

# ABERDEEN & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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Family  
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Fireworks  
Happy New Year  
Hat  
January

Kiss  
Midnight  
Parade  
Party  
Resolution

### January 2025 Long Range Weather Forecast for The Prairies

Dates	Weather Conditions
Jan 1-6	Snowy, cold east; sunny, bitterly cold west
Jan 7-17	Flurries east, sunny west; turning mild
Jan 18-21	Flurries, turning chilly
Jan 22-31	Sunny; bitterly cold, then milder
January	temperature -16°C (3°C below avg.) precipitation 27.5mm (20mm above avg. east, 5mm below west)





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### Next Council Meeting: January 9<sup>th</sup>, 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 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 was the last day to pay 2024 Taxes. Penalties at a rate of 1% per month began accumulating on unpaid balances effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.**

## 2025 Tax Pre-payments:

While 2025 Taxes will not be levied until mid-June, the 6% discount on the Municipal (MUN) portion of taxes came into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

If you have paid off your 2024 Taxes in full and wish to begin making pre-payments towards your 2025 Taxes, these payments are eligible for the 6% MUN discount.

## Policy Post:

The RM of Aberdeen has an **Extreme Weather Policy** in place.

We recognize the hazards extreme weather pose to Municipal employees and equipment. The purpose of this policy is to establish measures to ensure the protection of the Municipal employees and equipment and reduce the risk of worker injury/damage to equipment from the hazards of working in extreme cold conditions.

During the winter months, Municipal equipment shall not be operated at temperatures in which the daytime high is less than -30°C or when the wind chill factor is in excess of -35°C. This will be at the Foreman's discretion and/or Council's discretion.

The following exceptions will be permitted:

- In cases of emergency when determined by the Foreman or Council

Please visit our website for all of the RM's policies.

## At the First Meeting of Council the Following Items will be Considered:

- 2025 Council Remuneration Rates
- 2025 Custom Work Rates
- Council Appointed Committees for 2025
- Fidelity Bond Renewal

## Loraas Pick-up:

If you have a roll-out cart for Loraas pickup, please remember to move your cart back onto your property after garbage day. Carts left on the road or municipal right-of-way pose a hazard to motorists and snow plow machinery. Carts damaged by passing vehicles are the sole responsibility of the owner.

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# Happy New Year!

## Post-Election Highlights:

**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 Reeve and re-elected Councillors for Divisions 1, 3, and 5 took their Oath of Office on November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 following the legislated Election Day, and resumed the duties and functions as a Council member for the 2024-2028 term.

Kevin Kirk was reappointed as the Deputy Reeve for the remainder of 2024 and for 2025.

The next election is for Councillors of Divisions 2, 4, and 6 will be held in November of 2026.

**The RM Office will be closed at 3:00pm  
on Tuesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024 and  
all-day Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025**

## School Tax Declaration:

If, for the 2025 Tax Notices:

1. You are an undeclared property owner who wishes to declare Separate School support;
2. You are a previously declared Separate School supporter who wishes to declare Public School support;
3. You are a previously declared Public School supporter who wishes to declare Separate School support, or;
4. A property is sold under a bona fide Agreement for Sale.

Please fill out the School Tax Declaration Form and submit to the RM Office by **February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025**. Taxes are automatically paid to the Public School, unless changed through submission of the aforementioned form.

[Please visit our website for the School Tax Declaration form.](#)

## 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.



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# 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, January 21<sup>st</sup>, 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](http://www.aberdeen.ca)

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

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

Snow removal will be done on roadways from Monday through 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.

## 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.

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 kindly for your cooperation and understanding as our staff continue to keep our streets cleared and safe during the winter months.

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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)





