The Council of The Rural Municipality of Armstrong held its regular monthly Council meeting on March 10, 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 Allen Evanchyshin  

Also Present: Corlie Larsen, Chief Administrative Officer  

Absent: Councillor Adam Krochenski

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5.1 Transfer of 2018 Surplus to Reserve

Councillor Hazelton
Councillor Sumka

WHEREAS there is a surplus from 2018;
RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approves to transfer $250,000 from the 2018 surplus to the Fire Reserve and $250,000 to the Waste Management Reserve.

CARRIED

5.2 Financial Statement

5.2.1 2018 - Audited Financial Statement

Councillor Humeny
Councillor Evanchyshin

WHEREAS Chambers Fraser Professional Accountants have completed the final 2018 Audited Financial Statement for the RM of Armstrong;
RESOLVED THAT the Audited Financial Statement for 2018 be hereby received and approved by Council;
AND FURTHER THAT the Reeve, Deputy Reeve and CAO be authorized to sign the statement.

CARRIED

5.3 Accounts for Approval

Councillor Evanchyshin
Councillor Hazelton

RESOLVED THAT the following cheques in the total amount of $68,719.07 be approved for payment:

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CARRIED

6 By-Laws

6.1 By-law 1/2020 - Participation in the East Interlake Watershed District - Second Reading

Councillor Evanchyshin
Councillor Humeny

RESOLVED THAT By-Law #1/2020 being a by-law to participate in the East Interlake Watershed District be read a second time.

CARRIED

6.2 By-law 1/2020 - Participation in the East Interlake Watershed District - Third Reading (recorded vote)

Councillor Humeny
Councillor Evanchyshin

RESOLVED THAT By-Law #1/2020 being a by-law to participate in the East Interlake Watershed District be read a third time.

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6.3 By-law 2/2020 - Participation in the West Interlake Watershed District - Second Reading
Councillor Hazelton
Councillor Sumka
RESOLVED THAT By-Law #2/2020 being a by-law to participate in the West Interlake Watershed District be read a second time.
CARRIED

6.4 By-law 2/2020 - Participation in the West Interlake Watershed District - Third Reading (recorded vote)
Councillor Evanchyshin
Councillor Hazelton
RESOLVED THAT By-Law #2/2020 being a by-law to participate in the West Interlake Watershed District be read a third time.

Name Yes No Abstained Absent
Allen Evanchyshin ✓
Ralph Hazelton ✓
Paul Humeny ✓
Adam Krochenski ✓ ✓
Susan Smerchanski ✓✓
Ted Sumka ✓
CARRIED

6.5 By-law 3/2020 - Regulate the Proceedings and Conduct of the Council and the Committees Thereof - First Reading
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Hazelton
RESOLVED THAT By-Law #3/2020 being a by-law to regulate the proceedings and conduct of the council and committees thereof be read a first time.
CARRIED

6.6 By-law 4/2020 - Amending By-Law Managing Long Term Forage Leases - First Reading
Councillor Hazelton
Councillor Sumka
RESOLVED THAT By-Law #4/2020 being an amending by-law to manage long term forage leases read a first time.
CARRIED

7 Ward Reports

7.1 Ward 1

Ward 1 Report for February 2020
Feb. 2 - Check Roads for Snow
Feb. 11 - Council Meeting
Feb. 13 - Check Roads for Snow
Feb. 19 - Planning Meeting at Fisher Branch
Feb. 21 - Committee Council Meeting
Feb. 27 - Special Council Meeting
Feb. 29 - Looked at Drainage Issue in Ward 5

7.2 Ward 2

Ward 2 Report February 11 - March 4, 2020
Feb. 12, 13, 14 - Discussed grant application procedure with MLA’s office.
Feb. 18 - Resident inquired about road for Section 5.
Feb. 21 - Special Meeting & budget paper in Inwood.
Feb. 26 - Met with Water-Drainage and licensing officer in Gimli to discuss various drainage issues.
Feb. 27 - Flood Protection and Special Meeting in Inwood.
March 3 - Resident called regarding another accident on Highway # 17 and again no cell service to call ambulance. 2nd serious accident in 2 months.
March 4 - Budget meeting in Inwood.

7.3 Ward 3
- Dealt with snowplow issues, there was a jeep stuck on the road.
- Had the plow open up all the roads in ward that were not plowed all year.

7.4 Ward 4

7.5 Ward 5

7.6 Reeve

Reeve Susan Smerchanski Report March 10, 2020
Feb. 6, 2020 - Town Hall Meeting / Gimli - RCMP Presentation
Feb. 10, 2020 - Community Futures Meeting / Riverton
Feb. 12, 2020 - Interlake Tourism Executive Meeting - Oak Hammock - Budget/Mentorship
Feb. 19, 2020 - Fisher/Armstrong Planning District Meeting / Fisher Branch
Feb. 20, 2020 - EMO Meeting at the Fraserwood Fire Hall EMO updates/grant info.
Feb. 24, 2020 - Interlake Healthcare Sustainability Committee/Teulon - Presentation on the new paramedic/palliative care program and info on rural student doctor placement program for Teulon.

- We have received a grant from Community Futures towards interpretive signage for Fraserwood. I have been working with Second Nature to have the panels for Inwood, Meleb & Fraserwood installed.
- Working with EMO volunteer coordinator/MEC on updates and planning an EMO volunteer/public meeting Mar. 25 - 7:00 pm at Fraserwood Hall.
- Weather Spotter Training - March 21 at Fraserwood.

8 Public Hearings

9 Delegations

9.1 1:00 PM - David Yablonski - To discuss road concerns, building a road, putting up a dead end sign on Yablonski & Kuz Road.

David Yablonski discussed his need for Road 109N to be fixed up and extended to get access to his property SE 10-19-1E. He suggested that if the road was not to be done he would like to swap his owned lands SE 10-19-1E with his RM leased lands NE 8-19-3E which has access. He would also like a dead end sign at Yablonski Rd and Kuz Rd because the stop sign is hard to see at night and there are vehicles going through the intersection getting stuck and garbage is being left on his property.

9.2 1:15 PM - Tina Caumartin, Lori Mott, Lynne Moore, Sheila Sherred, Val Watt, Denis Pelland, Kathleen Pelland, Melinda Skogan, Inwood Manor Board - To discuss affordable transportation to and from essential and non-essential services in the RM.

Spokesperson Tina Caumartin, Manager at the Inwood Seniors Lodge and Inwood Manor spoke on behalf of the Board Members, Business Owners, Employees, Retirees and Residents to disuses concerns of the citizens needing affordable transportation. As the RM of Armstrong has limited essential services within the boundaries residents must travel outside the RM boarders to receive many services such as doctor appointments, prescriptions, banking, groceries and occasional outings. As per the latest Stats Canada Survey the current population of the RM of Armstrong is 20%
ages 65 or older and the seniors population is expected to increase by 43% over the next 20 years. They are asking that the RM of Armstrong increase its commitment to the health and development of their community and its residents by increasing funding to the Handi-Van, ensuring transportation is available and affordable to those needing it. In closing Lori Mott local business owner and President of the Inwood Seniors Lodge, Vice President of the Inwood Manor read some letters of support from some of those that could not attend the meeting. The Age Friendly board members in attendance suggested that the moneys within the Age Friendly account of approx $1,200 be used towards this years contribution.

# 9.3 1:30 PM - Terry Hartle & Cherise Griffin, Teulon & District Handi Van - To discuss issues and concerns of residents.
Councillor Hazelton
Councillor Evanchyshin

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Armstrong agrees with the Teulon Handi Van Board to discuss setting up an agreement with them.

CARRIED

9.3.1 Handi-Van Discussion
Terry Hartle & Cherise Griffin from the Teulon & District Handi-Van met with council to discuss setting up a committee and getting an agreement going with the Handi-Van and the Municipality. The Handi-Van is in full support of supplying services to the RM of Armstrong. Within the agreement they would discuss costs, boundaries and having a representative on the board. Currently the Handi-Van is servicing the area without an agreement and with an agreement costs could be reduced for the users.

9.4 1:45 PM - Fred Paulson, Interlake Weed Control District - To go over the Interlake Weed Control program and proposed 2020 budget.
Fred Paulson, Weed Supervisor went over the weed control program for 2020. He would need council's budget estimate by April 14th and council's maps by May 18th. He included an estimate for Red Bartsia along the Interlake Pioneer Trail. Armstrong Council had cost shared 50/50 last year with Manitoba Hydro on joint locations which went really well and other RM's are now interested in doing the same.

9.5 2:15 PM - Jerry Harasymko - To discuss why is plowing being allowed without a nose plow.
Jerry Harasymko wanted to know why snowplowing is being allowed without the nose plow. He seen the plow go passed his place on Feb. 15th around 9:30 am without the nose plow then again the same day around 1:00 pm with the nose plow so his Road 105 between Rd 7E & 8E was done twice. Council advised the plows are monitored by GPS so will be able to look into.

10 Reception of Petitions

11 General Business

# 11.1 CAO Report
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Sumka

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

CARRIED
11.2 AMM - 2020 June District Meetings & Resolutions - Interlake District June 25th RM of Coldwell.
Councillor Sumka
Councillor Evanchyshin

RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby approve that Reeve and Council Members be authorized to attend the 2020 AMM Interlake June District Meeting held in the RM of Coldwell on June 25th;

AND FURTHER THAT registration, mileage and applicable indemnities and expenses be authorized for payment.

CARRIED

11.3 Manitoba Municipal Relation Assessment Services - Board of Revision Date for the 2021 Assessment Rolls September 10, 2020.
Councillor Sumka
Councillor Evanchyshin

WHEREAS Sections 35(1, 2 and 4) of the Municipal Assessment Act states as follows:
35(1) A council shall each year by resolution appoint a board of revision consisting of not less than three members, some or all of whom may be members of the council.
35(2) A council shall appoint a member of a board appointed under subsection (1) to serve as the presiding officer of the board.
35(4) The council shall appoint a person to act as secretary of a board appointed under subsection (1).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council as a whole shall be appointed to the 2021 Board of Revision;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Reeve or Deputy Reeve shall be appointed as the presiding officer of the 2021 Board;
AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer shall be appointed to act as Secretary of the 2021 Board;
AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Revision date for the 2021 assessment rolls for the RM of Armstrong be held at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong in Inwood Manitoba on Thursday, September 10, 2020.

CARRIED

11.4 Heritage Grants Program - Interpretive Signs for Inwood Snake and Meleb Mushroom Statues - Project Completion Report and Final Payment. (for info)

11.5 2020 MARR Annual General Meeting & Spring Tour/Event - April 30, 2020 in Steinbach, MB.
Councillor Evanchyshin
Councillor Hazelton

RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby approve Reeve Smerchanski and Councillor Humeny to attend the 2020 MARR Annual General Meeting & Spring Tour/Event on April 30 in Steinbach, MB;
AND FURTHER THAT registration, mileage and applicable indemnities and expenses be authorized for payment.

CARRIED

11.6 Rural Municipality of Gimli - Request for sharing of information regarding land purchases by Spring Colony Farms in both our respective municipalities.
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Sumka

WHEREAS the RM of Armstrong has received a request from the RM of Gimli Council to share information regarding the land purchases by Spring Colony Farms in both our respective municipalities;
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Armstrong agrees to share this information with the RM of Gimli Council.

CARRIED

11.7 Manitoba Sustainable Energy Association 2020 Conference & AGM - April 8, 2020 in Morden, MB.

11.8 Manitoba Weed Supervisors Association - 2020 Municipal Weed Issues Meeting March 18, 2020 in Carberry, MB.

11.9 Manitoba Infrastructure Engineering and Operations Division - Proposed Access, Access Relocation, and Tree Planting Legalization PR 231 NW 14-19-2E Fraserwood. (for info)

# 11.10 Interlake Tourism - Annual General Meeting April 23, 2020 in Warren, MB. (for info)
Councillor Evanchyshin
Councillor Humeny
RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby approve Reeve Smerchanski to attend the Interlake Tourism Annual General Meeting on April 23, 2020 in Warren, MB; AND FURTHER THAT mileage and applicable indemnities and expenses be authorized for payment.

CARRIED

11.11 Farm Credit Canada - AgriSpirit Fund Project Funding March 1 to 31, 2020. (for info)

11.12 Muriel Smith on behalf of People for the Preservation of Willow Island Coastal Wetlands regarding possible sale of land NE & NW 29-18-3E to Crystal Spring Colony. (for info)

11.13 Larry Wityshyn - Drainage Issues at SW 2-18-1E. (meeting is set up with water stewardship and conservation to discuss)

# 11.14 Request for Proposals - 2020 Privately Owned Equipment Hourly Rates - Review Submissions
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Evanchyshin
WHEREAS 2020 Equipment Hourly Rates were received from the following companies:
Armstrong Construction Ltd.
Barylski Contracting
Cutting Edge Earthmoving
Double N Transport
Eddie’s Gravel Supply Ltd.
Earthworks Construction
F & L Adamik
Interlake Excavating Inc.
Interlake Water Supply
James Minsky Trucking
Johannesson Trucking & Exc. Ltd.
K & L Contracting Ltd.
Orbanski Construction Ltd.
Phil Yoder and Sons
R.C. Drilling
Silver Dirtworks
Stonewall Water Service Construction
Thorkelson Backhoe
Tri-Line Construction Ltd.
Weik Construction
RESOLVED THAT the equipment and rates submitted by these companies is to be used the Armstrong Council when selecting a contractor for hourly work available in the municipality excluding special project tenders and request for quotes which are advertised for separately.

