

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG  
MINUTES  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
August 11, 2015

The Council of The Rural Municipality of Armstrong held its regular monthly Council meeting on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 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

Also Present: Corlie Larsen, Chief Administrative Officer

CALL COUNCIL TO ORDER

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

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

#1 RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular meeting of August 11, 2015 be adopted as  
Pfrimmer presented to council. Carried  
Smerchanski

READ AND CONFIRM MINUTES

#2 RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of July 14, 2015 be adopted as circulated  
Krochenski to council. Carried  
Sumka

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For next meeting problems with new accounting system and set up.

ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

#3 RESOLVED THAT accounts payable cheque numbers 10229 to 10270 in the total amount of  
Lavallee \$282,594.55 and payroll cheque numbers 7064 to 7083 in the total amount of \$29,482.35 be  
Sumka approved for payment. Carried

BY-LAWS

nil

WARD REPORTS

Ward 1

- Had discussion with landowners regarding the snowmobile trail and quads using the trails. Landowners were advised to keep gates closed.

- Took a look at some beaver issue sites.
- Looked at grass laying in drainage ditch left behind from the municipal public works grass cutting. There are drainage issues at property located on 31 Railway Ave. (Cartwright) and grass should be raked up out of the ditch.

Ward 2

- Ditch needs to be cleaned out E of NE 6-21-2W (east ditch). Have to talk to Water Stewardship for a licence.

Ward 3

- Road Allowance needs brushing N of 34-20-2E in front of Halabura property and N of 33-20-2E front of Dueck property. Vehicles coming out of properties are hard to see. Send letter for landowner to cut grass or RM will need to cut.
- Beaver dam on NE 3-20-2E needs to be removed but waiting for beavers to be trapped first.
- Landowner (Osioway) would like to be reimbursed for 2 loads of gravel delivered on Rd 124N & 1E NE 19-21-1E which was placed on the municipal road in order to access his property. This road has been approved by council to be built up at the June 18<sup>th</sup> special council meeting Res#2, work to start soon.

Ward 4

- Talked to Henry Hendrickson who is requesting that the cat tails out of the ditch on Highway 231 from Rd. 2E to 4E one mile in the middle be cleaned out. RM to check with highways.
- Beaver Dam blocking drain NE 3-19-2E needs to be cleaned out. There is also a culvert in the driveway across the drain that is plugged or collapsed and needs to be cleaned out or replaced. Both dam removal and culvert fix could be done at the same time.
- Siatecki Drain needs 2 traps on culverts replaced.

Ward 5

- Resolved beaver issues on Rd 15 at Shurek's.
- Dam needs to be cleaned out on Rd 107 by Turcan's & Darowany's property.
- Received complaints on grading issues regarding corners not graded well, ridges left on the road side, new gravel being graded, mud graded on road and piles in front of driveways.
- Stop signs down on Rd 12 & 106.
- Talked to Thora Palson from the RM of Gimli regarding drainage issues along the West boundary of the RM of Gimli at Husavik Rd 106N & Rd 15E. The property owner Koch has a ¼ section of land and the RM of Gimli would like to do some ditching and have a throughgrade culvert installed to drain water on the West side of Rd 15E but need permission from the RM of Armstrong. RM's have to get together to look at Rd 15.
- Many drainage issues to look at with Roger Maksymchuk Water Resource Officer.
- Received request to finish the mile on Rd 14 east of Rd 12. Look into for next year's budget.

#4  
Krochenski  
Sumka

RESOVLED THAT the Council of the RM of Armstrong authorize the removal of a beaver dam NE 3-19-2E in drain;

AND FURTHER RESOVLED THAT the blocked culvert in driveway across drain be cleaned out or replaced at the same time as dam removal.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS

none

RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

none

GENERAL BUSINESS

a) CAO Report – report on file

#5  
 Smerchanski  
 Krochenski

RESOVLED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong received the monthly activity report from the CAO.

Carried

b) Building Permit Report – none

c) Council Cell Phone Allowance – Monthly phone allowance \$25 Increase to be considered at a later date.

d) Economic Development Plan – A job description for an Economic Development Officer will be reviewed at the next committee meeting on Aug. 25<sup>th</sup> before job advertisement to go out. Received the RM of Armstrong’s Plan for an EDO from Community Futures East Interlake Inc. which was the result of a planning session facilitated by Tammy Dziadek and Eugene Zalevich from Community Futures with council on July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2015. This plan will be used by the EDO to follow out council’s vision for the municipality. The EDO will also be working closely with the community to carry out armstrong resident visions.

