

MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373 SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026 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 the following staff and members of council:

Reeve – Martin Bettker
Division No. 1 – Graham White
Division No. 3 – Kevin Kirk
Division No. 5 – Paul Martens

C.A.O.- Bridgette Shwytky
Division No. 2 – Mark Schaffel
Division No. 4 – Real Hamoline

Mayor - Ryan White
and the following Town members of council:
Lori Sopotytk, Joel Dokken, and Brian Vandenberg

C.A.O. - Barbie Stachniak,

Regrets: Town councillors Bjorn Vors and Andrew Hamoline, and RM Division 6 Councillor Jim Korpan.

Randy Doige attended the meeting from 7:00p.m. to 8:15 p.m. as an observer.

Conflict of Interest: None Declared

48/26 Agenda

G. White: BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the January 26th, 2026 Special Joint Meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried

Colette Fischer, Tammy Rettger, Dawn Brezinski, Grace Wudrich, and Dwayne Birk attended the meeting as delegates from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. to present a proposal for the Aberdeen Wellness Committee.

Adrien Hamoline attended the meeting as a delegate from 8:00 p.m. to 8:15 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to the Aberdeen & District Fire Dept.

49/26 In Camera

Vandenberg: BE IT RESOLVED that the councils go In Camera at 8:15 p.m. per section 120(2)(a) of The Municipalities Act and 14(1)(d) of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Randy Doige was asked to step out of the meeting room for the In Camera session. Randy Doige left the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and did not return following the In Camera session.

The Councils moved out of camera and reconvened the regular meeting at 9:15 p.m.

50/26 Aberdeen Hall GST

R. Hamoline: BE IT RESOLVED that the eligible GST rebate from the purchases made from the Hall Committee's Fundraising account be given back to the Hall Committee account.

Carried

RW
Tom MB
TB

MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373 SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 26th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026 IN THE RURAL MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 101 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE IN ABERDEEN, SASKATCHEWAN

51/26 Camera Purchase


R. Hamoline: BE IT RESOLVED that the councils approve the purchase of 3 cameras for the Aberdeen Fire Hall and 3 cameras for the Aberdeen Committee Hall from Securtek at an estimated price of \$1,500.00/camera.

Carried

52/26 Adjournment

G. White: BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting now be adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Carried



Reeve



Mayor



C.A.O.- RM



C.A.O.- Town

MW MB
SS

Discussion Notes

Presentation made by Colette Fischer regarding the proposed Aberdeen Wellness Committee and the seniors ride share proposal. Similar operation currently working in other communities in the province. Most communities are operating using volunteer drivers and have stated that dispatching requires a lot of work. Provided the results of the survey that was circulated in spring of 2025. Received 22 responses, and were informed that many of the responses may have been completed by couples, so could be counted as up to 44 responses received. Many communities have stated that it would require a large list of volunteer drivers as they have experienced that only half are available at any given time. The group is requesting to be operated as a committee of council so they may be eligible for directors' liability insurance under the municipalities' insurance policies and are requesting support from the councils to distribute information to the communities.

Dwayne Birk, Economic Community Dev Manager for the Town of Wakaw gave some background information of the current ride service they offer in Wakaw. The town owns a 15-passenger bus and employs a driver. The bus currently operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays and will provide rides to the town residents to locations within town. Their bus is in need of replacement and they are looking to partner with other municipalities to purchase a new bus.

Adrien Hamoline thanked the councils and staff for their continued support. Presented quotes for the replacement of 12 of the breathing apparatuses that are in need of replacement as they are set to expire in 2027. The lowest quote came in at approx. \$160,000.00. The Fire Department has fundraised \$62,000 to date to put towards the purchase of the replacement tanks. There is also the option to lease the tanks at \$14,878 semi annually for 6 years. Tanks are considered obsolete after 15 years and need to be hydro tested every 5 years. From December 10 to date, the fire members have logged a combined 33 volunteer hours. Steak supper fundraiser is scheduled for April 11th.

Discussion regarding the user group agreements. Need to update the Parks and Rec agreement. Discussion regarding changing the purchase limit to \$5,000.00. Any purchase above \$5,000.00 will require prior approval from both councils. Hall Agreement will be redone as 2 separate agreements. One agreement pertaining to the ownership and responsibilities of the councils and staff for the Community Hall and a separate agreement outlining the responsibilities of the Hall committee.

Discussion regarding Parks & Rec hiring a summer student to prep the ball diamonds for the River Pirates Ball Team. The summer student would need to be hired as an employee under the town or rm. The town Parks and Rec rep is assisting with the hiring process.

Discussion regarding the Hall Committee's request to open their own bank account. The councils would need to pass a bylaw to authorize for the use of a bank account prior to one being opened. The committee would be required to provide financial statements and have a yearly audit on the account if a separate account is permitted. No decision on a bank account was made. Hall Board has used money from their fundraisers to purchase new chairs and trolleys for the hall. 123 of the old chairs will be sold at the Aberdeen Garage Sale. With the new chairs and the better wooden ones being kept, there will be 476 chairs in total at the Hall.

Discussion regarding the cleaning at the Firehall. Cleaner has not been cleaning per the agreed upon schedule. The town office will advertise for a new cleaner.

Discussion regarding the proposed campground sites at the Hall. Parks and Rec has passed this proposed project to the hall committee to look after if they are interested in pursuing it. Previous quotes are outdated. New quotes are being obtained for the costs to install the electrical outlets. Further discussions and details would be required for the proposed project prior to being reviewed by councils.

AW *BM* *MB*
2026