

THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF ARMSTRONG
MINUTES
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 8, 2015

The Council of The Rural Municipality of Armstrong held its regular monthly Council meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 10:00 A.M. in the Council Chambers in the RM Office in Inwood, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Jack Cruise
Councillor Carol Lavallee
Councillor Ted Sumka
Councillor Adam Krochenski
Councillor Susan Smerchanski

Absent: Councillor Allen Pfrimmer

Also Present: Corlie Larsen, Chief Administrative Officer

CALL MEETING 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 September 8, 2015 be adopted as
Lavallee presented to council. Carried
Krochenski

READ AND CONFIRM MINUTES

#2 RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of August 11, 2015 and the minutes of
Smerchanski the special meeting of August 25, 2015 be adopted as circulated to council. Carried
Sumka

BUSINESS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

Nil

MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

ACCOUNTS APPROVED FOR PAYMENT

#3 RESOLVED THAT accounts payable cheque numbers 10271 to 10309 in the total amount of
Smerchanski \$60,954.82 and payroll cheque numbers 7096 to 7114 in the total amount of \$23,603.86 be
Lavallee approved for payment.

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT payroll cheque numbers 7084 and 7095 were voided during printing.

Carried

BY-LAWS

nil

WARD REPORTS

Ward 1

- Brushing list for Ward 1 was submitted.

Ward 2

- Received request from Leonard Huzey to clean out ditch.
- Received request for spot gravelling Rd 4W between Hwy 17 & Rd 126

Ward 3

- 3 miles of road damaged during gravel hauling, ridge on Boundary Road. RM will fix 1 mile and Armstrong Construction will fix 2 miles.
- Checked on brushing complaint that grass was left on the road but didn't see any concerns. Grass cutting widened the road and looks good.

Ward 4

- Lots of beaver problems.
- Removed dam out of NE-3-19-2E. Culverts have been ordered to fix crossing and excavator is still there to install culverts at the same time will remove more dams.
- Beavers moved back into the Fraserwood Drain and traps have been set.
- Cleaned culvert at Sharon Martins driveway along with north south culvert west of rail line.
- Have to meet with Water Stewardship for a few small projects.

Ward 5

- Still ongoing beaver problems at Ron Kowalchuk & Bernice Shurek Rd 15.
- Looked at drainage issues with Water Stewardship Roger Maksymchuk.
- Spoke to grader operator regarding washboard on corners.
- Curved signs on Road 15 (south of Rd 107) the south sign is ok but the sign north is blocked by tree branches and pole too short.
- Ron Kowalchuk wanted to know why brushing wasn't done 300 yards north of his driveway. Can't do the ditch is full of water.
- Brushing needed at Rd 105N between Hwy 7 & Rd 9E it is a bad snow buildup area.

#4
Sumka
Lavallee

WHEREAS 3 miles of road was damaged due to gravel hauling of RM roads;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Armstrong Construction be responsible to repair E of 28-21-3E and E of 16-21-3E at their expense;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the RM of Armstrong be responsible to gravel E of 21-21-3E with 125 yards of ¾" down limestone.

Carried

PUBLIC HEARINGS

none

RECEPTION OF PETITIONS

none

GENERAL BUSINESS

- a) CAO Report – report on file

#5
Smerchanski
Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong receive the monthly activity report from the CAO.

Carried

b) Building Permit Report – report on file

#6 Smerchanski Lavallee RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality Armstrong receive the monthly building permit activity report. Carried

c) Tumbleweeds Ranch 2015 Light Horse Show Sponsorship Request

#7 Smerchanski Krochenski RESOVLED THAT Council approves to make a donation to the Tumbleweeds Ranch in the amount of \$250 for their 2015 Light Horse Show. Carried

d) Interlake Women’s Resource Centre Inc. Annual General Meeting September 21 – received as info

e) Interlake Tourism Association State of Coloring Book Project – will not be completed until next year

f) Interlake Healthcare Sustainability Committee Funding Request

#8 Smerchanski Sumka RESOLVED THAT Council approves to make a donation to the Interlake Healthcare Sustainability Committee in the amount of \$500 to be used for promotional purposes. Carried

g) Association For Community Living Arris Centre Municipal Grant Request

h) Municipal Grants Review

#9 Smerchanski Lavallee RESOVLED THAT council approves of the following grants for 2015:

