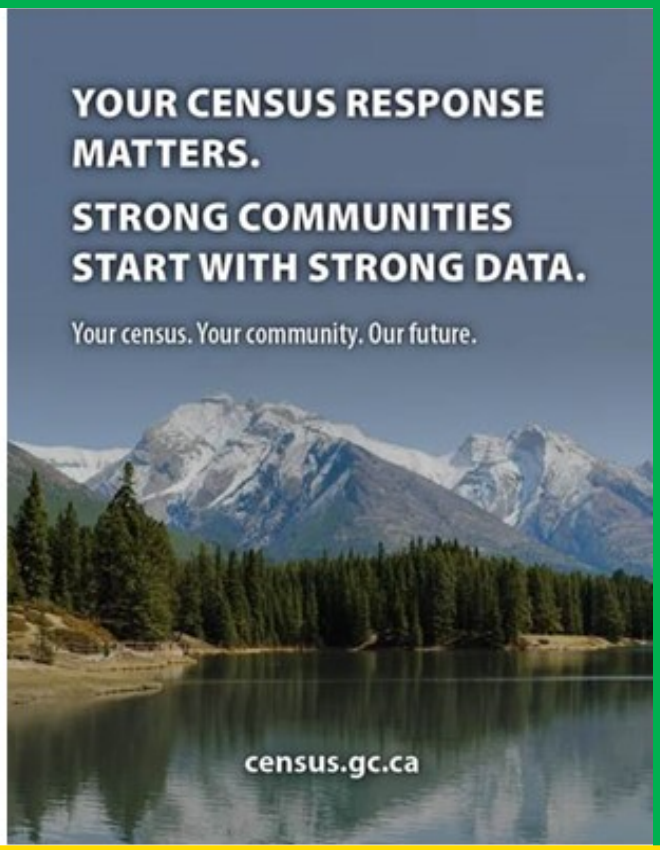
In consultations with Alberta Environment, our plan is to cancel the notice later in June. We just would like to ensure our progress continues on a steady decline trajectory, prior to cancellation of this notice with Alberta Health.

Thank you to all our citizens for your support and understanding concerning both the manganese issue and also a special thank you to the residents for your understanding during a brief water outage on May 13th within the High Pressure Zone, apologies extended for any inconvenience this may have caused.

Should you have any questions, please reach out.

– James







HEARTFELT thanks to the Rainbow Lake Volunteer Fire Department membership for the donation of a new AED machine for the Rec Plex! They also refurbished the unit at the Golf Course and the Town Office. All are now on the same maintenance schedule as the Fire Department and will be maintained by them.

THANK YOU James Barnhill and your team!



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