

MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373 REGULAR MEETING
OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 13th DAY OF MARCH, 2025 IN THE RURAL MUNICIPAL
OFFICE, 101 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE IN ABERDEEN, SASKATCHEWAN

Call to Order The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.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

Division No. 2 – Mark Schaffel
Division No. 4 – Real Hamoline
Division No. 6 – Jim Korpan

Conflict of Interest: Councillor Hamoline declared a conflict of interest for item 13.4 on the agenda

87/25 Agenda

White: BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the March 13th, 2025 Regular Meeting of Council be accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

88/25 Approval of Minutes

Korpan: BE IT RESOLVED that the minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held on February 13th, 2025, and the minutes of the Public Hearing held on February 13th, 2025 be accepted as presented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the notes of the Safety Meetings held on February 24th, 2025, the meeting minutes from December 2024 and February 2025 for the Aberdeen Community Hall Committee, and the minutes of the Parks & Rec February 2025 meeting be accepted for information.

Carried Unanimously

89/25 Financial Activities

Martens: BE IT RESOLVED that the statements of Financial Activities for the month of February, 2025 be accepted as presented;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bank Reconciliation for February, 2025 be also accepted as presented.

Carried Unanimously

90/25 Payroll Summary

Hamoline: BE IT RESOLVED that the Council approve the Payroll Summary for the month of February, 2025.

Carried Unanimously

91/25 Mastercard Purchases

Kirk: BE IT RESOLVED that the RM Mastercard purchases from the Foreman and Administrator from January 16th- February 20th, 2025 be approved.

Carried Unanimously

92/25 List of Accounts for Approval

Schaffel: 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

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93/25 Foreman's Report

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

Carried Unanimously

94/25 Council's Reports

Schaffel: 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

Foreman Beaulieu left the meeting at 4:00pm.

Robert Farkas attended the meeting from 4:28 pm to 5:00 pm as an observer.

Subhash Kapoor and associates attended the from 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm to make a presentation to council regarding a proposal for a senior's care home.

95/25 Administrator's Report

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

Carried Unanimously

96/25 SaskPower Line Relocation

White: BE IT RESOLVED that the council approve the line relocation for the SaskPower line along Highway 5, as required, to accommodate the Highway 5 twinning project.

Carried Unanimously

97/25 SaskEnergy Line Relocation

Schaffel: BE IT RESOLVED that the council approve the line relocation for the SaskEnergy line along Highway 5, as required, to accommodate the Highway 5 twinning project.

Carried Unanimously

98/25 Prairie Crocus Line Relocation

Schaffel: BE IT RESOLVED that the council ratify the approval granted to Prairie Crocus for the relocation for the fiber line within the road allowance of Drews Road.

Carried Unanimously

99/25 Sale of Hall Inventory

Korpan: BE IT RESOLVED that the council authorize the Aberdeen Community Hall Committee to sell the following items at the Aberdeen Community Garage Sale: Old chairs, old tables, and small kitchen items as determined by the Hall Committee.

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Councillor Hamoline declared conflict of interest for the next item and left the meeting.

100/25 Citizen of the Year

White: BE IT RESOLVED that Bernadette Hamoline be named the Citizen of the Year and be provided two complimentary Ratepayer Supper Tickets.

Carried Unanimously

Councillor Hamoline returned to the meeting.

101/25 Coyote Bounty Program

Schaffel: BE IT RESOLVED that the council authorize the CAO to investigate the requirements for implementing a coyote bounty program.

Carried Unanimously

102/25 Correspondence

Korpan: BE IT RESOLVED that the following Correspondence, as presented to Council, be filed:

- Potash Tax Sharing Financial Statements
- BAFVD Open House Invite
- APAS Ag Summit Invite
- Ministry of Education - Changes to Francophone Boundaries
- NCTPC- Handout from Workshop/ AGM Invite
- HBRA Membership Renewal
- Ministry of Government Relations
- Ministry of Ag - Pasture Association
- PSSD Notice of Poll Subdivision 3
- SAMA AGM Invite and Registration Form
- SGI Safety Recognition
- Wheatland Library - Usage Stats
- PRRC Conference Invite/Sponsorship Package

Carried Unanimously

103/25 Adjournment

White: BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting now be adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

Carried Unanimously



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SCHEDULE "A"
Council Reports

Reeve Martin Bettker

- Nice to see shoulders cleaned off
- Was rough winter & think the staff did a good job.