Gimli Seniors Resource Council	\$ 403.04
Teulon & District Seniors Resource Council	\$ 400.00
Arborg & District Seniors Resource Council	\$ 400.00
Arborg & District Handi Van	\$ 1,100.00
Eastern Interlake Handi Van	\$ 1,650.00
Teulon & District Handi Van	\$ 1,100.00
Arris Centre Assoc. Community Living	\$ 240.00
Manitoba Crime Stoppers	\$ 183.50
Interlake Women’s Resource Centre Inc.	\$ 500.00
Pioneer Trail	\$ 200.00
Teulon & District Food Bank	\$1,000.00

Carried

i) Community Places Program Workshop

#10 Krochenski Lavallee RESOLVED THAT Councillor Smerchanski be authorized to attend the Community Places Program Workshop on October 5th, 2015 in Selkirk, Manitoba.

AND THAT Councillor Smerchanski be paid indemnity and be reimbursed out of pocket expenses.

Carried

j) Interlake Eastern Regional Health Authority Annual General Meeting October 5th & June 25th Meeting Minutes – received as info

k) West Interlake Watershed Conservation District July 16th Meeting Minutes – received as info

HEARING DELEGATIONS

1:00 P.M. – Andrea Sweetland from the West Interlake Citizens Group met with council to discuss their efforts to dissolve the Municipality of West Interlake. A consultation with municipalities that may be affected is a requirement of the Municipal Act. The group is looking for comments from council to move forward with the process. Council will reply by letter that the RM of Armstrong would not be a feasible option for amalgamation since Armstrong is already such a large land area and only a small portion of the municipality that borders the RM of West Interlake. Need letter by Sept. 25th and they will be having public meeting on Sept. 30th.

1:15 P.M. – Justin Lecocq & Monika Pudelko on behalf of Myraid Village met with council to discuss the possibility of rezoning property to allow for a housing development on land that is currently zoned for agriculture. Their goal with the land is to offer low impact housing, educational programs, horticulture, building workshops, childcare facilities, arts, nature programs, camping facilities and an event space. The land would not be subdivided but have lots leased out. Need about 80 acres for residential and some land left for agriculture. They would be looking at approx. 7 to 20 houses. The property of interest is located near Dennis Lake they would like property close to the highway. Their goal is to allow for affordable housing to those that would like to live in the rural areas but can't afford it.

1:30 P.M. – Ed Waluk would like garbage pickup in the town of Inwood for seniors. Farmers get lots of money spent on drainage issues. Council will need to look into what the costs for garbage pickup and what we do for Inwood we would have to do for Fraserwood and other areas. Mr. Waluk also suggested that welcome signs are needed when coming into town and if any funding was available. Council advised that this is one of the projects for the Economic Development Officer as well as dealing with vacant lots.

l) Community Futures East Interlake COR training November 23-27th – received as info

m) Manitoba Association of Regional Recyclers 2015 MB Community Recycling & Waste Reduction Forum Oct. 21-22nd.

#11
Lavallee
Sumka

RESOLVED THAT Councillor Smerchanski be authorized to attend the 2015 MB Community Recycling & Waste Reduction Forum on October 21st and 22nd, 2015 in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

AND THAT Councillor Smerchanski be paid indemnity and be reimbursed out of pocket expenses.

Carried

n) Build Interlake Growth Regionally Grant Program deadline Sept. 25th – received as info

o) Economic Development Officer Job Advertisement

#12
Smerchanski
Lavallee

RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the CAO to advertise for the part-time position of Economic Development Officer;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the work hours for this position be set at 16 hours per week with start date in October and end date of position to be December 31, 2015;

AND FURTHER THAT this position will be reviewed at year end and may be extended with councils approval.

Carried

p) Jakob Wall Forage Lease Application

#13
Krochenski
Sumka

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong select Jakob Wall as the lessee for the property described as NW 26-18-1E subject to the Appeal Process;

AND FURTHER THAT the signing officers of the Municipality be directed to sign and execute the agreement once the Appeal Process is complete;

AND FURTHER THAT if there is no road access it will be up to the lessee to gain access to the land.

Carried

q) Vern Walkin Brushing Request to Solve Snow Problem – to be added to brushing list for Ward 5

r) Brushing Review of Ward Lists

#14
Krochenski
Sumka

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorize the following brushing to be done for each Ward;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the CAO advertises to receive quotes to complete the following brushing works.

WARD 1

NW 25-19-2W ¼ mile both sides along road 113N

NE 13-17-1W ¼ mile both sides along road 99N

WARD 2

N OF NW 23-21-1E Southside of Rd ½ mile along Rd 124 N

E of SE 27-21-3W 200 yards both sides along Rd 14W

N of NW 14-21-1W South ditch 50 yards either sides of Kempa driveway along Rd 123

E of 34-21-1E West ditch 1 mile along Rd 4E between Rd 126 & Rd 125N

WARD 3

N of NW 34-20-2E North ditch ½ mile

N of NW 33-20-2E North ditch ½ mile

N of NE 2-20-2E North ditch ¼ mile

WARD 4

Rd 111N between Rd 8E & 7E 1 mile both sides.

WARD 5

Rd 105N between Hwy 7 & Rd 9E 1 mile both sides.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT brushing width be for the full road allowance edge of the road to property line;

AND FURTHER THAT all trees, shrubs and vegetation be completely mulched or removed to ground level;

AND FURTHER THAT start date be in October and end date of Job Nov. 15, 2015.

Carried

s) Project 15-04 Fraserwood Drain Brushing Quotes

Two (2) Quotes were received for Project 15-04 Fraserwood Drain Brushing

Barylski Contracting Gunton, MB \$66,000

Damon Hokanson Camp Morton, MB \$59,980

#15
Krochenski
Sumka

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong award Project 15-04 Fraserwood Drain Brushing to Damon Hokanson for the total tendered price of \$59,980 + GST on the condition that the acceptance agreement is signed.

Carried

t) Project 15-05 Rd 124 & 3W Drain Brushing & Cleanout Quotes

Two (2) Quotes were received for Project 15-05 RD 3W Brushing & Cleanout
R2G2 St. Laurent, MB \$101,470
Damon Hokanson Camp Morton, MB \$42,150

#16
Lavallee
Sumka

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong award Project 15-05 Drain Brushing and Cleanout Rd 3W, E of 16 & 21-21-1W (Kempa Drain) to Damon Hokanson for the total tendered price of \$42,150 + GST on the condition that the acceptance agreement is signed.

Carried

Two (2) Quotes were also received for Project 15-05 RD 124N Drain Brushing & Cleanout
Project 15-05 Drain Brushing & Cleanout was to include 2 parts Rd 3W and Rd 124N. Council has decided at this time due to costs to only complete the RD 3W part and Rd 124N will be a future project.

NOTICE OF MOTION

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Roads Committee

b) Drainage Committee

- Council discussed the progress of the road side cutting and areas that still need to be done.
- Culverts down Hwy 7 are being pushed before freeze up.
- 33-21-2E has bullrushes in culvert get public works to clean out.
- John Deere tractor still needs to be fixed CAO to look after.

c) Waste management Committee

- 2 cords of wood needed for the Meleb Waste Disposal Site and Chatfield Transfer Station
- Need to check on the costs between hauling recyclables and what RM receives for recycling.
- Public Works to bring mower in shop to Chatfield WTS to use until next year until new mower is purchased.

d) Protective Services Committee

e) By-Law Committee

f) External Committees/Organizations

- Reeve Cruise reported on the Interlake Healthcare Sustainability Committee they have good new connections to bring in new doctors but will cost some money.

#17
Krochenski
Sumka

WHEREAS Road Side Cutter Wayne Spakowski has given his 2 weeks notice to end his employment with the RM;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THA T Council hire Harry Klochko as the Road Side Cutter to complete the 2015 season.

Carried

#18 RESOLVED THAT Council extend its regular meeting to 5:30 PM. Carried
Lavalley
Krochenski

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

IN CAMERA

#19 BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong resolve into a Committee of the Whole In-Camera at 5:15 PM to discuss personnel issues. Carried
Lavalley
Krochenski

#20 RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole In-Camera revert back to the regular meeting of council in open session out of camera at 6:00 PM. Carried
Krochenski
Sumka

ADJOURNMENT

#21 RESOLVED THAT the regular council meeting now be adjourned. Carried
Smerchanski
Krochenski

Jack Cruise, Reeve

Corlie Larsen, CAO