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Kids will be heading back to school this month. Please exercise caution when driving around the school and playground zones especially as the days get shorter. The speed limit in school and playground zones is 30km/hr.

TOWN OF RAINBOW LAKE

Public Works Post

September in Public Works: Winter Is Coming… Whether We're Ready or Not!

September is here, bringing cooler mornings, shorter days, and that familiar feeling that winter isn't too far away. Public Works is making the most of the fall weather while we still have it, wrapping up seasonal work, doing road maintenance and final grass cutting, cleaning up around Town, and keeping up with regular checks on our water, sewer, and natural gas systems.

A big **shout-out to our summer crew** for all their hard work this season! From mowing and trimming to cleanup and helping with projects around the community, they put in a lot of hours helping keep Rainbow Lake looking clean and beautiful. We truly appreciate the effort they put in all summer, and we hope they enjoyed battling the grass and weeds as much as the grass and weeds enjoyed growing back!





At the airport, we're continuing preparations for seasonal operations and the upcoming winter closure. Around Town, we're also checking valves, hydrants, equipment, and other infrastructure while we can still find everything without digging through a snowbank first.

We're slowly putting the summer equipment away and getting the winter equipment ready to go. It's always better to find and fix a problem now than discover it on a -40°C January morning. Around here, winter doesn't exactly give much notice, it just shows up when it feels like it.

Thanks, as always, for your patience while we work around Town. If you see our crews or equipment out working, please slow down and give us a little extra room to get the job done safely.

Your Public Works Crew

Enjoy the fall weather while it lasts, coz we know we will!

– Joy

Rec Rundown

Greetings from the Recreation Department! We hope everyone has had a fine summer. To everyone who was able to make the Town of Rainbow Lake and Recreation a part of their summer, we appreciate you very much. From the Canada Day and 60th Anniversary events at the beginning of July, to helping the MacEwan group with their town promotion project, to taking part in Summer Fun, or enjoying the facilities at the Rec Plex, we were very glad to see you and look forward to the fall season with all of its colors and back to school excitement. Speaking of colors, the Devonian Park and Rec Plex have been looking beautiful with the flowers that town staff have been maintaining diligently so a big thanks goes out to them as well.

We will indeed be preparing the ice in the arena in October! Unfortunately, this means the racket sports area will have to be downsized to one court in the curling rink. Fortunately, the pickleball players are now seasoned enough to seek regional competition. It just goes to show how a couple of months is all it takes to learn something new and do it well.

It looks like quite the impressive harvest is ready for the folks utilizing the community garden. Those barrels are just bursting! Way to go gardeners! Enjoy the fruits of your labors and if you nicked something from your neighbor's garden, enjoy that fruit (or vegetable) too!



– Nathan

15 Years and Counting!



The Town of Rainbow Lake wish to give a big ole THANKS to Sherri Lederer for her 15 years of service to the community! Staff held a bbq in Devonian Park to celebrate Sherri and this amazing milestone!

CAO Corner

As we approach the fall season, I would like to acknowledge the work of our summer students Nicole, Cyrill and Jordan. I received almost no complaints about the quality and consistency of grass maintenance. I know it isn't easy cutting grass in the ditches, but I appreciate the efforts of our public works crew to keep our community looking clean and manicured. I would also like to thank Debbie for ordering all of the beautiful flowers in our community, and especially to Sherri and Jayla for faithfully watering and tending to the flowers throughout the summer.

I have noticed a few potholes that need to be fixed. If you find a pothole that needs attention, I encourage you to reach out to me and let us know the location of the pothole. We have a limited road maintenance budget so we have to extend the lifespan of the road systems as much as we can.

Last month, Council voted unanimously to reduce the airport hours. Although we have not received official approval from Transport Canada and NAV Canada, I expect our airport will be closed this winter, starting on September 30, and it will reopen again on May 1, 2027. One advantage of reducing our airport hours is that we will extend the lifespan of the runway by not having equipment on it over the winter season.

For those who participated in the MacEwan University video project, I want you to know that the students produced five 'mockumentary' episodes about Rainbow Lake. This is not a traditional marketing video, but a fun and playful way to talk about our town and to be authentic about who we are and what we offer. I am working with the school on a final version and hope to have it released soon for everyone to see and share.

Looking ahead, Council's strategic plan calls for a review on our public utilities. Over the coming months, the town will have an opportunity to discuss utility rates, funding models, and to ask the question of whether the Town of Rainbow Lake should continue to own its gas utility. These are important questions that will influence our community's long-term financial viability. I know that some of these conversations will be difficult, perhaps even controversial, but we must not avoid a thoughtful discussion about how we manage and fund our infrastructure in the short and long-terms.

My door is always open to residents who want to discuss any issues in the community or ways to make Rainbow Lake shine a bit brighter.

– Jason

Water Utility Update

A brief update on the Manganese Control Program, the order from Alberta Health is expected to be rescinded soon as the manganese levels have been below the Maximum Acceptable Concentration (MAC) since June 01 and weekly onsite laboratory analysis confirm our manganese control program to be successful. Rest assured that once the order has been cancelled, it will be shared with all our customers.

August and September are dedicated to sewer flushing, our contractor, Janzen's, is out and about, please exercise caution when our personnel are working in and around our streets, thanks.

Thank you for your support.

– James


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RAINBOW LAKE
OILMEN'S
Golf Tournament
SEPT 11-13
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OILMEN'S
GOLF TOURNAMENT
EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION
EXTENDED UNTIL SEPT 4TH
$400 /TEAM
HORSE RACE
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TOURNAMENT
SATURDAY
AND SUNDAY!
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FOOD HOLES!
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OILMEN'S
TOURNAMENT

RAINBOW LAKE MUNICIPAL LIBRARY
-AGM-

You're invited to the upcoming AGM for the Rainbow Lake Library! The library board requires new members and fresh ideas. We look forward to welcoming you in September!

When: Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 7:00pm
Where: Rainbow Lake Library @ 1 Atco Road (East Entrance)



New Wheels!



Public Works has received a long awaited new whip. If you spot George rolling through town feel free to give him a wave!

SEPTEMBER DATES

WE'RE — CLOSED

SEPTEMBER 07, 2026 -------- LABOUR DAY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2026 -------- NATIONAL DAY FOR TRUTH & RECONCILIATION

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