

MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373 FIRST MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 11TH DAY OF JANUARY, 2024 IN THE RURAL MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 101 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE IN ABERDEEN, SASKATCHEWAN

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**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 8:04 a.m. by Reeve Martin Bettker  
Present were: Acting Administrator Gary Dziadyk 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: Foreman Garrett Beaulieu 8:45am

**Conflict of Interest:**

**01/24 Agenda**                      **White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the January 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**02/24 Minutes Regular**                      **Kirk:** BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on December 14th, 2023 and the minutes of the Joint Meeting held on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be adopted as presented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the notes of the Safety Meetings held on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024, and the minutes of the Highway 41 Water Utility Meetings from 2023 be accepted for information.

Carried Unanimously

**03/24 Finance Activities**                      **Schaffel:** BE IT RESOLVED that the statements of Finance Activities for the month of December 2023 be accepted as presented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation for December 2023 also be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**04/24 Payroll Summary**                      **Hamoline:** BE IT RESOLVED that council approve the Payroll Summary for the month of December 2023.

Carried Unanimously

**05/24 Mastercard Purchases**                      **White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM Mastercard purchases from the Foreman and Administrator from November 19<sup>th</sup>- December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be approved.

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**06/24 Accounts for Payment**      **Korpan:** BE IT RESOLVED that council approves the list of accounts for payment and they be attached and form part of these minutes.

Carried Unanimously

**Foreman Garrett Beaulieu arrived at the meeting at 8:45 am**

**07/24 Foreman Report**      **Martens:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Foreman's report as submitted by Foreman Garrett Beaulieu be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**Council Reports**

**Reeve Martin Bettker**

- Speed sign on Bergheim Road is not working correctly, needs to be checked
- Snow Plow truck seems to be working well, faster to travel between drifts.

**Councillor Graham White Division #1**

- Progress on Highway 5 construction, still working on St. Denis access.
- Roads in his division are in good shape, some wash board, more mulching required on Laliberte Road.
- Need to move mailboxes on Martin Road this spring.
- Ambulance in Highway No. 5 fire hall, needs work.

**Councillor Mark Schaffel Division #2**

- Explained reasoning for having Jeanne Waldner coming to meeting, council must decide on how to approach the upgrade of this road.
- Information meeting to discuss the cost of installing SB90 in the Country Residential Developments, costs of installation and the cost to the individual property owners.

**Councillor Kevin Kirk Division #3**

- Some wash board on approach to Highway 41.
- Worked with Ben Levesque to record inventory in Community Hall.
- Community Hall General Mtg. 18 present, 3 appointed from community.

**Councillor Real Hamoline Division #4**

- Attended Community Hall General Mtg., good turn out 2 members from Rural Municipality, 2 from the Town and 3 elected from the community.
- That the Town and RM share responsibility to clear the snow in the winter, monitor and share graveling of Hall parking lot.
- Hall Committee will prepare a budget for maintenance expenditures and upgrades.
- For insurance reasons, would like to have the girls from the office check the hall on a regular schedule.

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**Councillor Paul Martens Division #5**

- Happy with snow clearing, good job on rock removal from shoulder of road.
- Check with Button regarding clearing snow from access.

**Councillor Jim Korpan Division #6**

- Need some additional mulching on Smuts Road and Fish Creek Road.
- Removal of beaver dams along creek.

**Foreman Garrett Beaulieu left the meeting at 10:45 a.m.**

**08/24 Snow Clearing Hall Lot**

**Hamoline:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Road Crew work with the Town Crew to clean the hall parking lot in winter; the RM may need to gravel the lot from time to time:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that our office staff check the hall Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to check water, bathrooms and heat.

Carried Unanimously

**09/24 Admin Report**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Administrators report be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**Councillor White left the meeting at 11:00 a.m.**

**10/24 Bond/Titles Insurance**

**Schaffel:** 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.

Carried Unanimously

**Councillor Schaffel left the meeting at 11:18 a.m.**

**11/24 Safety Committee**

**Martens:** BE IT RESOLVED that Garrett Beaulieu, Taylor Klippenstein, Brendan Beaulieu, Bridgette Shwytky, and Leah Johnston be appointed to the Safety Committee for 2024.

