



Rural Municipality of Armstrong
Meeting Minutes
Regular Council Meeting March 14, 2017 - 10:00 AM

The Council of The Rural Municipality of Armstrong held its regular monthly Council meeting on March 14, 2017 at 10:00 AM 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

1 Call the Meeting to Order

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

Councillor Adam Krochenski joined meeting after adoption of the Agenda Resolution 52-2017.

2017-52 2 Adoption of Agenda

Councillor Pfrimmer
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular meeting of March 14, 2017 be adopted as presented to council.

CARRIED

2017-53 3 Adoption of Minutes

Councillor Lavallee
Councillor Smerchanski

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 14, 2017 be adopted as circulated to council.

CARRIED

4 Business from Previous Minutes

5 Financial Report

2017-54

5.1 Financial Statement

Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Lavallee

RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statements for February 28, 2017 be hereby adopted by Council.

CARRIED

2017-55

5.1.1 Audited Statement 2014

Councillor Smerchanski
Councillor Lavallee

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approves of the Year Ending December 31, 2014 Consolidated Financial Statements as presented in the statements produced from the municipal auditors Chambers Fraser Professional Accountants.

CARRIED

6 Accounts for Approval

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6.1 Accounts for Approval

Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT the following cheques in the total amount of \$69,885.69 be approved for payment:

Description	Cheque Numbers	Amount
Accounts Payable	11261 - 11307	\$54,721.65
Payroll	7476 - 7489	\$15,164.04

CARRIED

7 By-Laws

2017-59

7.1 Fees and Charges Policy ADM-201

Councillor Lavallee
Councillor Pfrimmer

WHEREAS Council may by resolution establish a policy to set fees and charges for various municipal services, activities or licenses to assist in reimbursing the municipality for administrative, legal, filing and other associated costs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong does hereby adopt Policy No. ADM-201 Fees and Charges.

CARRIED

7.2 Beaver Control Policy - Review

8 Ward Reports

8.1 Ward 1

Issues with roads and ice.

Attended the Inwood School meeting on February 21st.

8.2 Ward 2

Issues with roads and ice.

8.3 Ward 3

Issues with roads and ice.

8.4 Ward 4

Request from resident to have Rd 110N ditch brushed but first would like to look at the survey profile to see if ditch needs more than just brushing.

Trees still hitting the school bus and need to be cut down.

School Division refusing to pick up kids if icy roads are not salted. Called highways to have Rd 109N between Rd14E and 15E sanded and Rd 108N between Rd 9E and 10E one mile west of Hwy 7.

8.5 Ward 5

People are happy Civic Addressing Signs are going up.

Will be attending the AMM Municipal Officials Seminar.

People are concerned with health care.

8.6 Reeve

Reported on flowing well by the Wheathill Drain. The drain is full of water and the culverts are frozen at Rd 123N and Hwy 7. Water resources has been notified.

School Divisions only get 60% of their GST refunded. Would like resolution for the June District Meetings.

9 Public Hearings

9.1 10:30 AM - Conditional Use #1/2017 NE 35-17-1W Lot 43 Hwy 17 Albin Swanson (Part 9.3.34 Light Industrial)

Conditional Use requested to allow for an animal hide recycling facility to operate in the General Development Zoning District in Inwood. The facility provides the removal of fat and the basic curing of animal skins.

Applicant Albin Swanson and business partner Sean Dalgetty spoke about their business P and R Trading which operates out of Alberta and process animal skins.

They are looking at possibly receiving by truck 80 - 150 hides per day from Blumenort Manitoba. The animal hides are received from the slaughtering facility clean with no manure stuck to the hide. The hide is then processed by a machine called a fleshing machine. All the tallow (animal fat) is removed from the hide and stored in bins picked up by the rendering facility (Rothsay Winnipeg) multiple times a week. Because it is picked up regularly the tallow does not have time to breakdown and start to smell bad. The animal hides are then processed in a modified cement mixer tumbled with salt until cured properly. The salt is the same as the salt used on roads. The animal hides are dumped and drained of brine (mixture of water and salt from the hide). The brine is collected in a tank which is sucked out by a vacuum truck and disposed at a water treatment facility. Then the hides are stacked and shipped.

Reeve Cruise asked questions of the processing time, location of plant where the hides come from, if the hides are clean, waste water, the fleshing process and how often the fats get taken away. The applicant replied with more details of the process which included that the equipment is cleaned and sanitized each day and the fats are stored in bins inside the building. They may also use a refrigerated room if required. Shipping in and

out will be middle of the day. Work will be performed during day time hours and the machine hydraulics make low noise. When the bins with the hides arrive they are processed immediately.

Councillor Sumka asked if any hair would be removed and what kind of salt is used. The applicant replied no hair is removed and salt is same as used on roads and supplied council with the Safety Data Sheet for the salt used. Councillor Sumka also asked if a liner for the septic tank would be required. Applicant replied no liner required and most tanks are double walled.

