NEWSLETTER

JULY 2026

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CELEBRATION INCOMING!

JOIN US!

TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE 60TH ANNIVERSARY 1966 – 2026

JULY 3 & 4, 2026

For more information:
780-956-1707
nnichols@rainbowlake.ca
Facebook.com/townofrainbowlake

Limited FREE RV parking and camping available.
Contact us for availability.

"When Banff Oil completed its Rainbow discovery in March 1965, a few miles west of the abandoned Black Creek well, it soon evident that civilization was about to be carved out of this pristine wilderness."

More than 60 years later,
that civilization is ready to celebrate!

Town of Rainbow Lake invites you to join us for our

60 TH ANNIVERSARY Celebration!

★ CELEBRATE WITH US! ★

JULY 3 • 6:00 PM — RAINBOW LAKE GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB

9-HOLE FAMILY FUN GOLF & OBSTACLE COURSE
RAFFLE DRAWS FOR 8 HOLES

$60,000 HOLE-IN-ONE CHALLENGE

- Participants must register
- Minors require signed parent/guardian consent

JULY 4 • STARTING AT 10:00 AM — REC-PLEX • 1 ATCO ROAD

- FARMERS MARKET
- FOOD TRUCKS: DUTCH WHARF & SWEET E'S
- INFLATABLES, LASER TAG & WATER BALLOONS
- FREE BBQ LUNCH - 12:00 PM
- 60TH ANNIVERSARY CAKE - 1:00 PM
- BEER GARDEN - 11:00 AM - 11:00 PM
- FREE PULLED PORK & CHICKEN DINNER - 5:00 PM
- CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT - 6:00 PM TO 10:00 PM
  PRIZES FOR TOP 3 FINISHERS

PLEASE BRING SUNSCREEN AND A TOWEL.

TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE





NEW BANNER ALERT!

Huuuuuge THANK YOU to ATCO Energy for the assist in getting banner holders and our 60th Anniversary banners put up on poles around town. Hopefully you've spotted them! If you're curious about how many there are, you could take a drive around town and count them, or continue reading the Newsletter to find the answer at the end.

REC RUNDOWN

The Town of Rainbow Lake Recreation Department hopes everyone is having a happy summer so far. Believe it or not, our mosquito situation is the envy of the province. If you listen really closely at night, you can hear the buzzing mosquitos from Edmonton, if the swarm of mosquitos flying around you would quiet down, that is!

Rainbow Lake itself is about to be buzzin' too, if you haven't heard. This month of July is making quite an entrance with a rainy Canada Day (that means more buzzin') and the Town of Rainbow Lake's 60th Anniversary Celebrations being held at the Rainbow Lake Golf and Country Club on Friday, July 3 and at the Rec Plex on Saturday, July 4. We are looking forward to seeing everyone there, families, communities, and businesses, coming together this weekend for a much-needed reminder that the spirit of Rainbow Lake is alive and well and welcoming to all.

I would like to say thank you in advance to the companies and individuals that have contributed to this event financially and with immense contributions of time and effort. It has been amazing to see how much care and devotion some people have for this community. From hand making an event's-worth of hamburger buns to creating iconic t-shirts, from chipping in where it counts to organizing the events that turn into our memories, Rainbow Lake is home to some people that really care and we will be having a fantastic couple of days because of them.

Come by the Rec Plex on Canada Day at 9:00 am for breakfast and then for bike and scooter decorating at 10:00 am. We will run a small parade in the arena if it's too rainy. Larger vehicles are welcome to decorations as well if the outdoor parade is a go. Rain or shine, we will get to show our patriotism while having some fun.

The Summer Fun Program is planning to start the summer season on Monday, July 6. Information Posters will be out soon.

The Recreation department wishes everyone a happy summer and safe travels. We look forward to seeing everyone around the Rec Plex.

– Nathan



Alberta Forestry was out and about counting banners in Town… just kidding, they were evaluating vegetation management and fire risks in and around Rainbow Lake.