Councillor Graham White Division #1

- Roads drying up nice.
- Good job keeping roads
- Ratepayers wanting assistance locating culverts
- Spoke to Strom Earthmoving to get price estimates for Cherry Hills Road. Was away.
- Spoke to ratepayers about temple, seemed to have calmed down.
- Investigated Complaint in Cherry Hills. Found no wrong doing. - B/A - training on the truck. Going to Certification training. Budget mtg on 18th. Having Division 2 Open house Apr 26.

Councillor Mark Schaffel Division #2

- Wasn't able to attend fire mtg. Fire truck needing repairs.
- Parks & REC - Ball teams wanting new shale + upgrades to diamonds
- Roads good.

Councillor Kevin Kirk Division #3

- Lots of calls about the temples.
- Email from person in Prairie Rose wanting to run a business. Type of business is not permitted in the Zoning Bylaw.

Councillor Real Hamoline Division #4

- Thanks for pushing snow at intersection.
- Suggestion to go back to creating a gravel map.
- Hall created a bylaw & set rental rates for 2025. created a proposal for a job caretaker job. AGM April 8th at 7 pm
- Nutrien gave donation of \$2000 to Hall for kitchen upgrade

Councillor Paul Martens Division #5

- Roads in good Shape. Rain before freezing helped keep gravel on roads.
- Clarkboro – getting Frost heaves
- Clarkboro civic addresses are not showing on google maps.

Councillor Jim Korpan Division #6

- Roads look good.
 - Did interviews - 4 applicants. - Still undecided.
 - Checked Gravel. Can see big difference between quality between Lonesome gravel and Summit. *BM*
 - Be careful when pushing snow by culverts to not damage them.
 - Fish creek & Highway 41 Stop Sign broken- on north side
- MD*

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373

Public Hearing

Held on March 13th, 2025 at the Municipal Office, located at
The Aberdeen Community Hall, in the Town of Aberdeen



The Reeve Martin Bettker called the public hearing to order at 7:00 pm.

Present: Reeve Martin Bettker, Councilors Graham White, Mark Schaffel, Kevin Kirk, Paul Martens, Jim Korpan, C.A.O. Bridgette Shwytyk, and staff members Leah Johnston and Zoe Neudorf

Public Present: Cameron Wutzke, Tina & Leonard Doell, Eric & Barb Hagele, Terry & Paulette Pryma, Melissa Anderson, Robyn Neufeld, Kathleen Hamilton, James Halliday, Bernadette Hamoline, S Procychn, Darcy Buhler, Denisa Dmitruk, James McGregor, Matt Schaan, Carolyn Neudorf, Jordan & Holly Rose, Devyn Tomolak, Patrick Fusick, Rhonda Neufeld, Lori Sopatyk, Chad Anderson, Katie Default, Kathy Friesen, Lanissa Wudrick, Dolores Dyck, Dale Wruck, Monica Vors, Peter Mosterd, Jennifer Jungwirth, Glenn Fehr, Faustino and Shi Harrison, Ashley Bergasmasco, Tammy Schaffel, Nicky McLellan, Brenda Johnson, Tom levy, Vishal Gupta, Jason Prokopchuk, Dustin Been, Ashlea Farkas, Blaine Tomolak,, Greg & Nicole Bolen, Sid Vishakita, Margot Best, Wayne Schellenberg, David Martens, Susan Buhler, Kelsey Rogers, Kieran Rogers, Blake Schneider, Laura Ans, Tom Hilderman, Simone Land, Paul Newton, Ken Johnson, Sean Levy, Meaghan Ens, Vishal Thingnt, Rakesh Halari, Dona Kurmey, Melvin Kurmey, S. Macfadden, Dan & Diane Kozak, Landon Chrun, Dan Martens, Tara Larson, Wayne Thompson, Jesse McLellan, Rochelle Blocka, Allan Brezinski, Dawn Keddy Brezinski, Bob Hack, Skye Lennox, Rob Farkas, Ryan Morlock, Maria Freistadt, Tracey Thoen, Nettie Thiessen, Randy Friesen, Sheldon Kruger, Wilma Marrison, Michael Lis, Doreen Mosterd, Christa Hounjet, Sharon Wandzura Fehr, Angela Scheider Jr., Brianna Schneider, Stan Friessen, Subhash Kapoor, Guy Hince, David Kurmey, Riley McLellan, Laurie Heibert, Vern Heibert, Bryce Lutze, Jodi Levy, Pauline Ens, Carl Martens, Grace Wudrick, Tom Mackintosh, Cory Faribrother, Regan & John Crocker, Trent Batters, Lisa Kraft, Brian Jones.