Councillor Pfrimmer asked how may people they plan to employ and if road restrictions will affect business. Applicant said will need 3 to 4 employees and work with road restriction in Alberta as well.

Jo-Ann Dupont asked about where the waste water goes, control of noise pollution and how well the building is insulated, regulation on dumping the waste water, schedule of picking up of the fats if on a regular schedule, immediate control of odor and insects and if the salt will cause corrosion of the holding tank. The applicant replied that the waste water will be held underground in a septic tank and they will follow the proper regulations for dumping. The building is insulated well which will keep down the sound and they have plans to resurface the building with metal to help with wash down which will also help with reducing noises. The water from the wash down is not a lot as the pressure washer used runs at 3 gallons per minute. The fats will be picked up on a regular schedule so there should not be any odor or insects. They have plans on installing a new septic tank and they have no problems with salt in their tank where the company operates now.

Jean Erwin stated she had similar concerns as Jo-Ann Dupont.

Darryl Bocker asked if all water goes to the holding tank or is there also a septic field. Applicant replied holding tank only.

Kim Kmett Conservation Officer asked when the tanks on the property were installed and if any other chemicals were used. The holding tanks need to be CSA approved and a proposal to environment needs to be made with plans of septic tank installation including agreement made where waste water will go. Kim Kmett will forward the RM Office the application.

Ed Waluk spoke in support of creating jobs and making use of the building.

Councillor Smerchanski asked when they plan to start operations and how will odor and noise be evaluated. Applicant stated planning to start once they can receive close to 150 hides per day. The noise can be evaluated by using decibel units.

Council decision forwarded to next regular council meeting to have time to draft resolution.

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9.2 Enter Into Public Hearing

Councillor Sumka
Councillor Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT we do now adjourn this regular meeting to convene as a public hearing for Conditional Use 1/2017 Applicant Albin Swanson.

CARRIED

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9.3 Reconvene Regular Meeting

Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Smerchanski

RESOLVED THAT the public hearing be closed and we do now reconvene the Regular Meeting.

CARRIED

10 Delegations

10.1 1:15 PM Fred Paulson - Proposed Weed Control Program and Budget

Fred Paulson Weed Supervisor from the Interlake Weed Control District gave overview of the 2016 spraying, programs and new budget for 2017. Council to have spraying lists in before June.

10.2 1:30 PM Scott Beaton - Water Storage Project

Scott Beaton from Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation spoke to council about a water storage project in the RM. The project is at the north end of the RM, and will cross an undeveloped road allowance Road 1W between Rd 124 and 125N. There is also a portion of the project that crosses onto NE 25-21-1W and looking to enter into a conservation agreement with the RM and place a caveat on the title.

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10.3 1:45 PM Wayne Spakowski - Installation of Civic Addressing Signs - Approximately 400 signs have been installed to date.

Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Sumka

WHEREAS the civic addressing signs were received later in the year than predicted causing extra work due to frozen conditions;

AND WHEREAS more work is involved due to having to record missing signs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approves of a \$1.10 increase per installed sign above the original approved quote price per installed sign on Project 15-03.

CARRIED

11 Reception of Petitions

12 General Business

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12.1 CAO Report

Councillor Lavallee
Councillor Pfrimmer

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

CARRIED

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12.2 EDO Report

Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong received the monthly activity report from the EDO.

CARRIED

12.3 TAXervice - update on 2016/2017 Tax Arrears Recovery and Tax Sale

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12.4 Inwood School Advisory Council - Meeting Invite March 20, 2017

Councillor Pfrimmer
Councillor Smerchanski

WHEREAS Council of the RM of Armstrong has received an invite letter from the Inwood School Advisory Council to attend their meeting on March 20, 2017 at 6:30 PM to discuss the plan and operation of the school;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes Reeve Cruise, Councillor Pfrimmer and the Municipal EDO to attend this meeting in support of the Inwood School.

CARRIED

12.5 Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association - Meeting March 22, 2017

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12.6 June Interlake District Meeting - June 20, 2017 in Arborg

Councillor Sumka
Councillor Smerchanski

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorizes the Reeve and Councillors to attend the Interlake June District Meeting in Arborg on June 20, 2017.

CARRIED

12.7 2017 June District Meetings - Resolutions Deadline June 1, 2017

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12.8 Premier of Manitoba Peguis Tour - Appreciation Letter Request

Councillor Smerchanski
Councillor Pfrimmer

WHEREAS the Primer of Manitoba will be making an important journey biking approximately 100 miles in June of this year between the location of the original St. Peter's Reserve land allocated to Chief Peguis and his band under the Selkirk Treaty and the current Peguis First Nation to mark the 200th anniversary of the signing of the Selkirk Treaty;

AND WHEREAS Brain Pallister plans to deliver letters from Manitobans residing in every corner of the province expressing their appreciation to the descendants of the Chief Peguis and his band for the vital role they played in the formation of our province;

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong express their appreciation to the descendants of Chief Peguis and his band for the vital role they played in the formation of our province by writing a letter to Manitoba's Indigenous peoples from the municipality to be delivered by the minister in June.

CARRIED

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12.9 Claude Lachance - Request to Purchase Crown Administered Leased Lands NE18-18-1W and SE15-18-2W

Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Pfrimmer

WHEREAS the Council of the RM of Armstrong has received a request from Claude and Gisele Lachance to purchase his Crown Administered Leased Lands NE 18-18-1W Roll 207500 SE 15-18-2W Roll 231500;

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong direct administration to inform CLPA to discontinue administration of this forage lease and have the municipality assume the administration of this land; AND FURTHER THAT Claude & Gisele Lachance be responsible for the \$225 land transfer fees as well as all other legal and transfer costs associated with the transfer of the land back to the municipality;

AND FURTHER THAT once the lands have returned to the municipality that the RM enter into an agreement with Claude & Gisele Lachance for the sale of the land sales as per municipal forage lease by-law 4/16.

CARRIED

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12.10 Enns Brothers Ltd. Tractor Rental Agreement for 2017

Councillor Sumka
Councillor Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong do hereby agree to the terms and conditions as set out in the Lease Agreement dated February 15, 2017 between Enns Brothers Ltd. and the RM of Armstrong for rental of a 6130M Tractor and 620R Loader for the 2017 season;

AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the tractor be covered under the municipalities insurance;

AND FURTHER THAT the Reeve and CAO be authorized to sign the said agreement and execute the required documentation.

CARRIED

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12.11 RM Forage Lease Lands Available Listing

Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong authorize the following lands to be advertised for lease availability;

AND FURTHER THAT the deadline to receive applications be April 28, 2017.

LAND	ROLLNO.	ACRES
NW 26-18-1E	11800	160
NW 4-20-2E	110300	160
SW 9-20-2E	112500	160
SW17-20-2E	117000	160
NE 19-20-2E	117500	156.7
NW 19-20-2E	117600	175.87
SE 19-20-2E	117700	160
SW 30-20-2E	123200	155.8
SE 5-20-3E	127000	128
SW 31-20-3E	134600	80.39
NE 31-20-3E	134200	80
NW 9-21-1E	139000	159.9

CARRIED

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12.12 Office of The Fire Commissioner Agreement Renewal

Councillor Lavallee
Councillor Sumka

WHEREAS the contract between the Office of the Fire Commissioner will expired December 31, 2016;
AND WHEREAS the RM of Armstrong still does not have a building inspector;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Armstrong request the contract with the OFC be extended for the 2017 year.

CARRIED

12.13 Geoff Reimer - GPR Project Management and Consulting Services -info

12.14 Sarah-Jane Speers - Mazergroup GIS Services -info

13 Notice of Motion

13.1 Councillor Ted Sumka has given notice of his intent to have resolution 46-2017 hunting on road allowances reconsidered at the next regular council meeting.

14 Committee Reports

14.1 Roads Committee

Some drifting snow in areas and icy roads need sanding. Grader went out to scrape ice but wasn't effective.

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14.1.1 Road Side Cutter

Councillor Sumka
Councillor Pfrimmer

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Armstrong authorizes the advertising for the seasonal position of a road side grass cutter.

CARRIED

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14.1.2 Tree Trimming

Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Smerchanski

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong authorize the purchase of a Stihl gas powered pole saw.

CARRIED

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14.2 Gravel Agreement for 2017

Councillor Pfrimmer
Councillor Smerchanski

WHEREAS Council of the RM of Armstrong has approved by resolution number 21-2017 to extend the current gravelling contract with Armstrong Construction Ltd. for 2017;

AND WHEREAS there is a \$0.08 increase in fuel per cubic yard;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes this increase.

CARRIED

14.3 Drainage Committee

14.4 Waste Management Committee

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14.5 Protective Services Committee

Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Lavallee

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approves 2nd down payment to Trailwood Enterprises in the amount of \$10,000 towards the Fraserwood Fire Departments pumper truck repairs.

CARRIED

14.6 By-Law Committee

14.7 External Committees/Organizations

14.7.1 Fisher Armstrong Planning District Board - Next Meeting May 19

14.7.2 West Interlake Watershed Conservation District Meeting Minutes January 19, 2017

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14.7.3 Community Futures - Conference

Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorizes Councillor Lavallee and EDO Linda Morgan to attend the South West Regional Development Corporation Conference on April 6, 2017.

CARRIED

15 Unfinished Business

16 In Camera

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17 Adjournment

Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Smerchanski

RESOLVED THAT the council meeting now be adjourned 4:35 PM.

CARRIED

Reeve

Chief Administrative Officer