

# ABERDEEN & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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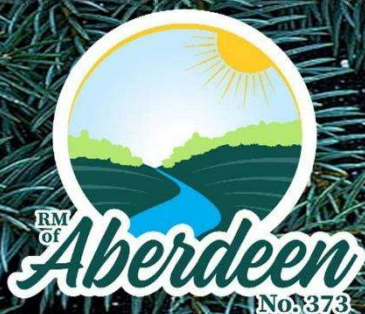
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domesticmummyhood.com

December 2025 Long Range Weather Forecast for The Prairies

Dates	Weather Conditions
Dec 1-4	Snowy, frigid
Dec 5-11	Sunny, then rain and snow showers; quite mild
Dec 12-20	Snow showers, cold
Dec 21-31	Sunny, then flurries; mild
December	temperature -6°C (2°C above avg.) precipitation 25mm (10mm above avg.)





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Monday – Friday  
9:00am – 5:00pm  
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### Next Council Meeting: December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month and begin at 8:00am, unless changed by Council.

Any delegations wishing to address Council will be required to contact the office at least one week prior to the meeting.

### 2025 MUN Tax Discounts:

January 1<sup>st</sup> - July 31<sup>st</sup>: 6% | August 1<sup>st</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>: 4% | September 1<sup>st</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>: 2% | October 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>: 0%

Please visit our website for more information on taxes, including payment options.

**December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025 is the last day to pay 2025 Taxes. Penalties at a rate of 1% per month begin accumulating on unpaid balances effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026.**

## RM Office Holiday Closures:

**12:00pm** Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 | Thursday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

## Policy Post:

The RM of Aberdeen has a **Snow Removal Policy** in place. Please familiarize yourself with this policy.

### Order of Operation:

- Main Grids/Bus Routes/Country Residential Developments
- Municipal Access Roads
- Custom Work

We strive to provide a fair and equal service during and after snowstorms.

Our main high traffic grid roads, along with our country residential developments, receive top priority. Bus routes encompass our whole road network, so they get cleared as a matter of course with all other roads, but in extreme conditions bus routes are given priority.

Not everyone can be first served, but we do alternate our routes each time out to be as fair as possible.

**If you rely on the Rural Municipality for custom work, please note that the Rural Municipality's policy is to clear all roads first before any private custom work is done.**

## Custom Work:

2025 Custom Work Rates:

**Ratepayers: \$200/hr + PST (min \$100)**

**Elevators: \$200/hr + PST (min \$100)**

**Developers: \$250/hr + PST (min \$125)**

Custom work is available for snow removal, driveway grading, and land levelling.

Please visit our website for more information, including the Custom Work Authorization form that must be filled out prior to the RM doing any custom work.

**2026 Custom Work Rates will be set at the January Council Meeting.**

## Gravel:

If you believe you have gravel on your property, and would be willing to let the RM conduct testing for it, please reach out to the RM Office for details.



## Bylaw Beat:

### Bylaw 2018-01 – A Bylaw to Restrict the Placement of Snow Cleared from Private Lands on Roads

When clearing snow from private property, including but not limited to driveways, snow shall **not** be piled:

- On the road way
- Anywhere within the road allowance, including the ditch, to a height higher than one (1) foot below the lowest part of the roadway

## Transfer Station:

Ratepayers in the RM of Aberdeen have access to two Transfer Stations:

### Aberdeen Transfer Station:

Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00am to 5:00pm

### Blucher Transfer Station:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:00pm to 7:00pm and Saturdays from 9:00am to 5:00pm

User cards are required to utilize the Transfer Stations. If you do not have a current Transfer Station user card, please contact the office at 306-253-4312 or through email to [rm373@sasktel.net](mailto:rm373@sasktel.net). Cards can be mailed out or picked up in person.

Please visit our website for a list of materials accepted at the Transfer Stations, maps to both locations, and more.

You must have your card with you to access either Transfer Station.

*Happy Holidays*

from the

*RM Council & Staff*



Facebook:

RM of Aberdeen No. 373

The RM Office offers text and/or email alerts on events, road closures, deadlines, public meetings, and more.

