Aberdeen & District Newsletter

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October 2026 Long Range Weather Forecast for The Prairies

Dates	Weather Conditions
Oct 1-7	Rainy periods, chilly
Oct 8-20	A few rain and snow showers, chilly
Oct 21-31	Sunny, quite warm
October	temperature 9.5°C (3°C above avg.) precipitation 35mm (10mm above avg.)

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Next Council Meeting: October 8th, 2026
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.

2026 MUN Tax Discounts:

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

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

Elections:

The positions of Councillor for Divisions 2, 4, & 6 are up for election this year. Only landowners whose Voting Division is an even number (2, 4, 6) are eligible to vote for Councillor in their respective Divisions.

The Nomination period is open. A **completed Nomination Form *and* Public Disclosure Statement** must be submitted.

Nominations will be accepted during regular office hours from now until October 6th, 2026 and during Nomination Day.

Nomination Day:

9:00am to 4:00pm Wednesday, October 7th, 2026

Nominations will ***not*** be accepted after 4:00pm on October 7th, 2026.

Election Day:

9:00am to 8:00pm Monday, November 9th, 2026

Interested in running for Council? Please visit our website for nomination forms, election resources and more information.

The RM Office will be closed Monday, October 12th, 2026

Bylaw Enforcement:

The RM Office is accepting applications for Bylaw Enforcement Officer.

Controlled Burn:

The RM Council would like to remind everyone to take extreme caution while having a controlled burn. Please do not forget to:

1. Register with the Municipality: call **306-253-4312** between 9:00am - 5:00pm Monday-Friday ***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.

Transfer Station:

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

Aberdeen Transfer Station:

Wednesdays and Saturdays from **10:00am to 5:00pm**

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 **office@rmofaberdeen.ca**. 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.

Fa*RM* Funny:

What do you call a sleeping bull?

A bull-dozer!

EMO:

The RM is looking for volunteers to be on our EMO Committee.

Building Permits:

All structures or buildings over **100ft²** require a building permit. Houses or additions require permits regardless of their square footage.

All buildings must adhere to the setbacks in our Zoning Bylaw. The zoning of your property will determine the required setbacks.

Required at time of application:
- Completed Building Permit Application Form
- Site Plan
- Building Plans
- $100 Permit Application Fee
- SaskHealth Sewage Permit Number
- Energy Efficiency Compliance Form
- Checklist

Please visit our website for the Zoning Bylaw and more information on building permits.

Bylaw Beat:

With harvest well under way, we'd like to take a moment to highlight the bylaws we have in place surrounding controlled burns and fire suppression costs.

Bylaw No. 2024-03: A Bylaw to Manage Fire Suppression Services outlines the process for calling in a controlled burn and the penalties for failing to do so. If you live in a country residential development, please note this process is different.

Wonder if your insurance coverage is enough? Please view our **Bylaw No. 2024-02: A Bylaw to Recover Protective Services Costs** to ensure you're prepared.

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.

Facebook:

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Form H

(Section 66 of the Act)

NOTICE OF CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Public notice is hereby given that nomination of candidates for the office of:

COUNCILLOR FOR DIVISION NO. 2
COUNCILLOR FOR DIVISION NO. 4
COUNCILLOR FOR DIVISION NO. 6

will be received by the undersigned in the rural municipal office, Aberdeen, Sask., during normal office hours until 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, October 7, 2026. Nomination forms may be obtained from the municipal office.

Dated the 10th day of September, 2026

Bridgette Shwytky, Returning Officer

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 3rd Tuesday of the Month.

Our next council meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th, 2025.

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

ICIP- Water Pumphouse Update

We are SOOOOOO CLOSE!

The end is in sight and we are continuing to watch the project come to life. Currently, we are operational on the new pumps located in the new Pumphouse. This is a huge step in the right direction as it means we are now running with upgraded pressure and capacity.

We are still looking at an approximate finalization of the project for November of this year with a few items that may require finishing with respect to exterior/landscaping in early 2028. But the mass of the project will be complete.

