

MINUTES OF THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ABERDEEN NO. 373 SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF COUNCIL HELD ON THE 27<sup>th</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2026 IN THE RURAL MUNICIPAL OFFICE, 101 INDUSTRIAL DRIVE IN ABERDEEN, SASKATCHEWAN

**Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Reeve Martin Bettker.

Present were the following staff and members of council:

Reeve – Martin Bettker  
 Division No. 1 – Graham White  
 Division No. 3 – Kevin Kirk  
 Division No. 5 – Paul Martens

C.A.O. – Bridgette Shwytky  
 Division No. 2 – Mark Schaffel  
 Division No. 4 – Real Hamoline  
 Division No. 6 – Jim Korpan

Mayor – Ryan White

C.A.O. – Barbie Stachniak,

and the following Town members of council:

Lori Sopotytk, Joel Dokken, Brian Vandenberg, Bjorn Vors, Andrew Hamoline, and Randy Doige

**Conflict of Interest:**

- Councillor Doige declared a conflict of interest with regards to the Aberdeen First Responders.
- Mayor White and Councillor Vandenberg declared a conflict of interest with regards to the First Responders Payments
- Mayor White and Councillors Vandenberg and Martens declared a conflict of interest with regards to the SCBA lease.

**123/26 Agenda**

**Kirk:** BE IT RESOLVED that the agenda for the April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2026 Special Joint Meeting of Councils be accepted as amended by adding the Newsletter.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotytk	Vandenberg	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Against														

Carried

**124/26 Aberdeen Newsletter**

**Vandenberg:** BE IT RESOLVED that the councils continue with the advertisements in the Aberdeen Newsletter until January 1, 2027.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotytk	Vandenberg	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Against														

Carried

**125/26 Code of Ethics Bylaw**

**G. White:** BE IT RESOLVED that both councils hereby agree to collaborate in adopting similar bylaws establishing a Code of Ethics Bylaw governing all volunteer boards and committees established by, or currently operating under, the Town and RM to ensure alignment in content and enforcement provisions.

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For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Against														

Carried

**Councillor Doige declared a conflict of interest with the next items as his spouse is a first responder and left the meeting at 7:23 p.m.**

**126/26 Aberdeen First Responders Budget**

**Korpan:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the RM of the Aberdeen No. 373 and the Town of Aberdeen approve the 2026 budget request from the Aberdeen Fire and Rescue in the amount of \$16,989.00 to be split 50/50.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotyk	Vandenberg	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Against														

Carried

**127/26 Aberdeen First Responders Vehicle**

**A. Hamoline:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the RM of the Aberdeen No. 373 and the Town of Aberdeen approve selling the old first responder’s vehicle by placing it in an auction at McDougall Auction or Ritchie Bros.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotyk	Vandenberg	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Against														

Carried

**128/26 Aberdeen Fire & Rescue Budget**

**Vors:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the RM of the Aberdeen No. 373 and the Town of Aberdeen approve the 2026 budget request from the Aberdeen Fire and Rescue in the amount of \$68,780.00 to be split 50/50.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotyk	Vandenberg	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Against														

Carried

**Mayor White and Councillor Vandenberg declared a conflict of interest with the next item as they are members of the Aberdeen First Responders and left the meeting at 7:58 p.m.**

**129/26 Aberdeen Fire & Rescue Budget**

**Korpan:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Councils gift each active member of the Aberdeen & District First Responders \$850 for the 2026 Calendar year.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotyk	Vandenberg	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		X	X	X	
Against														

Carried

**Mayor White and Councillors Vandenberg and Doige returned to the meeting at 8:00 p.m.**

**130/26 Aberdeen Wellness Committee**

**Vors:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the RM of the Aberdeen No. 373 and the Town of Aberdeen approve the establishment of the Aberdeen Wellness Committee for the purpose of organizing and facilitating volunteer transportation services for seniors within the municipalities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is authorized to operate under the Town and RM subject to the execution of a M.O.U. between the parties and the compliance with all municipal policies, procedures, and risk management requirements, as established and amended from time to time;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall operate under the oversight of the municipalities and that the Town and RM will each appoint a representative to the Aberdeen Wellness Committee.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotyk	Vandenberg	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For														
Against	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X

