

MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER 2020
IN THE RURAL MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN ABERDEEN, SASKATCHEWAN

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Reeve Martin Bettker
Present were: Administrator G. Craig Baird and the following members:

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: Daryl Klassen	

196/20 Agenda **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the October 8, 2020 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted as amended.

Carried Unanimously

197/20 Minutes September Meeting **SCHAFFEL:** BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on September 10th, 2020 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

198/20 Winter Council Meeting **KIRK:** BE IT RESOLVED that council meetings during the winter start at 8:00 am.

Carried Unanimously

199/20 Finance Activities **KORPAN:** BE IT RESOLVED that the statements of Finance Activities for the month of September 2020 be accepted as presented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation for September 2020 be also accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

200/20 Accounts for Payment **MARTENS:** BE IT RESOLVED that council approves the list of accounts for payment and they be attached and form part of these minutes.

Carried Unanimously

Committee Reports **Reeve Martin Bettker**

- A thanks to the staff, the RM has come a long way in the last 4 years and looking forward to continuing to improve
- Complaint on Ike Thiessen South – Rough
- Regional Economic Development Officer
 - Administrator to speak to surrounding RMs
- Scraper – Rental/Purchase

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- Aberdeen Recreation Complex
 - Curling event in 2021
 - Could be a great opportunity
- Aberdeen/Blucher Emergency Services Building - meeting synopsis
- Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation application
- Zyus Life Sciences – meeting synopsis

Councilor Graham White Division #1

- Highway 5 Improvements
 - Continuing to have issues
 - HJR has been difficult to deal with, not completing dust control
 - Signage issues with Cherry Hills

Administrator to contact the Ministry of Highways about the issues

- Brian Jones – not happy with 4-way stop at Old 27 and Gordon Road
- Aberdeen/Blucher Emergency Services Building
 - Fire Chief Resigned
 - Met with Asst. Chief
 - Meeting with Blucher Council
 - May need to hire someone on a contract
 - Blucher in favor of hiring a chief to get the emergency services building up and running

Councilor Mark Schaffel Division #2

- Wudrich approaches – They are wanting to proceed
- Access road behind Valley View – some complaints
 - We should give notice when work is being done adjacent to residential subdivisions
- Asphalt shingles – are we getting any?

Administrator advised that Len's Hauling backed out of the agreement to provide product

- Speed slow down options
 - Radar signs are very expensive
 - We need other options

Councilor Kevin Kirk Division #3

- Good job on back roads
- Don Jabusch – not happy that Council denied the Sasktel Tower

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application

- Wruck Road sign cut off
- Agreements with land owners on Old Trail West

Councilor Real Hamoline Division #4

- Thanked Div.1, 3, 5 and Reeve for stepping up for Council again
- Roads are looking good
- Mulching in Div. 5 looks really good
- Ryan Hamoline – Mulching and Approach – where are we at?

Foreman working with land owner, should be done soon

- Aberdeen/Blucher Emergency Services Building - meeting synopsis
- Hole by Highway No. 27 and Highway No. 41 – thanks for fixing the hole
- Town speed signs getting further out – RM should add speed signs to the RM portion of those roads out of town
- Pedestrians on RM roads don't wear visible clothing – very dangerous
- Lamb loose in Division 4

Councilor Paul Martens Division #5

- Roads are looking good – Charlene did a great job
- Back road mowing
- Road by Bernie Hamoline – Looks good
- Cannon Road – Looks good

Councilor Jim Korpan Division #6

- Mowing where we mulched previously – North Grid
- Inconsistent mowing on back slopes
- Not all the back-road mowing has been done
- Approach on Lanicwi Road may be too high
- Heating the transfer station – options
- Lawrence is looking to retire
 - We will need to hire a mower operator for next year
 - We should do something nice for him

**201/20 Wood
Stove
Transfer
Station**

HAMOLINE: BE IT RESOLVED that the RM purchase a CSA approved wood stove for the waste transfer station.

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**202/20 Fire
Chief
Blucher
Aberdeen**

WHITE: BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 jointly hire a Fire Chief for the Aberdeen Blucher Emergency Services building with the RM of Blucher No. 343;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fire Chief be hired on a one-year contract at an hourly rate of \$26/Hr to maximum annual salary of \$55,000; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council authorize the Blucher Aberdeen Fire Committee to interview and hire the Fire Chief.

Unanimously Carried

Road Foreman Report

- Employees
 - Fall Layoffs/Crew
- Equipment Report – Repairs
 - Winter Priorities – Sander
- Roadwork & Maintenance
 - Culverts
 - Scraper Rental/Purchase
 - Will be renting the RM of Blucher No. 343 scraper for a few weeks in the fall
 - 2021 Construction Priorities

Construction Priorities

- Wudrich Approaches
- Mackey Road
- E of NE 2-39-02-W3M
- Vandale Road – 18-37-02-W3M
- Kiner Road – 23-40-02-W3M

Interview

PJ Kondra 10:00 AM

- Current access to the Middleton Camp Parks Canada land is eroding badly
- Mr. Kondra would like the RM to speak with the Ministry of Agriculture to determine whether a sale or transfer of SE 26-41-02-W3M would be possible
- Willing to sell or exchange land for an access to the camp
- Would like to know when land on the other side of the river changed ownership

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Administrator explained the process of looking up a title, old title and the ownership transfer history of a parcel of land through ISC.