Should you have any questions about the ICIP Grant funding or the project itself, please do not hesitate to contact the Town Office at 253-4311.



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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, Randal Doige
Councillor, Brian Vandenberg

STAFF:
Chief Administrative Officer:
Barb Stachniak

Office Assistant:
Christine Hamoline

Public Works/Maintenance Manager:
Bradley Oleksyn

Maintenance:
Mural Hingston

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

Friendly Reminder

When paying your utilities or taxes through online banking please allow 3-5 business days for it to be processed.
For example:

- Utilities due October 31st
- Utilities paid October 29th through online banking
- Money is received by the Town of Aberdeen November 2nd

Payment is automatically late and incurs late fees. Unfortunately, we understand this is inconvenient but interest is automatically calculated at the 1st of every month.

We do also accept e-transfers for payments and they are deposited the same day that they are sent, therefore this can be a great alternative if you need to pay close to the end of the month.

2026 MONTHLY TAX DISCOUNTS / PENALTIES:

For prompt payment of 2027 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 2026 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, 2027 a 12% penalty will be applied to 2026 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



Thank You

Thank you to Stewart Fehr for once again Assisting with the summer mowing and Maintenance around the Town of Aberdeen.
We appreciate your hard work!



The Town Office will be closed October 12th, 2026 for Thanksgiving

BLUE- Recycling
RED- Garbage
GREEN- Organics



3rd Annual After Harvest Supper

Fundraiser towards new tables and stage

November 8th, 2026

******DATE CHANGED******

Aberdeen Community Hall

Cocktails: 5:00 PM-6:30 PM
Supper: 6:30 PM

Bar: $5 drink tickets

50/50 Draw

Supper tickets $30 each
10 and under $20 each

Last day to buy tickets
November 1st 2026

Supper tickets available for purchase at the Town Office, RM Office, or from the Hall Committee Members



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**



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)

ABERDEEN FIRE & RESCUE

Fire Prevention Week ~ October 4-10, 2026

"Power Up Devices with Fire Safety in Mind"

Hey Kids! (Kindergarten to Grade 3) enter the draw to be "Fire Chief for a Day" on Thursday October 8! You could get some pretty cool things, get picked up & dropped off in the fire truck for school. Get the form from your teacher – the week of Fire Prevention.

This year's fire prevention week theme, **"Charge into Fire Safety: Safe Charging is a Superpower"** focuses on simple steps people can take to recharge safely. Safe charging means making smart choices every time you plug in.

Many devices used in our daily lives – phones, tablets, laptops, tools, toys, e-bikes, scooters – run on rechargeable lithium-ion batteries, which store a lot of energy in a small space. If they are damaged or charged the wrong way, they can overheat, start a fire, or even explode.

To reduce these risks, it's important to use these batteries correctly to prevent fires and to follow the Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely approach. It comes down to simple habits each time you plug in.

- Use the cord and charger that came with your device or one approved by the manufacturer. Using the wrong charger can damage the battery and increase risk of fire.
- If you need a new charger, buy one from the manufacturer or one that the manufacturer has approved.
- Charge your device on a hard surface. Don't charge it under a pillow, on a bed, or on a couch. Soft surfaces trap heat and block airflow, which can cause the battery to overheat.
- Don't overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it's fully charged. Leaving a device plugged in too long can increase heat and stress on the battery.
- Recycle your device or batteries responsibly at a safe battery recycling location - Don't throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could catch fire.
- Charge larger items like e-bikes, scooters, and power tools outside and away from exits. These batteries are larger and store more energy. If they fail, fires can grow quickly and spread.

Key Smoke Alarm Safety Tips & Guidelines

Fire Safety Starts at Home…

Most fatal fires in Saskatchewan start in the home. Kitchen fires are the #1 cause of home fires. You can protect your family and property by taking these fire steps.

Smoke Alarms Save Lives <u>ONLY When They Are Working</u>

Smoke Alarms are the first line of defense against toxic smoke and a deadly fire. The sound of a Smoke Alarm is your warning to leave the building. By developing and regularly practicing a fire escape plan, you will be prepared to react correctly if a fire strikes.

