

MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373 FIRST MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 14<sup>th</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2024 IN THE RURAL MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 101 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE IN ABERDEEN, SASKATCHEWAN

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**Oaths of Office were completed by the Reeve and councilors for Division 1, 3, and 5.**

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m. by Reeve Martin Bettker.

Present were: Reeve Bettker, C.A.O. Bridgette Shwytky and the following members of council:

Division No. 1 – Graham White

Division No. 3 – Kevin Kirk

Division No. 5 – Paul Martens

Foreman: Garrett Beaulieu 8:40am

Division No. 2 – Mark Schaffel

Division No. 4 – Absent

Division No. 6 – Jim Korpan

**Conflict of Interest:** Councillor Korpan declared a conflict of interest with agenda item 7.5.

**262/24 Agenda**

**Korpan:** BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 First Meeting of Council be accepted as presented

Carried Unanimously

**263/24 Approval of Minutes**

**Martens:** BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the regular meeting of council held on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024 be accepted as presented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the notes of the Safety Meetings held on October 11<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> and November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 be accepted for information.

Carried Unanimously

**264/24 Financial Activities**

**Kirk:** BE IT RESOLVED that the statements of Financial Activities for the month of October 2024 be accepted as presented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation for October 2024 be also accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**265/24 Payroll Summary**

**Schaffel:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council approve the Payroll Summary for the month of October, 2024.

Carried Unanimously

**266/24 Mastercard Purchases**

**Korpan:** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM Mastercard purchases from the Foreman and Administrator from September 16<sup>th</sup>- October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

**Foreman Beaulieu arrived at the meeting at 8:25 am**

**Councillor Korpan declared a conflict of interest for the next item as he was included in the list of accounts for approval as a recipient of a payment.**

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**267/24 List of Accounts for Approval**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council approves the list of accounts for payment and they be attached and form part of these minutes.

Carried Unanimously

**Councillor Korpan returned to the meeting.**

**268/24 Foreman's Report**

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

Carried Unanimously

**269/24 Council's Reports**

**Kirk:** BE IT RESOLVED that the verbal Council reports be accepted as presented and that a written summary be recorded and attached to these minutes as Schedule "A".

Carried Unanimously

**270/24 Fire/First Responder Christmas Party**

**Schaffel:** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM pay \$1,000.00 towards the Fire & First Responder's Christmas party.

Carried Unanimously

**271/24 In Camera Meeting**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373 go In Camera at 10:19 a.m. per section 120(2)(a) of the *Municipalities Act* and 23.1 of the *Local Authority Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

Carried Unanimously

**The Council moved out of Camera at 10:27 a.m.**

**Foreman Beaulieu left the meeting at 11:00 am.**

**Meeting was recessed from 11:00 am- 11:45 am for a public hearing.**

**Olaf Boettcher attended the meeting as a delegate from 11:55 am until 12:10 pm.**

**The meeting was recessed for lunch from 12:10 pm-1:00 pm.**

**272/24 Discretionary Use Application**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to section 8 of Bylaw 2007-05 known as the Zoning Bylaw, the council approve the Discretionary Use Permit for Sean Jamison operating as Derevo Designs to operate a laser engraving business as a home-based business.

LOST Unanimously

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**273/24 Refund of Permit to Move Bonds**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the council approve the refund of the \$1,000.00 Road Damage Deposit to Mark Wickstrom;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the \$5,000.00 Building Move Deposit shall be refunded upon receipt of the Final Inspection Report from BuildTech Inspections confirming that there are no remaining deficiencies.

Carried Unanimously

**274/24 Administrator's Report**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Administrator's report be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

**275/24 Discretionary Use Applications**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM council will remove the freeze on accepting discretionary use applications for Places of Worship.

Carried Unanimously

**276/24 Road Construction Refund**

**Kirk:** BE IT RESOLVED that the council approve refunding \$8,638.03 of the road construction deposit to Windermere Land & Cattle Ltd.

Carried Unanimously

**277/24 Employee Reviews**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the employee reviews will be scheduled for Tuesday, November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024 beginning at 9 am.

Carried Unanimously

**278/24 Fit for Work Program Policy**

**Martens:** BE IT RESOLVED that the council approve and adopt the Fit for Work Program Policy effective November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for the RM of Aberdeen No. 373.

Carried Unanimously

**279/24 Mental Health Policy**

**Korpan:** BE IT RESOLVED that the council approve and adopt the Mental Health Policy effective November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 for the RM of Aberdeen No. 373.

Carried Unanimously

**280/24 Tax Enforcement List Exclusions**

**White:** BE IT RESOLVED that where at least half of the previous year's taxes have been paid on a property, that property shall be excluded from the tax enforcement list for advertising purposes.

Carried Unanimously

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**281/24 List of 2023 Arrears**

**Kirk:** BE IT RESOLVED that the council acknowledges that the List of Arrears for 2023 for Tax Enforcement purposes has been presented and accepted by the Head of Council.

