

MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373 REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 9<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2026 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 8:03 a.m. by Reeve Martin Bettker.  
Present were the following staff and members of Council:

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| Reeve – Martin Bettker        | C.A.O. – Bridgette Shwytky     |
| Division No. 1 – Graham White | Division No. 2 – Mark Schaffel |
| Division No. 3 – Kevin Kirk   | Division No. 4 – Real Hamoline |
| Division No. 5 – Paul Martens | Division No. 6 – Jim Korpan    |
| Foreman: Garrett Beaulieu     |                                |

**Lisa McNabb arrived at the meeting at 8:05 am to observe the proceedings.**

**Conflict of Interest:** Councillor Martens declared a conflict of interest with the agenda items 10.1 and 11.2. Councillor Hamoline declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 13.1.

**102/26 Agenda**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted as amended by adding the following under new business:

- Grader Quotes
- Highway 41 Maintenance

Carried Unanimously

**103/26 Approval of Minutes**

**Schaffel:** BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 2026, and the minutes of the special meeting of council held on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2026 be approved as presented.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the notes from the Safety Meetings held April 1st, 2026, the minutes from the Aberdeen Parks & Rec meeting held on March 19th, 2026, and the minutes of the Aberdeen Hall Committee held on March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026 be accepted for information.

Carried Unanimously

**104/26 Financial Activities**

**Hamoline:** BE IT RESOLVED that the statements of Financial Activities for the month of March, 2026 be accepted as presented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation for March, 2026 be also accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**Foreman Beaulieu arrived at the meeting at 8:26 a.m.**

**105/26 Payroll Summary**

**Korpan:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Payroll Summary for the month of March, 2026 be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**106/26 List of Accounts for Approval**

**Martens:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council approves the list of accounts for payment and they be attached and form part of these minutes.

Carried Unanimously

**107/26 SARM HISA**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council authorize the transfer of \$700,000 from the RM's Affinity Savings Account to the RM's SARM HISA.

Carried Unanimously

**108/26 Foreman's Report**

**Martens:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Foreman's report as submitted by Foreman Garrett Beaulieu be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**109/26 Council's Reports**

**Hamoline:** BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal Council reports be accepted as presented and that a written summary be recorded and attached to these minutes as Schedule "A".

Carried Unanimously

**110/26 Library Appointment**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that Shauna Klassen be appointed as a member at large on the Aberdeen Wheatland Library Board.

Carried Unanimously

**111/26 Administrator's Report**

**Kirk:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Administrator's report be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**Meeting was recessed for a Public Hearing from 11:00 am to 11:06 a.m.**

**Councillor Martens declared a conflict of interest with the next item as it pertains to land that he rents and left the meeting.**

**112/26 Subdivision SE 35-38-02-W3**

**Hamoline:** BE IT RESOLVED that the subdivision request, as submitted for the subdivision of 10 acres from the SE 35-38-02-W3, be approved pursuant to section 6.3.2(1) of the Zoning Bylaw 2007-05 and section 5.3(8) of the Official Community Plan Bylaw 2007-04 subject to the approval of the Ministry of Government Relations- Community Planning Branch;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the approval of the subdivision shall also be subject to the execution of a servicing agreement and payment of the required fees.

Carried Unanimously

**Councillor Martens returned to the meeting.**

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**113/26 In Camera**

**Korpan:** BE IT RESOLVED that the council of the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 go In Camera at 11:11 a.m. per section 120(2)(a) of the Municipalities Act and 23.1 of the Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Carried Unanimously

**Lisa McNabb was requested to leave the meeting room for the In Camera Session. Lisa McNabb left the meeting at 11:12 a.m. and did not return following the In Camera Session.**

**The Council moved out of camera and reconvened the regular meeting at 11:30 a.m.**

**Meeting was recessed for a Public Hearing from 11:30 am to 11:50 a.m.**

**Meeting was recessed for lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**Brian Jones attended the meeting as a delegate, on behalf on the Aberdeen Community Pasture Committee, from 1:00 p.m. to 1:20 p.m. to discuss the pasture regulations.**

**Marion Fehr-Stead and Howard Stead arrived at the meeting at 1:10 p.m. to observe the proceedings until their scheduled time as delegates.**

**Councillor Martens declared a conflict of interest with the next item as it pertains to land that he rents. Councillor Martens vacated his seat at the council table at 1:25 p.m. and remained in attendance as a member of the public to observe the proceedings during the discussion.**

**Howard Fehr attended the meeting as a delegate, along with Marion Fehr-Stead, on behalf of the Fehr Family, from 1:25 p.m. to 1:51 p.m. to discuss concerns with regards to access to their land in the RM.**

**Councillor Martens returned to the council table at 1:51 p.m. and resumed his seat following the discussion with the Fehr Family.**

**Foreman Beaulieu left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.**

**Jason Neufeld and Leah Tallis attended the meeting as delegates, on behalf of Ducks Unlimited, from 2:00 p.m. to 2:20 p.m. to discuss programs offered through their organization.**

**114/26 Class 1A Medical**

**Hamoline:** BE IT RESOLVED that the council approves reimbursing staff with their Class 1A License for the cost of the required medical exam for the renewal of their license.

