

MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373
MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 13TH DAY OF MAY 2021
IN THE RURAL MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN ABERDEEN, SASKATCHEWAN

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 8:08 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. 5 - Paul Martens

Foreman: Darryl Klassen
Office Staff: Gwen Weisgerber

Absent:
Division No. 4 – Real Hamoline
Division No. 6 – Jim Korpan

Conflict of Interest

- Councilor White and Reeve Bettker noted a Conflict of Interest with the discussion about the Highway 41 Water Utility Easement Request within the Administrators Report.

Meeting was streamed live on the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 Facebook page.

112/21 Agenda **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the May 13, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

113/21 Minutes Regular Meeting **SCHAFFEL:** BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on April 15th, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

114/21 Finance Activities **MARTENS:** BE IT RESOLVED that the statements of Finance Activities for the month of April 2021 be accepted as presented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation for April 2021 be also accepted as presented.

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Gwen Weisgerber left the meeting at 8:30 am

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CB

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**115/21 Accounts
for
Payment**

KIRK: 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

- Wudrick Road – Dirt pushed up
- Sign at the well on Ike Thiessen – ratepayer only – sign stolen
- Tires abandoned on Bergheim Road
- RM of Blucher/Ministry of Highway Meeting
 - RM of Blucher is concerned about the Sunset Estates access on Highway No. 5
 - Proposed service road to tower doesn't make sense – RM of Aberdeen not in favour of maintaining
- Fireban on burning barrels and fire pits

Councilor Graham White Division #1

- Highway No. 5 Construction
 - Lots of issues with dust and dry conditions
 - Lots of people cutting through RM to avoid Highway No. 5
- Blucher Aberdeen Emergency Services
 - 2013 Peterbuilt conversion to water tanker is almost done
- Division 1 – Lots of ownership changes
- Road are decent – the odd soft spot is starting to develop

Councilor Mark Schaffel Division #2

- Burning in RM
 - Concerned about fires getting out of control with dry conditions
 - Can RM establish a fire setback around country residential development?
- Bergheim Estates and the Meadows roadways are really good considering the conditions
- Ridging issues on Old 27
- 314 Valley View – Trees sitting in the ditch
- Aberdeen Recreation Complex
 - May 18, 2021 – Meeting with Affinity Credit Union

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- Depending on results of meeting will determine next steps
- No Aberdeen Fire Department meeting last month
- Interviews for Summer Labourer – synopsis
- Sasktel Tower construction has been very slow

Councilor Kevin Kirk Division #3

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- Aberdeen Firehall Backup Power
 - \$2,000 to complete upgrades needed for generator
 - Overhead doors are very slow to raise manually in emergency
- Stefaniuk – need to do some mulching for sight lines
- Should we be parking the graders soon – it is so dry
- Old Trail West – working on getting easements
- Issues at H41WU Tank Fill on Lanicwi Road

Councilor Real Hamoline Division #4 – Written Report

- Issues with windrows left on side roads – they should have been dealt with already
- Not in favour of a fire ban – Farmers need to burn crop residue and bails now, June and July doesn't work. People need to be responsible and burn when it is calm and create a fire guard.
- Aberdeen Recreation Complex – What is happening? Why has so much time passed?

Councilor Paul Martens Division #5

- Roads are extremely dry – makes grading impossible
- Spraying on back roads – where are we at on that?
- Holdbacks on Easement agreements – it should be more punitive – companies are leaving messes in our ditches.
- Snow Plowing Policy – We need to have a clear policy
 - Temperature, When we plow, How much snow is required, What technique is expected
 - Without consistent policy it is impossible for staff to implement and follow

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Councilor Jim Korpan Division #6 - Written Report

- Division 6 Road Tour Synopsis
- Culvert in Lanicwi Road has settled – needs some gravel
- Don Jones is doing a really nice job graveling in Division No. 6 – driving respectfully loaded and unloaded.
- Beaver Dams in creek have been taken care of
- Ivan has been doing a nice job blading – seems to be learning quickly
- Would like to see the dirt roads get bladed soon, need to ensure we keep the weeds under control
- Thanks to the road crew and office staff for their continued hard work

**116/21 Firehall
Generator**

KIRK: BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 install a connection for an emergency generator at the Aberdeen Firehall.

Carried Unanimously

117/21 Fire Ban

SCHAFFEL: BE IT RESOLVED that a fire ban on all fire pits and burning barrels be implemented due to the extreme dry conditions in the RM.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all controlled agricultural burns must be approved by the Chief of the Aberdeen Fire Department.

Carried Unanimously

Road Foreman Report

- Employees
 - Foreman Employment Contract – Tabled until June
 - Summer Laborer
 - Mid-year Reviews
- Roadwork & Maintenance
 - Gravel Reclaiming and Cutting
 - Spring Road Tours
 - Bettker Road Repair – Pre SB-90 Treatment
 - Water Tanker and Trailer

**118/21 Seasonal
Labourer**

SCHAFFEL: BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 hire Grayson Jones as a seasonal labourer for 2021 at a rate of \$16/Hour.

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119/21 Mid-Year Reviews **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 employee committee meet with all staff on June 23, 2021 to complete the mid-year reviews.

Carried Unanimously

Planning and Development

- Randy George – SW PT 35-40-02-W3M
- Prochera – Certificate of Approval
- Bylaw 2021-05 – Bylaw to Amend Bylaw 2007-04 – Residential Sites per Quarter Section
- Sosnowski – Development Permit Application – NE ¼ Section 23-37-02-W3M

120/21 Development Permit **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 require Lionel Sosnowski to construct the road allowance north of NE-23-37-02-W3M for a development permit to be considered.
NE 23-37-02-W3M

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the road construction be engineered to a municipal standard and constructed to a 1:500 flood elevation as confirmed by a qualified hydrologist.

