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Next Council Meeting

December 14th, 2023

Meeting will start at 8:00am. Any delegations wishing to address council will be required to contact the office the Friday prior to the meeting at the latest.

Taxes & Outstanding Invoices

2023 Tax Notices were sent out in June. If you have not received your notice, please contact the RM Office. 2023 Taxes and Invoices are due **December 31**st, 2023.

2023 payments must be received or the envelope date stamped by Canada Post on or before **December 31**st, **2023** to avoid penalties.

All unpaid balances as of **December 31**st, **2023** will be applied to your tax account as arrears and are subject to a penalty of 1% per month.

Plowing Snow

We would like to remind everyone that plowing snow onto or across Municipal right-of-way is not a permitted practice. Snow must be pushed onto or piled on your own property. Guilty parties will be subject to fines. Please familiarize yourself with our Snow Removal Policy and Snow Clearing Bylaw.

Custom Work

Custom Work is available to Ratepayers in the RM of Aberdeen for snow removal, driveway grading, and land leveling. A Work Authorization Form is required prior to any work being done by the RM. Please visit our website for more information.

2023 Custom Work Rates:

Ratepayers 175.00/hr + PST (min 90.00 before tax) Elevators 175.00/hr + PST (min 90.00 before tax) Developers 225.00/hr + PST (min 115.00 before tax)

Transfer Station

Winter (November – February) hours are in effect.

The Aberdeen Transfer Station is open Wednesdays and Saturdays from **10:00am until 4:00pm.** If you do not have a current Transfer Station card, please contact the office at **306-253-4312** or through email. Please check the RM of Aberdeen website for a list of accepted materials.



Controlled Burn

The RM Council would like to remind everyone to take extreme caution while having a controlled burn. Do not forget to register your burns:

- 1. Register with the Municipality: call **306-253-4312** or **306-230-1603** (Adrien Hamoline Fire Chief) after hours and weekends.
- 2. Register with the Provincial Fire Center at 1-866-404-4911.

If a passing motorist reports a fire that you have not registered with the Municipality *and* the Provincial Fire Center, you will be fined \$1000. If our fire department deems it necessary to call in fire fighters from neighbouring Municipalities, all costs will be forwarded to the person responsible for starting the fire. Please ensure you have proper Fire Fighting Insurance coverage.

Emergency Services

In case of an emergency, please call **911**. Ensure that you are familiar with your Civic Address and Land Location in order to aid the emergency services in a quick response time to your location.

Building Permits

Building permits are only valid for 12 months from the date on the permit. All expired permits must be closed in a timely manner. If an extension is required, please submit your request in writing along with your signature and the itemization of the work still required to be completed to the RM Office.

Call or text Nicole at BuildTECH Inspections at **306-370-2824** to book your inspection.

Pest Control Officer

If you suspect a rat infestation on your property or on a neighbouring property, please call Denis at **306-220-8996.** Denis conducts site visits in the spring and summer months. Rat poison can be picked up at the office during regular business hours. *please bring your own bag for poison*

Please notify the Municipality as soon as possible of any changes to your mailing address.

The office will be closed Monday, December 25th & Tuesday, December 26th





COUNCIL'S CORNER

Town Council meetings are open to the public.

We meet at the TOWN OF ABERDEEN Office Chambers, 401C Main Street, 7:00 pm every 3rd Tuesday of the Mont.

council meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday December 19, 2023**.

Any Delegations wishing to address Council are required to complete a **Delegations Policy form and have it submitted to the Town Office no later than the Thursday prior to Council meeting date**. You may obtain these from the Town Office. These forms are also available on our website www.aberdeen.ca

LORAAS WASTE / RECYCLING / ORGANICS SCHEDULE

Nov 28 - Blue Bin (Recycling) Dec 5 - Black Bin (Waste) No Green Bin

Dec 12 – Blue Bin Dec 19 – Black Bin Nov. to May

Dec 26 - Blue Bin Jan 2 - Black Bin



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Aberdeen, SK SOK 0A0
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Fax: (306) 253-4201
townaberdeen@sasktel.net
www.aberdeen.ca
OFFICE HOURS:

9:00 am to 5:00 pm CLOSED 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Monday to Friday

