

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
June 9, 2015

The Council of The Rural Municipality of Armstrong held its regular monthly Council meeting on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers in the RM Office in Inwood, Manitoba.

Present: Councillor Allen Pfrimmer  
Councillor Carol Lavallee  
Councillor Ted Sumka  
Councillor Adam Krochenski  
Councillor Susan Smerchanski

Absent: Reeve Jack Cruise

Also Present: Corlie Larsen, Chief Administrative Officer

CALL COUNCIL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Deputy Reeve Sumka called the meeting to order at 10:00 A.M.

#1 Pfrimmer Lavallee RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular meeting of June 9, 2015 be adopted as amended with the following additions:

General Business

- ff) Council Cell Phone Usage Allowance
- gg) Offer Received To Purchase RM Land
- hh) Gravel Checker Employment Opportunity

Carried

READ AND CONFIRM MINUTES

#2 Krochenski Pfrimmer RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of May 12, 2015 and the minutes of the special meeting of May 21, 2015 be adopted as circulated to council.

Carried

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

#3 Smerchanski Krochenski RESOLVED THAT accounts payable cheque numbers 10139 to 10177 in the total amount of \$73,666.07 and payroll cheque numbers 7020 to 7045 in the total amount of \$20,695.03 be approved for payment.

Carried

BY-LAWS

- a) 5-2015 Dog By-Law – need to list land descriptions in by-law to accompany maps of included areas as well as include kenneling.

WARD REPORTS

Ward 1

- Reported on Beavers and Bears seen in the town of Inwood. Beavers have been trapped.

Ward 2

- Interlake Excavating opened culverts for the department of highways and opened up municipal culverts as well while he was in the area.
- Took care of removing beaver problems at land located E 36-21-1W.
- There is a culvert that needs be replaced at location SE 13-21-1W because culvert has separated and now a hole is left in the road.
- Municipality needs to start replacing culverts that have been budgeted for.

Ward 3

- Culverts need to be cleaned from debris at Rd 126 N at 10 E & 11 E
- Rd 110 may need 24" culvert
- Reported on unsightly property and the RCMP investigated the property.

Ward 4

- Received a request for a crossing along Burma Rd. will need to check with Water Stewardship on the culvert size.
- Burma Rd East ditch needs to be cleaned out water not flowing properly. Need Surveyor to take a look to see if anything can be done.
- There is a culvert located at Tomchak and Yablonski Rd that was installed in the winter time has sunken and road needs some ¾" gravel down.
- Culvert located on Rd 108 between Rd 13 & Rd 12 has been reported to high and not working. Had surveyor come out to take a look and everything looks ok culvert was place at the stakes where it should be.

Ward 5

- A culvert was flagged in Ward by Tomchak that was sticking out to far and would be dangerous for ski doo's.
- Received requests for minutes at the post offices.
- No one seems to be in favour of supporting local community groups and taxes going up. Would like the letter put on the municipal website to receive more input on how tax payers feel about helping out the local community groups by an increase in taxes.
- Wanted more information regarding the beaver program and the process.

#4  
Lavalée  
Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Double N Transport to replace culvert located inside SE 13 21 3W;

Carried

HEARING DELEGATIONS

10:30 A.M. – Trevor Jaworski, Assessment Officer from Local Government Assessment Services in Selkirk Manitoba reported to council with an overview of the impact of the 2016 reassessment in the Armstrong municipality. The updated assessments will be used for the 2016 property taxes. The RM of Armstrong's taxable assessment has increase by \$11 million (17%) to \$73 million (from \$62 million). The biggest increase comes from residential property. Changes in assessment occur due new construction, improvements to existing properties and the supply and demand for real estate (property sales). If the municipal budget remains the same for 2016 and millrate adjusted, properties with an assessment increase less than 17.2% should see a municipal tax decrease and properties with an assessment increase greater than 17.2% should see a municipal tax increase. There will be an open house held on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 3 P.M. to 8 P.M. at the Municipal Office in Inwood to give ratepayers the opportunity to meet with assessors for additional information regarding their assessments. The board of revision date has been set for Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015 and application appeal deadline is Aug. 31<sup>st</sup>,

2015. Applications must include name, phone number, mailing address, roll number, legal description of property, and reason for appealing.

