Rural Municipality of Armstrong
Meeting Minutes
Regular Council Meeting January 14, 2020 - 10:00 AM

The Council of The Rural Municipality of Armstrong held its regular monthly Council meeting on January 14, 2020 at 10:00 AM in the Council Chambers in the RM Office in Inwood, Manitoba.

Present: Reeve Susan Smerchanski
Councillor Ralph Hazelton
Councillor Paul Humeny
Councillor Ted Sumka
Councillor Adam Krochenski
Councillor Allen Evanchyshin

Also Present: Corlie Larsen, Chief Administrative Officer

1 Call the Meeting to Order
With a quorum present, Reeve Smerchanski called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM.

# 2 Adoption of Agenda
2020-00000001
Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Hazelton
RESOLVED THAT the Agenda for the regular meeting of January 14, 2020 be adopted as presented to council.
CARRIED

# 3 Adoption of Minutes
2020-00000002
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Sumka
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the December 10, 2019 Regular Council Meeting be adopted as circulated to council.
CARRIED

4 Business from Previous Minutes

# 4.1 Ronald Findlay, Royal Canadian Legion Branch #52 Stonewall - Remembrance Day Donation for 2019
2020-00000003
Councillor Hazelton
Councillor Humeny
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong approves to donate $70 to the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 52 Stonewall for the Remembrance Day Ceremony held at the Inwood Memorial Community Center on November 11, 2019.
CARRIED

5 Accounts for Approval

5.1 Financial Statement
## 5.2 Accounts for Approval

Councillor Humeny
Councillor Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT the following cheques in the total amount of $281,685.76 be approved for payment:

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CARRIED

## 5.3 River East Construction - Invoice Brushing Project Completed Ward 5

Councillor Evanchyshin
Councillor Humeny

WHEREAS River East Construction has completed Brushing Project Resolution 297/2019 to the satisfaction of Council; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong authorize full payment to River East Construction for the quoted amount of $9,500.00 plus GST.

CARRIED

### 6 By-Laws

### 7 Ward Reports

#### 7.1 Ward 1

- Received calls about snowplowing.

#### 7.2 Ward 2

**Ward 2 Report December 9 - January 13, 2020**

Dec 10 Regular Council Mtg

Dec. 11 EMO Mtg Inwood

Dec. 12 Discussed proposed survey on Road 0 with landowners and got landowner consent forms signed.

Dec. 13 Email to Geoff Reimer and Krisjan Hepples regarding surveys and licence requirements.

Dec. 19 Checked our repairs required on Rd 124N between 8W and 7.5W with Armstrong Construction.

Jan. 6 Armstrong Construction started repairs on 124N between 8W and 7.5W.

Jan. 7 Out to 124N between 8W and 7.5W to review progress and check with contractor.

Jan. 8 Repairs complete on 124N between 8W and 7.5W.

Jan. 10 & 11 Ward 2 snowplowing complete.
7.3 Ward 3
- Received calls about snowplowing.
- Received call about fire by Fish Lake Drain.
- Received call about a truck load of garbage dumped at Meleb.
- Talked to the RM of Gimli about cost shared brushing.
- Looked into prices for a pallet jack and pallets to be used at the Meleb Waste Site for electronics recycling.

7.4 Ward 4
- Was asked to check on the brushing done in Ward 5. Checked the brushing and no large sticks left behind but some large rocks should be removed.
- Attended the Vet Board Meeting where they went over the budget and inventory.
- Lots of calls regarding the proposed Colony moving to Armstrong.

7.5 Ward 5
- Attended the East Interlake Watershed Meeting. There are 2 new vacancies on the Sub Committee Icelandic River and Washow Bay Creek with the new changes.
- Lots of calls regarding the proposed Colony in Armstrong.

7.6 Reeve
Jan. 14, 2020 Reeve’s Report


Dec. 8, 2019 - Old Fashioned Community Christmas Concert / Inwood - We attended.

Dec. 9, 2019 - East Interlake Conservation District AGM - Updates on Local Projects, Programs, Legislation and the new rolls of the Watershed Districts.

Dec. 11, 2019 - Emergency Measures Organization - Review, Presentation and Updates on our Program and the Flood Forecast predicted for Spring 2020. We continue to recruit and train local volunteers. Thanks to our Coordinator, MEC and Volunteer Coordinator for their dedication and to every one for their commitment.

Dec. 13, 2019 - The Interlake Immigration Committee held a very successful Pot Luck and Christmas Party in Arborg.

Dec. 16, 2019 - Community Futures Board Meeting and Training - “Legal Responsibilities of Board Members”.

Throughout December I participated in and attended a variety of Community Events - including Christmas Concerts / Parties and Christmas Cheer Board and visited the Inwood & Chatfield Transfer Stations and Meleb Landfill to update and share information / pamphlets I gathered at the MARR Forum. I had a variety of calls on snowplowing, land sold in the RM and opportunities to purchase or lease RM land. Our EMO program continues to move forward and our recycling program continues to grow.
There have been a number of issues, questions and concerns and we continue to work with our communities.

8 Public Hearings

9 Delegations

9.1 1:00 PM - Jason Crawford - To discuss swapping CPR lands with RM lands.
Discussed the possibility of purchasing RM owned lands NE & NW of 29-18-3E.

9.2 1:15 PM - Jack Cruise - Discuss survey request for NE 21-21-3W.
Would like to see money put into this years budget to do the survey for the NE 21-21-3W and to complete that drainage work.

9.3 1:30 PM - Jeff Yablonski, Armstrong Construction - Grading/Snowplowing Contract
Discussed the recent snowplowing and snowplow map updates.