LOST Unanimously

**Councillor Hamoline declared a conflict of interest with the next item as it pertains to land that he owns. Councillor Hamoline vacated his seat at the council table at 2:30 p.m. and remained in attendance as a member of the public to observe the proceedings.**

**115/26 SaskEnergy Pipeline Install**

**Korpan:** BE IT RESOLVED that the council approve the installation of a SaskEnergy pipeline from the NW 05-39-02-W3 to the SE 17-40-02-W3 as indicated on the construction drawings dated 2026/02/04.

Carried Unanimously

**Councillor Hamoline returned to the council table at 2:37 p.m. and resumed his seat following the discussion and vote.**

**116/26 Grain Bag Collection**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the council approves hosting a Grain Bag Collection Month in partnership with Clean Farms, and that the collection site will be located at the transfer station.

Carried Unanimously

**117/26 Correspondence**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the following correspondence, as presented to council be filed.

- SARM- NR Strychnine/NR Strychnine Update/Canoe Purchase Invoice Portal
- Government Relations – Response to Letter about Potash Tax Sharing/Planning Against Nuisance Properties
- Municipal Revenue Sharing
- Kings Printer – Bylaw Publications
- Ministry of Highways- Project Information Sheet – Highway 5
- Humboldt Community Builders Workshop Invite
- Canadian Fiscal Observatory Project – Request for Info
- RCMP Occurrence Stats
- Robertson Stromberg – Notice of Upcoming Changes to Municipal Legislation
- Sask Safety Council AGM Invite
- MuniSoft GL Upgrade
- ADD Board – Notice of Levy
- CN Right of Way – Vegetation Management
- Wheatland Regional Library AGM Invite

Carried Unanimously

**Councillor White left the meeting at 3:00 p.m.**

**118/26 Adjournment**

**Kirk:** BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting now be adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Carried Unanimously



Reeve



C.A.O.

**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**Council Reports**

**Reeve Martin Bettker**

- Will begin meeting with shop staff prior to council meetings throughout the summer months.
- Spring weather has been causing issues for road crew. Believes the crew is doing a good job of managing the roads considering the challenges. Have driven recently in other municipalities that have left too much snow on the roads, wrecking the roads during the melt.
- Still seeing people pushing snow across the road and in ditch. Would like letter sent to all ratepayers in the fall.
- Saw that the Foreman went over safety training for use of the pressure washer with the shop staff.
- Met with Bobby Pawar, gave him ideas for things to be aware of when preparing his application for a development.

**Councillor Graham White Division #1**

- Issues with culvert in an approach on the NW 10-37-02-W3. Culvert needs replacing.
- Highway 5- Work is completed up to the start of the twining. Lonesome Prairie will be supplying material for the project.
- Library AGM- Had Shauna Klassen join the board. Was ranker #3 for programs out of all wheatland libraries.
- Received report of revenues from the wildfire. Concerns with reports. Need more detailed account of expenses. Equipment was replaced, but not discussed/approved prior to purchase.

**Councillor Mark Schaffel Division #2**

- Have been checking roads. Few spots where water is running over. Thank you to the crew members that worked Easter Sunday to open up culverts.
- SB90 needs some patching.
- Washboard in a lot of spots.
- Fire- Steak Supper this Saturday. Tickets are sold out. Need gravel for the training center. Want to fence off 100 sq ft area. Looking into page wire instead of chain link for fence.
- Would like spring road tour this year.
- Have business being run in the CRs. Would like time scheduled at the next meeting to discuss.

**Councillor Kevin Kirk Division #3**

- Hall Committee doing bar for the Fire Steak Supper. Need workers for the bar.
- Snow piled up at intersections in the north of the RM. Creating hazards. Need to make sure graders are piling snow.
- Rak Road needs gravel where the culvert was replaced.

**Councillor Real Hamoline Division #4**

- Have been receiving calls from a ratepayer about their subdivision application.
- Need culvert placed in approach on the NW 26-38-02-W3.
- Lots of snow in the north of the RM. Graders left lots of piles.
- Crew did a good job clearing snow but need to watch the corners so that they aren't piling it at the intersections.

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- Kelsey Pipeline has been hauling water from the Laniwci Pumphouse.
- Should see if we can set up a meeting with RM of Blucher and Provincial Government about the Potash Tax reductions.
- Met with Cynthia Block. Should be sending letters regarding snow clearing concerns directly to her.

**Councillor Paul Martens Division #5**

- Attended NCTPC workshop. Was very informative.
- Attended PPEI Meeting. They are aware of the controlled burning that has been taking place in the Community Pasture and are wanting data from the burns.
- Few places in need of gravel
- Should make sure ferry grids get bladed before the ferries open.
- Fire Department is in the process of renewing their SOPs.
- Frozen culvert on Friesen Interstate. Haven't had much run off yet.

**Councillor Jim Korpan Division #6**

- Did interviews. Still need to fill the mower position.
- Really need to enforce not leaving snow piles at the intersections.
- Need to do some more tree mulching to stop the snow plugging.
- Going to need some spot gravelling as soon as it melts.