Administrator advised Mr. Kondra that access to the Park would need to be completed via purchase, as the RM likely will not be able to acquire the parcel of land he is interested in. Council advised Mr. Kondra to give a price/acre he is wanting for the land required to provide access and they would make a decision at a later date. Mr. Kondra is to contact the RM office after he has established a cost to acquire the land.

- Interview

- Lorne Zalinski – Finning 10:30 AM

- Wanted some information on the current tender for a grader
 - Provided information on the 140,150 and 160 Caterpillar graders
 - Will provide a tender package closure to the October 30, 2020 deadline

Council and Mr. Zalinski discussed the current models and differences from the Caterpillar graders the RM purchased previously.

Planning and Development

- Sasktel Tower Application – Update
 - Community Planning Branch is requesting Council to reconsider
 - Don Jabusch not happy Council denied application
 - Sasktel is still going through the public notice process
- Zyus Life Sciences
 - TIA submitted – Wood to review for the RM
 - Need to establish roadway requirement
 - Servicing agreement still being negotiated
- Cherry Hills – Phase 3 and 4
 - No subdivision application for Phase 3 or 4 was ever made to Community Planning
 - Use of a holding provision should application ever occur in the future

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- 203/20 Outside Employees Layoff Notices** **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the following employees be given a layoff notice for the following dates:
- Lawrence Dyck – October 16, 2020
 - Robert Shutiak – October 16, 2020
 - Ronald Krenn – November 6, 2020

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the layoff will be moved back at the discretion of the Road Foreman and the Road Committee.

Carried Unanimously

Council adjourned for lunch at 11:57 am

Council returned from lunch at 12:50 pm

Administrator's Report

- Corman Park Requests
 - SB 90
 - Discovery Ridge Public Reserve
- Multi-Lot Residential Policy

Draft was provided to Council for review and comment, Administrator requested that Council review and provided feedback for the regular meeting of Council in November 2020.

- Library Payroll
- SAMA 2021 – Preliminary Values and Trends

Council requested the 2021 preliminary values be distributed to Council for review and information.

- Elections – Update

RM did not have any elections in 2020, all positions filled through acclamation

- Gravel Crushing – Tender

Foreman to review the site to determine whether two separate tenders need to be created. Foreman to advise Council at the *regular meeting of Council in November 2020.*

- Pasture Land Gravel Testing Summary
- RM Logo

Administrator to bring forward some design options when time permits

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- 2020 Gas Tax Update
- HRK Developments – Offer for outstanding fees
- Hudson Bay Land – sale and transfer complete
- Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation Range
- Transfer Station Power/Heat
- Blucher Fire Department Chief
- Tree Planter – Repski offer to purchase

Council advised that Mr. Repski can rent the tree planter, not interested in sale at this time

- Guardian Ground Works – encroachment issue

Foreman Klassen was excused from the meeting for the rest of the day.

**204/20 HRK
Counter
Offer**

WHITE: BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize Kim Anderson to offer a counter proposal to HRK Developments in the amount of current taxes, arrears, tax enforcement charges and custom work charges less interest accrued on custom work.

Carried Unanimously

Councilor Schaffel and White declared a pecuniary interest as a result of being members of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation and left Council Chambers.

**205/20 Sask
Wildlife
Federation
Permit**

MARTENS: BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 approve the extension of the discretionary use permit for the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation gun range until November 12, 2020 to allow for the continued operation of the gun range until the public hearing for the renewal of the discretionary use, to be held on November 12, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Carried Unanimously

Councilor Schaffel and White returned to the Council Chambers.

**206/20 Survey
& Fence
NE 31-38-02-W3M**

KIRK: BE IT RESOLVED that the RM survey and fence the abandoned road allowance on East of NE 31-38-02-W3M.

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207/20 Employee Reviews **SCHAFFEL:** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 employee committee meet with all staff on November 4, 2020 to complete the annual employee reviews.

Carried Unanimously

Councilor Korpan left the meeting at 3:00 pm

208/20 ARC RM Representative **KIRK:** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM appoint Mark Schaffel as the RM representative on the Aberdeen Recreation Complex board.

Carried Unanimously

209/20 Courageous Companions Donation **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 purchase a business card size advertisement for the Courageous Companions magazine for \$295.00 plus applicable taxes.

Carried Unanimously

210/20 Corr. **SCHAFFEL:** BE IT RESOLVED that the following correspondence, as presented to council be filed;

- SARM
 - a. Rural Integrated Roads for Growth
- U of S – Request for Support
- RCMP Quarterly Statistics
- SREDA – Quarterly Meeting Minutes
- Saskatchewan Health Authority – Elections
- Government of Saskatchewan – Safe Restart Program
- South Saskatchewan River Watershed Newsletter
- Courageous K9 Magazine
- Saskatchewan Common Ground Alliance – Q3
- PHO Quarterly
- Wheatland Annual Meeting

Carried Unanimously

Councilor Kirk left the meeting at 3:22 pm

Council discussed some items from correspondence and Councilor Hamoline discussed the RM sanding in the winter season.

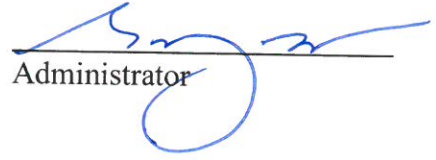
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211/20 Adjourn

HAMOLINE: BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting now be adjourned at 3:48 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

Reeve



Administrator