

ABERDEEN & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY

Dates	Weather Conditions
Feb 1-5	A few flurries, bitter cold
Feb 6-11	Sunny, turning very mild
Feb 12-17	Rain and snow showers, then sunny; quite mild
Feb 18-21	Snow showers, chilly
Feb 22-28	Sunny, then snow showers; mild
February	temperature -9°C (3°C above avg.) precipitation 15mm (avg.)



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Jim Korpan
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Next Council Meeting: February 12th, 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.

Citizen of the Year:

The RM of Aberdeen is accepting nominations for 2025 Citizen of the Year. This award is designed to recognize contributions made by citizens to our town & surrounding area's quality of life, both social and economic.

If you know someone deserving of being the 2025 Citizen of the Year for Aberdeen and District, now is the time to give them the recognition they deserve! Please send a letter, email, fax, or drop nominations off at the office. Please include all information possible on committees, volunteerism, good works, and any other reasons for your nomination. We would appreciate the nominator signing their name to the nomination.

Nominations will be accepted until:
4:30pm Thursday, March 5th, 2026

School Tax Declaration:

If, for the 2026 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 28th, 2026**. Taxes are automatically paid to the Public School, unless changed through submission of the aforementioned form.

Custom Work:

The 2026 Rates have been set as follows:

Ratepayers:

\$200/hr + PST (min \$100 before tax)

Elevators:

\$200/hr + PST (min \$100 before tax)

Developers:

\$250/hr + PST (min \$125 before tax)

During the winter months, snow clearing is a custom work service provided by the RM at the rates listed above.

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

Saskatchewan Municipal Hail Insurance:

Owners of land may withdraw all, but not part, of their cultivated land from the operations of the Municipal Hail Insurance Act by filing a withdrawal application with the Association on or before **March 31st, 2026**. Withdrawal forms may be obtained from the RM Office or found on our website.

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.

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.

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 for details.

**The RM Office will be closed
Monday, February 16th, 2026**

Happy Family Day!

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:

RM of Aberdeen No. 373

Email: office@rmofaberdeen.ca

Phone: 306-253-4312

Website: www.rmofaberdeen.ca

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 has been rescheduled for Tuesday, **February 10th**, 2026 instead of the 18th.

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

2026 Business Licenses

According to Bylaw 12/14 the Business License Bylaw, all Home Based, Store Front and Contractor Business Licenses for 2026 were due December 31, 2025, and are valid until December 31, 2026.

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

It is with the utmost regret that the Town of Aberdeen council accepted Justin Regier's resignation from his chair in November of 2025. Justin was a councilor who strived to do right by his community and put thought and effort into his position. We greatly appreciate his consistency, input and community mindedness during his time. Justin, we wish you nothing but the best and thank you again for your service!

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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, Brian Vandenberg
Councillor, Bjorn Vors

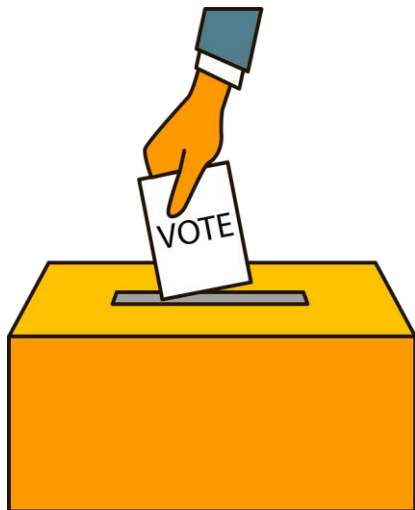
STAFF:
Chief Administrative Officer:
Barb Stachniak

Office Assistant:
Christine Hamoline

**Public Works/Maintenance
Manager:**
Bradley Oleksyn

Maintenance:
Mural Hingston

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



2026 Municipal Byelection- Town of Aberdeen

Call for Nominations:

Thursday, January 29th, 2026

Nominations will be accepted during regular office hours from January 29th to February 17th, 2026 and during Nomination Day.

Nomination Day:

9:00am to 4:00pm Wednesday, February 18th, 2026

Nominations will **not** be accepted after 4:00pm on February 18th, 2026. Must have nomination paper, council declaration and criminal record check.

Election Day:

9:00am to 8:00pm Wednesday, March 25th, 2026

Advance polls will be posted after Nomination Day.

OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, February 16th, 2026



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>

LORAAS SCHEDULE

FEBRUARY

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

BLUE- Recycling

RED- Garbage

PLEASE ENSURE CONTAINERS ARE REMOVED FROM THE ROADWAY IN A TIMELY MANNER FOR SNOW REMOVAL PURPOSES

Voyent Alert

WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

Currently, we only have approximately 160 users signed up for our Voyent Alert System. This system would be used to provide fast and efficient notification for time sensitive information as well as emergencies.

Without more use of this system, there may be implications for the continued use of Voyent.

We are reaching out to all residents to encourage sign up of this program to ensure continuation of Voyent Alert.

BYLAW INFRACTIONS

Have you noticed a Bylaw Violation within the community and want to report it to the office?

Please go to <https://aberdeen.ca/p/bylaws> and click on Complaint Form. Once filled out and completed, drop off or email to the Town Office. This form will be given to our Bylaw Enforcement Officer and the necessary steps will be taken to rectify the situation.

You may wonder why these forms are needed and why a simple email or call to the office isn't sufficient...

These forms provide the necessary documentation and evidence to enforce our Bylaws. They are also used in court should the violation require prosecution.

2026 MONTHLY TAX DISCOUNTS / PENALTIES:

For prompt payment of 2026 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

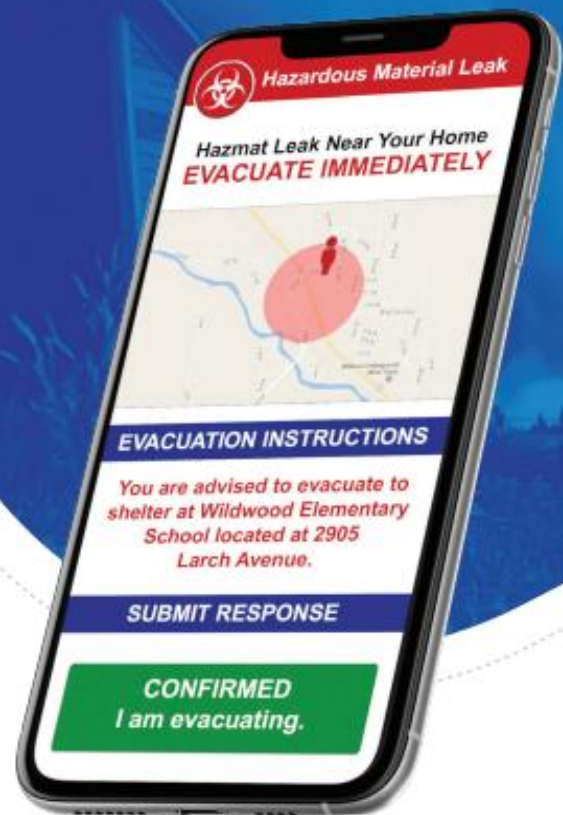
Tax Estimate Notices for 2026 taxes were sent in January 2026. 2026 Tax Notices will be sent mid May/ beginning of June, once the School Division levies have been established and the Municipal Mill Rate has been set.



REGISTER FOR FREE TODAY

WHAT IS VOYENT ALERT!?

Voyent Alert! Is a community alerting service provided by the Town of Aberdeen. It is intended to keep you informed during critical incidents such as fires, or floods as well as for important day to day events such as service interruptions and facilities closures. Registration is anonymous and free. Alerts will be sent to you based on your preferred "Location" selections such as "Home", "Kids School", Office etc.



TOWN OF ABERDEEN

WHAT CAN YOU EXPECT

PERSONALIZED COMMUNICATIONS

Voyent Alert! provides informative communications. Critical information such as the distance and direction from an incident, and preferred evacuation routes from your tracked locations may be provided.

TRACK MULTIPLE LOCATION

Voyent Alert! allows you to create and track multiple locations such as "Kids School" or "Mom's House". Any event or communication related to your tracked locations will be forwarded to you along your preferred communication channel.

COMMUNICATIONS YOUR WAY

Receive alerts over a wide variety of communication channels including mobile apps, text/SMS alerting, email or voice dial. You can register for one or more communication channels.

NO MESSAGE FATIGUE

Smart alerting capabilities ensure that you will only get notified when a communication is relevant to your or one of the locations you are tracking.