Please scan the QR code to sign up.

### Text/Email Alerts:

## Pricing List:

### Business License:

1 Year Part-Time:	\$25.00
5 Year Part-Time:	\$100.00
1 Year Full-Time:	\$100.00
5 Year Full-Time:	\$400.00

Rat Bait Station: \$40.00

Map: \$20.00

(w/ shipping): \$25.00

Custom Work: \$200.00/hr  
*PST may apply. Min \$100.00 charge*

Sign – 12" x 12": \$12.50

Sign – 24" x 24": \$42.00

Cemetery Plot – 5' x 10': \$200.00

Gravesite Digging – Casket: \$500.00

Gravesite Digging – Urn: \$150.00

Columbarium Niche: \$1000.00

Minutes Subscription (*print*): \$50.00/year

Tax Certificate/PID: \$20.00

Building Permit Application: \$100.00

Printing: \$1.00/page

### Overweight Permit:

1 Day (*per vehicle/trip*): \$50.00

1 Year (*per vehicle*): \$300.00

*\*prices subject to change\**





# TOWN OF ABERDEEN

## COUNCIL'S CORNER

Town Council meetings are open to the public.

Council meetings are held at the TOWN OF ABERDEEN Office Chambers, 401C Main Street, at 7:00 pm every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month.

Our next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

Any Delegations wishing to address Council are required to complete a Delegations Policy form and have it submitted to the Town Office no later than the Thursday prior to Council meeting date. You may obtain these from the Town Office. These forms are also available on our website [www.aberdeen.ca](http://www.aberdeen.ca)

## LORAAS WASTE / RECYCLING / ORGANICS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10

BLUE- Recycling

RED- Garbage

Snow is here! Please ensure that recycling and garbage bins are removed from the street in a timely manner after collection to allow us to properly and efficiently remove the snow from streets.

## ICIP Grant

### We have a building!!

Work is continuing on site and there has been a lot of progress to be seen. Things may start to look like they are slowing down but with winter here to stay, the majority of work will commence inside the new Pumphouse.

We are looking forward to the progress that will take place over this winter as we currently sit just over 40% completed on the project.



## It's never too early for a SNOW REMOVAL PLAN

Snow removal will be done on roadways from Monday thru Friday, and weekends by necessity only. Sand/gravel will be spread on streets and corners where icy, and as needed to help diminish potential risks to our residents and vehicular traffic.

- Priority 1:** School Route – Central Avenue, Main Street, Second Avenue and Thompson Street
- Priority 2:** Emergency Services – Industrial Drive, Fifth Avenue South
- Priority 3:** Residential Streets, Main Street Sidewalk
- Priority 4:** Alleys where required.

Back alleys are Town property and **NOT** a storage area! Bylaw Enforcement will be visiting any property owners who have left items in the alley. Please clear your back alley before snow falls for proper snow removal.



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[www.aberdeen.ca](http://www.aberdeen.ca)

### OFFICE HOURS:

Monday to Friday

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

CLOSED 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Mayor, Ryan White  
Deputy Mayor, Lori Sopotyk  
Councillor, Joel Dokken  
Councillor, Andrew Hamoline  
Councillor, Brian Vandenberg  
Councillor, Bjorn Vors

### STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer:  
Barb Stachniak

Office Assistant:  
Christine Hamoline

Public Works/Maintenance  
Manager:  
Bradley Oleksyn

Maintenance:  
Mural Hingston

Pest Control Officer:  
Denis Boyenko  
(deals with mice/rats/skunks)





## The Town Office will be CLOSED

Thursday, December 25<sup>th</sup> & Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
as well as January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026

The Town of Aberdeen Mayor, Council & Staff  
wish you

A VERY MERRY  
**CHRISTMAS**  
and Happy New Year!

If you see a street light is out go to this address to directly report it to  
SaskPower

<https://saskpower.streetlightoutages.com/map/default.html>

## Bylaw Enforcement

### 2026 Business Licenses

According to Bylaw 12/14 the Business License Bylaw, all Home Based, Store Front and Contractor Business Licenses for 2026 are due December 31, 2025, and are valid until December 31, 2026.

