The Council of The Rural Municipality of Armstrong held its regular monthly Council meeting on November 12, 2019 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

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
2019-0000278
Councillor Sumka
Councillor Evanchyshin
RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular meeting of November 12, 2019 be adopted as amended to include the following:
General Business / 11.8 Manitoba 150 Grants and Support
- Letter from Manitoba Living History Society
Drainage Committee
- Ward 3 Project Extensions

CARRIED

# 3 Adoption of Minutes
2019-0000279
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Hazelton
RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 8, 2019 and the Special Meeting of October 18, 2019 be adopted as circulated to council.

CARRIED

4 Business from Previous Minutes

5 Accounts for Approval

# 5.1 Financial Statement
2019-0000280
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Evanchyshin
RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statements for October 31, 2019 be hereby received and approved by Council.

CARRIED
# 2019-0000281

## 5.2 Accounts for Approval

Councillor Sumka  
Councillor Evanchyshin

RESOLVED THAT the following cheques in the total amount of $749,423.79 be approved for payment:

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CARRIED

# 2019-0000282

## 5.2.1 Manitoba Environmental Industries Association (MEIA) - Waste Diversion Workshop Invoice Oct. 29th.

Councillor Humeny  
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong authorize payment of Invoice 6424 from Manitoba Environmental Industries Association in the amount of $70.00 for the Reeves attendance at the Waste Diversion Workshop on October 29, 2019.

CARRIED

# 2019-0000283

## 5.2.2 Second Nature Adventures in Discovery - Interpretive Panels Inwood & Meleb Final Payment.

Councillor Humeny  
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong authorize final payment in the amount of $3,063.75 plus GST to Second Nature Adventures in Discovery for the completed proofs of the Inwood and Meleb Interpretive Panels.

CARRIED

6 By-Laws

7 Ward Reports

### 7.1 Ward 1

- Attended the Regular and Special Council Meeting.

- Attended the Conservation District Meeting Oct. 17 in St. Laurent.

- Inwood Fire Department handed out candies at the fire hall for Halloween.

- Received request to update the outdated and faded highways sign coming into Inwood which illustrates the different services and activities within town. Request for resolution.

- People concerned with the electronics piling up at the Inwood Waste Transfer Station.

### 7.2 Ward 2

**Ward 2 Report October 8 - November 10, 2019**

Oct. 10 - Heavy wet snow started.

Oct. 11, 12, 13 - Snowstorm with power out for over 60 hours kept in touch with neighbours and residents in Ward 2.

Oct. 14 - Checked roads and east-west roads need to be plowed drifts 2 and 3 feet high in places.

Oct. 15 - Checked out ditch and driveway flooding at residence 4181.
Oct. 18 - Special Council Mtg. Drove through Ward 2 checking on roads and drainage.

Oct. 19 - Checked out plugged and broken culvert on Prime Meridian Trail at Deep Lake as requested by resident.

Oct. 21 - Asked to view water at Road 2E and 124 crossing.

Oct. 24 - Checked roads to see if grading was required.

Oct. 28 - Attended Manitoba Beef Producer’s Mtg in Arborg in regards to the new Crown Land leases program.

Nov. 5 - Special Council Mtg.

With culverts presently frozen we can expect some serious flooding issues come spring.

7.3 Ward 3
- Received many angry calls regarding snow clearing after the storm. Takes a while to get all roads open, operators can’t do everything at once.

- Checked out some beaver houses and beaver cut down a tree which landed on a hydro pole.

- Attended the Special Council Meeting.

- Worked on improvements and updates to the Meleb Waste Disposal Grounds regarding the set up of Hydro and C-Cans. Some brushing is required to put in the new hydro line. Had the concrete pile cleaned up that was in the way for the new line. Hydro is requesting an Environmental Study be done for the underground lines.

- Sign regarding the refuse permit tags at Meleb needs to be moved to a better location.

- Many truck loads of yard clean up came to the Meleb Waste Site so went to check on the property where all the waste was coming from.

- Water is still running through culvert Rd 15E between Rd 114N and 115N.

- Rembrandt Drain not frozen water is still flowing.

7.4 Ward 4
7.5 Ward 5
- Attended Council Regular and Special Meeting.

- Was busy checking roads after the snowstorm.

- Asked by Ward 3 Councillor and looked at drainage Rd 15E and Rd 120N.

- Looked at drainage projects in Ward 5. Hwys brushed ditch along Hwy 7 at Rd 104N.

7.6 Reeve
Reeve Report Nov. 12, 2019
- 2019-2020 Interlake Tourism Maps are being distributed.

Oct. 7 - Community Futures Meeting in Dunnottar.

