

# ABERDEEN & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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## Giant Christmas Word Search

Find these Christmas words.

North Pole	Santa	ornaments	nutcracker
family	reindeer	tree skirt	mistletoe
joy	toys	jingle bells	traditions
tinsel	snowflake	eggnog	gathering
thankful	Frosty	gratitude	appreciation
garland	holly	carols	christmas
snow	lights	sleigh	Rudolph
turkey	stockings	snowman	tree
cheer	jolly	gifts	elf

(The words may be hidden vertically, horizontally or diagonally.)



December 2024 Long Range Weather Forecast for The Prairies

Dates	Weather Conditions
Dec 1-9	Snowy periods, turning frigid
Dec 10-24	Sunny, turning warm
Dec 25-31	Snowy periods, some heavy west; turning bitterly cold
December	temperature -7.5°C (3°C above avg. east, avg. west) precipitation 30mm (15mm above avg.)





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### Next Council Meeting: December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Council Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month and begin at 8:00am, unless changed by Council. Any delegations wishing to address Council will be required to contact the office at least one week prior to the meeting.

### 2024 MUN Tax Discounts:

January 1<sup>st</sup> - July 31<sup>st</sup>: 6% | August 1<sup>st</sup> - August 31<sup>st</sup>: 4% | September 1<sup>st</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>: 2% | **October 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>: 0%**

Please visit our website for more information on taxes, including payment options.

**December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 is the last day to pay 2024 Taxes. Penalties at a rate of 1% per month begin accumulating on unpaid balances effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

## RM Office Holiday Closures:

*Closed Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*Closed Thursday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*Closed Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

*Closed Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025*

## Policy Post:

The RM of Aberdeen has a **Snow Removal Policy** in place. Please familiarize yourself with this policy.

### Order of Operation:

- Country Residential Developments
- Main Grids/Bus Routes
- Municipal Access Roads
- Custom Work

## Did You Know?

Over 125 miles of roads maintained by the RM are considered bus routes.



We strive to provide a fair and equal service during and after snowstorms.

Our main high traffic grid roads, along with our country residential developments, receive top priority. Bus routes encompass our whole road network, so they get cleared as a matter of course with all other roads, but in extreme conditions bus routes are given priority.

Not everyone can be first served, but we do alternate our routes each time out to be as fair as possible.

**If you rely on the Rural Municipality for custom work, please note that the Rural Municipality's policy is to clear all roads first before any private custom work is done.**

Please visit our website for the full Snow Clearing Policy and all other policies.





# Happy Holidays

from the

*RM Council & Staff*



## Transfer Station:

Ratepayers in the RM of Aberdeen have access to two Transfer Stations:

### Aberdeen Transfer Station:

Wednesdays and Saturdays from **10:00am to 4:00pm** (November-February)

Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10:00am to 5:00pm (March-October)

### Blucher Transfer Station:

Tuesdays and Thursdays from **2:00pm to 7:00pm** and

Saturdays from **9:00am to 5:00pm**

User cards are required to utilize the Transfer Stations. If you do not have a current Transfer Station user card, please contact the office at **306-253-4312** or through email to [rm373@sasktel.net](mailto:rm373@sasktel.net). Cards can be mailed out or picked up in person.

**Please visit our website for a list of materials accepted at the Transfer Stations, maps to both locations, and more.**

You must have your card with you to access either Transfer Station.



Facebook:

[RM of Aberdeen No. 373](#)

## Text/Email Alerts:

The RM Office offers text and/or email alerts on events, road closures, deadlines, public meetings, and more.

Please scan the QR code to sign up.



## Bylaw Beat:

### Bylaw 2018-01 – A Bylaw to Restrict the Placement of Snow Cleared from Private Lands on Roads

When clearing snow from private property, including but not limited to driveways, snow shall **not** be piled:

- On the road way
- Anywhere within the road allowance, including the ditch, to a height higher than one (1) foot below the lowest part of the roadway

**Do you have clay on your property you are looking to get rid of? Please contact the RM Office as we may be interested!**



# TOWN OF ABERDEEN

## COUNCIL'S CORNER

Town Council meetings are open to the public.