10 Reception of Petitions

11 General Business

# 2020-00000006

11.1 Green Team for 2020
Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Humeny
RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong authorizes the CAO to apply to the Urban/hometown Green Team Grant for 2 summer student employees to provide grounds maintenance for the municipality during an eight week period starting in July 2020.
CARRIED

11.2 Request from Carl Blahey to purchase his RM Forage Leased Lands SE 1-21-1E and SW 1-21-1E.
Council would like to review and update the purchasing policy before considering sales on forage leased lands.

# 2020-00000007

11.3 Lakeshore School Division - Budget Meeting Invite for February 25, 2020 in Eriksdale.
Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Hazelton
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorizes Reeve Smerchanski to attend the Lakeshore School Division Budget Meeting held on February 25, 2020 in Eriksdale.
CARRIED

# 2020-00000008

11.4 Tax Incentive Application from Bruce Dudrak & Daphne Monkman Roll 65100.
Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Sumka
WHEREAS the Office of the Fire Commissioner’s Building Inspector has completed the final inspection for the new home on Roll 65100;
RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong accept the Development Tax Incentive Program Application received from Bruce Dudrak & Daphne Monkman for the new home construction on Roll 65100 for the 2019 tax year at 100% rebate of the municipal property taxes in the amount of $2,477.68 for the new building.
CARRIED

11.5 Heritage Resource Conservation Grant Program (for info)
11.6 Edward Kleinsasser, Crystal Spring Colony - Request to Purchase RM Lands NE & NW 29-18-3E.

11.7 Crystal Spring Colony Farms - Request to establish a farming operation and build a colony Section 28-18-3E.

Members of the Crystal Spring Colony Farms would like to establish a farming operation and build a Colony in the RM of Armstrong on Section 28-18-3E Rd 106N. Property is located within the Agricultural General Zone as per the RM of Armstrong’s Zoning By-law and all items proposed will have to adhere to this Zoning By-Law and where applicable obtain any required development and building permits for the structures. For water and sewer they will have to consult with the Environmental Officer.

11.8 Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association - Municipal Issues Day Seminar March 18th.

12 Notice of Motion

13 Committee Reports

13.1 Roads Committee

13.1.1 Road 124N between Rd 8W & 7.5W - Additional Repair/Gravel

Councillor Sumka  Councillor Krochenski

WHEREAS repairs to Rd 124N between Rd 8W and Rd 7.5W will exceed approved amount in resolution 325-2019 of $6,000.00;
AND WHEREAS more gravel is required to complete the road works;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize an additional expense in the amount of $1,920.00 plus GST to complete the job.

CARRIED

13.2 Drainage Committee

13.2.1 Susan Mitchell - Crossing request for property Lot 2 Plan 54677 in the SW 5-18-3E off Rd 13E.

Councillor Evanchyshin  Councillor Krochenski

WHEREAS Council of the RM of Armstrong has received a request for a crossing to access property Lot 2 Plan 54677 in the SW 5-18-3E from Susan Mitchell;
RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this request with culvert size to be determined by Manitoba Conservation and Climate;
AND FURTHER THAT the costs of the culvert and installation to be the responsibility of the property owner as per RM Policy Res#98/01.
AND FURTHER THAT the minimum length of the culvert be 32 ft.

CARRIED

13.3 Waste Management Committee

13.3.1 Rodent Control at Meleb Waste Disposal Grounds

New bait stations are being used at the Meleb Waste Site to help eliminate birds from accessing the rodent bait.

13.4 Protective Services Committee
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorizes Pat Stein Volunteer EMO Coordinator to attend the Disaster Management Conference held on January 22 to 24, 2020; FURTHER THAT the registration costs of $400.00 be paid by the municipality; AND FURTHER THAT Council authorises $250.00 to cover her out of pocket expenses to attend.

CARRIED

13.5 By-Law Committee

13.6 External Committees/Organizations

14 Unfinished Business

14.1 Larry Wityshyn - Crossing Extension Request for SE 3-18-1E off Rd 4E.
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Sumka
WHEREAS Council of the RM of Armstrong has received a request to extend existing crossing by 12 ft to access property with larger equipment to the SE 3-18-1E off Rd 4E from Larry Wityshyn;
RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this request to replace existing 16 inch x 20 ft with a 18 inch x 32 ft culvert;
AND FURTHER THAT the municipality supply the culvert and the installation to be the responsibility of the property owner as per RM Policy Res#98/01.

CARRIED

Larry Wityshyn - Crossing Request for SW 10-18-1E off Rd 103N.
Councillor Evanchyshin
Councillor Sumka
WHEREAS Council of the RM of Armstrong has received a request for a crossing to access property SW 10-18-1E (E 1/2) off Rd 103N from Larry Wityshyn;
RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this request with culvert size to be determined by Manitoba Conservation and Climate;
AND FURTHER THAT the costs of the culvert and installation to be the responsibility of the property owner as per RM Policy Res#98/01.
AND FURTHER THAT the minimum length of the culvert be 32ft.

Further discussions to follow for Larry Wityshyn regarding his other drainage concerns.

CARRIED

15 In Camera

15.1 In Camera
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Krochenski
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council close the meeting to the public to meet as a Committee of the Whole-In Camera to discuss personnel and legal issues;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT any matters discussed while in camera be held confidential until such time as discussed in open council.

CARRIED
# 15.2  
**Out of Camera**  
Councillor Humeny  
Councillor Hazelton

WHEREAS subsection 152(4) of "The Municipal Act" provides for Council to only pass a resolution to re-open a closed meeting to the public;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole in Camera revert back to the regular meeting of council in open session out of camera.

CARRIED

# 16  
**Adjournment**  
Councillor Krochenski  
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT the council meeting now be adjourned at 4:00 PM.

CARRIED

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer