

MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373 SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 22<sup>nd</sup> DAY OF JANUARY, 2025 IN THE RURAL MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 101 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE IN ABERDEEN, SASKATCHEWAN

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**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 – absent  
Division No. 6 – Jim Korpan

**Conflict of Interest:** None Declared

**Meeting was recessed from 7:00pm until 8:42pm for a public hearing.**

**43/25 Agenda**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 Special Meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**Members of the Saskatoon Sharbojonin Puja Porishod attended the meeting as a delegate from 8:42pm to 9:15pm to discuss their Discretionary Use application.**

**Shirley Huffman and Foreman Garrett Beaulieu arrived at the meeting at 9:15pm.**

**44/25 Discretionary Use Application**

**Kirk:** BE IT RESOLVED that the council table the discretionary use application for a place of worship until the February meeting.

Carried Unanimously

**45/25 Aberdeen Parks & Rec Board**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the following be appointed to the Aberdeen Parks & Recreation Board for 2025, in addition to the members appointed at the meeting held on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025: Andrew Hamoline as a Town Rep, Kelli White, and Crystal Bideaux.

Carried Unanimously

**46/25 Highway 41 Safety Improvements**

**Schaffel:** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM provide the list of council's requested changes to the Ministry of Highways and Infrastructure in response to their request for endorsement to their Passing Lane Positioning and Future Safety Improvements Proposals.

Carried Unanimously

**Foreman Beaulieu left the meeting at 10:10 pm**

**47/25 In Camera Session**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the councils move the meeting into an in-camera session at 10:11 pm per section 120(2)(a) of the Municipalities Act and 23.1 of the Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act to discuss matters concerning the First Responders.

Carried Unanimously

**Meeting moved out of camera and the regular meeting resumed at 10:24 pm.**

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**48/25 Adjournment**

**Kirk:** BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting now be adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

  
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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373  
**Public Hearing**  
Held on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025 at the Municipal Office, located at  
101 Industrial Drive, in the Town of Aberdeen



The Reeve Martin Bettker called the public hearing to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Reeve Martin Bettker, Councilors Graham White, Mark Schaffel, Kevin Kirk, Paul Martens, Jim Korpan and the C.A.O. Bridgette Shwytky

Public Present: Kathy Tillman, Jayden Schmiess, Greg Fremont, Jeanne Boyenko, Ronald Gaucher, Richard ?, Kate Congreves, Jonathan Gorham, Leah Heidt, Devin Heidt, Rob Farkas, Kat Hamilton, David Bubnick, Tanner Danylczuk, Curtis Denis, Devan Engelberts, Brenda Johnson, Ken Johnson, Dylan Youngstrom, Nicholas Weinrauch, Scott Zelensky, Sylvia Waterer, Dennis Phelan, Don Boyenko, Laurie Gaucher, Lucien Lepage, Sean Jamison, D.J. Wheeler, Pat Engelberts, Kate Pederson, Pulak Das, Prosanta Mondal, Sabuj Sarver, Chastidy Fleishhacker, Daniel Gorin, Shib Podder.

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear concerns/objections/representations regarding the Discretionary Use Permit Application to construct a place of worship Par C, Plan 101972662 on the SE 06-37-02-W3 under Bylaw 2007-02 also known as the Zoning Bylaw for the RM of Aberdeen No. 373.

Reeve Martin Bettker chaired the hearing, introduced council and staff and then instructed those attending of the procedure that the hearing would follow.

Reeve Martin Bettker read the Discretionary Use application and the written submissions.

**Written Submissions:** Written Submissions are hereto attached as Schedule "A"

**Verbal Presentations:**

Dennis Phelan - Cited concerns regarding only sending notices out within the 1 mile radius. Requested that the radius be widened.

Jayden Schmiess - stated concerns with the lack of information provided with regards to the application. Spoke regarding the RM not generating taxes on building and that it would provide no benefit to RM financially.

Nicholas Weinrauch - Spoke with regards to how him & other discretionary use permits holders in the area have made efforts not to impact surrounding area and that a use such as this would not.

Devin Heidt - Spoke against the proposal. Expressed that he shared the same concerns as residents of Cherry Hills. Feels it would be a better fit closer to city. Concerns members would venture down Martin Road as well.

Sylvia Waterer - stated concerns regarding the hand out provided by the applicant that stated that the property being close to highway would not cause traffic concerns. Expressed that she disagrees with the hand out and that she is of the belief that the proposed use would cause significant traffic safety concerns. Mrs. Waterer also stated questions/concerns about other type of development and/or residential properties could potentially be approved on this property.

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The CAO read the permitted and Discretionary uses currently permitted within the Zoning bylaw for a property of the same Zoning (A-Agriculture). The CAO also explained that the list of uses is subject to change as the RM is currently in the process of updating our Zoning Bylaw and that the Bylaw could potentially be amended by future councils at their discretion. The Reeve also explained that Zoning Bylaws and amendments also require approval from the Ministry of Government Relations and that amendments to the uses may be rejected by the province.

Dylan Youngstrom - Spoke of having all the same concerns when it was proposed to be constructed at Mission Ridge. Does not believe the enough work has been done by applicant to mitigate the concerns that were originally cited with the initial application in Mission Ridge.

Martin reiterated that the RM is currently working on upgrading bylaws and that the contracted Planners will provide for public consultations as part of the upgrading process.

Devan Engelberts - cited concerns of the road being very busy. Expressed that there is no perceived benefit for RM and residents. Expressed concerns about public safety.

Sylvia Waterer - Questioned whether due diligence with regards to traffic impacts were conducted.

Jayden Schmiess - Commented that he is happy to hear the bylaw is being upgraded.

The Reeve explained that Highways follows specific criteria for determining improvements along the highways. Gave the example of how the RM is currently in discussions about improvements for highway 41. We can give suggestions but Highways has final say on all decisions regarding highway improvements. The Reeve also explained that applications for subdivisions along the highway are submitted for review by the Ministry of Highways, however, as there is no subdivision component to this application, it is not reviewed by the Ministry of Highways.

Shib Podder, one of the Applicants - spoke to addressed concerns raised with regards to their application. Explained they are in a Hindu group. They have 3 major celebrations a year where they could potentially see the full membership in attendance. Monthly gatherings are usually attended by approximately 1/2 of their membership. The building will not be open for coming and going at any time. Mr. Podder explained that the site plan was only a concept drawing and that the parking lot spaces are not finalized but would be aligned with the minimum number required by the RM's Bylaws. He explained that they can look into motion sensor lighting for parking that would only activate when someone drives onto the property to address lighting concerns. He explained that the utility usage would be minimal, so it should not have any impact to the neighboring properties.

Prosanta Mondal, one of the Applicants - Explained that they have a limited budget, which is why they are looking into a property outside of the city. He also explained that sounds will only be played within the building. There will be no speakers installed on the exterior of the building and no sound will be played outside. He also explained that their services are conducted inside the building.

Don Boyenko - Spoke against temple. Urged Council to view all the people opposed and to consider all the letters received, and side with them against the proposal.

Jeanne Boyenko - Explained that the property and existing coverall building have already been victimized by theft on multiple occasions. Cited concerns that the proposed use would attract more theft and crime to the area.

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Reeve Martin Bettker thanked those in attendance for their written submissions and verbal presentations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.



Reeve



C.A.O.