Carried Unanimously

**Councillor Schaffel returned to the meeting at 11:25 a.m.**

**12/24 Auditor Engagement**

**Schaffel:** BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize the Administrator and Reeve to sign the engagement letter with Jensen Stromberg to complete the RM Financial Audit for the year ending December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

Carried Unanimously

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**Councillor Martens excused himself from the next order of business.**

**13/24 Appoint Kirk:** BE IT RESOLVED that the following be appointed to the Aberdeen Fire/1<sup>st</sup> Resp and District Fire and Rescue for 2024:

Firefighters

<b>Chief</b> - Adrien Hamoline	<b>Deputy Chief</b> – Bob Hack		
Paul Martens	Elvin Dyck	Terry Pryma	Wes Friesen
Brian Jones	Dylan Fehr	Andrew Martens	Matthew Martens
Sheldon Buhler	Cam Wutzke	Joel Hamoline	
Ryan White	Grayson Jones	Jesse Komarychka	
Michael Yanush	Andrew Fehr	Brian Vandenberg	

First Responders

Shirley Huffman	Bernadette Hamoline	Tammy Lynchuk
Ryan White	Gail McLeod	Bonnie Doige
Tina Stalker	Tamarie Reimer	Adrien Hamoline
Jordon Olszewski	Brian Vandenberg	Jill Cornish

Carried Unanimously

**Councillor Martens returned to the meeting.**

**14/24 Appoint Kirk:** BE IT RESOLVED that the following be appointed to the Blucher Fire/1<sup>st</sup> Resp Aberdeen and District Fire and Rescue for 2024:

Firefighters

<b>Chief</b> – Mike Steckhan	<b>Deputy Chief</b> – Gord Hangs	
<b>Captain</b> – Ryan Bobert		
Quinton Andrude	Hubert Georget	Jase Jeanneau
Cam Jones	Micheal Lulchak	Dylan McAvory
Keith Newnham	Jeremy O'Connor	Jayden Propp
Pat Sereda	Taylor Smith	Connor Zatorski

First Responders

<b>Team Lead</b> – Julian Slater	Jeremy O'Connor	Connor Zatorski
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Carried Unanimously

**15/24 Weed Inspect Korpan:** BE IT RESOLVED that Renny Grilz be appointed the Weed Inspector for the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 for 2024.

Carried Unanimously

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**16/24 PCO Inspect** **Hamoline:** BE IT RESOLVED that Denis Boyenko be appointed the Pest Control Officer for the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 for 2024.

Carried Unanimously

**17/24 Council Committees** **Hamoline:** BE IT RESOLVED that the following appointments and committees of the council be set for 2024;

Aberdeen Recreation Board	Martin Bettker & Graham White.
ADD Board	Paul Martens & Mark Schaffel.
ADD Committee	Committee of Council.
Cemetery Committee	Kevin Kirk & Paul Martens.
Transfer Station Committee	Real Hamoline & Jim Korpan.
Wheatland Regional Library	Graham White & Mark Schaffel.
Employee Relations	Martin Bettker, Jim Korpan & Mark Schaffel.
Aberdeen Fire & Rescue	Real Hamoline, Mark Schaffel & Jim Korpan.
Blucher/Aberdeen Fire Committee	Graham White, Real Hamoline & Martin Bettker.
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, & Foreman.
Planning & Development Comm.	Kevin Kirk, Jim Korpan, Paul Martens & Bridgette Shwytky.
RCMP Advisory Committee	Martin Bettker & Graham White.
Water Security Board	Graham White & Mark Schaffel.
Community Pasture Committee	Kevin Kirk & Graham White.
NCTPC	Graham White, Paul Martens & Bridgette Shwytky.
Economic Development Committee	Martin Bettker, Kevin Kirk & Bridgette Shwytky.
Prairie River Reconciliation Committee	Kevin Kirk.
Aberdeen Community Hall	Real Hamoline & Kevin Kirk.
Saskatoon Perimeter Rd Committee	Real Hamoline & Paul Martens.