EASY REGISTRATION

Registration for the service is FREE, simple and anonymous.

REGISTER NOW!



MOBILE APP USERS

Download and install the Voyent Alert! app from the Apple App or Google Play stores.



Register online to receive email, voice or text-based alerts at:
register.voyent-alert.com



Aberdeen Parks and Rec

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO JOIN THE PARKS AND REC BINGO COMMITTEE

WHAT

We need volunteers to help organize fundraising bingos for our community

WHO

We are looking for 3-5 committee to help run our Bingo Committee

HOW

Email for more information:
parksandrecaberdeen@gmail.com



ABERDEEN & DISTRICT FIRE & RESCUE ANNUAL STEAK NIGHT

APRIL 11th 2026

DOORS OPEN @ 530PM

SUPPER @ 630PM

**@ ABERDEEN
COMMUNITY HALL**

COST \$30.00

**PLEASE CONTACT ANY FIRE
DEPARTMENT MEMBER FOR YOUR
TICKETS!**

Valentine's Day, blends Christian traditions honoring the martyr St. Valentine with ancient Roman fertility festivals and medieval romantic poetry, evolving from secret marriages.

Ancient Roots & Roman Festivals

Lupercalia: An ancient Roman fertility festival held February 13-15th , involving rituals to promote fertility and purification, later Christianized by Pope Gelasius I as St. Valentine's Day in the 5th century.

Martyr: The day honors Christian martyr named Valentine, executed by Emperor Claudius II, for defying the ban on soldiers marrying.

Medieval Romance & Poetry

First Valentine: The oldest known valentine is a poem from 1415 by Charles, Duke of Orleans, written to his wife while imprisoned.

Modern Traditions & Commercialization

Handmade Cards: Early valentines in Europe and Britain were elaborate, handmade tokens with ribbons and lace,

Commercial Boom: By the 1800s, mass-produced cards became common in North America, leading to today's tradition of exchanging cards, flowers (especially roses), chocolates, and gifts, influenced by advertising and retailers.

ABERDEEN LIBRARY

LIBRARY 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

Storytime Mondays 11am

Moms & Tots time Fridays 2 pm

Follow us on Facebook for all updates, information and events

Aberdeen Branch Library



Aberdeen First Responders

Without the support of our community, attending calls and training would be difficult. We graciously ***THANK EACH AND EVERY PERSON & BUSINESS*** that contributes to AFR. Our Light the Tree Campaign for 2025 raised \$633.

Aberdeen currently has 9 Medical First Responders located throughout the Town and RM of Aberdeen and will soon be welcoming 3 more Medical First Responders that have completed their training.

In 2025, Aberdeen First Responders attended over 35 Medical calls – during all hours of day and night. We treated over 37 patients and responded to calls of all ailments – from flu to motor vehicle accidents.

Did you know that Aberdeen First Responders (AFR) also respond to Aberdeen & District Fire & Rescue (ADFR) calls? We do, in fact in 2025 – AFRs responded to over 20 fire calls.

The Saskatchewan Health Authority's Medical First Responders (MFR's) are locally trained volunteers who respond to emergency calls. The MFR's are dedicated, reliable and trusted leaders/mentors who have accepted the responsibility of caring for neighbors and community members while waiting for the ambulance to arrive.

Medical First Responders complete a 44-hour course to build skills and understanding of processes and obligations. They continue their learning throughout their volunteer career.

Medical First Responders continue to be activated exclusively through 9-1-1 emergency dispatch system. This ensures a rapid response and appropriate resource allocation. Responders do not accept personal calls or direct requests for assistance.

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**



MENNONITE CHURCH

Worship Service

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Phone 306-253-4457

www.aberdeenmennonitechurch.com



Joel Hamoline
SALES REPRESENTATIVE

email: joelhorizon@sasktel.net

Cell: (306) 231-6944

T.B. SEPTIC SERVICE

1200 gallon Vacuum truck cleans septic tanks, lagoons, flooded basements etc. Pumps and accessories available.

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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)

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



Aberdeen Equestrian and Sports Centre



Check out the website!!

www.aberdeensunsetriders.com

Carla Norman

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aberdeen_sunset_riders@yahoo.ca



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How to submit a newsletter 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 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]