Smoke Alarms will only work if a charged battery is installed. Here are a few helpful hints to maintain a working smoke alarm:

- Smoke alarms belong on the ceiling of every level of the home, more the better. Install them in the basement, entrance way, hallway, and/or even in every bedroom.
- The sound of a smoke alarm usually means smoke danger.
- One beep every 30 seconds means the battery needs replacing.
- Clean the smoke alarm yearly - wipe with a damp cloth, vacuum or use of can air.
- Replace the battery in the smoke alarm every year. Before installing a new battery, write the date on it so you know when the year is up.
- Test your smoke alarm. This should be done yearly by pushing the test button on the alarm. If you cannot reach the alarm DO NOT stand on a chair, use a broom handle to reach the test button. If the alarm does not sound, replace the battery. If the alarm still does not sound, replace the smoke alarm. Nothing is made to last forever.

- Replace your smoke alarm every 10 years or as per expiry date. Smoke Alarms will have an expiry date on the back or inside the alarm.
- CO2 alarms also are also to be replaced every 5-7 years or as per expiry date on the alarm.

Make an Escape Plan

- Plan and then practice your escape. Every member of your family should know at least two ways out from every room.
- Make sure open doors and windows are easy to open. When escaping from an upper story window, plan a safe way to the ground.
- Pick a meeting place outside the home where every member of the family can gather once they've escaped.
- Know your local emergency number (911) and call from a cell phone outside or from a neighbor's house. Wait safely outside for the Fire Department to arrive.

Child Fire Play

- Children are fascinated by fire. Teach them about the dangers of fire and put fire starters out of their reach.
- Store matches and lighters up high or locked in cupboards.
- Don't leave children unsupervised around candles or open flames.
- Teach your children their part in the family escape plan.
- Let children know they should tell an adult if they find matches or lighters lying out – never to touch them.

Heat Safety

- Keep space heaters and wood stoves off when you go to bed or leave the house.
- Always turn space heaters off when you go to bed or leave the house.
- Never leave children alone with a working fireplace, wood stove or space heater.
- Use a metal spark screen on your fireplace.
- Have your chimney inspected once a year by a professional. Clean chimney +flue pipes of creosote buildup.
- Burn only dry, seasoned wood in wood stoves and fireplaces.

Big Fires Start Small

- Don't give fire a place to start. Keep things neat. Clear clutter and combustibles out of basements – particularly near furnaces and hot water heaters.
- Never leave the stove on, unattended. Use pot cover to smother fire.
- Do not overload an electrical outlet.
- Store flammable liquids – like paint thinners and gasoline – outside the home.
- Leave fire fighting to the experts. Fire grows surprisingly fast. Don't waste precious seconds trying to control any but the smallest fire. Get everyone out and call the Fire Department from a safe place.
- Fire safety is a way of life. Make an escape plan and practice it regularly. Put reminders to check smoke alarms on the family calendar – and when the date comes up – make the check. Make a regular fire safety inspection and correct any hazards you find.
- Emergency 9-1-1



MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

www.aberdeenmennonitechurch.com

St. Paul's Bergheim Lutheran Church

Worship Services:

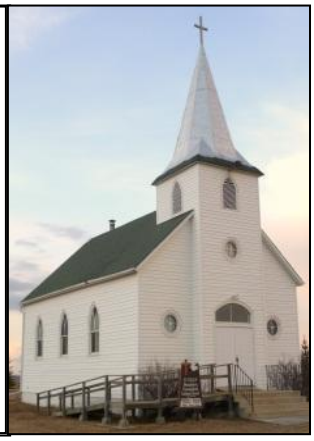
9:00AM- MAY TO SEPTEMBER

9:30AM- OCTOBER TO APRIL

Sunday School: **9:45AM**

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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 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 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.**
3. **You can subscribe to the Email version (in colour) or go to WWW.aberdeen.ca to view the newsletter online.**
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), Excel (.xls), PIC (.jpeg, tiff, png) PDF [Image usually looks degraded as PDF]

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