License fees:

Home Based Business- \$25/year

Store Front Business- \$75/year

Contractor- \$100/year

General Contractor- \$300/year (covers the trades, as part of the building permit)

The offence for conducting business without a Business License is \$200.

Bylaw Enforcement will be issuing fines for non-compliance.

Forms can be found on

[www.aberdeen.ca](http://www.aberdeen.ca)

## When is a Building Permit required?

All new buildings and additions greater than 100 square feet in building area, are required to submit a permit. Building permits are required prior to the construction of all new dwellings, garages, sheds over 100sq feet, decks, additions, basement developments or structural changes to existing buildings.

For more information regards building within the Town of Aberdeen, please visit our website and view our Zoning Bylaw for complete information and clarification.



## 2025 MONTHLY TAX DISCOUNTS / PENALTIES:

For prompt payment of 2025 taxes the following discounts are allowed:

Payments received in January 6.5% discount  
Payments received in February 5.5% discount  
Payments received in March 4% discount  
Payments received in April 3% discount  
Payments received in May 2% discount  
Payments received in June 1% discount  
Payments received in July .5% discount



Penalties for 2025 Tax arrears will be as follows:

August 1 (compounded monthly)	1%
September 1	1%
October 1	1%
November 1	1%
December 1	1%

**On January 1, 2026 a 12% penalty will be applied to 2025 arrears**

Taxes are imposed the first day of January in each year and are due July 31.

**Please remember there is NO discount for the School Portion of Taxes**

**2026 Tax Notices will be sent mid May, once the School Division levies have been established and the Municipal Mill Rate has been set.**





THE TOWN OF ABERDEEN  
PRESENTS

# *Christmas* **LIGHTING** *Contest*

We are changing things up this year...  
This year the judges will be YOU! Who  
better to decide which homes are your  
favorite?

Vote in the Office from December 15th  
to 19th OR come and enjoy a visit and  
Hot Chocolate at the Hall on the 19th  
from 7:00pm to 8:30pm and cast your  
**VOTE**





# ABERDEEN CHRISTMAS MIRACLES

## Wish List



- canned meat
- canned fruit
- canned vegetables
- canned beans
- packaged soup
- dry pasta & sauce
- flavored rice & pasta
- boxed potatoes & rice
- stuffing mix
- gravy mix
- basic spices
- condiments (mayo, ketchup, mustard, relish)
- spreads (jam, honey, peanut butter, cheesewhiz)
- powdered milk
- powdered coffee cream
- snack crackers
- soda crackers
- pickles
- school lunch items (cookies, granola bars, fruit bars, fruit snacks)
- juice boxes and mix
- hot chocolate
- boxes of chocolate
- pancake mix & syrup
- oatmeal breakfast packs
- cereal
- toilet paper
- dish soap
- unscented laundry soap
- shampoo & conditioner

Merry Christmas!







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## Do you know a family in need of help or support?

Maybe they are dealing with a serious illness, layoff, accident, or other family trauma. Perhaps they are in need of food and/or winter clothes. Or maybe they just need to know someone cares.

## MRS CLAUS AND THE ELVES NEED YOUR HELP FINDING THESE FAMILIES!

Follow this guideline: hamper recipients must live in the Town or RM of Aberdeen and/or have children enrolled at Aberdeen School. Take a moment to look around you - can you think of any neighbors in need? Remember that "need" can mean many things and can be long or short term. Please do not assume that a family/person is already on our list. Each recipient needs multiple referrals to qualify for a hamper.

### ***Referrals are anonymous and confidential.***

Extra information is helpful ex. full name, address, family situation, children's names/ages, special dietary needs or medical conditions.