Oct. 16 - Community Futures Training - Lac du Bonnet.

Oct. 19 - Fraserwood Fall Supper.
Oct. 20 - Narcisse Women’s Institute Tea - Komarno

Oct. 23 - Community Futures Open House - Riverton.


- updating and working with council, contractors, staff, community volunteers and residents on contracts, projects, issues & concerns; the EMO program (updating & distributing handouts / information - 72 Hour Kits / ERIK Kits); as well as improvements and updates to our recycling program and maintenance of the sites.

8 Public Hearings

9 Delegations

9.1 1:00 PM - Derek Johnson MLA for Interlake-Gimli - Meet and answer questions.

- Discussed the October 11, 2019 snowstorm and power outages in Armstrong.
- Discussed the trees cut and left in ditches by Hydro and who was responsible to clean them up. RM is waiting for a response from Hydro and would like it looked into.
- Discussed the changes to drainage licences as the province streamlines approach to drainage. The amended Water Rights Act and Regulation includes 14 day approval period for registrable drainage projects, exemption for “like-for-like” municipal culvert replacements and ability to bundle project applications under certain conditions. The fees will be increased for registrable and licensed projects. The changes help to reduce the red tape for lower-risk, lower-impact drainage and water retention works, while focusing on higher-impact and higher-risk projects. The lower-risk/lower impact drainage and water retention works can now be registered as opposed to licensed.
- Discussed grants available. Look into grants for the new cell and roads.
- Discussed Crown Lands and the new auction system. Hurts small farmers and a system that people won’t want to invest in Crown Land improvements. Working on a faster turn around on the sale of crown lands.
- Discussed agricultural industries lack of feed and impact of farmers having to selling off cattle. New minister now hopefully discussions will be happening as the current programs are not working.
- Discussed lack of cell phone service in Armstrong. As the phone providers are a private enterprise the province can’t tell them what to do but there have been new towers being put up.
- Council was asked to provide a list of 3 or 5 miles of priority provincial drainage that the RM would like to have done.

9.2 1:30 PM - Jim and Pat Zuk - Discuss drainage.

Jim Zuk attended meeting to discuss his outstanding drainage issues at SE 15-18-2E and wants answers as to what council is doing about it. He noted that both sides of Rd 104N need to be cleaned so wants to make sure the north side will also be included in the project and still wants the ditch dug by Harasymko filled in. He also discussed the trees that were cut and left behind by Hydro in the ditch by his property. He was satisfied that the RM Office issued him a wood permit and he cleaned up the wood himself.

9.3 1:45 PM - Sgt. Rob Gray and Cpl. Dave Spakowski - RCMP Updates.

Break ins have been on the rise in the municipality and they encourage the public to install 24 hr surveillance cameras on their properties, good quality cameras can be purchased at low cost. The RCMP have been making more of a presence in Inwood, there is a lot of speeding traffic through Inwood. Council was also asked for more information regarding the questions they had for their upcoming meeting request with the RCMP at the AMM Convention.

9.3.1 RCMP Quarterly Mayor’s Report July 1st to September 30th, 2019 Gimli Area

9.4 2:00 PM - John Wasyliw - Discuss last snowplowing.

- Delegation was unable to attend meeting.
10 Reception of Petitions

11 General Business

# 11.1 CAO Report
2019-0000284

Councillor Sumka
Councillor Humeny

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

CARRIED

# 11.1.1 Waste Permit Tags
2019-0000285

Councillor Humeny
Councillor Evanchyshin

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approves to issue Refuse Permit Tags for all property owners / ratepayers;

AND FURTHER THAT only one tag be issued per property or per owner/resident.

CARRIED

11.2 Tax Sale Update and Tax Agreements

# 11.3 Interlake Women’s Resource Centre Inc. - Annual General Meeting Invite
2019-0000286

Wednesday November 20th in Gimli.
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Evanchyshin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorizes Reeve Smerchanski to attend the Interlake Women’s Resource Centre Inc. Annual General Meeting held on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 in Gimli.

CARRIED

# 11.4 Community Futures East Interlake 2nd Regional Roundtable - November 19th in Fisher River.
2019-0000287

Councillor Evanchyshin
Councillor Humeny

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorizes Reeve Smerchanski to attend the Community Futures East Interlake 2ND Regional Roundtable held on November 19, 2019 in Fisher River for the fee of $25 per person.

CARRIED

# 11.5 Fieldstone Ventures - LPN Training-Arborg - Request letter of support.
2019-0000288

Councillor Humeny
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Armstrong fully endorse and strongly support Field Stone Ventures proposal to Assiniboine Community College to host a Practical Nursing Program in Arborg;

AND FURTHER THAT a letter of support be forwarded to Field Stone Ventures.