CANADA® DAY 2026

CELEBRATE CANADA WITH RAINBOW LAKE!

BREAKFAST 9AM

KIDS VEHICLE DECORATING 10AM
(BIKES AND SCOOTERS)

PARADE GATHERING 11:30
GATHER AT ATCO RD

PARADE 12PM

BBQ 1PM

CARNIVAL GAMES AND OUTDOOR WATER FUN 2PM
BRING SUNSCREEN AND TOWELS



RAINBOW LAKE

Inquire rnichols@rainbowlake.ca ph: 780-956-1707

WATER UTILITY UPDATE

A brief update on the Manganese Control Program, it is working much better then anticipated and we have had the manganese levels in the drinking water far below the Maximum Acceptable Concentration since the third week of May. This week, I met with Alberta Health, and we have decided to review the numbers in July and then make the decision when to rescind the notice. As the manganese numbers on the raw-untreated water side continue to climb, we would like to ensure we can continue to hold the lower numbers on the treated water side.

Thank you for your support.

– James

PUBLIC WORKS POST

July in Rainbow Lake: Celebrating 60 Years While Building for Tomorrow

July has arrived, bringing sunshine, warm weather, mosquitoes the size of small helicopters, and enough dust to make you wonder if Rainbow Lake has quietly relocated to the Sahara Desert.

This month, our community celebrates Canada Day and the 60th Anniversary of the Town of Rainbow Lake. For 60 years, Rainbow Lake has been built by hardworking, resilient people who have created a welcoming community in the north. As we celebrate this milestone, we're also looking ahead by continuing to improve our roads, utilities, parks, and other public infrastructure.

Summer is one of our busiest seasons. The Public Works crew has been grading roads, controlling dust, repairing utilities, maintaining equipment, servicing the airport, and dealing with the surprise jobs that seem to appear out of nowhere the moment someone says, *"Looks like it'll be a quiet day."* Around here, that's usually the quickest way to guarantee it won't be.

We're also pleased to welcome our summer students. They will be mowing grass, cleaning parks, assisting with community and maintenance projects, and learning a few important lessons along the way:

- Grass grows faster than expected.
- Mosquitoes never take a day off.

The person holding the weed trimmer always finds every hidden rock.

If you've noticed our parks and green spaces looking a little better lately, you can thank the students for that. Just don't be too hard on them if they're moving a little slower by the afternoon…the heat, bugs, and endless mowing can wear anyone out.

Our gravel roads are also doing what they do every summer: growing potholes almost as fast as we can fix them, while our grader is doing its best to stay ahead. Dust control is in full swing, although some days it feels like we're trying to water entire province one truckload at a time.

A Friendly Reminder

Please slow down around work zones, equipment, maintenance crews, and our summer students. A little extra patience helps keep everyone safe and cuts down on the dust. Nobody enjoys eating gravel while they're trying to mow the grass.

From all of us in the Public Works Department, we wish you a safe and happy Canada Day and an enjoyable summer. Thank you for your continued patience and support as we work to keep Rainbow Lake safe, clean, and moving forward.

– Joy

Your Public Works Department: where the to-do list is long, the summers are short, and the mosquitoes always work overtime.

CAO CORNER

The Diamond Jubilee is also known as the 60*th* anniversary. This is important milestone for our humble community, and our diamond jubilee features several events that capture the character and spirit of its residents. Whether you have lived in the community for 60 years or have recently moved here, I hope you are proud to call "Rainbow" home. We are working hard to ensure that our municipality grows stronger so we can celebrate its 70*th* anniversary in 2036!

I would like to thank Nathan Nichols and all the volunteers who have spent the past several months planning activities for our 60*th* anniversary. A special shoutout to ATCO Electric for intstalling our 60*th* anniversary banners on light poles throughout the community.