## **\*THE DEADLINE FOR REFERRALS IS NOVEMBER 30TH AT MIDNIGHT\***

Referrals can be made via Facebook Messenger, through our *Suggestion Box* at the Post Office, by phone, email ([aberndeenchristmasmiracles@gmail.com](mailto:aberndeenchristmasmiracles@gmail.com)) or, new this year, you can *send us a letter* with a stamp using the outdoor mail slot at the Post Office to:

**ABERDEEN CHRISTMAS MIRACLES - GENERAL DELIVERY**

*Best Wishes,*

Mrs. Claus

Elf #1

Elf 2.0

Regan Crocker  
306-222-6962

Stephanie Gray  
306-292-6242

Kristin Walter



FIND US ON FACEBOOK





# ABERDEEN COMMUNITY HALL

CHECK OUT THE HALL PHOTOS AND SET UP POSSIBILITIES AS WELL AS GENERAL INFORMATION  
UNDER ABERDEEN COMMUNITY HALL RESERVATIONS  
ON THE TOWN WEBSITE [WWW.ABERDEEN.CA](http://WWW.ABERDEEN.CA)



- Available 7 days a week
- Seating up to 400
- Banquet seating up to 350
- Meeting room
- Air conditioned
- Stage
- Dance floor
- Walk-in cooler
- Bar amenities
- Catering

- ❖ Weddings
- ❖ Funerals
- ❖ Anniversaries
- ❖ Conventions
- ❖ Banquets
- ❖ Conferences
- ❖ Dances
- ❖ Family reunion
- ❖ Dinner theatre
- ❖ Fundraisers

To Book the Aberdeen Community Hall call 306-253-4311 or email [townaberdeen@sasktel.net](mailto:townaberdeen@sasktel.net)

**The Aberdeen Seniors Center** is available to rent for gatherings and meetings or birthday parties and anniversaries, etc.

Maximum capacity is 40 people. The building is air conditioned.

\$50.00 a day includes: full use of the kitchen (fridge, stove, dishwasher, coffee maker, dishes)

For booking and more information call: **Nettie Thiessen @ 306-253-4447**



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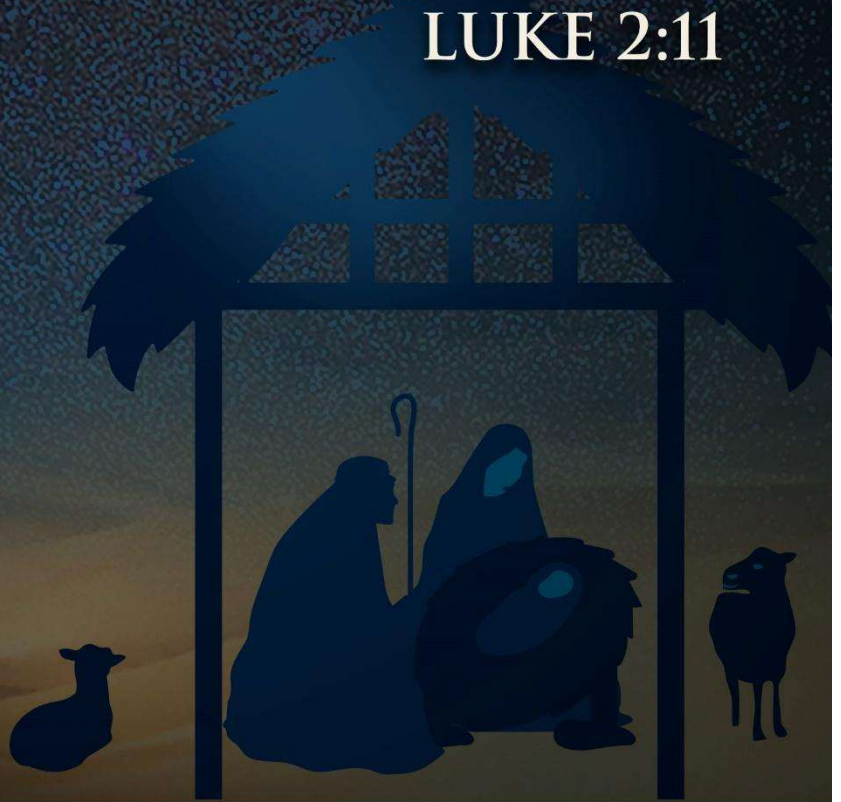


# WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

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*For unto you this day  
a Saviour is born.*

LUKE 2:11



## KELLY BLOCK<sup>MP</sup>

CARLTON TRAIL—EAGLE CREEK

[kellyblockmp.ca](http://kellyblockmp.ca)



## SANTA IS COMING!

DECEMBER 4<sup>th</sup> 6:30, ABERDEEN LIBRARY

Get photos taken with Santa. Santa will read the children stories, and you can bring your letters for Santa to put in his special mailbox (or drop letters off anytime in Santas mailbox inside the library). Santa will reply to each child's letter - replies will be ready for pick up at the library December 15-19<sup>th</sup>.



### LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday 10:30-1:30 and 2:00-8:00

Tuesday 12:00-3:00 and 5:00-8:00

Wednesday 4:00-8:00

Thursday 5:00-8:00

Friday 12:00-3:00

Watch for details about our Christmas contests!

Follow us on Facebook for all updates, information and events

Aberdeen Branch Library







*Christmas Eve*  
*Candle-light Service*  
*December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm*  
*St. Paul's Lutheran*  
*Church Bergheim*  
*Regular Sunday Service 9:30am*



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## MENNONITE CHURCH

**Worship Service**

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Phone 306-253-4457

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**COUNTRY SIDE**  
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**Joel Hamoline**  
SALES REPRESENTATIVE

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**Aberdeen Equestrian and Sports Centre**



Check out the website!!  
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Carla Norman  
306-716-1085  
[aberdeen\\_sunset\\_riders@yahoo.ca](mailto:aberdeen_sunset_riders@yahoo.ca)

**St. Paul's Bergheim Lutheran Church**

Worship Services:  
9:00AM- MAY TO SEPTEMBER  
9:30AM- OCTOBER TO APRIL  
Sunday School: 9:45AM  
Pastor Peter Knelson :306-380-7762  
[stpaulsbergheim12@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsbergheim12@gmail.com)



## ABERDEEN & DISTRICT FIRE & RESCUE

The team is looking for vehicles that are sitting in your yard and taking up space; vehicles must be 1990 or newer. With these vehicles we are able to keep up our vehicle extrication training.

Contact Adrien Hamoline (306-230-1603)

## How to submit a newsletter AD!

### AD COST

1. Business Card size \$25.<sup>00</sup>/10 issues
2. Quarter page or less \$8.<sup>00</sup>/issue
3. Half page or less \$15.<sup>00</sup>/issue
4. Full page or less \$30.<sup>00</sup>/issue



### **\*\* Payment Due Upon Submission \*\***

Preferred payment is E-Transfer to [townaberdeen@sasktel.net](mailto:townaberdeen@sasktel.net)

Ad Creation and/or modifications to submissions will be subject to a minimum \$20 service fee.

### **SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**

20<sup>th</sup> Day of every month

**\*\* If the 20<sup>th</sup> is a Saturday or Sunday, the deadline is the Friday before\*\***





**Distribution date: 27<sup>th</sup> of every month**  
**(July & Aug- no newsletter)**

**General:**

The Aberdeen & District Newsletter is a free publication for the residents of Aberdeen and district made possible by funding from the Town of Aberdeen, the RM of Aberdeen, advertisements, subscriptions, and donations.

**How do I subscribe?**

1. Limited number of printed black and white copies are available at the Aberdeen Town office.
2. Would you like a copy mailed to your personal mailing address? You can subscribe for a cost of \$25 for the ten issues for each year.
3. You can subscribe to the Email version (in colour) or go to [WWW.aberdeen.ca](http://WWW.aberdeen.ca) to view the newsletter online.
4. Email [townaberdeen@sasktel.net](mailto:townaberdeen@sasktel.net) to the editor to be added to the mailing and/or electronic distribution list.

**How do I submit an ad?**

Email your ad to the [townaberdeen@sasktel.net](mailto:townaberdeen@sasktel.net) .

When submitting your ad, make sure it is print ready, any modification may result in penalties.

1. Use Narrow Margins page set up.
2. Email your ad as an attachment

**Note: Accepted formats: Microsoft Publisher (.pub), Word (.doc), Excel (.xls), PIC (.jpeg, tiff, png) PDF [Image usually looks degraded as PDF]**