CARRIED

# 11.6 Evergreen School Division - Education Plan and Presentation of Draft Budget - Meeting Invite on Wednesday November 27 in Arborg.
2019-0000289

Councillor Humeny
Councillor Evanchyshin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorizes Reeve Smerchanski to attend the Evergreen School Division’s Education Plan Update & Budget Consultation Meeting on Wednesday, November 27, 2019 in Arborg.

CARRIED
# 11.7 Rick Miller Offer to Purchase - RM Lands NW 19-20-2E
2019-0000290
Councillor Sumka
Councillor Humeny

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Agenda item #11.7 be Tabled.

CARRIED

# 11.8 Cole Anderson - Application for Long Term Forage Lease - SE 19-20-2E and SW 31-20-3E
2019-0000291
Councillor Sumka
Councillor Evanchyshin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Agenda item #11.8 be Tabled.

CARRIED

11.9 Manitoba 150 Grants and Support

# 11.9.1 Barbara Rieder, Manitoba Living History Society - Celebrate 150 (item added)
2019-0000292
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Evanchyshin

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong approves to support the Manitoba Living History Society in their Manitoba 150 Celebrations by providing funds of up to $4,300.00 to support the event pending approval of their grant application.

CARRIED

11.10 RM of Fisher- Resolution requesting Disaster Financial Assistance from province due to Storm October 11, 2019. (for info)

Council discussed if snow clearing for the RM of Armstrong would be eligible due to the October 11th storm. EMO advised that ineligible costs for DFA Assistance are normal operating costs such as normal snow clearing. Snow clearing would only be considered if extra costs outside of the normal were incurred.

# 11.11 Subdivision Application 4602-19-7883 Pt. E 1/2 14-19-2E Wiebe
2019-0000293
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Hazelton

WHEREAS Community Planning Services has submitted to the Municipality a completed Application for Approval of Proposed Subdivision File #4602-19-7883 Pt. E 1/2 14-19-02EPM in the RM of Armstrong for Wiebe to subdivide a 6.428 acre farmstead from a 143.4 acre holding;

AND WHEREAS Selkirk Community Planning Service has stated that the proposed lot and residual satisfy the minimum bulk requirements;

AND WHEREAS Selkirk Community Planning Service has no objection with the proposal;

AND WHEREAS Council is satisfied that the proposed subdivision complies with the intent of the Development Plan Policies;

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 owning 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/Application/Property Owner.
4. That the cost of any accesses to the subdivided lot be paid by the Developer/Applicant/Property Owner.

CARRIED

# 11.12 Christmas Lights - Authorization and install date of the lights.
2019-0000294
Councillor Sumka
Councillor Evanchyshin

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approve of hiring Sherlock Tree Removal to hang and take down this years Christmas Lights throughout the
municipality for the price of $2,000 plus GST;
AND FURTHER THAT the deadline to hang up the lights before November 22, 2019
and to take down the lights between January 20 to 31st, 2020;
AND FURTHER THAT the contractor abide by workplace health and safety
legislation/regulations and provide a Workers Compensation number.

CARRIED

# 11.13 Royal Canadian Legion - Remembrance Day Donation
2019-0000295

Councillor Sumka
Councillor Hazelton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Agenda item #11.13 be Tabled.

CARRIED

12 Notice of Motion

13 Committee Reports

13.1 Roads Committee

# 13.1.1 Municipal Road Use / Haul Agreement - Policy
2019-0000296

Councillor Evanchyshin
Councillor Humeny

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Agenda item #13.1.1 be Tabled.

CARRIED

# 13.1.2 Brushing Quotes (5 quotes received)
2019-0000297

Councillor Sumka
Councillor Evanchyshin

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong accept the quotes received for
brushing as follows:
Phil Yoder & Sons Ward 1 Road 114N between Rd 4W & 5W $2,600.00
Phil Yoder & Sons Ward 2 Road 125N between Rd 0 & 2E $2,500.00
Phil Yoder & Sons Ward 4 Road 113N west of Hwy 7 to PR 231 $900.00
Phil Yoder & Sons Ward 4 Road 5E south of PR 231 $2,500.00
Phil Yoder & Sons Ward 5 N of 12-18-1E $6,500.00
Phil Yoder & Sons Ward 5 N of 7-18-2E $6,500.00
River East Construction Ltd. Ward 5 E of 21-18–3E $5,500.00
River East Construction Ltd. Ward 5 N of 5-18-2E $4,000.00

CARRIED

13.1.2.1 Bids Received

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# 13.1.3 Close Meeting
2019-0000298

Councillor Humeny
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT the Council Meeting now be closed at 5:40 PM to continue meeting items 13.2 to 16.0 on November 13, 2019 at 5:00 PM.

