

RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373

Public Hearing

Held on January 8th, 2026 at the Municipal Office, located at
101 Industrial Drive, in the Town of Aberdeen



The Deputy-Reeve Kevin Kirk called the public hearing to order at 11:00 a.m.

Present: Councilors Graham White, Mark Schaffel, Kevin Kirk, Real Hamoline, Paul Martens, Jim Korpan, and C.A.O. Bridgette Shwytky

Ratepayers Present: Sean Jamison, David Bubnick, Janine Bubnick, Brenda Johnson, and Ken Johnson.

The purpose of the public hearing was to hear concerns/objections/representations regarding the renewal application for a discretionary use permit for Derevo Designs to operate a home-based woodworking and laser engraving business under Bylaw No. 2007-05, known as the Zoning Bylaw of the Rural Municipality of Aberdeen No. 373.

Deputy-Reeve Kirk chaired the hearing and instructed those attending the procedure that the hearing would follow.

Deputy-Reeve Kirk read the application, the public notice for the proposed permit renewal, and read out the summary of the written submissions received.

Written Submissions:

Total Written Submissions Received	
Have no Concerns	7
Have Concerns	1

Summary of Comments Received in Support

Businesses operated by friendly neighbours allegedly have a positive impact on a community.

Applicants have supported local community groups by donating towards their fundraisers.

Comments received in support all state that they have not experienced any noise, dust, increase in traffic, smells, or any other issues as a result of the home based business.

Applicant's home, yard and shop are well kept and tidy in appearance.

Applicant's business allegedly a fantastic asset to the community and local economy.

In the opinion of the commenter, the Applicant has gone above and beyond in their efforts to mitigate sound and exhaust concerns, and continues to willingly address any reasonable problems or concerns brought forth by the community.

Commenters have stated that the business is operating in a very discreet manner and that they would not have been aware of a business being operated if not for the permit applications.

Summary of Comments or Concerns Received Opposing

Smoke generated from laser engraver allegedly toxic and harmful.

Although smoke is filtered, filters plug very easily allegedly rendering them ineffective.

The operation of the business has created friction among the community members of Cherry Hills.

Smoke generated from the laser engraver allegedly causing illness

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Applicant Presentation:

The Applicant was provided the opportunity to make a presentation regarding the proposal. The applicant explained that he is recognized as a Saskatchewan Artist and is a member of their association.

The applicant gave further information regarding the business operations. He stated that he primarily makes cribbage boards and sells his products at local consignment stores and trade shows. It has become a family business and his spouse and children regularly assist with the crafting and working at trade shows.

He provided an overview of the mitigation strategies he has put in place for when the operation will move into the detached shop in response to previous concerns brought forth with the past applications. The mitigation strategies include:

- Independent dimmable outdoor lighting zones to mitigate lighting concerns.
- Windows are installed at a higher than typical height
- Ventilation will be installed on the south side of the roof and will be vented up instead of out to the side.
- Doors will be kept closed when working on business related operations
- No customer will be visiting the site
- Will not be operating the laser cutting when the wind is blowing towards the north
- Placed additional R valued insulation throughout the shop to further mitigate noise.
- Constructed a sound room with acoustical tiles installed for the dust collector to mitigate noise concerns.

The applicant stated he is hoping to move the operation to the shop once construction has been completed this spring.

Verbal Presentations:

David Bubnick: Stated that the exhaust from the laser engraver makes him ill. Also expressed his displeasure that his written submission to council was not read out in full at the public hearing.

Janine Bubnick: Stated that she has seen him working with the garage doors open which caused significant noise. She expressed her belief that this type of business would not be permitted to operate in the City of Saskatoon, therefore she doesn't believe it should be permitted in Cherry Hills. She expressed her concerns with the location of the shop and her belief that the setbacks should be further. She expressed her frustration and upset that the applicant had invited the other community members of Cherry Hills to tour the operation, but that she had not received an invitation. She expressed that none of the other community members have reached out to them to hear their concerns. She expressed her belief that the applicant is causing a division among the community members.

David Bubnick: Explained that he had submitted a bylaw complaint regarding the operation of the business. He explained that, as a nearest neighbour, he is upset that the applicant did not discuss their plans to operate a business or construct a new shop with them prior to starting. He also expressed that the smoke gets blown over into their yard. He also expressed that, just as auto body businesses are not permitted in Cherry Hills, that it is his belief that this type of business should not be either. He also explained that the shop was constructed at 17 feet from the property line and that it is his opinion that the location of the shop should not have been permitted.

Ken Johnson: Had questions for the applicant. Ask the applicant if there is a chemical component to the wood or finish placed on the products prior to being engraved with the laser.

The Applicant responded that the finishes are not applied until after the engraving is completed and that applying the finish prior to engraving would wreck the finish. He also explained that the engraver is not used on resin. The holes in the resin cribbage boards are made using a drill bit. He also explained that the engraver burns the wood at a higher temperature than a typical wood fire and that it ablates the wood to remove it.

Ken Johnson: Explained that he is the neighbour directly to the west of the applicant. He explained that he spends lots of time outdoors. He expressed that he has zero concerns regarding smoke, smells, and noise.

Brenda Johnson: Explained that she is usually home during the day and spends most of her time in her yard. She expressed that she has never experienced any issues with any smells, noise, or fumes from the operation. She explained that she is usually able to hear the gunfire noise from the gun clubs but that she has never heard noise from the applicant's operation.

David Bubnick: Explained in response to Ken & Brenda Johnson, that the prevailing winds blow away from their property.

Councillor Hamoline asked the applicant if this business is his main source of income or if he is employed elsewhere, and if the profit from the business could sustain his family's financial needs.

The applicant responded that he is still employed full time and that he only works on the business during his free time. He expressed that he has no intention to quit his full-time employment.

Deputy- Reeve Kirk asked the applicant if the shop will be used strictly for business operations or if it will also be used for personal use.

The applicant responded that only a small portion of the building will be used for the operation. The majority of the shop will be for personal use.

Deputy- Reeve Kirk thanked all those in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:36 a.m.


Reeve


Administrator