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October 2025 Long Range Weather Forecast for The Prairies

Dates	Weather Conditions
Oct 1-6	Sunny, then a bit of drizzle; very warm
Oct 7-10	Scattered rain, warm
Oct 11-20	Sunny, then flurries west, drizzle east; turning chilly
Oct 21-31	Sunny, turning warm
October	temperature 8°C (2°C above avg.) precipitation 30mm (5mm above avg.)



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Next Council Meeting: October 9th, 2025

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.

2025 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.

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.

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.

Price List:

Business License:

1 Year Part-Time:	\$25.00
5 Year Part-Time:	\$100.00
1 Year Full-Time:	\$100.00
5 Year Full-Time:	\$400.00

Rat Bait Station: \$40.00

Map: \$20.00
(w/ shipping): \$25.00

Custom Work: \$200.00/hr
PST may apply. Min \$100.00 charge

Sign – 12" x 12": \$12.50

Sign – 24" x 24": \$42.00

Cemetery Plot – 5' x 10': \$200.00

Gravesite Digging: \$500.00

Gravesite Digging – Urn: \$150.00

Minutes Subscription (print): \$50.00/year

Tax Certificate/PID: \$20.00

Building Permit Application: \$100.00

Printing: \$1.00/page

Overweight Permit:

1 Day (per vehicle/trip):	\$50.00
1 Year (per vehicle):	\$300.00

prices subject to change

Happy Thanksgiving

Email: rm373@sasktel.net

Phone: 306-253-4312

Website: www.rmofaberdeen.ca

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 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.

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.

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

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

Gravel:

If you believe you have gravel on your property, and would be willing to let the RM conduct testing for it, please reach out to the RM Office either by email or phone for details.

Custom Work:

2025 Custom Work Rates:

Ratepayers: \$200/hr + PST (min \$100)

Elevators: \$200/hr + PST (min \$100)

Developers: \$250/hr + PST (min \$125)

Custom work is available for snow removal, driveway grading, and land levelling.

Please visit our website for more information, including the Custom Work Authorization form that must be filled out prior to the RM doing any custom work.

Do you have clay on your property you are looking to get rid of?

Please contact the RM Office as we may be interested!

The RM Office will be closed
October 13th, 2025

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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Website: www.rmofaberdeen.ca

Happy Halloween

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 21st, 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

Thank you to everyone for the cooperation over the last month while construction continues and travel around 8th and Main was interrupted.

Currently our water connections for the new pumphouse are mostly complete and testing of the new reservoir is being conducted. Once these are concluded, we should witness some significant work being completed onsite with the building of the new pumphouse and a very large dirt pile disappearing. We are very excited to follow the next step of construction after this!

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
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Councillor, Andrew Hamoline
Councillor, Justin Regier
Councillor, Brian Vandenberg
Councillor, Bjorn Vors

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Office Assistant:
Christine Hamoline

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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 September 30th
- Utilities paid September 29th through online banking
- Money is received by the Town of Aberdeen October 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.



2025 MONTHLY TAX DISCOUNTS / PENALTIES:

For prompt payment of 2025 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 2025 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, 2026 a 12% penalty will be applied to 2025 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

REPORT SPEEDERS / CRIMES

We have been receiving numerous complaints regarding vehicles speeding within town limits. If you come across vehicles speeding in Town or some criminal activity, please call RCMP directly at:
 (306) 310-RCMP or (306) 310-7267

Thank You

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



Aberdeen Parks and Rec

ABERDEEN PARKS & RECREATION BOARD AGM

OCTOBER 22, 2025
 RM OFFICE 7PM

Open to all Aberdeen Town and RM Ratepayers

Due to the Postal Strike, water bills can be picked up in the Town Office during regular business hours.



The Town Office will be closed
 October 13th, 2025 for Thanksgiving

OCTOBER

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
28	29	30	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

BLUE- Recycling

RED- Garbage

GREEN- Organics

2ND ANNUAL AFTER HARVEST SUPPER RENOVATION CAMPAIGN

OCTOBER 25TH, 2025

COCKTAILS 5:00 PM-6:30 PM

SUPPER 6:30 PM

BAR/ \$5 DRINK TICKETS

50/50 DRAW AND SILENT AUCTION

SUPPER TICKETS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT THE
TOWN OFFICE, RM OFFICE, OR FROM THE HALL
COMMITTEE MEMBERS

DEADLINE FOR PURCHASE TICKETS:
OCTOBER 20TH

SUPPER TICKETS \$30 EACH
10 AND UNDER \$20 EACH

AT THE ABERDEEN
COMMUNITY HALL

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR

ONLINE AUCTION FUNDRAISER



October 19-26, 2025

THE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE IN
OUR FACEBOOK GROUP:

**ABERDEEN CHRISTMAS
MIRACLES NEEDS HELP!**

ABERDEEN CHRISTMAS MIRACLES IS IN SEARCH OF AUCTION ITEMS!