e) Supplementary Taxes – additions and cancellations

#6  
 Lavallee  
 Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the following tax additions and cancellations as per the information received from Manitoba Municipal Government – Assessment Services:

<b>2015 Additions:</b>		<b>2015 Cancellations:</b>	
<b>Roll</b>	<b>Tax Amount</b>	<b>Roll</b>	<b>Tax Amount</b>
9850	\$134.56	9800	-\$133.73
113200	\$1,827.46	113200	-\$142.55
116300	\$493.90	122100	-\$3.08
122100	\$555.12	38700	-\$60.66
38750	\$132.61	67250	-\$1,131.46
324800	\$43.34	162200	-\$133.64
324900	\$19.81	162820	-\$142.55
325010	\$18.57	2900	-\$350.16
325110	\$14.86	125300	-\$82.92
325200	\$39.62	176300	-\$304.04
325300	\$37.56	296250	-\$2,141.24
325400	\$17.75		
32550	\$11.14	<b>Total</b>	<b><u>-\$4,626.03</u></b>
329000	\$27.66		
333000	\$19.81		
333600	\$33.44		
334200	\$32.60		
337900	\$27.66		
346200	\$22.70		
131100	\$1,799.70		
162200	\$1,815.13		
162820	\$3,859.83		
224700	\$1,045.94		
125350	\$343.02		
176300	\$438.65		
176350	\$299.69		
177800	\$45.40		
177900	\$48.29		

178000	\$47.47
180000	\$47.47
180200	\$47.47
180600	\$36.33

**Total**      **\$13,384.56**

Carried

f) Grants-In-Lieu of Property Taxes for Community Groups

#7 RESOVLED THAT council approves grants-in-lieu of property taxes as follows:  
 Pfrimmer  
 Krochenski

Lakeshore School Division – Sandridge Tower	\$	481.80
IDC Interlake Pioneer Trail Inc.	\$	766.08
R.C. Archiepiscopal Corp. of Wpg.	\$	51.83
Silver Community Centre Coop Inc.	\$	170.20
Narcisse Women’s Institute	\$	48.13
Inwood Memorial Community Centre	\$	154.96
Ruthenian Catholic Mission of the Order of St. Basil	\$	128.46
Fraserwood Sports Club Inc.	\$	5.96
Ukrainian National People's Home / Fraserwood Hall	\$	279.28
Rondeau Community Centre	\$	68.75
Chatfield Community Club	\$	99.95
Total	\$	2,255.40

Carried

g) Manitoba Infrastructure and Transportation PR 415 & PR 416 Closures – Received reply letter from Acting Assistant Deputy Minister Don McKibbin that MIT rebuilt PR 229 north side of the Shoal Lakes following the 2011 flood because PR 229 was identified as the highest priority for local stakeholders. PR 415 & PR 416 are low volume roads and raising them is not currently included in the 5-year capital plan. It is not cost effective to repair or open these routes at this time as they remain at risk from high water and high winds. - Council would like letter sent to meet and discuss further with MIT.

h) Jim Townsend – EMO Training for Elected Officials

#8 RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorize councillors  
 Smerchanski & Lavallee to attend the EMO Course for Elected Officials Training held on  
 Krochenski September 22, 2015 in Eriksdale;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT they be paid indemnity and reimbursed out of pocket expenses.

Carried

Note: Councillor Pfrimmer was absent for remainder of the meeting at this time 12:00 P.M.

HEARING DELEGATIONS

1:00 P.M. – John Cartwright spoke to council regarding his drainage issues on his property at 31 Railway Ave. in Inwood. The RM public works cuts the long grass in the ditch behind his property and the clippings are left in the ditch and pile up. He would like the RM to rake up the grass so that the ditch will be more effective for drainage. Council advised that the public works will rake it up.

GENERAL BUSINESS

i) Subdivision Application 4602-15-5431 NW ¼ 12-18-2 EPM (Maksymyk)

#9  
Smerchanski  
Krochenski

WHEREAS Community Planning Services has submitted to the Municipality a completed Application for Approval of Proposed Subdivision File 4602-15-5431(Maksymyk) NW ¼ 12-18-2E in the Rural Municipality of Armstrong;

AND WHEREAS Selkirk Community Planning Service has received no objections with the proposal as the proposed use is in compliance with the Development Plan and the Zoning By-Law;

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.

Carried

j) Subdivision 4602-13-5291 NE ¼ 16-21-2E (High) – revision to parcel shape

#10  
Smerchanski  
Krochenski

WHEREAS Subdivision File #4602-13-5291 (High) NE ¼ 16-21-2E has been approved by council resolution #328/13;

AND WHEREAS the approved subdivision consisted of a 8 acre parcel with dimensions of 774.5' x 450';

AND WHEREAS the applicant would now like to revise the parcel shape to dimensions of 450' x 774.5' in order to include treed area;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approves of this alteration since both configurations result in a 8 acre parcel.