1:00 P.M. – Jo-Ann Dupont spoke to council regarding the upcoming event “The Annual Metis Jamboree” to be held at the Inwood Hall on June 13th. She had received 2 donation flags a Canadian flag from James Bezan, MP and a Manitoba flag from Ralph Eichler, MLA to be placed on the 2 flag poles at the Veterans War Memorial in the Inwood Park located next to the Inwood Hall. Jo-Ann requested the flags be put up by the municipal public works prior to the event and to have the grass cut for the event at the park.

#5  
Pfrimmer  
Krochenski

WHEREAS war memorial flags are being donated to the Inwood Park for placement on the flag poles at the park;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes its public works employee to install the flags at the Inwood Park;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the municipality be responsible for the replacement costs of the ropes to hang the flags.

Carried

1:15 P.M. – Doa Grefford approached council to discuss the possible purchase of lot located across from the municipal office Lot 16 Plan 2396. His plans would be to tear down the old building and replace with new house. Doa wanted to know if council would consider allowing a trailer on the property until the house was built. Council advised that a mobile home was not permitted but a camper may be permitted until home was completed within an appropriate time frame.

1:30 P.M. – Sharon Martin spoke to council regarding drainage issues on her property W ½ 14-19-02E. She bought the property over 3 years ago and wasn’t informed of the drainage issues. Water does not flow well in the area and old railroad tracks block water and she would like to see a culvert under the tracks. Council advised that there was a survey done on the area and she is in a low spot and would be very costly to fix the problem. They could not cut into the Fraserwood drain or she would have more water back up onto her property and no water licence could be issued since there is no were for the water to go. Council will talk to surveyor again to see if anything new can be done.

1:45 P.M. – Dennis Martin addressed to council his unresolved drainage issues at his property SE 28-21-1E. Council discussed that in order to put in the proper ditch at the appropriate depth and sloping that it would not fit within the road allowance. In order to do the proper ditch land owners alongside would have to give up land for the ditch.

2:00 P.M. – David Yablonski made a request to council for a culvert at NW 34-18-2E for a driveway. Council will have to talk to Water Stewardship regarding licence. David also reported to council of a culvert that needs to be replaced with a longer one as it is blocked by rock at intersection of Yablonski and Kuz Road. Council is looking into replacing this culvert. David also spoke to council regarding the status of the Jolly Wally drain, drain ditch at NE 8-19-3E and drain ditch SW 13-19-2E. The drain ditch located at NE 8-19-3E David is requesting the fence line be put on the drain ditch. Council advised that once the cat cleans up he could put up fence on the east side of the dike.

2:15 P.M. – Cpl. Chris Johnson, Teulon RCMP – was unable to attend meeting. Will schedule for next.

#6  
Pfrimmer  
Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Weik Construction to clean out plugged culverts located at Rd 126N + 10E and Rd 126N + 11E.

Carried

#7  
Smerchanski  
Krochenski

RESOVLED THAT Council authorizes Double N Transport to clean plugged culverts located at Rd 105 + 8E (one culvert runs N + S and the other E + W);

Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Nil

RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

Nil

NEW BUSINESS

- a) CAO monthly activity report – report on file

#8  
Smerchanski  
Lavallee  
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong receive the monthly activity report from the CAO.  
Carried

- b) Building Permit Report – updated list for next regular meeting

- c) Burning Ban - removal

#9  
Smerchanski  
Krochenski  
RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the removal of the burning ban effective June 9, 2015;  
Carried

- d) Scholarship Applications - awarding

#10  
Pfrimmer  
Krochenski  
WHEREAS each year the Council of the RM of Armstrong awards two \$300 high school graduation scholarships for RM of Armstrong residents (one for university education and one for other post secondary education);

AND WHEREAS Council has reviewed the applications received;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong select Raelene Engelberg as the recipient of the 2015 Rural Municipality of Armstrong Scholarship for university education and Tiger Jones for other post secondary education);

AND FURTHER RESOVLED THAT Councillor Smerchanski be authorized to attend the Teulon Collegiate Award ceremony held on June 26 at 2 pm in the Teulon Collegiate Gym to award scholarship to Raelene Engelberg;

AND FURTHER RESOVLED THAT Councillor Sumka be authorized to attend the Arborg Collegiate Award ceremony held on June 27<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm in the Arborg Hall to award scholarship to Tiger Jones;

Carried

- e) Debit Terminal for Interact Payments - purchase

#11  
Pfrimmer  
Smerchanski  
RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the purchase of a debit terminal for interact payments in order to make it more convenient for tax payers;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this debit terminal be purchased at the quoted price of \$495.00 plus tax for a chip capable terminal from POS Systems;

AND FURTHER RESOVLED THAT the RM will charge \$0.25 per transaction.

Carried

- f) Peace Lutheran Church and Cemetery Centennial Heritage Committee – thank you letter received

g) Evergreen Basic Needs – donation request

#12  
Smerchanski  
Krochenski

WHEREAS Council has budgeted to make a donation to Evergreen Basic Needs a non-profit organization that provides support to low income individuals and families;

AND WHEREAS they are requesting a donation in the amount of \$3,034 for 2015;

THEREFORE Council authorizes the payment of this donation for \$3,034.00.

Carried

h) Interlake Weed Control District – 2014 Financial Statements – received as info

i) Interlake Veterinary Services District – 2014 Financial Statements – received as info

j) Manitoba Good Roads Association

#13  
Pfrimmer  
Lavallee

RESOVLED THAT Council authorizes Reeve Cruise and Councillor Krochenski to attend the Manitoba Good Roads Seminar on June 22 & 23 in St. Andrews;

AND FURTHER RESOVLED THAT their registration fee of \$400.00 per person, mileage and out of pocket expenses be paid.

Carried

k) Forage Lease Cancellation Request NW 3-21-1W

#14  
Pfrimmer  
Lavallee

WHEREAS the lessee for lease number 174 has written surrendering the lease for land described NW 3-21-1W due to land not having accessible road way access;

AND WHEREAS this lease was up for renewal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this parcel of land NW 3-21-1W in the name of Bruce Blahey under lease number 174 be hereby not renewed effective June 9, 2015;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT land parcel SE 15-21-1W will remain on lease number 174 Bruce Blahey;

Carried

l) Gravelling – ward lists reviewed for gravelling season

m) Dust Control – Dust control spots have been marked by public works and ready to be sprayed.

#15  
Smerchanski  
Pfrimmer

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorize Fort Distributors Ltd. of St. Andrews to apply dust control in the urban location of Inwood, Fraserwood, Narcisse, Chatfield, Silver and Meleb for one load at \$0.28 per litre for 20,000 litres with a spray width of 12ft applied at 1.8 litres/sq m which will be funded from the dust control operating budget.

Carried

#16  
Smerchanski  
Pfrimmer

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorize Fort Distributors Ltd. of St. Andrews to apply dust control in the rural locations of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong as requested and prepaid by local residents at the following rates:

300ft x 12ft \$200 including GST  
500ft x 12ft \$300 including GST

300ft x 16ft \$275 including GST  
500ft x 16ft \$425 including GST

Carried

n) MTS Communications – approval request for new install

#17  
Pfrimmer  
Krochenski

WHEREAS Council has received a request file #9125792-15 from MTS Communications for MTS facilities install on municipal rights-of-way Rd #13E to provide new services to M. Binda;

RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes MTS to install and set new pedestal on this municipal rights-of-way.

Carried

o) MIT Emergency Measures Organization – Sewer Back-up Subsidy Program – received as info

p) Interlake-Easter Regional Health Authority – minutes received as info

q) Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers – membership fee

#18  
Smerchanski  
Lavallee

RESOVLED THAT Council authorizes the payment for annual membership fees to Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers in the amount based on municipal population of \$200.00.

Carried

r) Green Team Employment - Applications

#19  
Pfrimmer  
Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT Council approve Graham Moore & Koby Carriere as the Green Team Summer Students for the RM of Armstrong effective June 29<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at \$10.70 per hour for the duration of the grant period of (seven weeks);

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they must meet the eligibility requirements under the Hometown Green Team Program.

Carried

s) Tractor Operator / Road Side Cutter Applications

#20  
Pfrimmer  
Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT Council approve the hiring of Wayne Spakowski to operate the leased John Deere tractor for road side cutting and brushing for the 2015 season June to September 2015 at a rate of \$18.00 per/hr.

Carried

#21  
Smerchanski  
Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT council extends its regular meeting until 5:30 p.m.

Carried

t) Jim Mikula, President, Inwood Snowmobile Club – request to open trail

#22  
Pfrimmer  
Smerchanski

RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the Inwood Snowmobile Club to clear and maintain a path for the snowmobile trail system, approximately 16 feet wide, on the municipal road allowance road 101N between sections NW 27-17-1W & SW 34-17-1W.

Carried

u) West Interlake Conservation District – minutes received as info and well water testing dates for free delivery

v) Crossing Request NE 32-20-3E - Bradley

#23  
Pfrimmer  
Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong provide an 18" x 32' culvert for a driveway approach on NE 32-20-3E for Patrick Bradley;

AND FURTHER RESOVLED THAT the install costs be the responsibility of the land owner and proper water licence must be acquired.

Carried

- w) Road Construction Request N of 21-19-2E – Hudyma – to be discussed during committee reports
- x) Road Allowance Build Up Request SW 9-18-1E – Cheliak – to be discussed during committee reports
- y) Arborg & District Ag Society – donation request

#24  
Lavallee  
Smerchanski

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorize a donation in the amount of \$450.00 for the Arborg Ag Society Fair & Rodeo on July 17, 18 & 19 in Silver.

Carried

- z) Western Economic Diversification Canada – The Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program – info on grant
- aa) Subdivision 4602-14-5342 Goulet/Campbell - approval

#25  
Pfrimmer  
Krochenski

WHEREAS Community Planning Services has submitted to the Municipality a completed Application for Approval of Proposed Subdivision File 4602-14-5342 (Goulet/Campbell) NE 21-19-3E in the Rural Municipality of Armstrong;

AND WHEREAS Selkirk Community Planning Service has received no objections with the proposal but advises the municipality to consider the costs of municipal services including road development and maintenance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this subdivision be approved with the following conditions:

- 1) That any and all planning costs associated with this subdivision will be paid by the Developer/Applicant/Property Owner.
- 2) That all property taxes, arrears, penalties, and any other amount owing to the Municipality be paid.
- 3) That any and all legal costs and filing fees associated with this subdivision and any other costs related to this application be paid by the Developer/Applicant/Property Owner
- 4) That the cost of any accesses to the subdivided lot be paid by the Developer/Applicant/Property Owner.
- 5) That a drainage plan be prepared by a qualified professional engineer at the applicants expense for review by the RM of Gimli and approved by the RM of Armstrong;
- 6) That a development agreement be entered into between the applicant and the RM of Armstrong regarding the construction of Road 112N.

Carried

- bb) Interlake Tourism Association Board of Directors – minutes received as info
- cc) Crossing Request NW 33-20-3E McPharson

#26  
Smerchanski  
Lavallee

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong provide and 18” x 32’ culvert for a driveway approach on Rd 14 E NW 33-20-3E for Kevin McPharson;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the install costs be the responsibility of the land owner and a water licence must be acquired.

Carried

NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

IN CAMERA

Nil

#27  
Smerchanski  
Lavallee  
RESOLVED THAT Council continue with this meeting agenda from General Business items dd, ee, ff, gg, hh and Committee Reports to be continued at a Special Council Meeting on June 15<sup>th</sup>.  
Carried

#28  
Smerchanski  
Pfrimmer  
RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned.  
Carried

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Ted Sumka, Deputy Reeve

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Corlie Larsen, CAO