

Call to Order

MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373
FIRST MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF JANUARY 2021
IN THE RURAL MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN ABERDEEN, SASKATCHEWAN

**06/21 Finance
Activities**

KORPAN: BE IT RESOLVED that the statements of Finance Activities for the month of December 2020 be accepted as presented;

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

Carried Unanimously

The Administrator discussed the 2020 year and provided a financial breakdown and a comparison to budget expectations.

Committee Reports

Reeve Martin Bettker

- Aberdeen Parks and Recreation – spoke with Grace Wudrick and they understand if funding needs to change in 2021
- Meeting with RM of Blucher Fire Committee
 - Met with Mike Steckham about helping with Aberdeen/Blucher Department
 - Busy but can help as much as time allows
 - Things seem to be moving in positive direction with Adriens involvement

Councilor Graham White Division #1

- Roads are in decent shape
- Wouldn't mind seeing the operators wing snow differently
- Estimate on new plow truck would be around \$257,000
- Meeting with RM of Blucher Fire Committee
 - Met with Mike Steckham
 - Councilors Boehm, Chysyk and Reeve Cummins attended for the RM of Blucher
 - Mike Steckham is busy during the summer months
 - Adrien is really helping

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- SCBA Tanks – SPI is currently filling them but doesn't like the interchanging of parts/manufacturers
- Checks and Balances – Seem more expensive than they used to be
- Transfer Station Cards - 2021

Councilor Mark Schaffel Division #2

- Road are in decent shape – quick responses to drifts
- Strawberry Hills – Some snow and ice build up
- Dust Control 2021
 - Green bond on Bergheim Road is very icy, we may need to rip it out
 - Need to find a solution
 - A number of ratepayers complain during dry months about dust
 - Speed does play a large factor in the dust
- Aberdeen Recreation Complex Meeting
 - \$16,000 in February rink rentals – some people may request refund
 - Tested shutting down the plant between Christmas and New Years, the ice started to melt quickly
 - Looking at shutting the plant down in March
 - No current estimate on the monthly costs
- Aberdeen Fire Department Meeting
 - Would like to replace 2 tanks per year
 - Would like lights and siren on side by side
 - Budget consideration – Heater, door and tracks for the side by side
 - 2021 – Raffle for fundraising
 - No Steaknight in 2021
 - Zaks still hasn't repaired the Exhaust Fan or Floor

Councilor Kevin Kirk Division #3

- Clarkboro Road – Dust Control spot is icy
- Annual Pasture Meeting
 - Going to have lower amount in 2021
 - Outer fence needs some repair
 - New Bylaw is being drafted
- Roads are looking pretty decent considering all the snow

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Councilor Real Hamoline Division #4

- Blown snow in shelter spots, a plow truck could help potentially
- Snow clearing has been pretty good this year
- Finger drifts are turning into ice and are very hard
- Still some issues with ridging around corners
- Aberdeen Rec Comple
 - Should they be taking the ice out?
 - With new restrictions, kids won't be coming back to play in early 2021
 - Need to look at financial situation and option
- Community Pasture Application
 - How does the application work? Who qualifies?
- Citizen of the Year 2021
 - Should we postpone? We haven't even celebrated 2020

Councilor Paul Martens Division #5

- Lots of good feedback on Highway 41 ridging
- Snow clearing has been pretty good
- NCTPC annual workshops have been cancelled
- Ratepayer upset about custom work billing
- SCBA tank for the fire department got lost in shipping

Councilor Jim Korpan Division #6

- Some of the snow ridging along Highway 41 didn't get closed
- Fleury's closed gate, needs to be opened back up for snow removal
- Transfer Station – the ramps are very icy
- How is the Komatsu grader?

The Foreman advised that it has only be run a few days, but early view is that there isn't a lack of power.

- Some significant drifting in areas
- Access to the Highways are slick in some spots
- Matt Servetnyk – Notice and protocol

Road Foreman Report

- Employees
 - Foreman Employment Contract
- Equipment Report

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- Sander - Update
- G20 – Komatsu Grader Update
- Shop Phone
- Roadwork & Maintenance
 - Custom Work Prices – Comparison

**07/21 Shop
Phone**

SCHAFFEL: BE IT RESOLVED that the RM cancel the phone at the RM shop landline and utilize the RM office for taking calls from ratepayers requesting custom work.