CARRIED

# 13.1.4 Open Meeting
2019-0000299

Councillor Sumka
Councillor Evanchyshin

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong now open meeting on November 13, 2019 at 5:09 PM to continue the November 12, 2019 Agenda starting at item number 13.2.

CARRIED

November 13, 2019 - Absent Councillor Adam Krochenski.

13.2 Drainage Committee

# 13.2.1 Adam Senga - Letter requesting removal of clay piles left behind on leased land from digging drainage ditch along Rd 108N.
2019-0000300

Councillor Evanchyshin
Councillor Hazelton

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Agenda item 13.2.1 be Tabled.

CARRIED

# 13.2.2 Ward 3 Project Extensions (item added)
2019-0000301

Councillor Sumka
Councillor Humeny

WHEREAS Ditch Clean Out Projects were approved by Resolution 237/19 to Phil Yoder and Sons for W of W 1/2 36-20-2E and Resolution 238/19 to Cutting Edge Earthmoving Inc. for E of 16-21-3E;
AND WHEREAS due to weather conditions the contractors are unable to complete in 2019 and have asked for extensions;
BE IT RESOLVED THAT these Projects be given an extension until September 1, 2020 to complete the works.

CARRIED

13.3 Waste Management Committee

Reeve, Councillor Sumka and CAO meet with MB Hydro at the Meleb Waste Disposal Grounds to discuss location of the hydro poles and requirements needed. A required yard light could be placed on the pole (dusk to dawn) or building (manual switch). The old hydro line to the pole at the current location at the open cell has insufficient power and a new pole in a central location would be a cheaper option. The plan is to go underground from the centralized pole to the office building for heating and to the new cell area for the leachate pond pump.

The two new C-Cans have been set up at Meleb which will be used to house the recyclables such as the electronics and paints. A contract is still required for the electronics recycling and the RM will need a pallet jack and wood pallets. Electronics will have to be put on pallets and wrapped in cellophane in order to be picked up.

# 13.3.1 Landfill Operator Certification Program
2019-0000302

Councillor Humeny
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes to send an employee to take the next available training and exam for the Landfill Operator Certification Program.

CARRIED
13.4 **Protective Services Committee**

Next EMO Volunteer Meeting is set for November 21, 2019 at the Fraserwood Hall. The Fraserwood Hall is allowing the RM to use the hall at no charge for EMO Volunteer Meetings. Reeve and volunteers group attended the halls within the RM of Armstrong and made a checklist as to what is available in an emergency and will be updating the contacts listing.

Fire Departments are to submit their budget items for 2020 ASAP including a listing of assets for Asset Management listing.

13.4.1 **Fire Protection Workshop for Elected Officials and CAO's - November 22, 2019, December 13, 2019 and March 18, 2020.**

13.4.2 **EMO Volunteer Meeting**

| 2019-0000303 |
| Councillor Sumka |
| Councillor Hazelton |

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the purchase of refreshments and snacks for the Volunteer Meeting on November 21, 2019.

CARRIED

13.4.3 **Argo Quotes to Purchase (2 quotes received Westshore Marine & Leisure and Luke’s Town Service)**

| 2019-0000304 |
| Councillor Sumka |
| Councillor Humeny |

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approves the purchase of a 2018 Argo Avenger 8x8 for the Inwood Fire Department from Westshore Marine & Leisure at the quoted price of $33,500.00 to be paid from the Fire Equipment Reserve as per the 2019 financial plan.

CARRIED

13.5 **By-Law Committee**

13.6 **External Committees/Organizations**

13.6.1 **West Interlake Watershed Conservation District - Meeting Minutes September 19, 2019**

13.6.2 **East Interlake Conservation District Minutes August 8 and September 20, 2019.**

14 **Unfinished Business**

14.1 **Canadian Pacific Railway - Survey of Road Plan 2589 in Malonton and Signing of the Quit Claim Document.**

| 2019-0000305 |
| Councillor Evanchyshin |
| Councillor Humeny |

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the RM of Armstrong agrees to have the Geoff Reimer to review survey provided by the Canadian Pacific Railway Company on old Road Plan 2589 in the SE 26-18-2E Malonton before making decision on signing the quit claim deed.

CARRIED

15 **In Camera**
RESOLVED THAT the council meeting now be adjourned at 7:59 PM.

CARRIED

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer