

ATHABASCA CANADA DAY PARADE RELEASE FORM 2026

Thank you for choosing to participate and/or volunteer for the **ATHABASCA CANADA DAY PARADE**. (“Parade”). This annual event is produced by the Athabasca District Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with the Magnificent River Rats Festival. Your organization/company/entry was provided a set of Rules and Guidelines in the Parade Entry Application Packet (“Entry Rules and Guidelines”), hereinafter incorporated as reference that was completed, signed and agreed to by a representative from your organization/company/entry. The Entry Rules and Guidelines were given for all entrants, participants or volunteers who have chosen to participate (“Parade Participants”) to adhere to at line- up for, during and after the Parade. Any and all Parade Participants understands and agrees that it is their responsibility to read, understand and adhere to all rules, regulations and guidelines as set forth in this Release Form and the Entry Rules and Guidelines. Aside from the Entry Rules and Guidelines, the Athabasca District Chamber of Commerce, its representatives, agents, etc. must also adhere to all legal restrictions and regulations in order to assure order during the event.

Parade Participants under the age of 18 must have a parent or guardian to sign this form. Any signing parent and/or guardian agrees and understands hereinafter that it is their sole duty and responsibility to act as the guardian as it relates to the minor’s safety, welfare and behavior throughout the duration of the entire event. Therefore, for the good and valuable consideration of being granted participation in the Parade, all Parade Participants agree to the following terms and conditions as well as any and all Entry Rules and Guidelines.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

Due to risks involved in outdoor parade events, the undersigned is aware of and understands the inherent risks, hazards and dangers associated with parade participation and, notwithstanding that the actual conditions at the parade may pose more or less risks, hazards and dangers than those so enumerated, the undersigned nevertheless elects, voluntarily, to enter and/or participate and/or volunteer in the Parade on the terms, conditions and covenants set forth herein. In this regard, the undersigned, for himself/herself and for his/her heirs, successors, assignees, personal representatives and next of kin, hereby releases, waives, discharges, covenants not to sue and agrees to hold harmless Athabasca District Chamber of Commerce, all Parade volunteers, agents, assigns, employees, and/or representatives; the providers or official vehicles; and each of them, as well as their officers, directors, agents, volunteers and employees; from all liability for any and all causes and claims of every type and nature whatsoever, including but not limited to property damage, injury to person and/or death, or otherwise, without limitation, arising out of or alleged to be arising out of the conduct of the Parade, the pre-

Parade information, staging, placement, judging, organization meetings, post-Parade ceremonies and any other Parade event sanctioned by Athabasca District Chamber of Commerce and the parade.

OUTDOOR PARADE EVENT SAFETY AND PARTICIPATION ADVISORY NOTICE RISKS, HAZARDS AND DANGERS ASSOCIATED WITH PARADE PARTICIPATION.

Parades involve inherent risks, hazards and conditions that may be dangerous to life, limb and property and that can arise in an incalculable variety of unforeseeable or foreseeable ways to which may include (as examples, but not necessarily as a complete list) the following: The presence and use of horses and other animals, motor vehicles, machinery, floats, acrobats, project tiles, aerial demonstrations, baton twirling, wind, rain, hail and other forces of the elements, and other threats to life and limb, such as the possibility of slipping and falling and complications associated with weather conditions and physical exertion (such as heat stroke, fainting, collapse, exhaustion or other more serious complications).

The undersigned further understands and agrees that they are personally responsible for, and the monitoring of their own state of health needs as it may relate to participation in this type of outdoor event. If such person(s) will be handling any animal, motorized vehicle apparatus, device, firearm, or other thing in the parade, he/she/they is/are possessed of sufficient experience in doing so such that the life, limb or property of self and others will not be exposed to unreasonable risk of harm.

CONSENT TO RELEASE IMAGES

The undersigned grants to Athabasca District Chamber of Commerce and its representatives, employees, agents and assigns the irrevocable and unrestricted right to take, use, reproduce and publish media with his/her, and/or the minor named below, including but not limited to an image and/or likeness thereof, with or without name recognition; and understands that no monetary compensation will be provided. The undersigned authorizes Athabasca District Chamber of Commerce, its assigns and transferees to copyright, use and publish the images into public domain in any lawful manner such as but not limited to, editorial, trade, advertising or any other purpose; and permits the alteration of the same without restriction.

The undersigned is aware of the public nature of the parade and that images may be taken by the public, spectators and other Parade Participants; and releases Athabasca District Chamber of Commerce, its representatives, employees, agents and assigns from responsibility in the use, reproduction or publication of these images.

PARADE ENTRY RULES AND GUIDELINES – 2026

The Athabasca District Chamber of Commerce Summer parade in 2026 will be held on July 1, 2026 in conjunction with the Magnificent River Rats Festival. The parade is an opportunity to celebrate and showcase businesses, community organizations and families in our area. Line-up is between PetroCan Cardlock & Independent Foods beginning at 9:30 am, parade starts at 10:30 am.

- 1) Parade line-up will be based on proper flow and movement of the parade staging space and safety. Parade dignitaries will be placed toward the front of the parade.
- 2) Only the parade marshal(s) can authorize a switch of the line-up on the day of the parade. If a parade unit changes its line-up without approval, its entry in future events will be denied.
- 3) Parade units with musical aspects will be evenly spaced throughout the parade. All entries must indicate if they have music or sound amplifying systems, and shall maintain a volume that will not interfere with other entries, especially those with animals.
- 4) Entries with children under the age of 18 must also have parents or other adult chaperones walking alongside to provide supervision. Applicants are required to ensure the safety of persons riding on the floats. Persons riding on floats or flatbed trucks must be seated if there are no protective restraints. The Athabasca District Chamber of Commerce is not responsible for the safety of the float or the persons riding the float. The applicant is required to comply with all applicable laws to ensure everyone's safety.
- 5) No printed literature may be thrown or discarded or sprayed by or from any entry as this causes a litter problem.
- 6) **NOTHING IS TO BE THROWN FROM ANY FLOAT INTO THE CROWD.** Doing so may cause injury to youngsters. If you intend to hand out candy please carry your supply with you and distribute it from the curb. Restocking from a moving vehicle not only poses a danger to participants but causes delays in the parade.
- 7) All dogs in the parade must be kept on leashes and held by someone strong enough to manage them.
- 8) Animals participating in the parade must be kept under control. If you cannot control your animal or its presence presents any safety issue, please leave the parade area with your animal rather than risk a problem.
- 9) Participants on bicycles, scooters, skates, skateboards, etc. must wear a helmet and/or proper safety equipment.

- 10) No smoking is allowed by any participant in the staging area or in the parade.
- 11) The consumption of alcoholic beverages either in the staging area or in the parade is strictly prohibited.
- 12) Use of cell phones, blackberries etc. by drivers of the vehicles is strictly prohibited.
- 13) Recognized in community groups other than bands, involving children under the age of 12 years, must have adult supervision (one adult for every four children). Individual walkers under the age of 12 years are not permitted, unless accompanied by an adult for the entire parade route, due to safety and weather conditions.
- 14) We are requesting a donation to participate in the parade this year, however not required as we invite EVERYONE to participate. If you would like to send a donation to participate you can either bring cash the day of or send an EMT to (athabascachamberofcommerce@gmail.com)