CARRIED
RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong agrees to advertise for long term forage lease the following listing of available lands:

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RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby approve that the following individuals be authorized to attend the 2020 Watershed District Tour of the East Interlake Watershed District held on June 26th:

Reeve Smerchanski
Councillor Evanchyshin

AND FURTHER THAT mileage and applicable indemnities and expenses be authorized for payment.

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong authorize the expense of food and refreshments for the March 25th Public EMO Meeting;

AND FURTHER THAT Council agrees to advertise for the public meeting in the local Tribune and the Express.

RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby approve Reeve Smerchanski to attend the Soft Skills for Tough Cookies Workshop held on April 14, 2020 in Brandon, MB at the Keystone Centre;

AND FURTHER THAT registration of $100, mileage and applicable indemnities and expenses be authorized for payment.
Bell Quotation - Inwood Fire Department Radios (item added)
Councillor Sumka
Councillor Humeny
WHEREAS the outdated FleetNet emergency communications system is currently being replaced, municipalities will start transitioning to the new Public Safety Communications Service (PSCS) in 2020;
RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong agrees to purchase 2 Portable APX2000 radios plus extra battery for the quoted price from Bell Mobility of $7,112.00 plus tax for the Inwood Fire Department.

CARRIED

East Interlake Regional Municipal Roundtable Meeting (item added)
Councillor Sumka
Councillor Humeny
RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby approve Councillor Evanchyshin to attend the East Interlake Regional Municipal Roundtable Meeting on March 13, 2020 in Arborg;
AND FURTHER THAT registration, mileage and applicable indemnities and expenses be authorized for payment.

CARRIED

2020 Municipal Officials Seminar and Municipal Trade Show (item added)
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Sumka
RESOLVED THAT Council do hereby approve Councillor Evanchyshin to attend the 2020 Municipal Officials Seminar and Municipal Trade Show held April 15 and 16, 2020 at the Keystone Centre in Brandon;
AND FURTHER THAT registration, mileage and applicable indemnities and expenses be authorized for payment.

CARRIED

Notice of Motion provided by Reeve Smerchanski at the February 11, 2020 Regular Council Meeting to rescind Resolution 52-2019 regarding the Narcisse decommissioning project.
Councillor Sumka
Councillor Humeny
WHEREAS Notice was provided by Reeve Smerchanski at the February 11, 2020 Regular Council Meeting to rescind resolution #52/2019 regarding the RM of Armstrong agreeing to complete the work in cell 6 for the Narcisse decommissioning project;
AND WHEREAS Council would like to look into the project further with regards to the affected landowners;
RESOLVED THAT Council agrees to rescind resolution 52/2019.

CARRIED

Committee Reports

Roads Committee
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Hazelton
RESOLVED THAT Council agrees to add "Request from Jack Cruise to Brush RM Lease SW3-21-3W" to the Agenda to be discussed under Roads Committee.

CARRIED
13.1.1 Request from Jack Cruise to Brush RM Lease SW 3-21-3W
Councillor Sumka
Councillor Humeny

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approves lessee Jack Cruise to bulldoze a fenceline approximately 50 yards wide on the south and east boundaries of rm leased property SW 3-21-3W to put up a new fence which will connect to existing fences on his deeded land.

CARRIED

13.2 Drainage Committee

13.3 Waste Management Committee

13.4 Protective Services Committee
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Evanchyshin

RESOLVED THAT Council agrees to add "Approval of 2020 EMO Plan" to be discussed under Protective Services Committee.

CARRIED

13.4.1 Approval of 2020 EMO Plan
Councillor Hazelton
Councillor Evanchyshin


CARRIED

13.5 By-Law Committee

13.6 External Committees/Organizations

14 Unfinished Business

15 In Camera

16 Adjournment
Councillor Hazelton
Councillor Humeny

RESOLVED THAT the council meeting now be adjourned 3:14 PM.

CARRIED

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Reeve

_______________________
Chief Administrative Officer