

ABERDEEN & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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January 2026 Long Range Weather Forecast for The Prairies

Dates	Weather Conditions
Jan 1-4	Snow showers; cold east, mild west
Jan 5-17	A few flurries east, sunny west; quite mild
Jan 18-26	A few snow showers, turning cold
Jan 27-31	Flurries, mild
January	temperature -8°C (4°C above avg.) precipitation 30mm (20mm above avg. east, avg. west)



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Hours:

Monday – Friday
9:00am – 5:00pm
closed stat holidays

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.

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Next Council Meeting: January 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.

December 31st was the last day to pay 2025 taxes and invoices. Penalties at a rate of 1% per month began accumulating on unpaid balances effective January 1st, 2026.

2026 Tax Pre-payments:

While 2026 Taxes will not be levied until July, the 6% discount on the Municipal (MUN) portion of taxes came into effect January 1st, 2026.

If you have paid off your 2025 Taxes in full and wish to begin making pre-payments towards your 2026 Taxes, these payments are eligible for the 6% MUN discount.

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

- 2026 Council Remuneration Rates
- 2026 Custom Work Rates
- Council Appointed Committees for 2026
- Fidelity Bond Renewal

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.



**The RM Office will be closed
Thursday, January 1st, 2026**

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.

Happy New Year!

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.

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.

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

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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 is scheduled for Tuesday, January 20st, 2026.

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 are 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'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 Sopoty
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 Hingson

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

2026 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 needs 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.

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.

January 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	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

BLUE- Recycling

RED- Garbage

Please note we are still waiting for the yearly collection calendar to be published.

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.

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 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

Tax Estimate Notices for 2026 taxes will be 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.



Congratulations to:
202 5th Avenue
106 4th Avenue
109 8th Avenue
20 Blake Crescent
as our voted winners of
our Christmas Lights
Contest.

*Merry
Christmas*

Special honorable mention to the Grounds Committee on their beautiful display at Veterans Park. This group of volunteers continue to set up, take down and maintain the Park year-round. Thank you for your continued hard work.

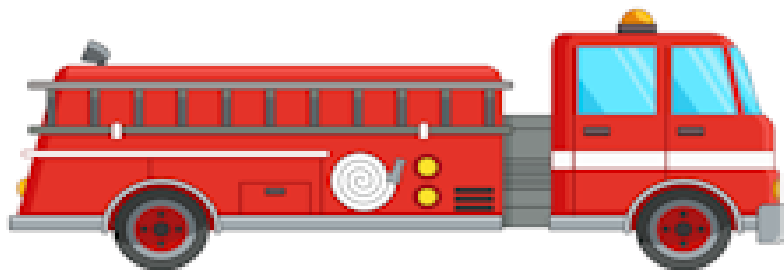
ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT FIRE AND RESCUE

A few winter safety tips from your local fire department...

- Never leave burning candles and plugged in electric heaters unsupervised
- Check furnace filter monthly & replace filters as needed
- Never store flammable products around furnace or hot water tank.
- Ensure energy efficient furnace vents are not obstructed by any objects. Intake vents should be checked weekly for ice buildup.
- Only use clean well-seasoned (1-year) wood in wood burning stoves and fireplaces.
- Check and clean chimney regularly as needed.
- Test smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors monthly – push the test button.
- Electric heater - Check for broken insulation/cracked wiring.
- Smoke alarm and carbon monoxide batteries should be replaced yearly.
 - Smoke alarms should be replaced every 5 years
 - Carbon monoxide alarms replaced every 10 years or as per label on pkg.
- Check fire extinguisher for expiration date or low pressure.
- Talk to your local fire fighters with any questions

CALL 9-1-1 for EMERGENCY

ABERDEEN & DISTRICT FIRE & RESCUE YEAR-END REPORT			
	2025	2024	2023
TRAINING-SCBA/Jaws of Life/Emergency Vehicle&Tools/STARS Landing	58 hr	50 hr	41 hr
MAINTENANCE-Routine Maintenance on Emergency Vehicles & Tools	162 hr	141 hr	126 hr
Regular Scheduled Meetings	14 hr	18 hr	24 hr
Fire Calls	24 hr (9)	48 hr (15)	41 hr (15)
Motor Vehicle Collison	35 hr (14)	23 hr (8)	36 hr (14)
Jaws of Life Usage	1	2	2
False Alarms	10	19	11
Public Relations	43 hr	32 hr	35 hr
STARS Landing	1	2	4
Carbon Monoxide	1	2	3
Call-In Control Burns	112	138	116



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 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 Parks and Rec

Fundraising Bingos through Parks and Rec

Upcoming Bingo Dates:

January 7th

January 23rd

February 12th

For more information contact Parks & Rec at
parksandrecaberdeen@gmail.com



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

Happy *New Year*



JANUARY



KELLY BLOCK, MP

CARLTON TRAIL-EAGLE CREEK

KELLYBLOCKMP.CA

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

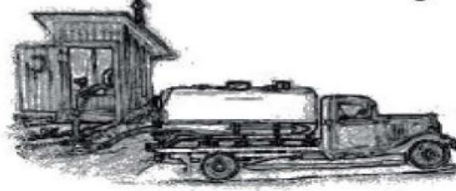
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Aberdeen Equestrian and Sports Centre



Check out the website!!

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Carla Norman

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aberdeensunsetriders@yahoo.ca



HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2026!

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

**DON'T
FORGET
TO
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ON
FACEBOOK**

FREE PROGRAMS AT THE LIBRARY

Storytime

Every Monday at 11:00 am

Creative Adults

Every Tuesday at 6:30 pm

Coloring hour

Every Friday at 2:00pm

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



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Worship Service

Sunday 11:00 a.m.

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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]