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear concerns/objections/representations regarding the Discretionary Use Permit Application to Subdivide 20 acres for the purpose of constructing a Hindu Heritage Hub as a place of worship on the SE 09-38-03-W3 under Bylaw 2007-02 also known as the Zoning Bylaw for the RM of Aberdeen No. 373.

Reeve Martin Bettker chaired the hearing, introduced council and staff and then instructed those attending of the procedure that the hearing would follow.

Reeve Martin Bettker read the Discretionary Use application and a summary of the concerns/comments expressed in the written submissions. Reeve Bettker also explained that the application has also been submitted to the Ministry of Highways, the Sask Water Security Agency, SaskPower, SaskEnergy, SaskWater, and the Ministry of Government Relations to seek approval within their areas of jurisdiction.

Summary of Concerns/Comments from the Written Submissions

Concerns:

- Excessive Traffic on Highway 41
- Excessive noise
- Insufficient Parking
- Crime
- Loss of agriculture land

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- Fire/First Responders increased demand therefore causing a strain on their resources
- Inadequate water supply, sewage capacity
- Road maintenance
- Losing the peace and quiet of country living
- More accidents on highway 41
- Excessive traffic hindering farmers seeding/harvest
- Fire risk from fireworks
- Trespassing/Vandalism
- Added maintenance of the gravel roads
- Property values decreasing
- No benefit to the community
- Busier highway means less people looking at moving to Aberdeen
- Added cost to Ratepayers for road maintenance
- Garbage blowing around
- Property not zoned for this type of establishment
- Light pollution
- More wildlife related collisions

Positives

- Great investment in the community
- Contribution to the local community
- An asset for future highway improvements
- Potential increase of population
- Potential for job opportunities

Verbal Presentations:

The applicant made a presentation about the Propose Heritage Hub. The land owner, Subhash Kapoor, gave some background information on the Property and spoke on why he wants to build the heritage hub and why he has decided to donate the land to his temple. He explained his plans for the site. The Hub will be open to all to use. There are plans to offer yoga classes and build a Library. There will be miniature cows pastured on the site that visitors could see. He explained his believe that the proposal will bring growth to the community and attract new businesses and ratepayers to the area. He also explained that he has met with the Ministry of Highways about concerns of increased traffic to ensure they mitigate any concerns identified by the Ministry of Highways.

Tara Larson- Explained that she lives along Highway 41 and that she is employed at a medical facility in Saskatoon. She shared stories of accidents and deaths that have occurred on Highway 41. She expressed concerns for potential increase of noise and further unsafe driving conditions from the increase in traffic.

Rochelle Blocka- Read out her written submission. She expressed that, in her opinion, the application would not comply with the RM 's Zoning Bylaw. Expressed concerns regarding the current capacity for fire and first responder response for such a large venue.

Rylie McLellan – Expressed concerns regarding highway Safety. Expressed concerns regarding future growth of the proposal and asked people to imagine what would happen if the proposals grew past 10,000 attendance.

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Vern Hiebert - Expressed his disappointment that the written submissions submitted to council were not read out loud. He asked how many members live in the RM or Town vs outside of the community. He made a statement regard the benefits of having people take ownership of a community us solely being visitors to a community. He also expressed concerns of having increased traffic spreading out to other areas.

Jodi Levy-Urged council to reject the proposal, Expressed concerns of traffic conditions. Spoke of the family that passed away at the intersection of Edenburg and Highway 41. Expressed her opinion that as this is not a Hindu Community, the proposal would not serve to benefit the local population. She expressed her believe that only applications that would serve the local population should be permitted within the RM.

Maria Freistadt - Shared same concerns expressed by others. Concerns about highway and increased traffic. Has experienced many close- calls with current traffic.

Monica Vors – Explained that she is the wife of town councilor. She expressed that she shares the same concerns as the others. She explained that at the meet the candidates' nights for the recent Town election that all of the town council candidates shared they like the quiet small-town community and do not want anything that may change it. She expressed concerns regarding the increase of traffic and accidents that may arise from the proposal.

Doreen Mosterd - Expressed Concerns about traffic and recent fatalities on the highway. She also expressed that she does not believe the hub would serve the interest of the majority of the current RM residents.

Blake Schneider- expressed that he bought his property with the expectation of being surrounded by agriculture land and residential properties, not a large-scale heritage hub. He expressed concerns regarding traffic increases and potential for fatalities.

