THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
August 9, 2016

The Council of The Rural Municipality of Armstrong held its regular monthly Council meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers in the RM Office in Inwood, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Jack Cruise
        Councillor Allen Pfrimmer
        Councillor Carol Lavallee
        Councillor Ted Sumka
        Councillor Adam Krochenski
        Councillor Susan Smerchanski (left at 12:00 pm)

Also Present: Corlie Larsen, Chief Administrative Officer

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Reeve Cruise called the meeting to order at 10:10 A.M.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#195/16
Smerchanski
Krochenski
RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular meeting of August 9, 2016 be adopted as presented.

Carried

READ AND CONFIRM MINUTES

#199/16
Pfrimmer
Lavallee
RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 12, 2016 be adopted as amended to council.

Ward 5 Report
- Change Rd 114N to should read Rd 104N in bad condition.
- Include Victor Dziedzic water issues.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS

10:00 AM
Conditional Use #6/2016 NE 21-19-3E Susan Russell & Jamie Goulet (Religious Assembly & Tourist Campsite)

#196/16
Krochenski
RESOLVED THAT the regular meeting of Council be closed to convene as a Public Hearing for Conditional Use #6/2016 to consider a Religious Assembly & Tourist Campsite at property NE
Susan Russell from McGowan Russell Group (Applicant) and Jamie Goulet (owner) presented a site location plan for the property which is at the end of Seagram’s road and a concept plan for the healing village. The centre will offer retreats, courses and programs for indigenous teachings. There will be 28 yurts and 14 cottages for short term and long term accommodations for clients. The center will have a healing lodge much like multipurpose rooms including a washroom building and a lodge keepers house. The plan will also consist of a greenhouse for year round agriculture, a conference center for additional education rooms, eco cottages for additional accommodations and walking pathways though out the property. The entire project will be run by indigenous women focused on healing and making women stronger to get back to their lives. Jamie Goulet’s mother Mae Louise Campbell a resident elder at Red River College with 18 years experience will be teaching at the center.

Darren Affleck spoke and asked questions regarding how they were going to deal with waste from 14 dwellings. Susan Russell replied they are looking into a bio filter system. Darren Affleck spoke of concerns of road access and excess traffic. There is currently no road to the property. Reeve Cruise discussed that there currently are no plans to build a road. Jamie Goulet said the project would take about 2 years to complete and would not cause excess traffic.

Amber Cherniak spoke of concerns with Seagram’s Rd extension. The property is currently in the subdivision process which has been conditionally approved to be divided into 4 lots. 2 being for Jamie Goulet for residential use and 2 lots being for the healing center. The subdivision is conditionally approved upon entering into a road and drainage development agreement with the RM of Armstrong. Currently no agreement has been made. Ms. Cherniak asked how the walking trail would be controlled to keep people from wandering off and entering neighboring properties. Susan Russell replied that the pathways would be kept away from neighboring properties.

Clifford Cherniak commented regarding ATV’s on the property and road allowances would not be private. Mr. Cherniak asked if farming would be affected and if the land would remain agriculture. At this time Conditional Use is being asked for and Zoning would not change. Mr. Cherniak asked where off the road would be the property access and how often they would be burning in the pit. He has concerns with smoke coming onto his property and fires getting away. Mr. Cherniak advised that he thought the bordering RM of Gimli Council should be involved.

Wendy Hudson ask about the campsites and if available to the public. Susan Russell replied
that it would not be a public campsite only used by the women using the facility. The campsites would be the yurts or tents.

Vaughan Cochrane spoke of other similar developments and his concerns about the development site. He also wanted to know if connected to the Turtle Lodge and if would be a not for profit organization. Vaughan Cochrane asked questions of the Clan Mothers Turtle Lodge and whether still a registered business and any issues with filling financial statements. Jamie Goulet replied that there were no issues with financial statements and they had voluntarily deregistered the company. Vaughan Cockrane also asked where the money was coming from and if there was enough to complete the project. Mr. Cochrane lives in the area and concerned with excess traffic. Jamie Goulet replied that she also wants a peaceful environment. Mr. Cochrane asked for more clarification on Jamie Goulet’s pending subdivision.

Councillor Susan Smechanski asked if the facility for the Clan Mothers Turtle Lodge in St. Laurent was still running. Jamie Goulet replied that it was not due to her mother illness they shut down but they had lots of people that attended. The center was located on 80 acres East of the town of St. Laurent and was different without the cabins. Ms. Goulet has sold the property.

Council received 3 letters on file regarding the conditional use from property owner at SW 28-19-3E, Vaughan Cochrane and Kelly Hunnie for council’s consideration.

WHEREAS more information is required before consideration of Conditional Use 6/2016;

THEREFORE the Council of the RM of Armstrong will review Conditional Use 6/2016 at the next regular council meeting on Sept. 13, 2016.