Council meetings are held at the TOWN OF ABERDEEN Office Chambers, 401C Main Street, at 7:00 pm every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the Month.

Our next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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](http://www.aberdeen.ca)

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**OFFICE HOURS:**  
Monday to Friday  
9:00 am to 5:00 pm

CLOSED 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Mayor, Ryan White  
Deputy Mayor, Lori Sopotyk  
Councillor, Joel Dokken  
Councillor, Andrew Hamoline  
Councillor, Justin Regier  
Councillor, Brian Vandenberg  
Councillor, Bjorn Vors

**STAFF:**  
Chief Administrative Officer:  
Barb Stachniak

Public Works/Maintenance  
Manager:  
Bradley Oleksyn

Maintenance:  
Mural Hingston

Bylaw Enforcement Officer:  
Michael Hulbert

Pest Control Officer:  
Denis Boyenko  
(deals with mice/rats/skunks)

## LORAAS WASTE / RECYCLING / ORGANICS SCHEDULE

DECEMBER						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11

BLUE- Recycling

RED- Garbage

Snow is here! Please ensure that recycling and garbage bins are removed from the street in a timely manner after collection to allow us to properly and efficiently remove the snow from streets.

## 2024 Municipal Election

Congratulations to all new Members of Council

Mayor - Ryan White

Deputy Mayor – Lori Sopotyk

Councillors – Joel Dokken

Andrew Hamoline

Justin Regier

Brian Vandenberg

Bjorn Vors



## It's never too early for a SNOW REMOVAL PLAN

Snow removal will be done on roadways from Monday thru Friday, and weekends by necessity only. Sand/gravel will be spread on streets and corners where icy, and as needed to help diminish potential risks to our residents and vehicular traffic.

**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.

Back alleys are Town property and **NOT** a storage area! Bylaw Enforcement will be visiting any property owners who have left items in the alley. Please clear your back alley before snow falls for proper snow removal.





## The Town Office will be CLOSED

Wednesday, December 25<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>,  
2024 as well as January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025

The Town of Aberdeen Mayor, Council & Staff  
wish you

A VERY MERRY  
**CHRISTMAS**  
and Happy New Year!

## Bylaw Enforcement

### 2025 Business Licenses

According to Bylaw 12/14 the Business License Bylaw, all Home Based, Store Front and Contractor Business Licenses for 2025 are due December 31, 2024, and are valid until December 31, 2025.

License fees:

Home Based Business- \$25/year  
Store Front Business- \$75/year  
Contractor- \$100/year  
General Contractor- \$300/year (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](http://www.aberdeen.ca)

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

<https://saskpower.streetlightoutages.com/map/default.html>

### UPDATES:

- The old lagoon decommission is COMPLETE
- The Water Pumphouse Project has been scheduled to begin in the Spring of 2025 and completion is set for 2026. This new pumphouse will have a 3 days supply of water held in a new reservoir to offset any possible disruptions to the water supply coming to town.



### 2024 MONTHLY TAX DISCOUNTS / PENALTIES:

For prompt payment of 2024 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 2024 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, 2025 a 12% penalty will be applied to 2024 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 Estimate Notices for 2024 taxes were 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.



**Thank you for supporting The After Harvest Supper and  
The Community Hall**

Thank you to our silent auction sponsors

Renee Jones- Sunset Gourment

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Carmen Jorgenson

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Andy Free

Lime Tree Lazer- Nick Weinrauch

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Jackie Boyenko- Rawlco Radio

Tammy Guse

western urethane

Denise Dmitruk

Planet Fitness

Thank-you to Cathy Hrynick and her staff at Cathy's Catering

Thank-you to Colleen Troeschki for volunteering us her bar services and donating ice.

thank-you to Our Hall committee members for hosting this event.

Thank-you to Nettie Theissen who made 14 pies for our event.



*Christmas Eve*

*Candle-light Service*

*December 24<sup>th</sup> at 7pm*

*St. Paul's Lutheran*

*Church Bergheim*

*Regular Sunday Service 9:30am*





ABERDEEN

CHRISTMAS

Wish list

MIRACLES



- 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

Merry Christmas!







# Aberdeen Christmas Miracles



Sponsored by the Town and RM of Aberdeen

## Do you know a family in need of help or support?

Maybe they are dealing with a serious illness, layoff, accident, or other family trauma. Perhaps they are in need of food and/or winter clothes. Or maybe they just need to know someone cares.

## MRS CLAUS AND THE ELVES NEED YOUR HELP FINDING THESE FAMILIES!

Follow this guideline: hamper recipients must live in the Town or RM of Aberdeen and/or have children enrolled at Aberdeen School. Take a moment to look around you - can you think of any neighbors in need? Remember that “need” can mean many things and can be long or short term. Please do not assume that a family/person is already on our list. Each recipient needs multiple referrals to qualify for a hamper.

### ***Referrals are anonymous and confidential.***

Extra information is helpful ex. full name, address, family situation, children’s names/ages, special dietary needs or medical conditions.

## **\*THE DEADLINE FOR REFERRALS IS NOVEMBER 30TH AT MIDNIGHT\***

Referrals can be made via Facebook Messenger, through our *Suggestion Box* at the Post Office, by phone, email (aberdeenchristasmiracles@gmail.com) or, new this year, you can *send us a letter* with a stamp using the outdoor mail slot at the Post Office to:

**ABERDEEN CHRISTMAS MIRACLES - GENERAL DELIVERY**

*Best Wishes,*

Mrs. Claus

Regan Crocker  
306-222-6962

Elf #1

Stephanie Gray  
306-292-6242

Elf 2.0

Kristin Walter



FIND US ON FACEBOOK





# ABERDEEN COMMUNITY HALL

CHECK OUT THE HALL PHOTOS AND SET UP POSSIBILITIES AS WELL AS GENERAL INFORMATION UNDER ABERDEEN COMMUNITY HALL RESERVATIONS ON THE TOWN WEBSITE [WWW.ABERDEEN.CA](http://WWW.ABERDEEN.CA)



- Available 7 days a week
- Seating up to 400
- Banquet seating up to 350
- Meeting room
- Air conditioned
- Stage
- Dance floor
- Walk-in cooler
- Bar amenities
- Catering

- ❖ Weddings
- ❖ Funerals
- ❖ Anniversaries
- ❖ Conventions
- ❖ Banquets
- ❖ Conferences
- ❖ Dances
- ❖ Family reunion
- ❖ Dinner theatre
- ❖ Fundraisers

To Book the Aberdeen Community Hall call 306-253-4311 or email [townaberdeen@sasktel.net](mailto:townaberdeen@sasktel.net)



## MERRY CHRISTMAS!

**ABERDEEN BRANCH LIBRARY HOURS**  
**MONDAY 10:30-1:30, 2:00-8:00**  
**TUESDAY 12:00-3:00, 5:00-8:00**  
**WEDNESDAY 4:00-8:00**  
**THURSDAY 5:00-8:00**  
**FRIDAY 12:00-3:00**

FOLLOW OUR FACEBOOK PAGE  
 ABERDEEN BRANCH LIBRARY!

**Christmas CROSSWORD**

**ACROSS**

- Children open these on Christmas.
- O Christmas \_\_\_\_\_.
- Santa travels down the \_\_\_\_\_.
- Hang these and they will get filled with goodies.
- Animals that fly to help Santa travel.
- Hang these Christmas \_\_\_\_\_ around the outside of your house.
- White precipitation that falls in the \_\_\_\_\_.

**DOWN**

- Hang these on your Christmas tree.
- Silver \_\_\_\_\_.
- Put these out for Santa to enjoy.
- A jolly old man who is full of cheer.
- Short little helpers that live at the North Pole.
- People sing these door to door.

**The Aberdeen Seniors Center** is available to rent for gatherings and meetings or birthday parties and anniversaries, etc. Maximum capacity is 40 people. The building is air conditioned. \$50.00 a day includes: full use of the kitchen (fridge, stove, dishwasher, coffee maker, dishes) For booking and more information call: **Nettie Thiessen @ 306-253-4447**



WISHING YOU A  
MERRY CHRISTMAS

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*For unto you this day  
a Saviour is born.*

LUKE 2:11



**KELLY BLOCK**<sup>MP</sup>

CARLTON TRAIL—EAGLE CREEK

[kellyblockmp.ca](http://kellyblockmp.ca)





**New 55+ Club**  
**Let the games begin!**



**55+ this is for you,  
drop in to the**

**Senior Centre 405 Main St. Aberdeen**

**Started November 7th**

**we will be playing games every**

**Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 3:30**

**Please bring your favourite games, cards,  
board games, etc.**

**Call or text Shelley Boyenko**

**at 306-230-9717 for more information**

**Hope to see you there!**







## Christmas Eve Service

Dec. 24

7:00 pm

Aberdeen Mennonite Church



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

## Good News of Great Joy

for all creation:

God became flesh and dwelt among us



**IF YOU CAN BUILD IT,  
WE CAN SHINGLE IT!**

**(306) 491-7663**

facebook [Linkedin](#)

[mike.edling@hotmail.com](mailto:mike.edling@hotmail.com)

### 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)



Darcy Tomolak  
Box 355 Aberdeen, SK S0K 0A0  
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[bdtomolak@sasktel.net](mailto:bdtomolak@sasktel.net)

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**Travis Boyenko**



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## Aberdeen Equestrian and Sports Centre



Check out the website!!

[www.aberdeensunsetriders.com](http://www.aberdeensunsetriders.com)

Carla Norman

306-716-1085

[aberdeen\\_sunset\\_riders@yahoo.ca](mailto:aberdeen_sunset_riders@yahoo.ca)



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Nutrien Tower, Ste. 201  
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Saskatoon, SK S7K 7E5







# MENNONITE CHURCH

## Worship Service

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Phone 306-253-4457

[www.aberdeenmennonitechurch.com](http://www.aberdeenmennonitechurch.com)



**Joel Hamoline**  
SALES REPRESENTATIVE

email: [joelhorizon@sasktel.net](mailto:joelhorizon@sasktel.net)

Cell: (306) 231-6944

## St. Paul's Bergheim Lutheran Church

Worship Services 9:30AM

Sunday School 9:45AM

**Pastor Peter Knelson**

**306-380-7762**

[stpaulsbergheim12@gmail.com](mailto:stpaulsbergheim12@gmail.com)



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## How to submit a newsletter AD!

### AD COST

1. Business Card size \$25.<sup>00</sup>/10 issues
2. Quarter page or less \$8.<sup>00</sup>/issue
3. Half page or less \$15.<sup>00</sup>/issue
4. Full page or less \$30.<sup>00</sup>/issue



### **\*\* Payment Due Upon Submission \*\***

Preferred payment is E-Transfer to [townaberdeen@sasktel.net](mailto:townaberdeen@sasktel.net)

Ad Creation and/or modifications to submissions will be subject to a minimum \$20 service fee.

### **SUBMISSION DEADLINE:**

20<sup>th</sup> Day of every month

**\*\* If the 20<sup>th</sup> is a Saturday or Sunday, the deadline is the Friday before\*\***

**Distribution date: 27<sup>th</sup> of every month  
(July & Aug- no newsletter)**



### **General:**

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1. Limited number of printed black and white copies are available at the Aberdeen Town office.
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.
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### **How do I submit an ad?**

Email your ad to the [townaberdeen@sasktel.net](mailto: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), Excel (.xls), PIC (.jpeg, tiff, png) PDF [Image usually looks degraded as PDF]**