Ashley Bergamasco - read her written Submission. She expressed her disappointment in the landowner for changing from his original plan to develop the land into more residential lots into the proposed hub. Expressed concerns about highway traffic and unsafe driving conditions. She expressed concerns that the applicant is underestimating the amount of traffic that would be travelling to the site.

Laura Ans – She explained that she uses the intersection at Edenburg Rd and highway 41 to travel to her property. She expressed concerns over current dangerous conditions at the intersection. She expressed that the increase in traffic will cause increased dangers. She also expressed concerns regarding the current capacity of emergency services and response times with volunteer departments. She expressed concerns that parking may overflow onto the Street. She also expressed concerns for potable water capacity and the potential negative impact for the water subscribers currently utilizing the drip system.

Tammy Schaffel. Expressed that she shares the same concerns as expressed by the others. She read out the definition of the word Rural. She expressed concerns regarding potential future expansion and growth if the application is approved.

Nicky McLellan- Expressed concerns regarding traffic. Expressed concerns about ability to regulate the number of people attending the facility and the number of visitors. Expressed concerns regarding traffic management and that Aberdeen does not have the capacity to assist in traffic management for large events.

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Paul Newton- Speaking on behalf of Farm in the Dell. Shared concerns regarding Traffic Safety.

Tom Levy- Questioned the applicants regarding how often they travel highway 41 and urged council to decline the application.

Dustin Been- He expressed concerns regarding traffic. He asked if the city of Saskatoon was consulted for this proposal as the corner of highway 5 and 41 is within their jurisdiction. He explained that currently the lake goes in summer and tournaments during sports seasons are already significantly increasing traffic on the highway. He also expressed concerns that limited capacity at the school and the current housing market would not be able to support potential growth to the community.

Blake Schneider Jr – Explained that he is currently planning to subdivide his parent's lot to build a house. He proposed that the applicant should work with the community to upgrade concerns identified to benefit the local community before the application gets approved.

Leonard Doell- Expressed that he does share the concerns previously stated regarding the traffic increases. He thanked the applicant for the invitation to share in the community. He explained that he has attended many Hindu Festivals and expressed belief that the proposal could enrich the community if the community and applicant can find ways to work together.

Due to a mix up regarding time limits, Rochelle Blocka was provided the opportunity to speak again- She expressed concerns about lack of info about expected attendance of the school and the Hub building size.

Ashley Farkas- Expressed concerns about traffic safety. Expressed that she does not want growth of the number of tourists. She explained that she does not want to lose the small community feel that is currently experienced.

Rob Farkas- Shared that he attending the council meeting earlier today and observed a presentation to council proposing another development adjacent to the proposed site to be subdivided for the Hub. He expressed concern and disappointment that the applicant did not share any information regarding the presentation made earlier today.

Megan Ens – Expressed concerns regarding traffic safety.

Kathleen Hamilton- Spoke of the application for the Hindu temple that is proposed near Cherry hills. She explained that the residents were not in favour of that application as the residents do not want any development in their area.

Pauline Ens – Explained that she moved back to Aberdeen for a quiet and tranquil lifestyle. She expressed concerns and a statement regarding her experience with Hindu people not obtaining proper Insurance coverage.

Laurie Hiebert - Expressed that her concerns are the same as the other speakers. She expressed that she does not agree with the construction of such a large-scale development in the rural areas.

Tom Levy- He asked if proposal would adhere to the Code of the west.

Subhash Kapoor spoke to address some of the comments– He explained that he travels from Wakaw to Saskatoon on a weekly basis. He shared the expected traffic counts. He explained that there are

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currently 300 people attending the current temple in Saskatoon and that there would not be 9000 people attending the temple. He also explained that they would still have the 3 temples currently in Saskatoon that people would continue to attend.

Laurie Heibert – She gave an analogy of having all cars in the Cabella’s parking lot leave at the same time and reiterated her concerns regarding the traffic increase.

Bryce Lutze – He encouraged the Council to consider what benefits the application would provide the Community.

Reeve Martin Bettker shared with the room that the RM council recently met with the RM of Corman Park and the RM of Blucher to discuss concerns regarding the intersection at highway 5 and 41. He also shared that the RM council has been in discussions with the Ministry of Highways with regards to the proposal for passing lanes and safety improvements to Highway 41.

Reeve Martin Bettker thanked those in attendance for their written submissions and verbal presentations.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm.



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