Carried Unanimously

**08/21 Custom
Work
Rates**

WHITE: BE IT RESOLVED that custom work rates for 2021 be set as follows:

Ratepayers	\$ 140.00 per hour	minimum \$ 70.00
Elevators	\$ 180.00 per hour	minimum \$ 90.00
Town of Aberdeen	\$ 180.00 per hour	minimum \$ 90.00
Non-Ratepayers	\$ 180.00 per hour	minimum \$ 90.00
Developers	\$ 180.00 per hour	minimum \$ 90.00

Carried Unanimously

Councilor Hamoline declared a pecuniary interest as a result of having a land rental agreement with the owner of Section 7-40-02-W3M. Councilor Hamoline left his seat at the Council and remained in chambers as an observer.

Planning and Development

- Graham Acres Subdivision – Section 6 and 7-40-02-W3M

The Administrator discussed the application with Council and advised that the subdivision was a normal single parcel subdivision. The Administrator advised that the application is a discretionary use and as such requires public notice. The application will be presented for a decision at the February meeting of Council.

Councilor Hamoline returned to the meeting as a member of Council.

Administrator's Report

- Gravel Extraction Tender Opening and Review

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- Tender for Auditor Review
- Ike Thiessen Tender – Wood – Engineering Services
- Bylaw 2021-01 – Records Retention Update – Tabled until February 2021
- Tangible Capital Assets – Amortization
- Public Disclosure Statements
- Ministry of Agricultural – Gravel Extraction Application
- Aberdeen Recreation Complex
- 2021 Meeting Dates
- 2021 Budget – Set Meeting Date
- Remuneration Comparison
- Bonds, Titles, Insurance
- Appointment to Aberdeen Fire & Rescue
- Appointment of Deputy Reeve
- Subscription Rates for Minutes
- Highway 41 Water Utility Board
- Appointment and Committees for 2020
- Dust Control – 2021
- Floyd McMartin – Requested Tax Abatement

The Administrator and Council reviewed the gravel extraction tenders submitted for the project located on SE ¼ Section 18-37-03-W3M for a gravel crush of 25,000 yards of road gravel.

The Following bids were received and considered:

Company	Extraction	Crushing
Langenburg Redi Mix	\$4.64	\$3.94
Baschuk Construction	\$11 for Both	
Kirsch Construction	\$7.98	\$5.49
J. Alexander Trucking	\$6.85	\$5.85

09/21 Gravel Crush 2021 **SCHAFFEL:** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 award the 2021 gravel extraction and crushing (approximately 25,000 cubic yards) contract to Langenburg Redi-Mix at the following rates:

Crushing \$3.94 / yard plus applicable taxes

Excavation and Stockpiling \$4.64 / yard plus applicable taxes

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contracted party shall provide a performance bond equal to 50% of the total bid price before any work shall commence.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the contracted party, Foreman, Administrator and land owner meet on site to review the extraction and expected reclamation before the commencement of any excavation occurs.

Carried Unanimously

The Administrator and Council presented and reviewed the auditing service tenders submitted for the 2020 calendar year.

The Following bids were received and considered:

Company	Cost
Vantage CPA	\$8,000
MNP LLP	\$14,000
Jenson Stromberg	\$7,400
Grant Thornton	\$5,250
Sensus CPA	\$5544.45

The Administrator and Council discussed the proposals for service and the connection between the Highway 41 Water Utility (H41WU) Financial Statements and the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 Financial Statements. The Administrator advised of a conversation with the RM solicitor with regard to rescinding the Bylaw establishing the H41WU and the negative impact it could have on the operation of the H41WU.

The Administrator and Council discussed the presentation of the consolidated Financial Statements and that the RM did not want to interfere with the operation of the H41WU.

12:07 p.m. Council recessed for lunch

1:05 p.m. Council resumed the meeting.

10/21 Auditor 2020/2021 **HAMOLINE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 appoint Grant Thornton as the municipal auditor for 2020 and 2021.

BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize the Administrator and Reeve to sign the engagement letter with Grant Thornton to complete the RM Financial Audit for the year ending December 31, 2020.

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11/21 Wood Enviro. RIRG Tender **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 hire Wood Environmental to complete surveying and a tender package for the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth Ike Thiessen Road construction.

Carried Unanimously

12/21 2021 Council Remuneration **HAMOLINE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 remuneration of Council remains unchanged from 2020.

Carried Unanimously

The Administrator and Council discussed the current Tangible Capital Asset Policy and the useful life timeframes for heavy equipment and vehicles. Current amortization lifespan on heavy equipment is 20 years and on vehicle is 10 years. The Administrator advised that the current amortization rates may not be accurately reflecting the actual annual depreciation of heavy equipment (specifically graders) and vehicles. Council was concerned with how the change in amortization timeframe would affect budgeting for the amortization moving forward.

13/21 2021 Council Declarations **REEVE BETTKER:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 acknowledge receipt of Councillors White, Schaffel, Kirk, Hamoline, Martens, Korpan and Reeve Bettker's annual declaration forms.

Carried Unanimously

14/21 Budget Meeting **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that an annual budget meeting be set for March 18th, 2021 starting at 6:30 PM.

Carried Unanimously

15/21 Bond Insurance **KORPAN:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Administrator's Bond of \$100,000, Insurance Policies and Titles of Land Owned by the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 having been presented to council be approved.

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- 16/21 Weed Inspector** **MARTENS:** BE IT RESOLVED that Renny Grilz be appointed the Weed Inspector for the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 for 2021.

Carried Unanimously

- 17/21 Fire & Rescue** **MARTENS:** BE IT RESOLVED that the following be appointed to the Aberdeen and District Fire and Rescue for 2021;

Firefighters

Chief - Adrien Hamoline

Deputy Chief – Bob Hack

Paul Martens	Elvin Dyck	Terry Pryma	Andrew Fehr
Brian Jones	Dylan Fehr	Andrew Martens	Matthew Martens
Sheldon Buhler	Bill Braun	Cam Wutzke	Joel Hamoline
Ryan White	Brian Vandenberg		Regan Brown
Chantel Conrad	Lucas Carrier	Brodie Tingey	Ryan Selvig

First Responders

Shirley Huffman	Bernadette Hamoline	Tammy Lynchuk
Ryan White	Gail McLeod	Bonnie Doige
Tina Stalker	Tamarie Reimer	Christine Hamoline
Jordan Dorsey	Adrien Hamoline	Brian Vandenberg

Carried Unanimously

- 18/21 Deputy Reeve** **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that Kevin Kirk be appointed the Deputy Reeve for 2021.

Carried Unanimously

- 19/21 Ike Thiessen Tender** **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the council of the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 request tenders for the reconstruction of a apportion of Ike Thiessen 30-37-02-W3M, as approved by the Rural Integrated Roads for Growth program

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the tenders be due by March 31, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

- 20/21 Minute Subscription** **KORPAN:** BE IT RESOLVED that the subscription for minutes of meetings of council for ratepayers of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 be set at \$ 25.00 for 2021 and the cost to non-ratepayers be set at \$ 40.00 for 2021;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any requests for past years minutes will be charged at \$ 1.00 per sheet.

Carried Unanimously

21/21 Meeting Dates

SCHAFFEL: BE IT RESOLVED that regular meetings of Council be held the second Thursday of each month.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the May meeting be set on May 6th, 2021 and the November meeting be set for November 10th, 2021

Carried Unanimously

22/21 Highway 41 Water Utility

KORPAN: BE IT RESOLVED that the following be appointed to the Highway 41 Water Utility Board for 2021:

Chairperson: Graham White
Vice Chair: Rene Labrecque
Secretary: Dawn Bragg
Office Assist: Wilma Marissen
Maint. Operator: Blaine Tomolak

Jeff Lynchuk
Wayne Mason
Martin Bettker
Bob Macpherson

Carried Unanimously

23/21 Wheatland Regional Library Aberdeen

WHITE: BE IT RESOLVED that the following be appointed to the local board of the Wheatland Regional Library-Aberdeen Branch for 2021.