**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>

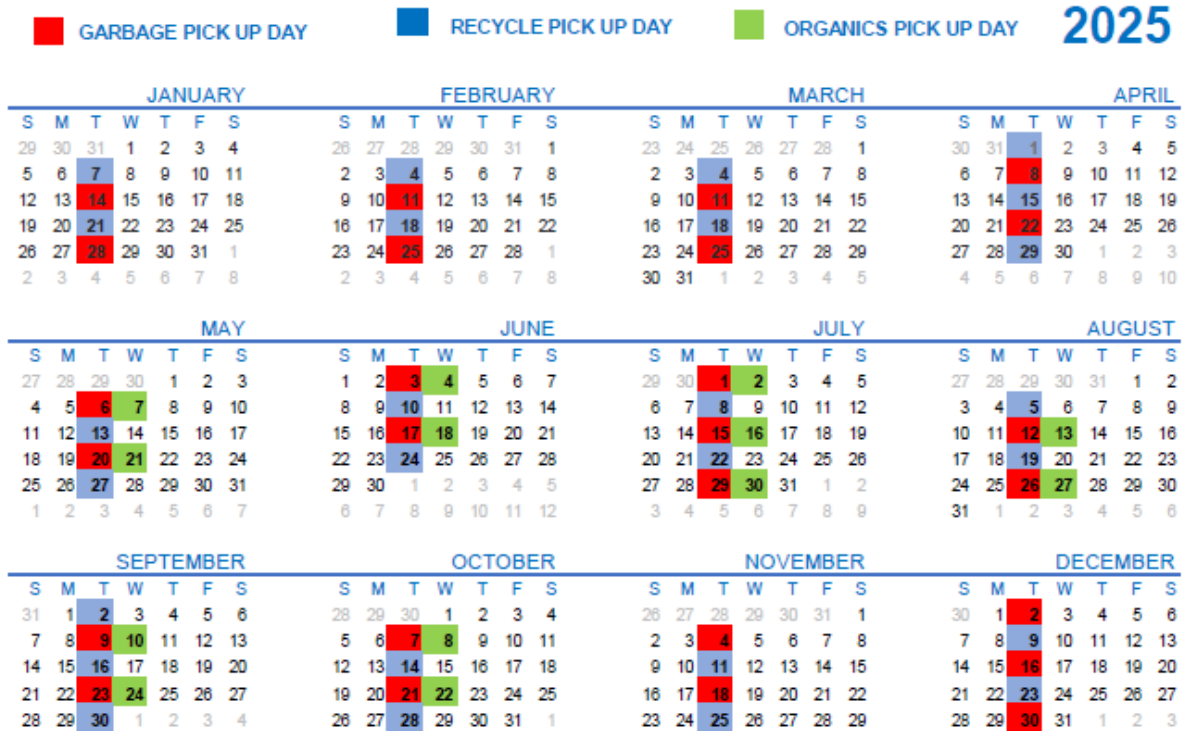
## Sign Corridor

### 2025 Sign Corridor

The annual fee of \$200.00 plus GST will be billed to each sign owner to cover the cost of yearly land maintenance and must be paid by January 31 of each year. This fee has been set by council and may be scheduled to increase periodically as determined by council.

When a sign is in need of repair or replacement, the Town will send a letter to you/your business. If there has been no action to remedy the sign within two weeks of the date of the letter, the Town crew will be instructed to remove the sign from the corridor and this space in the corridor will become available to another business.

c) Signs will not be insured under Town of Aberdeen, if damages occur the sign owner is responsible to cover the costs of any repairs or replacement.



### 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 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 2025 taxes will be sent in January 2025. 2025 Tax Notices will be sent mid May/ beginning of June, once the School Division levies have been established and the Municipal Mill Rate has been set.



# DigIT\* iPad Basics

This three session series will help you get to know your tablet in a fun way. Join us to learn about gestures and navigation, settings that work for you, and how to figure out the App Store. We will supply iPads for you to learn on but time will be set aside at the end of each class for you to apply what you learned to your own device.

**Free to attend!**



**Aberdeen Seniors Centre**  
**1:30-3:00**

**Feb 11: Getting Started**

**Feb 18: Settings and Personalization**

**Feb 25: App Toolkit**

**Register by contacting the Town of Aberdeen @ 306-253-4311**  
**(townaberdeen@sasktel.net)**  
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# 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)



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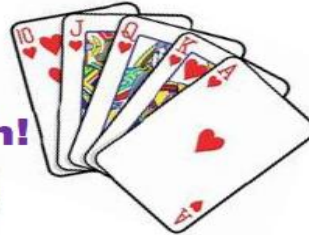
- ❖ Weddings
- ❖ Funerals
- ❖ Anniversaries
- ❖ Conventions
- ❖ Banquets
- ❖ Conferences
- ❖ Dances
- ❖ Family reunion
- ❖ Dinner theatre
- ❖ Fundraisers

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



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**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!**



**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**



**St. Paul's Bergheim  
Lutheran Church**  
Worship Services **9:30AM**

Sunday School **9:45AM**

**Pastor Peter Knelson**

**306-380-7762**

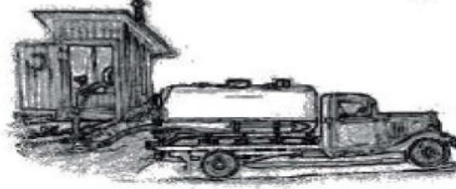
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**Joel Hamoline**  
SALES REPRESENTATIVE

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Cell: (306) 231-6944



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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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Happy *New Year*

JANUARY



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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:**

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](http://WWW.aberdeen.ca) to view the newsletter online.
4. Email [townaberdeen@sasktel.net](mailto: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](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]