Recorded Vote

Division No. 1	Against
Division No. 2	For
Division No. 3	For
Division No. 5	For
Reeve	For

Carried

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**121/21 Building
Moves
into
RM**

SCHAFFEL: BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 require a \$5,000 deposit for all applications to move a building into the municipality.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the applicant shall be required to complete a pre-move inspection by the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 Building Inspector and shall not be authorized to bring the building into the municipality until the pre-move inspection report is provided to and approved by the Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deposit shall be reimbursed to the applicant upon final inspection and approval being completed by the RM Building Inspector with all deficiencies being addressed.

Carried Unanimously

Tender Opening

- Ike Thiessen Construction Tender Opening

Submitted Tenders for Consideration

	<u>Ike Thiessen - Clay Capping</u>	
<u>Contractor</u>	<u>Total for Earth Work</u>	<u>% Over Lowest Bid</u>
<i>Arnolds Earthmoving</i>	\$102,570	88%
<i>Strom Earthmoving</i>	\$54,550	N/A
<i>Triton Hauling and Excavating</i>	\$95,970	76%
<i>Delta Construction Group</i>	\$148,305	172%
<i>Cory Contracting Ltd.</i>	\$104,652	92%

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123/21 Out of Camera **BETTKER:** 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 10:5 am.

Carried Unanimously

Deputy Reeve Kirk stepped down as chair of the meeting.

Reeve Bettker assumed meeting chair duties.

124/21 Gravel Tender **KIRK:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 award the contract to Lonesome Prairie Sand and Gravel for the supply and stockpile of 15,000 yards of Type 106 gravel for the following rate:

\$21.25 Per Yard

Carried Unanimously

125/21 Ike Thiessen Road Construction RIRG **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 award the contract to Strom Earthmoving for the construction of 0.4 kilometers of municipal road, Project ST213732, located West of PT of 19-37-02-W3rd meridian and Pt. of the West of 30-37-02-W3rd meridian;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED for the estimated total price of \$54,550.

126/21 George Subdivision SW 35-40-02-W3M **MARTENS:** BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Sec. 6.3.2(1) and Table 6.1 of Bylaw 2007-05 known as the Zoning Bylaw and Sec. 5.3(8) of the Bylaw 2007-04 known as the Basic Planning Statement (Official Community Plan), the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 approve the subdivision of Parcel B SW ¼ Section 35-40-02-W3M to allow for the boundary alteration as submitted by the applicant, subject to the approval of the Ministry of Government Relations-Community Planning Branch;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the subdivision shall be subject to the execution of a Servicing Agreement.

127/21 OCP Amendment Bylaw 2021-05 **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw No. 2021-05 being a Bylaw to amend Bylaw No. 2007-04, known as the Official Community Plan of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen to amend the number of single parcel residential sites per quarter section be read a first time.

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- 128/21 OCP** **SCHAFFEL:** BE IT RESOLVED that Bylaw No. 2021-05 being a Bylaw to
Amendment amend Bylaw No. 2007-04, be advertised once a week for two consecutive weeks
Clark's within the Clark's Crossing Gazette, and that objections be received and
Crossing considered at a public meeting held June 10th, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

Administrator's Report

- 2020 Financial Statements
- Speed Limit – Ike Thiessen
- Firehall Generator
- Building Relocations
- Highway 41 Water Utility Request – Easement Agreement
- Assessment Appeals - Update
- Ike Thiessen Survey Update
- Aberdeen Graduating Class – Sponsorship Request
- Policy Manual – Draft - Review
- OCP Amendment – Sites Per Quarter
- SMHI Withdrawals
- Legal matter – 36-40-03-W3M – Road Allowance Encroachment

- 129/21 2020** **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the 2020 Financial Statement and supporting
Financial Schedules with the Independent Auditor's Report be accepted as presented;
Statements

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that council acknowledges the reading and acceptance, and authorize the Reeve to sign the management letter from Grant Thornton LLP ; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that council acknowledges the inclusion of the Highway 41 Water Utility financial information within the Financial Statements.

Carried Unanimously

Councilor White and Reeve Bettker declared a conflict of interest with regard to the discussion on the Highway 41 Water Utility Easement agreement as a result of each being members of the Highway 41 Water Utility Board of Directors and left Council Chambers.

Pursuant to Section 146 (2) of *The Municipalities Act* the remaining members of Council are deemed to be a quorum for the following resolution.

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**130/21 H41WU
Easement**

SCHAFFEL: BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 authorize the Deputy Reeve and Administrator to sign and execute the Easement Agreement with the Highway 41 Water Utility for the installation of a water line within municipal road allowance, specifically, within the road allowance of Maple Road in the Strawberry Hills Development:

- 1) A minimum buried depth of 6 ft
- 2) A deposit of \$5,000 to ensure the ditch is returned to pre-installation form. Upon inspection and sign off of ditch conditions by the RM Foreman or Administrator the deposit shall be returned.

Carried Unanimously

Councilor White and Reeve Bettker returned to the meeting.

**131/21 SMHI
Withdrawals**

WHITE: BE IT RESOLVED that the withdrawals as submitted by Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance Association Owner Number 373-1469, 373-1470 and 373-1471 be approved by council.

Carried Unanimously

**132/21 Speed
Reduction
Ike
Thiessen**

WHITE: BE IT RESOLVED that the speed limit be reduced to 60 KM/Hr north of the stop sign on Ike Thiessen past the chicken barns, Nutrien Anhydrous site then back to the regular posted speed limit.

Recorded Vote

Division 1	For
Division 2	Against
Division 3	Against
Division 5	Against
Reeve	Against

Lost