Carried Unanimously

**18/24 Minute Subscription** **Korpan:** BE IT RESOLVED that the subscription for minutes of the meetings of council for ratepayers of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 be set at 2024 be set at \$30 for ratepayers and \$60 for non ratepayers.

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

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**Councillor Schaffel excused himself from the next order of business.**

**19/24 H41WU Board**      **Martens:** BE IT RESOLVED that the following be appointed to the Highway 41 Water Utility Board for 2024:

<b>Chairperson:</b> Rene Labrecque	<b>Members at Large:</b>
<b>Vice Chair:</b> Mark Schaffel	Myron Romanchuk
<b>Administrator:</b> Christine Meachem	Rochelle Blocka
<b>Office Assist:</b> Wilma Marissen	Dale Cousin
<b>Maint. Operator:</b> Blaine Tomolak	Graham White
<b>Assist. Maint. Operator:</b> Robert Tutka	

Carried Unanimously

**Councillor Schaffel returned to the meeting.**

**Reeve Martin Bettker excused himself from the next order of business and Deputy Reeve Kevin Kirk assumed the chair.**

**20/24 Library Board**      **Schaffel:** BE IT RESOLVED that the following be appointed to the Aberdeen Library Board for 2024:

<b>Chairperson:</b> Hope Lowe	<b>Members at Large:</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b> Jacquie Griffiths	Wilma Marrison
<b>RM Rep:</b> Graham White	Shelley Bettker
<b>Town Rep:</b> Jacquie Griffiths	Darlene Martens

Carried Unanimously

**Reeve Martin Bettker returned to the meeting and assumed the chair.**

**21/24 Custom Work Rate**      **Schaffel:** BE IT RESOLVED that the custom work rates for 2024 be set as follows:

Ratepayers	\$175 per hour Minimum \$90
Elevators	\$175 per hour Minimum \$90
Town of Aberdeen	\$225 per hour Minimum \$115
Non-Ratepayers	\$225 per hour Minimum \$115
Developers	\$225 per hour Minimum \$115

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**22/24 Council Remuner**      **Schaffel:** BE IT RESOLVED that council remuneration for 2024 be set as follows:

Council Meetings	\$300 per day plus \$0.70 cents per Kilometer
Committee Meetings	\$300 per day plus \$0.70 cents per Kilometer
Supervision	\$300 per day plus \$0.70 cents per Kilometer
Conventions	\$300 per day plus \$0.70 cents per Kilometer /plus parking, meals, and hotels.

Carried Unanimously

**23/24 2024 Spring Rate Payers**      **Kirk:** BE IT RESOLVED that the date for the Spring Ratepayers Supper be set for April 16, 2024;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ticket prices be set at \$25.00 each.

Carried Unanimously

**Break for Lunch from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

**24/24 Corr.**      **Schaffel:** BE IT RESOLVED that the following correspondence, as presented to council be filed.

- Darcy Martin Wind Turbines
- Evolution Training - PME Prices
- SMHI Hail Claims 2023
- PDAP Training for Municipalities
- Prime Minister Teachers Award
- SARM Message From Div 5
- SARM Services Fees
- Sask Safety Council Donation Request
- RCMP - Elected Officials Meeting/RM Occurrence Stats/Town Occurrence Stats
- Pest Control Officer Webinar - Applicator Training and Recertification
- Weed Inspector Webinar - Noxious and Prohibited Weeds

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**Councillor Kirk left the meeting at 1:41 pm**

**25/24 Adjourn**      **Hamoline:** BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting now be adjourned at  
1:45 p.m.

Carried Unanimously

  
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Reeve

  
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Administrator

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