The Council of The Rural Municipality of Armstrong held its regular monthly Council meeting on September 10, 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 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
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Krochenski
RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular meeting of September 10, 2019 be adopted as amended to council to include the following:

   External Committees/Organizations
   Protective Services Committee
   Inwood Argo

   CARRIED

3 Adoption of Minutes
Councillor Hazelton
Councillor Sumka
RESOLVED THAT the Minutes of the August 7, 2019 Roads Committee Meeting, the August 13, 2019 Regular Meeting, the August 21, 2019 Special Meeting and the August 28, 2019 Special Meeting be adopted as circulated to council.

   CARRIED

4 Business from Previous Minutes

5 Accounts for Approval

5.1 Financial Statement
Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Evanchyshin
RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statements for August 31, 2019 be hereby received and approved by Council.

   CARRIED
# 5.2 Accounts for Approval
2019-0000228

Councillor Humeny
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT the following cheques in the total amount of $158,701.31 be approved for payment:

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CARRIED

6 By-Laws

7 Ward Reports

7.1 Ward 1
- Attended the Functional EOC Mock Disaster Exercise in Fraserwood on Saturday Sept. 7.
- Had public works remove some large rocks from the ditches in Ward.

7.2 Ward 2

Ward 2 Report August 13 to September 9, 2019

August 13 Regular Council Mtg.

August 14 Had 1 load of gravel placed on Road 120N 14W for a culvert repair.

August 21 Special Council Mtg.
Discussed Lease application - grading - plowing contracts and drought assistance for farmers.

August 26 RM surveyor out to check on culvert locations and drainage on Road 120N.

August 28 Special Council Mtg.
Tendering of grading and snowplowing contracts. Drafted a resolution declaring state of agriculture disaster and appointed committee member. Reviewed gravelling, brushing and drainage issues.

August 29 Received resident call concerning flowing well on 21-20-2E. Called Water Stewardship. Well was capped on August 30.

Sept. 2 Received calls from 2 affected landowners requesting that the Ducks Unlimited/Narcisse project proceed as quickly as possible (ASAP).

Sept. 4 Resident called requesting gravel for low spot on access road to 21-18-1W; 1 load gravel placed on Sept. 5 to repair low spot. Checked the Chatfield Transfer Station and spoke with custodian. She would like to see the metal scrap pile removed before winter.

Notes: My notes are the same as last months notes. It is Sept 10th and we have gravel sitting in windrows at the side of the road. With the recent rains, we lost a good opportunity to have this gravel worked into our roads.
7.3  Ward 3
- Looked at jobs with contractors in Ward.
- Possible issue at the Meleb Waste Disposal Grounds with residents sharing their Refuse Permits with non RM of Armstrong residents.
- Received a call from Armstrong Construction that Rd 104 N needs gravel.

7.4  Ward 4

**Ward 4 Report**

- Got a call about grading too much, Cavendish Road was graded 4 times in a month, grading was a mess if it rains road would be impassable, no roadside cutting was done. Checked GPS, Cavendish Road was graded once in a month, checked roads after rains not greasy took pictures, roadside cutting was started just not in Ward 4, Ward 4 was completed before provincial highways were started in area.

- Got a call and pictures from Armstrong Construction the roadside cutter was leaving grass on road getting mixed in with the gravel making a mess when grading. I talked to Corlie she talked to contractor. Mower was 15 feet same as last year where he couldn't put whole mower in the ditch it was throwing grass on the road.

- Went to a meeting in Lundar and met with all the R.M.'s affected by drought. The group decided to declare an Agriculture Disaster because a state of emergency would require property or people at risk, which wouldn't qualify in a drought. The group talked about Minister Eichler's response letter about all the existing programs, and group gave feedback on how they don't work and need improvement.

- Paul asked me to contact Armstrong Construction about getting gravel hauled for a farmer to move his cows out.

- Got a call about Brocker's grading. Met with resident to look at Brocker's grading leaving roads in poor condition. Cutting the shoulders to much leaving the crown to steep, still leaving a windrow and scraping gravel off the edge of road leaving it greasy.

- Culvert on 3 Sisters Rd installed to high last fall.