Mayor, Ryan White
Deputy Mayor, Brian Vandenberg
Councillor, Jacquie Griffiths
Councillor, Denise Dmitruk
Councillor, Ben Levesque
Councillor, Lori Sopotyk
Councillor, Floyd Wudrick

STAFF:

Chief Administrative Officer: Susan Thompson

Administrator Assistant: Wanda Rance

Public Works/Maintenance Manager:

Bradley Öleksyn

Maintenance:

Mural Hingston

Bylaw Enforcement Services,

Commissionaires

Pest Control Officer:

Denis Boyenko (deals with mice/rats/skunks)

If you see a street light is out report it directly to SaskPower

https://saskpower.streetlightouta ges.com/map/default.html

2023 MONTHLY TAX DISCOUNTS / PENALTIES:

For prompt payment of 2023 taxes the following discounts are allowed:

Payments received in January 6.5% discount

Payments received in February 5.5% discount

Payments received in March 4% discount

Payments received in April 3% discount

Payments received in May 2% discount

Payments received in June 1% discount

Payments received in July .5% discount



Penalties for 2023 Tax arrears will be as follows:

August 1 (compounded monthly)	1%
September 1	1%
October 1	1%
November 1	1%
December 1	1%
On January 1, 2024 a 12% penalty will	be
applied to 2023 arrears	

Taxes are imposed the first day of January in each year and are due July 31.

Please remember there is NO discount for the School Portion of Taxes

Tax <u>Estimate</u> Notices for 2024 taxes will be sent in December 2023. 2024 Tax Notices will be sent mid May, once the School Division levies have been established and the Municipal Mill Rate has been set.

REPORT SPEEDERS / CRIMES - If you come across vehicles speeding in Town or some criminal activity, please call RCMP at (306) 310-RCMP or (306) 310-7267

SNOW REMOVAL POLICY AND PROCEDURES

POLICY:

The Public Works/Maintenance Department is responsible for the removal of snow from all Roads, Main Street sidewalks, and Alleys where required, upon their discretion.

This policy is intended to be a general outline of the procedures to be followed.

Snow removal will be done whenever there is an accumulation of snow that warrants use of town equipment and at the discretion of our Public Works/Maintenance Department from Monday thru Friday, and weekends by necessity only. Sand/gravel will be spread on streets and corners where icy, and as needed. A layer of snow on roadways will remain for the protection of our underground infrastructure.

- *Priority 1* School Route Central Avenue, Main Street, Second Avenue and Thompson Street
- **Priority 2** Emergency Services Industrial Drive, Fifth Avenue South
- **Priority 3** Residential Streets, Main Street Sidewalk
- Priority 4 Alleys where required

RESIDENT RESPONSIBILITIES:

Residents may help by clearing the front of their property where sidewalks exist. Bylaw 03/13 prohibits residents from placing any snow, ice, dirt or other obstruction, swept or cleaned from private property onto any street, sidewalk, lane, ditch, drain or sewer.

Many times the Town Office receives calls from residents regarding the snow removal equipment depositing snow at the end of driveways. Unfortunately, this is a reality of snow plowing, and it cannot always be avoided. If you have a neighbor who is unable to remove their snow from in front of their driveway please assist them, as we often do not have the resources to go back and clear driveway approaches. We ask for your cooperation and understanding as our staff performs the work of keeping our streets open and safe during the winter.



2024 Business Licenses

According to Bylaw 12/14 the
Business License Bylaw, all Home
Based, Store Front and Contractor
Business Licenses for 2024 are due
December 31, 2023, and are valid
until December 31, 2024.

License fees:

Home Based Business \$25 annually Store Front Business \$75 annually Contractor \$100 annually General Contractor \$300 (covers the trades, as part of the building permit)

The offence for conducting business without a Business License is \$200. Bylaw Enforcement will be issuing fines for non-compliance. Forms can be found on

www.aberdeen.ca

In order for Voyent Alert to work effectively we need more residents to sign up. Currently we have 190 people participating = 129 households (some are from the same household) which is great, 30 are still unknown to us (signed up anonymously). We need to know who you are. Of the 310 homes & businesses this potentially leaves us with 181 properties where we would have to go door to door in case of emergency (which can take a number of hours). The Voyent Alert sends out a notification of emergency in seconds. PLEASE for everyone's safety consider registering, go to Community Support - Voyent



Alert! (vovent-alert.com)

RCMP Occurrence Stats (All Violations)						
2023-07-01 to 2023-09-30						
A) Criminal Code	Count	Count C) Liquor				
1. Sexual Assaults	16	1. Liquor Offences	7			
2. Assaults- spousal / Other	38	D) Traffic				
3. Wilful Damage/ Vandalism	58	1. Accidents	71			
4. Break and Enter Theft	15	2. Charges	2372			
5. Thefts	53	E) Assistance/ Services				
6.Impaired Driving/ over0.08%	42					
(a) Calls	42	1. Missing Persons				
(b) Charges	19					
(c) Unfounded	5					
7. Disturbing Peace	21	2. Sudden Deaths	6			
8. Other Criminal Code Offences	114	3. Assistance- General Public	16			
B) Drugs		4. Municipal Bylaws	4			
1. Possession of Drugs	2	5. Other	438			
2. Trafficking	4	Total # of Calls for Service	3286			

RCMP Occurrence Stats (All Violations)						
2022-07-01 to 2022-09-30						
A) Criminal Code Count C) Liquor Cou						
1. Sexual Assaults	4	1. Liquor Offences	19			
2. Assaults- spousal / Other	37	D) Traffic				
3.Wilful Damage/ Vandalism	60	1. Accidents	72			
4. Break and Enter Theft	20	2. Charges	2024			
5. Thefts	67	E) Assistance/ Services				
6.Impaired Driving/ over0.08%	23					
(a) Calls	23	1 Missing Persons				
(b) Charges	9	1. Missing Persons				
(c) Unfounded						
7. Disturbing Peace	14	2. Sudden Deaths	4			
8. Other Criminal Code Offences	88	3. Assistance- General Public	23			
B) Drugs		4. Municipal Bylaws	1			
1. Possession of Drugs	1	5. Other	1160			
2. Trafficking	1	Total # of Calls for Service	3618			

What is the ticket for a stop sign and points off your license?

Stop sign is \$230.00 plus demerit points

What is a speeding ticket?

Speeding starts around \$170.00, if you are 25km over you will get a \$200 ticket, once you hit 31 km over they really jump up and there is possible vehicle seizure.

Sadly, one week after the speed bumps had been removed we had 47% of drivers speeding going North at speeds of 56km/hr, going South over the tracks 65% were speeding up to 57km/hr.

With the speed bumps in place only 10-20% were speeding.

By Nov. 7, we are seeing speeds as high as 71kmh.



TOWN OF ABERDEEN

2023 Aberdeen Christmas Light Contest

Be creative, be festive, have fun! Let's light up Aberdeen again this holiday season

Participation is open to all residents of the town of Aberdeen, no cost or fees apply. Contest is for exterior decorations only, including decorations in windows that are visible from the exterior. Judging will be done by Town Council from the outside of the residence only.

Judging will be based on "curb appeal" as viewed from the street only. Therefore, only those decorations located on the street side of the property will be judged (corner lots will be judged from both streets). Judges will not enter the property to view back or side yard. Homemade Designs are Highly Encouraged. There will be 2 prizes in each category.

Judging criteria may include:

THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS – Tis the Spirit of a magical Christmas, storyline/message and overall magical presentation.

THE MOST CREATIVE DISPLAY – Unique and/or homemade design and creative use of lights and decorations.

Judges will view the lights on Saturday December 16th and Sunday December 17th, 2023 between 6pm and 9pm.

Prizes 4 - \$40.00 gift cards.

Please ensure that all lights, animations and decorations are in place and activated for the judging periods on BOTH nights. These will be good times for residents to go for a drive around town to see the lights as well. *Maybe you will see Santa's workshop or some gingerbread houses*.

come for coffee

At The

Senior's Centre









Monday – Friday 7:00 am – 10:00 am

Closed Statutory Holidays

Coffee, tea, and other breakfast items available for purchase



- canned meat
- canned fruit
- canned vegetables
- canned beans
- packaged soup
- dry pasta & sauce
- flavored rice & pasta
- boxed potatoes & rice
- stuffing mix
- gravy mix
- basic spices
- condiments (mayo,
 ketchup, mustard, relish)
 spreads (jam, honey,
 peanut butter,
 cheesewhiz)
- -powdered milk

- powdered coffee cream
- -snack crackers
- soda crackers
- pickles
- school lunch items (cookies, granola bars, fruit bars, fruit snacks)
- juice boxes and mix
- hot chocolate
- boxes of chocolate
- pancake mix & syrup
- oatmeal breakfast packs
- cereal
- toilet paper
- dish soap
- unscented laundry soap
- shampoo & conditioner





Wheatland

FALL/WINTER HOURS:

Monday 10:00-1:00 and 5:00-8:00 Tuesday 12:00-3:00 and 5:00-8:00

Wednesday 5:00-8:00 Thursday 5:00-8:00 Saturday 10:00-1:00

Follow us on Facebook Aberdeen Branch Library for all our updates!



Public Computers Contests! Activities!

Craft bags! Take 'n' Makes

New Books Weekly!

Special Thank you to the Community Initiatives Fund

for funding our Summer Reading Program





Christmas Eve
Candle-light Service
December 24th at 7pm
St. Paul's Lutheran
Church Bergheim

Regular Sunday Service 9:30am



Christmas Eve Service

Sunday Dec. 24 11:00 am Aberdeen Mennonite Church



All are welcome to join us on Christmas Eve to celebrate the

Good News of Great Joy

for all creation:



Words in a Word

Use Only the letters in MERRY CHRISTMAS to find a word for each definition

1. Twelve months	6. Part of a flower	11. A seat
2. Alike	7. Money	12. Our planet
3. Large town	8. Divide with someone	13. Bashful
4. Warmth	9. Water vapor	14. Holds up a sail
5. Grows on your head	10. Male sheep	15. Long-tailed rodent







PRIMAL ATHLETICS



*Young and Breathless Walking Group- ongoing enrollment
*Functional Fitness Sessions Nov 21-Dec 20 -Not to late to join
*Functional Fitness resumes Jan 8 2024-pre-register

*Yoga with Everything Krystal Nov 7-Dec 12

*Yoga with Everything Krystal resumes Jan 7 2024-pre-register

Follow us on Social Media

Facebook-Primal Athletics

Instagram: SaskPrimalAthletics

Visit the Arc Bulletin Boards and local boards around town for visual postersdates, times and pricing details

email Primalathletics2022@gmail.com with questions, comments or inquiries

225 Central Ave.



306-253-6336 allstarcafe2022@gmail.com

APPETIZERS

Carnitas Taco (3 per order) 3 flour tortillas with delicious shredded pork cabbage and salsa served on the side **Chicken Wings** \$16.00 1 pound of lightly breaded chicken wings tossed in a flavor Onion Rings Crispy battered onion rings Poutine Regular or Large \$8.00/\$12.00 **Sweet Potato Fries** Crispy and slightly sweet, served with chipotle dip on th ed with cheese cu Fries Regular or Large **BURGERS & CHICKEN SAND'S Double Animal Burger** \$18.75 For the animal inside! A double cheese burger with mustard fried right in, topped with caramelized onions a pickle slice and special Oklahoma Onion Burger \$14.50 A historical nod to classic burgers with thin shaved fried onions Buffalo Chicken \$14.75
A twist on the classic cheese burger with a house made dill pickle slaw on the bun! Also great to add hot sauce if you like to spice Nashville Chicken Cheddar Broccoli Pesto Chicken Cheddar \$15
Pulled Chicken tossed in our broccoli pesto and topped with che Green Chili Bacon Cheese Burger **SANDWICHES Cuban Sandwich** Roast Beef Dip Pepperoni Pizza Sub Philly Roast Beef Loaded Pizza Sub \$18.75 \$18.75
A sub bun loaded with pizza sauce, ham, pepperoni, mushrooms, greer pepper, onion, pineapple, and mozzarella cheese all baked until toasty warm Chicken Penne Alfredo **PASTA & SALAD** Chicken Caesar Salad Crisp romaine lettuce tossed with croutons, bacon bits, and Caesar dressing. Topped with chopped chicken breast and parmesan Broccoli Pesto Chicken & Cheese \$16.1 (Leberg lettuce with tomato, green onion, shredded cheese, and Carnitas pork. Served with salsa, sour cream, and Crispy tortilla chips on the side Chicken Rice Noodle Bowl cnopped chicken with vermicelli rice noodles, iceberg lettuce, carrots, cucumber crushed peanuts and served with a traditional Nuoc Cham on the side