Carried Unanimously

**282/24 SAMA Service Charter**

**Schaffel:** BE IT RESOLVED that the council approve the SAMA Service Charter for 2025-2028 and that the CAO or Reeve be authorized to sign as the RM representative.

Carried Unanimously

**283/24 Aberdeen Christmas Miracles**

**Martens:** BE IT RESOLVED that the RM donate \$500.00 to Aberdeen Christmas Miracles.

Carried Unanimously

**284/24 Appointment of Deputy Reeve**

**Korpan:** BE IT RESOLVED that Kevin Kirk be appointed Deputy Reeve for the remainder of 2024 and for the year 2025.

Carried Unanimously

**285/24 Correspondence**

**Kirk:** BE IT RESOLVED that the following Correspondence, as presented to council, be filed:

- Stars Open House
- Stats Canada - Annual Capital Expenditures Survey
- Potash Distribution
- CCBF payment Installment
- APAS AGM Invite
- Sask Multicultural Week
- Canada Summer Jobs
- Matthewson & CO Complaint Investigation Services
- MEPP Remittance Options
- PRRC - Meeting Minutes
- NCTPC Upcoming workshop dates/Meeting Minutes
- Prairie Spirit School Division Poll Abandonment
- Prime Minister Award
- Prairie Spirit School Division Bus Routes
- Gopher Control Rebate Payments
- SARM-Convention Agenda/MLDP Schedule/Upcoming Webinars & Workshops/Salary Schedule/NR Call for More Business Risk Management Support for Producers/NR Highlights Rural Crime Concerns
- Sask Safety Council - Sprackman Safety Day
- SaskTel infiNET
- SGI Safety Fitness Certificate
- Trade Agreement Reporting

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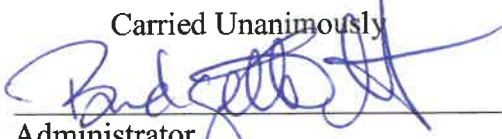
- Western Municipal Consulting Summary of 2024 Services
- Ministry of Highways Winter Weight Bulletin  
Evolution Training - Workshop for Council Members

Carried Unanimously

**286/24 Adjournment**

**Martens:** BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting now be adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

  
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Reeve

Carried Unanimously  
  
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Administrator

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**SCHEDULE "A"**  
**Council Reports**

**Reeve Martin Bettker**

- Noticed rocks popping out through top of roads. Thinks it may be contributing to washboard.
- Should contact SaskTel to report when receiving harassing calls.

**Councillor Graham White Division #1**

- Highway 5 construction -winding down for the season. Paved from hwy2 to St Denis Hill
- Some Washboard on roads but not too bad.
- Library- had meeting on Tuesday. Some staffing issues. Board did an investigation into complaints regarding staffing matters. Found no evidence of wrong doing. Programing numbers have been really good.
- B/A Fire- Had meeting to discuss attendance for the fire fighters. Had discussion regarding use of Breathing Apparatuses. Fire Chief mentioned that they may be considering retirement sometime in the coming years.

**Councillor Mark Schaffel Division #2**

- Roads in decent shape. Rain caused gravel to spread. Would like it graded again.
- Grader operators doing a good job. Happy to see.
- Trying to contact landowner about proposed Drews Road land purchases. Have been unable to reach them.
- Aberdeen Fire- Will be having Christmas Party December 13<sup>th</sup>. Want to delete Def on Pumper 1. Losing throttle and having issues. Planning Steak night for April 5<sup>th</sup>, wondering if the RM council will work as bartenders.
- Bergheim Road east of Drews Road needs work- Could be project for the College.

**Councillor Kevin Kirk Division #3**

- Hall- Supper fundraiser raised \$3,500. Need to create a maintenance schedule. Something has been beeping, unable to find what it is. Looking into opening a chequing account to pay out fundraising expenses.
- Remembrance ceremonies were very good.
- Community Pasture Control Burn- over 50 people attended. Burnt triangle piece adjacent to Hryciw Road. Very impressed.
- PRRC- attended monthly meeting, educational but not much action being taken.
- Old Trail Road- wondering if it can be fixed this fall.

**Councillor Real Hamoline Division #4 – Report submitted by email.**

- Should install reflectors on the fence around the gravel stockpiles
- Ditch Block in town, new owners want to keep it as an approach but are willing to put in a culvert. Wondering if we can sell a culvert to the town for it.
- Concerns regarding a member of the First Responder's behaviour towards the town council members at the town's meet the candidate night.

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**Councillor Paul Martens Division #5**

- Fire Dept-Request 5 map books for their equipment
- Clarkboro Road needs gravel spread
- Rail Crossings still not fixed. Boards missing.
- Complaint about a back road, thought dirt was being dumped but rocks were popping out and pushed to the side. Need to pick rocks.

**Councillor Jim Korpan Division #6**

- Mowing was completed
- Transfer station- fence along the road needs replacing.
- Received ratepayer complaints about the Ferry closing for the season.
- Had track hoe clear beaver dams. Started building them back up again.

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