- We need to send a letter to M.I.T. telling them how poor the condition of 231 gravel which is causing people to reroute to R.M. roads causing more traffic more dust etc. Have pictures to send with the letter.

- Aug. 13 - Attended Regular Council Meeting
- Aug. 7 - Roads Committee Meeting
- Aug. 21 - Special Council Meeting

7.5  Ward 5
- Attended Council Meetings and the Functional EOC Mock Disaster Exercise in Fraserwood.
- Looked over jobs to be done in the Ward.

7.6  Reeve

**Sept. 10/2019 RM of Armstrong Meeting Reeve Report Susan Smerchanski**

Aug. 20 - Interlake Tourism Executive Meeting/Arborg.

Aug. 21 - Fisher/Armstrong Planning District Meeting - continue to advertise for a shared Building Inspector.

Aug. 21 - Protective Services Meeting
Aug. 22 - Regional Meeting with Council Reps from RM's regarding the Drought/Agricultural conditions.

Aug. 26 - Community Futures Meeting/Riverton.

Sept. 7 - EMO Exercise at Fraserwood.

- Working with and taking calls from residents regarding drought/agriculture Concerns, health care, EMO volunteers/exercise and general information.

8 Public Hearings

9 Delegations

9.1 1:00 PM - Henry Hendrickson - To discuss Bender Hamlet Rd.

Henry Hendrickson attended the meeting to discuss utilizing ditches for grazing purposes.

9.2 1:10 PM - Jim & Pat Zuk - To discuss drainage agreement of understanding, drainage that is adding additional water to property and clean out sides of Rd 104N.

Jim Zuk spoke to council to discuss his drainage issues at SE 15-18-2E and the agreement he has with the municipality that corrective measures should be taken in the event that more water is added to the drainage system.

10 Reception of Petitions

11 General Business

# 2019-0000229

11.1 CAO Report

Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Hazelton

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

CARRIED

# 2019-0000230

11.2 Building Permit Report

Councillor Sumka
Councillor Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong receive the monthly building permit activity report.

CARRIED

11.3 Tax Incentive Applications

# 2019-0000231

11.3.1 Application Roll 166700

Councillor Humeny
Councillor Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong accept the Development Tax Incentive Program Application received from Darrel Johnson for the new home business on Roll 166700 for the 2018 tax year at 100% rebate of the municipal property taxes in the amount of $2,226.48 and for the 2019 tax year at 80% rebate of the municipal property taxes in the amount of $2,290.08 as per the new commercial building assessment as provided in the 2019 supplementary property tax listing.

AND FURTHER THAT the grant be paid out once all taxes including the 2019 are paid up to date on the roll.

CARRIED
# 11.3.2 Application Roll 203300
2019-0000232
Councillor Hazelton
Councillor Humeny

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong accept the Development Tax Incentive Program Application received from Winfried & Johanna Glas for the new home construction on Roll 203300 for the 2019 tax year at 100% rebate of the municipal property taxes in the amount of $694.57 for the new building.

AND FURTHER THAT the grant be paid out once all taxes including the 2019 are paid up to date on the roll.

CARRIED

# 11.3.3 Tax Incentive Progressive Payouts
2019-0000233
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approve the following Tax Incentive Progressive Payouts for 2019 as per By-Law 1/2017:

Roll 17900 $1,054.45  
Roll 71800 $1,305.73  
Roll 78000 $1,418.26  
Roll 166200 $2,437.77  
Roll 86600 $2,554.93  
Roll 175500 $1,793.73  
Roll 57200 $259.50  
Roll 62350 $1,881.43  
Roll 33700 $1,295.62  
Roll 17950 $1,006.15  

AND FURTHER that all taxes including the 2019 taxes must be paid up to date by on the Roll before the tax incentive grant can be paid out.

CARRIED

# 11.4 Association of Manitoba Municipalities 21st Annual Convention
2019-0000234
November 25 to 27, 2019 in Brandon at the Keystone Centre.
Councillor Sumka
Councillor Humeny

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorizes all Council Members to attend the 21st Annual Convention of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) held November 25 to 27, 2019 in Brandon at the Keystone Centre.