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Cafe Open in lobby for lunch Mon-Fri 11:30am until 1:30pm

Restaurant open
5:00 pm to 9:00 pm
Monday to Friday
Most Saturday and
Sundays open
9:00am until 8:00pm

306-253-3663 for takeout

Aberdeen Christmas Tradeshow

Where? Aberdeen Community Hall at 202 2nd Avenue When? December 9, 2023 10am-4pm

Admission is a non-perishable item for Aberdeen Christmas Miracles Door Prizes

Lunch prepared and sold by Aberdeen Community Garden Committee All proceeds towards Aberdeen Community Garden

Vendors include

Fifth Avenue Collection Fabric Fushion Wicked Whatnots Sipology GLK Creations

YXE Sandart

Ecuadorian Crafts

Baking

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& More





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ONLINE BOOKING

Services: Prices:
Therapeutic/Deep Tissue 30min \$50
Cupping 45min \$60
Aromatherapy 60min \$85
Pre/post Natal 75min \$100
Relaxation 90min \$115

Senior Center is available for rent, Call for bookings, for \$50.00 a day.

Nettie Thiessen 306-253-4447

For more information, contact the above phone number.

ABERDEEN & DISTRICT FIRE & RESCUE

The team is looking for vehicles that are sitting in your yard and taking up space; vehicles must be 1990 or newer. With these vehicles we are able to keep up our vehicle extrication training.

Contact Adrien Hamoline (306-230-1603)

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

For unto you this day a Saviour is born. LUKE 2:11



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Travis Boyenko



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Worship Service

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Phone 306-253-4457

www.aberdeenmennonitechurch.com

St. Paul's Bergheim Lutheran Church

Worship Services 9:30AM

Sunday School 9:45AM





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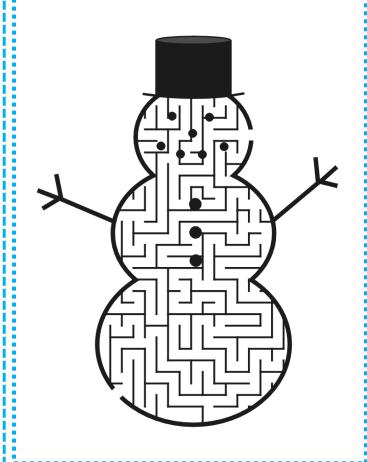


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MERRY CHRISTMAS !





How to submit an AD!

AD COST

- 1. Business Card size \$25.00/10 issues
- 2. Quarter page or less \$8.00/issue
- 3. Half page or less \$15.00/issue
- 4. Full page or less \$30.00/issue



** Payment Due Upon Submission **

Preferred payment is E-Transfer to townaberdeen@sasktel.net Ad Creation and/or modifications to submissions will be subject to a minimum \$20 service fee.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE:

20th Day of every month ** If the 20th is a Saturday or Sunday, the deadline is the Friday before**

Distribution date: 27th of every month (July & Aug- no newsletter)



General:

The Aberdeen & District Newsletter is a free publication for the residents of Aberdeen and district made possible by funding from Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce, the Town of Aberdeen, the RM of Aberdeen, advertisements, subscriptions, and donations.

How do I subscribe?

- 1. Limited number of printed black and white copies are available at the Aberdeen
- 2. Would you like a copy mailed to your personal mailing address? You can subscribe for a cost of \$25 for the ten issues for each year.
- 3. You can subscribe to the Email version (in colour).
- 4. Email townaberdeen@sasktel.net to the editor to be added to the mailing and/or electronic distribution list.

How do I submit an ad?

Email your ad to the townaberdeen@sasktel.net.

When submitting your ad, make sure it is print ready, any modification may result in penalties.

- 1. Use Narrow Margins page set up.
- 2. Email your ad as an attachment

Note: Accepted formats: Microsoft Publisher (.pub), Word (.doc), I PIC (.jpeg, tiff, png) PDF [Image usually looks degraded as PDF]

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