

MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373
MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021
IN THE RURAL MUNICIPAL OFFICE IN ABERDEEN, SASKATCHEWAN

**Call to
Order**

The meeting was called to order at 8:10 a.m. by Reeve Martin Bettker
Present were: Administrator G. Craig Baird and the following members:

Division No. 1 – Graham White
Division No. 3 – Kevin Kirk
Division No. 5 - Paul Martens

Division No. 2 – Mark Schaffel

Foreman: Darryl Klassen

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

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

198/21 Agenda

MARTENS: BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the September 9, 2021 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**199/21 Minutes
Regular
Meeting**

WHITE: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on August 12th, 2021 be adopted as presented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the minutes of the special meeting of the Council of the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 and the Council of the Town of Aberdeen held on August 16th, 2021 be adopted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**200/21 Aberdeen
Recreation
Complex
Payments**

SCHAFFEL: BE IT RESOLVED that insurance, bookkeeping services and water bills no longer be paid by the RM of Aberdeen No. 373, as the ARC is now under the control of Affinity Credit Union. Effective Immediately.

Carried Unanimously

**201/21 Finance
Activities**

MARTENS: BE IT RESOLVED that the statements of Finance Activities for the month of August 2021 be accepted as presented;

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

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**202/21 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

- Letter to Canada Post
 - Packages not being given because of SGI License
 - Civic Address issues
- Price out lockable information boards at mailboxes
- Highway No.5 Improvement
 - Not in favour of curving and moving Drews Road east
- EMO
 - We need to look into getting it up and running
- Public Meeting
 - Need plan and history for the ARC
 - Up to town whether to have a public meeting
- Policy when working on railway crossings
 - Need spotter

Councilor Graham White Division #1

- Mary Kruger-Cemetery issue update
- Ike Thiessen-Where are we at?
- Extension of Laliberte- Mulching etc.
- Ritchie Road- Did it get done?
- Next gravel tender-Have a person interested
 - Sagen Gravel - \$18/yd delivered.
- Highway No. 5- East End
 - Nothing more happening
- Blucher/Aberdeen Emergency Service
 - Still going well
- Stantec Meeting
 - Access for Drews Road and Sunset Estates

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Councilor Mark Schaffel Division #2

- Roads have been good
- Solar Speed Signs – Where are we at?
- Spraying
 - Bad spots and after mulching
 - Building a spray boom in winter
- Aberdeen Fire Department Meeting:
 - Truck was fixed
 - Open House-Oct. 15, 2021
 - Ribbon cutting at 4:00PM
 - Fire Extinguisher training
 - Future purchasing-Air Tank
 - Fundraising-
 - 50/50 draw
 - 4,000 tickets being printed
- Noxious Weed on Jasmine Drive
- Aberdeen Recreation Complex
 - Board approved dissolution
 - Had meeting with lawyers-seems very good
 - Wanted to ensure that past members can't come forward
 - Retainer is \$1,500 – has been paid by the RM
 - MNP has started running the facility
 - Town is holding a private donation, not sure what to do with it
 - Bonnie is working for MNP
 - A ton of misinformation about everything that transpired

Councilor Kevin Kirk Division #3

- Issues with trees on back roads
 - Can we hire someone to spray?
 - Can we mow them?
- Call from ratepayer in regards to noxious weeds at 3040.
 - Need to call weed inspector
- Old Trail West
 - Land owners not in agreement
 - Administrator to give one last attempt to negotiate

Councilor Real Hamoline Division #4- Written Report

- Concerned scraper will be sitting if we do not pick projects
- Need to establish plan for ARC and public meeting

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Councilor Paul Martens Division #5

- Roads look good
- Railway tracks are rough-Just need some attention
- Mow from Coopers North with old mower
- Back road blading with rock picker
- Layoffs
 - Would like to have the workers as long as possible
- Wruck Road – Sign Replacement

Road Foreman Report

- Employee Matters
 - Lay-Offs
- Roadwork & Maintenance
 - Old Trail West – Progress Report
 - Ike Thiessen Update- End of September
 - Morlock Construction Update
 - Equipment Hour and Fuel
 - Garth Wruck Approach
 - Getting an employee to learn scraper would be great
 - Easiest way for to do road construction, is for Darryl to do it and have someone else fulfill Foreman duties.

10:00AM **Adjourned Meeting for morning break.**

10:22 AM **Meeting Reconvened**

203/21 Lay-Offs **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the following employees be given a layoff Notice for the following dates:

Robert Shutiuk-October 15, 2021

Kevin Conrad-October 15, 2021

Don Jones-October 15, 2021

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

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204/21 Buhler Approach **MARTENS:** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 widen the approach for Ivan Buhler and extend his culvert, but charge Ivan for the new Culvert.

Carried Unanimously

Planning and Development

- Second-Parcel Tie Removal – Information Only

Councilor Kirk left the meeting at 11:00 am

Administrator's Report

- Gas Tax Update/Project Allocation
- SARM Mid-Term Convention
- Waldner Access
- Aberdeen Recreation Complex
- Highway No. 5 – Preliminary Designs
- Equipment Tendering
- Office Computer – Assistant

205/21 In Camera **SCHAFFEL:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 go In Camera at 11:20 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.

Carried Unanimously

206/21 Out of Camera **SCHAFFEL:** 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 12:04 pm.

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207/21 2022 Grader Tender **WHITE:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 tender for a grader, with a January 2022 delivery date.

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**208/21 November
Meeting
Date**

WHITE: BE IT RESOLVED that the November Regular meeting of Council be scheduled for November 4th, 2021.

Carried Unanimously

209/21 Corr.

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

- Meewasin Valley Authority
 - Partnership with Parks Canada
 - Strategic Plan – Feasibility Study
- 4-H – Donation Request
- H2Safety – Notification System
- Hudson Bay Route Association – Convention Invite
- Legion – Military Service Book
- NCTPC – Minutes
- Johnson Shoyama – Municipal Governance Program
- Plant Health Officer – Summer Newsletter
- Town of Vonda – Donation Request
- Rail Safety Week – CN
- RM of Eye Hill No. 382 – Mid-Term Resolution Support
- SREDA – Go Money Competition

Carried Unanimously

**210/21 Military
Service**

SCHAFFEL: BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 purchase a business card sized advertisement for the Military Service Recognition Book for \$195.24 plus applicable taxes.

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**211/21 Rail
Safety
Week**

MARTENS: BE IT RESOLVED Whereas Rail Safety is to be held across Canada from September 20 to 26, 2021;

Whereas it is in the public's interest to raise citizens' awareness of the dangers of ignoring safety warnings at level crossings and trespassing on rail property to reduce avoidable deaths, injuries and damage caused by incidents involving trains and citizens;

Whereas Operation Lifesaver is a public/private partnership whose aim is to work With the public, rail industry, governments, police services, media and others to raise rail safety awareness;

Whereas CN has requested City Council adopt this resolution in support of its ongoing efforts to raise awareness, save lives and prevent injuries in communities, including our municipality.

Carried Unanimously

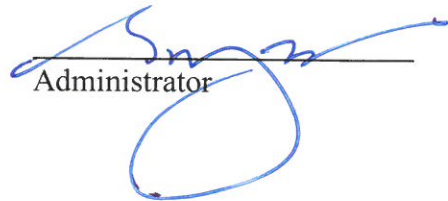
212/21 Adjourn

SCHAFFEL: BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting now be adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

Carried Unanimously



Reeve


Administrator