CARRIED

12 Notice of Motion

13 Committee Reports

13.1 Roads Committee

# 13.1.1 Gravelling
2019-0000240
Councillor Hazelton
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong authorizes the following gravel per ward:

Ward 1 - 220 yards to use for spot gravel a per ward councillors discretion.
Ward 2 - 75 yards to use for spot gravel as per ward councillors discretion.
Ward 5 - 1675 yards to use on Rd 104 from Hwy 7 10 miles west 100 yds per mile, Rd 104 between Rd 11 & 12 100 yards, Rd 12 2 miles north of 229 100 yards per mile, Rd 15 E from 105 to 108 3 miles 125 yards per mile.

CARRIED
13.1.2 Roadside Brushing

# 13.1.3 Removal of Rocks in Ditches
2019-0000235

Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Evanchyshin

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approves of each Ward 1 to 5 to be given a budget not to exceed $1,500 per ward to remove large dangerous rocks from municipal ditches in their ward.

CARRIED

13.2 Drainage Committee

# 13.2.1 Crossing Request from Harold Wiebe for the NE 17-18-3E.
2019-0000239

Councillor Humeny
Councillor Sumka

WHEREAS Council of the RM of Armstrong has received a request for a crossing to access property NE 17-18-3E from Harold Wiebe;
AND WHEREAS this would be a second crossing to access the property from Rd 105N;
RESOLVED THAT Council approves of this request with culvert size and installation requirements to be determined by Manitoba Sustainable Development;
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.

CARRIED

13.2.2 Survey Drain Profiles

13.2.3 Culvert Repairs & Replacements

# 13.2.4 Drainage Projects / Drain Clean Out
2019-0000236

Councillor Humeny
Councillor Evanchyshin

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong accept the quote from Phil Yoder & Sons to clean ditch and replace culverts E of E 1/2 9-20-3E for the quoted amount of $9,500.00 plus gst which is within the budgeted amount for this project.

CARRIED

# 13.2.5 Drainage Projects / Drain Cleanout
2019-0000237

Councillor Sumka
Councillor Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong accept the quote from Phil Yoder and Sons to clean out ditch W of W 1/2 36-20-2E for the quoted amount of $10,500 plus gst which is within the budgeted amount for this project.

CARRIED

# 13.2.6 Drainage Projects / Drain Cleanout
2019-0000238

Councillor Evanchyshin
Councillor Humeny

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong accept the quote from Cutting Edge Earthmoving Inc. to clean ditch and replace culverts E of 16-21-3E for the quoted amount of $15,340.00 plus gst which is within the budgeted amount for the project.

CARRIED

13.3 Waste Management Committee

13.4 Protective Services Committee
13.4.1 Inwood Argo (item added)
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Sumka
RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approve to table the discussion on purchasing an Argo for the Inwood Fire Department.
CARRIED

13.5 By-Law Committee

13.6 External Committees/Organizations

13.6.1 Community Futures - September 17-19, 2019 Lakeview Resort & Conference Centre - Gimli Manitoba

13.6.1.1 East Interlake Conservation District - Minutes June 13th, 2019

13.6.1.2 West Interlake Conservation District - Minutes May 15th, June 20th and July 18th, 2019.

13.6.2 West Interlake Watershed Conservation District - Tree Program 2019

13.6.3 Interlake-Eastern Regional Health - AGM 2019 October 7, 2019 in St. Laurent, MB.

Councillor Humeny
Councillor Sumka
BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorizes Reeve Smerchanski to attend the 2019 Manitoba Community Recycling & Waste Reduction Forum on October 29th and 30th, 2019 held in Winnipeg at a cost of $139.00 per person.
CARRIED

13.7 Extend Meeting
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Krochenski
RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approve to extend the meeting past 5 PM.
CARRIED

14 Unfinished Business

15 In Camera

15.1 In Camera
Councillor Humeny
Councillor Sumka
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong resolve into a Committee of the Whole, In-Camera to discuss personnel issues.
CARRIED

15.2 Out of Camera
Councillor Krochenski
Councillor Sumka
RESOLVED THAT the Committee of the Whole in Camera revert back to the regular meeting of council in open session out of camera.
CARRIED
Adjournment
Councillor Hazelton
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT the council meeting now be adjourned at 5:38 PM.

CARRIED

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Reeve

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Chief Administrative Officer