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**131/26 Aberdeen Wellness Committee**

**Vors:** BE IT RESOLVED that that the Council of the RM of the Aberdeen No. 373 and the Town of Aberdeen approve a budget for the Aberdeen Wellness Committee in the amount of \$1,860.00 to be split 50/50.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotyk	Vandenberg	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Against														

Carried

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**132/26 Morning Coffee**

**Kirk:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 and the Town of Aberdeen approve the projected expenditures for the Morning Coffee at the Aberdeen Seniors Centre to be split 50/50;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the RM of Aberdeen No 373 and the Town of Aberdeen pay \$3,500.00 to the Seniors Club as a rental fee for using the seniors center, to be split 50/50.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotyk	Vandenber	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Against														

Carried

**133/26 Transfer Station**

**R. White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Councils continue the mutual agreement of 70/30 for the 2026 transfer station costs share and that as of January 1, 2027, the RM will have full operating power of the Transfer Station and that the RM will set User Fees, at their discretion, for the Town residents.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotyk	Vandenber	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Against														

Carried

**134/26 Aberdeen Parks & Rec**

**Schaffel:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the RM of the Aberdeen No. 373 and the Town of Aberdeen approve a budget for the Aberdeen Parks and Recreation Association in the amount of \$16,700.00 to be split 50/50, with \$2,000.00 of it being placed into a reserve for the equestrian center.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotyk	Vandenber	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Against														

Carried

**135/26 Aberdeen Community Hall**

**Doige:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the RM of the Aberdeen No. 373 and the Town of Aberdeen approve the asbestos remediation and flooring replacement at the Aberdeen Community Hall for an estimated cost \$45,000.00 to be split 50/50.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotyk	Vandenber	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Against														

Carried

**136/26 Hall Stage Removal**

**R. White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Councils approve the removal of the stage at the Aberdeen Community Hall, in collaboration with the Town Office to ensure it does not conflict with current rental bookings, and that it be removed at the time the flooring is replaced.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotyk	Vandenberg	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Against														

Carried

**137/26 Hall Kitchen Items**

**Vors:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Councils approve donating the old kitchen items from the Aberdeen Community Hall per the itemized list as submitted by the Hall Committee on February 22, 2026.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotyk	Vandenberg	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Against														

Carried

**138/26 Hall Board Agreement**

**Dokken:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Councils approve entering into the User Agreement for the Aberdeen Community Hall Board and that the Mayor and C.A.O. from the Town and the Reeve and C.A.O. from the RM are hereby authorized to sign the agreement.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotyk	Vandenberg	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Against														

Carried

**139/26 Aberdeen Library**

**R. White:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the RM of Aberdeen No. 373 and the Town of Aberdeen approve a budget for the Aberdeen Library in the amount of \$31,000.00 to be split 50/50.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotyk	Vandenberg	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Against														

Carried

**Mayor White and Councillors Vandenberg and Martens declared a conflict of interest with the next item as they are members of the Aberdeen Fire Department and left the meeting at 10:45 p.m.**

**140/26 Fire SCBAs**

**Schaffel:** BE IT RESOLVED that the Councils approve the Aberdeen Fire Department entering into a lease over 5 years for the replacement of twelve (12) MSA SCBA’s for the approximate cost of \$165,000.00.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotyk	Vandenberg	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X		X		X		X	X	X	X
Against														

Carried

**Mayor White and Councillors Vandenberg and Martens returned to the meeting at 10:46 p.m.**

**141/26 Adjournment**

**Vors:** BE IT RESOLVED that the meeting now be adjourned at 10:47 p.m.

	Reeve	Div 1	Div 2	Div 3	Div 4	Div 5	Div 6	Mayor	Sopotyk	Vandenberg	Hamoline	Dokken	Vors	Doige
For	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Against														

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Reeve

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C.A.O. – RM

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Mayor

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C.A.O. – Town