

MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373 SPECIAL JOINT
MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 3rd DAY OF APRIL, 2025 IN THE RURAL
MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 101 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE IN ABERDEEN, SASKATCHEWAN

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Reeve Martin Bettker.

Present were: Reeve Bettker, C.A.O. Bridgette Shwytky and the following RM
members of council:

Division No. 1 – Graham White

Division No. 3 – Kevin Kirk

Division No. 5 – Paul Martens

Division No. 2 – Mark Schaffel

Division No. 4 – Real Hamoline

Division No. 6 – Jim Korpan

Mayor Ryan White, C.A.O. Barbie Stachniak, and the following Town members of
council:

Lori Sopatyk, Joel Dokken, Andrew Hamoline, Brian Vandenberg, Justin Regier

Regrets: Bjorn Vors

Conflict of Interest: None Declared

104/25 Agenda

Kirk: BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the April 3rd, 2025 Special Joint Meeting of Council be
accepted as presented.

Carried

105/25 Parks and Rec Reserve Funds

R. White: BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with the legal advice received from the RM and
Town's Solicitor, the reserve funds currently held by the Aberdeen Parks & Rec Board be transferred
on a 50/50 basis to the Town and RM and placed into reserve accounts held by the municipalities for
use for recreation purposes.

Carried

106/25 Adjournment

G. White: BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting now be adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Carried



Reeve



C.A.O.- RM

Mayor

C.A.O.- Town



Discussion Notes

Action items

- CAOS - Create template for User groups/ further look into the implications/pros & cons of incorporating the user groups.
- Kevin to look into Ownership of equity in Bingo association,
- RM office to set up meeting with Prairie Spirit to discuss the User Agreement and future plans for their yard as it could influence what is constructed in the town's green space.
- CAOs to Draft letter for Parks of Rec for Mayor + Reeve to sign it to give to Parks and Rec regarding the RM placing the reserve money into accounts held by the municipalities.

Discussion about getting the Parks + Rec financials audited. Based on results of audit, the councils may require a forensic audit. All councillors present agreed that reserve funds currently held by Parks and Rec should be taken back and held in a reserve account per the recommendation of the Town and RM's solicitor.

Discussion about creating a non-profit corporation for Parks and Rec and for the Hall committee based on the advice of the Solicitor. The non-profits would be set up to have the Town and RM as the corporation's only members and the Town and RM would appoint a board of directors. Kim Anderson has offered his services to complete the necessary paperwork. CAOs to further investigate the pros and cons and the liability implications/insurance requirements involved with incorporating the groups.

Discussion about setting up a process to have Parks and Rec submit a yearly Budget to the RM & Town and that the RM and Town would pay the operating costs similar to the way Fire & First Responders are currently doing. Parks and Rec would still determine how the Sask Lotteries Grants would be distributed to the groups, they would submit a copy of the motion approval the amounts to be distributed to the RM and Town and the municipalities would disperse the funds.

Discussion regarding past practices of the GST and Donation receipts being completed by town for other groups through Parks + Rec. This practice will no longer be done.

Discussion about school grounds and how it can influence the plans for the green space. Need to meet with Prairie Spirit to discuss their long-term plans and to redo the use agreement that was signed by Parks and Rec.

Discussion about getting land leveled + grass seeded for Green Space so that the space can be used in the Short term until plans can be finalized. RM offer to supply equipment and labour for use to level grounds.

Discussion about the proposed position for hall caretaker as prepared by the Hall Committee that would include the cleaning, showings, daily checks, and rental preparations all in one position. Idea was presented to include some of the duties as part of the new town assistant position and to keep the cleaning position separate. Town will discuss amongst themselves and report back on what they have decided.

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