Carried

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES
none

FINANCIAL REPORT

RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statements for July 2016 be hereby received by Council as information.

Carried

ACCOUNTS FOR APPROVAL

RESOLVED THAT the following cheques in the total amount of $209,268.53 be approved for payment:

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BY-LAWS

None

WARD REPORTS

Ward 1
- RM of Rockwood request for joint road works project on Meridian Road between Road 98 N & 99N.
- Ditch needs clean out along Rd 99N.

Note: Councillor Susan Smerchanski left meeting at this time 12:00 PM.

Ward 2
- Received complaint of derelict buildings in Chatfield causing rodent problems.
- Request for drainage survey east of NE 21-21-3W (east ditch).
- Discussed grass cutting in front of lots in Chatfield.

Ward 3
- Reported road issues under committee reports.

Ward 4
- Washed out drain crossing to be fixed with excavator in section NE 18-19-2E.
- 12 yards of gravel needed for sunken culvert on Dudar Rd. in section NW 1-19-1E.
- Culvert on Rd 112N in between Rd 3E and Rd 4E needs to be cleaned, removed and cleaned or replaced on drain plugged by beavers.
- Stop sign missing east corner of Rd 6E and Rd 112N.
- Grader hooked culvert and needs replacing Rd 112N between 2E & 3E.

Ward 5
- Shared driveway access SE 30-18-3E within municipal road allowance. – waiting for info from John Shipley.
- Request from Tessa Klochko for crossing to access property NW 17-18-3E.
- Discussed Victor Dziedzic drainage issues.
- Spoke to John Shipley regarding culvert to be raised at Rd 12 and PR 229.
- Attended the Peace Lutheran Church 100th Anniversary on Sunday August 7th and brought greetings and congratulations on behalf of council, staff and residents. A lot of work was put into the project and well attended.
- Working on setting up EMO exercise.
- Flooding issues Rd 15E 2 miles north of Hwy 229 on the west side. Brushing and
RESOLUTIONS FROM WARD REPORTS

#202/16  
Pfrimmer Krochenski  
WHEREAS a request was received from the RM of Rockwood for a joint road works project to cost share 50/50 on shared boundary road;

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Armstrong agrees with the RM of Rockwood to replace three cross culverts and add gravel to Meridian Road between Road 98N & 99N;

AND FURTHER THAT the RM of Rockwood will look after the project with the RM of Armstrong supporting the project with their cost share portion being not greater than $10,000 as per estimate supplied by the RM of Rockwood.

Carried

#203/16  
Pfrimmer Lavallee  
WHEREAS debris left in municipal ditch from brushing works is causing flooding issues at SE 24-17-1W;

RESOLVED THAT Council authorized the clean out of the north side ditch on Rd 99 between Rd 1W & Rd 0;

AND FURTHER THAT Double N Transport be authorized to do the work as per quote 561683.

Carried

#204/16  
Pfrimmer Krochenski  
RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the surveying of drain east of NE 21-21-3W (east ditch).

Carried

Note  
Recorded Vote Requested by Reeve Cruise on resolution #204

For  
Councillor Pfrimmer  
Councillor Sumka  
Councillor Krochenski

Abstained  
Reeve Cruise  
Councillor Lavallee

#205/16  
Krochenski Sumka  
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Armstrong authorize Ward 4 Councillor Krochenski to organize the repairs needed to fix washed out drain crossing in Section NE-18-19-2E.

Carried

#206/16  
Krochenski  
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorize Ward 4 Councillor Krochenski’s request of 12 yards of gravel needed for sunken culvert on Dudar Rd.
RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Ward 4 Councillor Krochenski to look after replacing grader damaged culvert in Rd 112N between Rd 2E & 3E.

Carried

WHEREAS Council has received a request from Tessa Klochko for a crossing to access property NW 17-18-3E along Road 105N;

AND WHEREAS there is no current crossing in the unsubdivided quarter section;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approves of this request with culvert size to be determined by Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship;

AND FURTHER THAT the culvert will be supplied by the municipality and installation is to be the responsibility of the property owner as per RM Policy Res #98/01.

Carried

DELEGATIONS

1:00 PM
Barry Ross, General Manager AMCP – To discuss future of the Narcisse Community Pastures. – delegation cancelled moved to next meeting Sept. 13th.

1:30 PM
Mark Tronrud – To discuss drainage done on Rd 103N West of Rd 5W and beaver dam issues – did not attend meeting

RECEPTION OF PETITIONS
none

GENERAL BUSINESS

a) CAO Report

b) Supplemental Property Tax Listing

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the following tax additions and cancellations for 2015 and 2016 as per the Supplementary Listing received from Manitoba Municipal Government Assessment Services:

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Carried
Regular Council Meeting
August 9, 2016

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Carried

d) Set Tax Sale Date Feb. 28, 2017 @ 2:00 PM

WHEREAS Council has passed resolution #94/16 to designate the year 2015 for which properties in arrears be offered for sale by auction to recover outstanding taxes from the year 2014 or prior;

RESOLVED THAT the tax sale be held February 28, 2017 at 2:00 PM at the Rural Municipality of Armstrong council chambers.