Carried

k) West Interlake Citizens Group – Proposal to Dissolve the Municipality of West Interlake – received as info.

l) Fraserwood Fire Hall Quote for Addition – To discuss at a committee meeting more quotes are on the way.

m) Forage Lease No. 186 Cancellation

#11  
Smerchanski  
Sumka

WHEREAS Forage Lease no. 186 (Kalski) has not renewed lease agreement;

AND WHEREAS the leasee has notified the office that he no longer wants the lease and is in arrears for payment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT council authorizes the cancelation of lease no. 186 to Kalski.

Carried

n) Maple Leaf Foods – Modification of Earthen Manure Storage Facility at Paradigm Narcisse – Received as notification of modification of cell 2. They have been informed that there is no room at the Meleb WDG to accommodate the disposal of the liner.

o) West Interlake Watershed Conservation District – Reduced Municipal Levies – Council advises to transfer unmatched portion of municipal contributions to the local levies category and use that as an extra funding in the future for municipal needs. The amount of

extra funds from the RM of Armstrong would be \$98.16.

p) Interlake Tourism Association Manager – Award Nomination

#12  
Smerchanski  
Lavallee

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Armstrong nominate the Interlake Barn Quilt & Trail People and the Fraserwood Hall Board & Volunteers for the Interlake Tourism & Community Futures Economic Development Award.

Carried

q) Road 110 – Drainage Work still to be completed – Send letter to contractor to complete work describe in letter received from Surveyor Ken Stadnik.

r) Royal Canadian Mounted Police – The 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention of the AMM – Received as info that the RCMP will be attending AMM Convention and willing to set up meeting time if requested.

s) EMO – Disaster Management Conference

#13  
Smerchanski  
Lavallee

RESOLVED THAT THE Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorize councillor Smerchanski & the CAO to attend the Disaster Management Conference held on October 14 to 16, 2015 in Winnipeg;

AND FURTHER RESOVLED THAT they be paid indemnity and reimbursed out of pocket expenses.

Carried

t) West Interlake Watershed Conservation District – June 18<sup>th</sup> Minutes & March 31, 2015 year end Financial Statements – received as info

u) Partner 4 Growth Program Grant Application – Eligible for this grant are projects that impact more than one local government geographic area. Once the RM has an economic development officer part of job description will be to work on projects for these type of grants.

v) Manitoba Conservation and Water Stewardship – Inspection at Meleb Waste Disposal Ground – Overall site nicely maintained and organized however some recyclable items in burn pile, scattered liter along the dumping grounds, and noted that the cell is almost full. Opening of a new cell is needed asap.

#### NOTICE OF MOTION

Nil

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Roads Committee

- Trucks have been stuck on road E of 29-21-2E and the sides could be brought back up onto the road to fix.
- Gravelling in Wards 4 & 5 done, Ward 3 half done and Wards 1 & 2 have yet to be completed.

b) Drainage Committee

- Beaver Dam in Fish Lake but can't get to it. Might be a winter project.

c) Water Management Committee

- Building at the WTS in Chatfield needs to be repaired or replaced. Needs roof and siding.
- Need 2 cords of wood for Meleb WDG and Chatfield WTS need to tender out.
- Chatfield WTS needs a new lawnmower.
- Wells need to be tested at Meleb WDG.

- Need to purchase oil for the ECO centers for give away with recycling of used oil 5W-30 and 10W-30.
- Recyclable items are being thrown in with garbage. Need to order signs to help with organization.
- ECO Centre in Meleb needs to be lifted.
- Garbage pushing at Meleb WDG is way overdue for a push. Contractor has been called.

d) Protective Services Committee

e) By-Law Committee

f) External Committees/Organizations

- Donation for \$500 for the Interlake Healthcare Sustainability Committee for promotional funds. Letter missed the meeting but was budgeted for.

#14  
Sumka  
Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong authorize road repairs on E of 29-21-2E to pull up the sides of the road;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT costs not to exceed \$200.00.

Carried

#15  
Lavallee  
Smerchanski

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong authorize the purchase of a push lawn mower (self propelled) for the Chatfield Waste Transfer Station.

Carried

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

IN CAMERA

Nil

ADJOURNMENT

#16  
Krochenski  
Lavallee

RESOLVED THAT the meeting be adjourned to meet again on September 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

Carried

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Jack Cruise, Reeve

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Corlie Larsen, CAO