



A MACKENZIE FRONTIER TOURIST ASSOCIATION MEMBER FEATURE A HOME AWAY FROM HOME—IN 2 TOWNS

Noralta Motor Inn (Rainbow Lake) & Noralta Inn West (Zama City)

or folks heading to
Rainbow Lake and Zama
City to work and play,
the Noralta Motor Inn
and Noralta Inn West are
essential parts of their stay.

Open since 2008 and 2004 respectively, these members of Mackenzie Frontier Tourism offer full-service kitchens and dining rooms, with modern amenities such as wireless internet, satellite television and workout rooms. The Zama location even has a sauna, and the Outrigger Bar and Grill in Rainbow Lake has pool tables.

"Many people who come here to work stay with

us for months at a time, and a lot of our customers come back. They know the environment is clean, friendly, comfortable and welcoming, and we have good food," said Ed Brown, manager of both locations for owner Barry Tomalty.

The staff work hard to make the customers feel at home.

"All meals are included with the price of your stay, and there are complimentary washer and dryer facilities. If someone tells us they won't get in until late, we'll leave a plate in the oven for them, so they can have a hot meal when they get in," said Brown. These accommodations are one of only a few hotels in Rainbow Lake and the only lodgings available in Zama, so they work hard to meet the needs of clients in every industry—they even offer a conference room at the Rainbow Lake location, which can be used for staff meetings or rented by the community for events such as parties.

"We have people in oil and gas, forestry, education, hunters, fishers and tourists coming to experience a remote location, and more. We can house up to 170 in Zama and 117 in Rainbow Lake, so there's plenty of room," said Brown.

Since many of the staff have worked there for a long time, they quickly become on a first-name basis with their customers.

"Joyce McDonald has been manager at the Zama location since 2014, and Ruth Weisrod has managed Rainbow Lake since 2010. Some of the housekeepers and kitchen staff have been there that long too. For customers who stay a while, we're their family away from home," said Brown.

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