Chair: Wilma Marissen
Vice Chair: Gwen Peters
Treasurer: Jacquie Griffiths
Members at Large: Dolores Dyck, Darlene Martens, Logan Eden, Hope Lowe & Christine Gagne
Librarian: Deneane Loran
Staff: Lisa Grilz, Trish Voldeng & Liz Fortier

Carried Unanimously

24/21 Council Committee Appoint 2021

KIRK: BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments and committees of the council be set for 2021;

Aberdeen & District Charities	Graham White & Real Hamoline
Aberdeen Recreation Board	Martin Bettker & Graham White

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ADD Board	Paul Martens & Mark Schaffel
ADD Committee	Committee of Council
Cemetery Committee	Kevin Kirk & Paul Martens
Landfill Committee	Real Hamoline & Jim Korpan
Wheatland Regional Library	Graham White & Mark Schaffel
Employee Relations	Jim Korpan, Mark Schaffel, Martin Bettker & G. Craig Baird
Aberdeen Fire & Rescue	Real Hamoline, Mark Schaffel &
Emergency Measures Organization	Martin Bettker, Kevin Kirk & Graham White
Fire Guardians	Councilor for each division
Finance Committee	Kevin Kirk & Jim Korpan
Weed Inspector	Councilor for each division & Renny Grilz
Gravel Committee	Jim Korpan, Kevin Kirk & Mark Schaffel
Agr. Health & Safety Network	Paul Martens & Mark Schaffel
Road Committee	Martin Bettker, Kevin Kirk & Councilor for effected Division.
Equipment Committee	Real Hamoline, Mark Schaffel and Foreman
Planning & Development Comm.	Kevin Kirk, Jim Korpan, Paul Martens & G. Craig Baird
RCMP Advisory Committee	Martin Bettker & Graham White
SREDA	Graham White, Kevin Kirk & G. Craig Baird
Water Security Board	Graham White & Mark Schaffel
Blucher/Aberdeen Fire Committee	Graham White, Real Hamoline, Martin Bettker & Mark Schaffel
Community Pasture Committee	Kevin Kirk & Jim Korpan
NCTPC	Graham White, Paul Martens & G. Craig Baird
Economic Development Committee	Martin Bettker, Kevin Kirk, Graham White & G. Craig Baird

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- 25/21 Road Haul Agreements** **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Reeve and the Administrator be authorized to sign the Road Haul Agreement with Maxie's Excavating, Lonesome Sand and Gravel and PSI Tech Management Inc. to haul to and from their gravel pits located on the Ike Thiessen Road for the 2021 year.

Carried Unanimously

- 26/21 McMartin Abatement** **SCHAFFEL:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 abate a portion of 2020 taxes for Floyd McMartin as a result of an improvement being unoccupied as follows:

Municipal	\$1229.31
School	\$993.08

Carried Unanimously

Mayor White from the Town of Aberdeen arrived to discuss matters related to strategic planning within the Town of Aberdeen.

- 27/21 In Camera** **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 go In Camera at 8:42 am per section 120(2)(a) of The Municipalities Act and 17(1)(g) of The Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

Unanimously Carried

- 28/21 Out of Camera** **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 move out of camera and reconvene the regular meeting of Council at 3:45 am.

Unanimously Carried

Councilor Korpan left the meeting at 3:45 pm

- 29/21 Rate Payers Supper** **HAMOLINE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 postpone the 2021 ratepayer's supper;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Citizen of the Year be postponed until the pandemic is declared over.

Unanimously Carried

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30/21 Corr.

WHITE: BE IT RESOLVED that the following correspondence, as presented to council be filed;

- RCMP Occurrence Statistics
- Saskatchewan Construction Association – Support Local
- Hudson Bay Route Association – 2021 Membership
- BuildTech – 2020 Christmas Letter
- Plant Health Officer Quarterly
- SAMA – Rural Board Rep
- Stantec/MHI – Highway 5 Segment 3 Stakeholder Meeting Invitation
- Scott Canada – Communities in Bloom
- SMHI Annual Meeting
- MOBO – Shirt Promotion
- Sunterra HDD – Services in Saskatchewan
- NCTPC – Workshop Cancellation
- IHunter – Annual Report
- SARM
 - i. Call for Nominations
 - ii. Ray Orb – Call for Rural Broadband
 - iii. Rural Sheaf
 - iv. Annual Membership Fee
 - v. SARM Fees for Service

Carried Unanimously

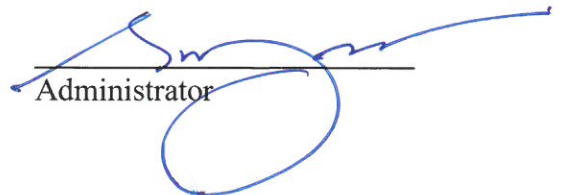
31/21 Adjourn

HAMOLINE: BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting now be adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Carried Unanimously



Reeve



Administrator