If you or your employer have something you would like to donate for our auction to help raise funds for the 2025 Christmas Hampers, please send Mrs Claus or an Elf a message!

Auction runs October 19-26, 2025.

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 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



- 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

Aberdeen & District Fire & Rescue

Fire Prevention Week ~ October 5-11, 2025

Hey Kids! (Kindergarten to Grade 3) enter the draw to be “**Fire Chief for a Day**” on Thursday October 9! 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.



From Phones to Power Tools: Know the Risks of Lithium-Ion Batteries this Fire Prevention Week

The theme for Fire Prevention Week™, October 5–11, 2025, is “Charge into Fire Safety™: Lithium-Ion Batteries in Your Home.” It highlights how important it is to buy, charge, and recycle lithium-ion batteries safely.

Most of the electronics we use in our homes every day — smartphones, tablets, power and lawn tools, laptops, e-cigarettes, headphones, and toys, to name just a few — are powered by lithium-ion batteries. In fact, most everything that’s rechargeable uses this type of battery.

If not used correctly or if damaged, lithium-ion batteries can overheat, start a fire, or even explode. To reduce these risks, look around your home — it’s important to know which devices are powered by them. “Lithium-ion batteries are powerful, convenient, and they’re just about everywhere.” This year’s Fire Prevention Week campaign helps people understand the importance of using these batteries correctly to prevent fires in the home and to follow the **Buy, Charge, and Recycle Safely** approach.”

Buy only listed products.

- When buying a product that uses a lithium-ion battery. Look for a stamp from a nationally recognized testing lab on the packaging and product, which means that it meets important safety standards.
- Many products sold online and in stores may not meet safety standards and could increase the risk of fire.

Charge devices safely.

- Always use the cables that came with the product to charge it. Follow the instructions from the manufacturer.
- 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. This could cause a fire.
- Don’t overcharge your device. Unplug it or remove the battery when it’s fully charged.

Recycle batteries responsibly.

- Don’t throw lithium-ion batteries in the trash or regular recycling bins because they could catch fire.
- Recycling your device or battery at a safe battery recycling location is the best way to dispose of them.

Key Smoke Alarm Safety Tips & Guidelines



Install

Install smoke alarms in every bedroom, outside each separate sleeping area (like a hallway), and on each level (including the basement) of the home.



Test

Test smoke alarms at least once a month by pushing the test button.



Replace

Replace all smoke alarms when they are 10 years old or stop responding when tested.

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 **ONLY** when they are working

- Test smoke alarms at least once a month – push the test button.
- Install new batteries at least once a year or when your alarm “chirps” with a low battery warning.
- Smoke alarms do wear out – replace every 10 years.

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 and call from a cell phone or 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 and flue pipes of creosote build up.
- 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 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

SMOKE ALARMS

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. This can be done with a simple 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 alarm does not sound replace the battery. If alarm still does not sound, replace the smoke alarm. Nothing is made to last forever.
- Replace your smoke alarm every 10 years. Smoke Alarms will have an expiry date on the back or inside the alarm.

We are here to help. If you are not sure on what or how to do a test or have any questions, please contact any of the local fire fighters or contact Adrien Hamoline at 306-230-1603.

Remember, Smoke Alarms can only warn you when they are working.

Aberdeen & District Fire & Rescue

ABERDEEN LIBRARY

OCTOBER 16th at 6:30 'sign language storytime', OCTOBER 30th at 6:30 'What scares you'
OCTOBER 31st Halloween coloring hour at 2:00

OPEN HOURS

MONDAY

10:30-1:30 AND 2:00-8:00

TUESDAY

12:00-3:00 AND 5:00-8:00

WEDNESDAY

4:00-8:00

THURSDAY

5:00-8:00

FRIDAY

12:00-3:00

CLOSED ALL STAT HOLIDAYS

FREE PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY FOR CHILDREN:

Storytime Every Monday at 11:00 am

Coloring hour Every Friday at 2:00pm



Don't forget about our kid's craft kits- for you to take home and make!

Follow the Aberdeen Branch Library Facebook page for all upcoming events and information.

St. Paul's Bergheim Lutheran Church

Worship Services:

9:00AM- MAY TO SEPTEMBER

9:30AM- OCTOBER TO APRIL

Sunday School: 9:45AM

Pastor Peter Knelson :306-380-7762

stpaulsbergheim12@gmail.com



Joel Hamoline
SALES REPRESENTATIVE

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Cell: (306) 231-6944

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MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

www.aberdeenmennonitechurch.com



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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)



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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:

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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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