The past several months students from MacEwan University have been working on a marketing strategy for our community. The students will be returning to Rainbow Lake on July 13-18 to research, interview residents, and film the town. We are looking for residents who want to take an active role in the marketing activities, including participation in a fun video campaign. If you are interested in learning more and getting involved, contact Tracy Whatmore at whatmoret@macewan.ca. We could use 10-15 residents of all ages in the project. No acting or experience required…only a desire to promote Rainbow Lake.

You may have received a message through the Voyent App regarding our Airport Open House on June 25*th*. The Town is going to be sending important, but limited messages on the app, using the informational (and not emergency) notification system. You can set your Voyent setting to accept or ignore these updates and still receive emergency alerts for critical incidents. Future informational notices will include sessions on utility rates as well as reimagining the recreation centre. If you have any questions about the Voyent App, please contact me at cao@rainbowlake.ca.

– Jason



The Town of Rainbow Lake is asking residents, businesses, and stakeholders for feedback on the future of our municipal airport. Town administration is proposing to reduce operational hours from May 1 and September 30. Currently, the airport operates 12-months. A public open house was held on June 25, 2026. There is still time to share your opinion by visiting the Recreation Centre, viewing the airport display, and providing a written submission. Alternatively, you can submit your thoughts to cao@rainbowlake.ca. Collected responses will be shared with Council on August 6, 2026.

REMINDER

Fire advisory

In effect

A fire advisory is in effect for the High Level Forest Area.

Prohibited

Any burning without a valid fire permit, other than a campfire

Fireworks and exploding targets

Allowed

Safe wood campfires*

Backyard firepits

Charcoal burning appliances

Propane, natural gas and electric powered appliances

Open flame oil devices

**Safe wood campfires must be within a metal, brick, or rock fire ring. They are required to:*

a) be on mineral soil, rock, gravel, sand, or another non-combustible surface that extends at least one metre around and below the fire;

b) have a responsible person in attendance to always keep the fire under control and to extinguish it before leaving;

c) have enough water on site to extinguish the fire.

Safe wood campfires on private lands include private land campgrounds and private land recreation areas.

June 25, 2026

albertafirebans.ca
1.866.FYI.FIRE

Alberta

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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

FOOD TRUCKS & FARMERS MARKET

12PM FREE BBQ LUNCH

11AM -11PM BEER GARDEN

5PM PULLED PORK/CHICKEN DINNER

60TH ANNIVERSARY CAKE

6PM -10PM CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
(PRIZES AVAILABLE)

INQUIRE FOR FREE RV PARKING AVAILABILITY

INFO:
Recreation: 780-956-1707
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LETTER FROM THE MINISTER

ALBERTA
MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS
Office of the Minister
MLA, Peace River

June 29th, 2026

I would like to extend a heartfelt congratulations to the Town of Rainbow Lake on the celebration of your 60th Anniversary!

This remarkable achievement is a testament to the resilience, spirit, and dedication of all those who have called Rainbow Lake home over the past six decades. From your early beginnings to the exceptional community that you are today, your town has become mightier, through the hard work, collaboration, and fortitude of its people.

Over the years, Rainbow Lake has demonstrated what it means to come together, through wildfires and evacuations, your commitment to supporting one another, adapting in the face of challenges, and becoming stronger each time is truly inspiring.

As you celebrate this milestone anniversary, may it be a time to reflect on your history, honour the contributions of past and present residents, and look forward with optimism to the future.

Wishing you continued success and many more years of community spirit and achievement.

Happy 60th Anniversary, Rainbow Lake!

Sincerely,

Honorable Dan Williams
Minister of Municipal Affairs
MLA for Peace River

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Classification: Public



The Town Office will be closed Wednesday, July 1, 2026 in recognition of Canada Day and July 3, 2026 for the 60th Anniversary. We will be open on Thursday, July 2, 2026 and back to regular hours on Monday, July 6, 2026.

We hope everyone joins us in celebrating our Country's birthday and the Town's 60th Anniversary!

P.S. The answer is 20

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