Carried

e) Board of Revision

WHEREAS Sections 35(1, 2 and 4) of the Municipal Assessment Act states as follows:

**35(1)** A council shall each year by resolution appoint a board of revision consisting of not less than three members, some or all of whom may be members of the council.

**35(2)** A council shall appoint a member of a board appointed under subsection (1) to serve as the presiding officer of the board.

**35(4)** The council shall appoint a person to act as secretary of a board appointed under subsection (1).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council as a whole shall be appointed to the Board of
Revision;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reeve or Deputy Reeve shall be appointed as the presiding officer of the Board;

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer shall be appointed to act as Secretary of the Board for the year 2017 that will be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong in Inwood Manitoba on Wednesday September 14, 2016.

Carried

f) 2016 Infrastructure Grant Programs Single Window Application Intake Deadline Aug. 26, 2016 – apply regarding new waste cell at Meleb.

g) Building Permit Report

#213/16
Sumka
Lavallee
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong receive the monthly building permit activity report.

Carried

h) MB Infrastructure & Transportation – Highway Traffic Board Hearing August 23rd to modify access driveway P.T.H. No. 17, SW 27-19-1W in Armstrong – received as info

i) MB Agriculture – Renewal of Agricultural Agreement (Crown Lands)

#214/16
Pfimmm
Krochenski
WHEREAS certain RM lands were transferred to the Agricultural Crown Lands Branch for the administration of agricultural use under the Crown Lands Act;

AND WHEREAS the ten-year Agricultural Agreement expires on December 31, 2016;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong agree to renew their agreement with Manitoba Agriculture to administer those lands specified in the agreement for a further 10 year period.

Carried


#215/16
Krochenski
Sumka
WHEREAS Council has received a request for donation from John Cartwright towards a late summer community B.B.Q. in the Inwood Park to be held on Sept. 3, 2016;

RESOLVED THAT Council agrees to donate $250.00 toward the event.

Carried
NOTICE OF MOTION
None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Roads Committee
  - Findlay Road – Update on the project.
  - Weed Control – Listing
  - Grass Cutting – Issues with Rocks in the way.
  - Gravelling status and issues.
  - Grading issues with gravel being graded off roads. Freshly gravelled roads are not to be graded.
  - Set up interviews for grass cutter applicants.

- Drainage Committee

- Waste management Committee
  - Building for Chatfield WTS.

- Protective Services Committee

- By-law Committee
  - Meeting set for Aug. 30 to discuss Unsightly Property By-Law.

- External Committees/Organizations
  - West Interlake Watershed Conservation District – Minutes June 23rd - info
  - South Interlake Emergency Measures Board – Minutes July 18th info
  - MARR Summer 2016 News Letter - info

RESOLUTIONS FROM COMMITTEE REPORTS

#216/16 Sumka Krochenski
RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes payment to Cutting Edge Earthmoving for replacement of culvert on Rd 106N in the amount of $525.00. Carried

#193/16 Krochenski Sumka
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorize spot gravelling of the intersection of Rd 110N & Rd 11E – 2 loads (20 yards) Carried
WHEREAS subsection 250(2)(d)(i) of “The Municipal Act”, authorizes a municipality to enter into an agreement with a person;

AND WHEREAS Council has received a request from Alvin Dueck to clear 20ft of road allowance (E of NE 28-21-1W) North of property SW 27-21-1W at his expense;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong enter into a Drainage Work Agreement with Alvin Dueck;

RESOLVED THAT the Reeve and Chief Administrative Office be authorized to execute the agreement.

Carried

WHEREAS subsection 250(2)(d)(i) of “The Municipal Act”, authorizes a municipality to enter into an agreement with a person;

AND WHEREAS Council has received a request from Brent Loewen to clean out existing ditch through RM Leased Lands SW 30-21-2E and to clean out bullrushes in RM ditch on the south side of quarters SE & SW 30-21-2E at his expense;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong enter into a Drainage Work Agreement with Brent Loewen;

RESOLVED THAT the Reeve and Chief Administrative Office be authorized to execute the agreement.

Carried

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Armstrong accepts the quote from Arborg Home Hardware Building Centre in the amount of $6,032.73 for a 10’ x 12’ building to be placed at the Chatfield WTS for office building.

Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

none

INCAMERA

none

ADJOURNMENT

RESOLVED THAT the council meeting now be adjourned.

Carried
Jack Cruise, Reeve

Corlie Larsen, CAO