



**Rural Municipality of Armstrong**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Regular Council Meeting September 12, 2017 - 10:00 AM**

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

Present by Conference Call: 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.

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2017-264

**1.1 Join Meeting by Conference Call**

Councillor Pfrimmer  
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT Councillor Susan Smerchanski join the meeting by speaker phone.

**CARRIED**

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2017-265

**2 Adoption of Agenda**

Councillor Lavallee  
Councillor Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the regular meeting of September 12, 2017 be adopted as presented to council.

**CARRIED**

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2017-266

**3 Adoption of Minutes**

Councillor Pfrimmer  
Councillor Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 8, 2017 and the Special Meeting of August 28, 2017 be amended as circulated to council as follows:

August 8, 2017 Minutes remove 13.1.4

**CARRIED**

**4 Business from Previous Minutes**

**4.1 Michael Maksymchuk, MB Sustainable Development - RM approval needed for Sean Anderson drainage licence request to construct new field drains in NE 28-21-3E.**

Council needs to look further into where the water will be going.

**5 Accounts for Approval**

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2017-267

**5.1 Financial Statement**  
Councillor Krochenski  
Councillor Lavallee

RESOLVED THAT the Financial Statements for August 2017 be hereby received by Council.

**CARRIED**

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2017-268

**5.2 Jeff Abuda Drainage Agreement return of deposit**  
Councillor Sumka  
Councillor Pfrimmer

WHEREAS Jeff Abuda entered into an Agreement with the RM of Armstrong to clean out RM ditch N of NW 32-21-3E;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Abuda has left a performance deposit with the RM of Armstrong;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the works have been completed satisfactory to the RM of Armstrong and the deposit may be returned.

**CARRIED**

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2017-269

**5.3 Accounts for Approval**  
Councillor Krochenski  
Councillor Lavallee

RESOLVED THAT the following cheques in the total amount of \$ 397,839.43 be approved for payment:

Description	Cheque Numbers	Amount
Accounts Payable	11607 - 11662	\$370,353.24
Payroll	7581 - 7600	\$27,486.19

**CARRIED**

**6 By-Laws**

**6.1 Derelict Building and Property By-Law 5/16 - Addition of townsites Malonton and Rembrandt.**

To small of an area to be added to the by-law.

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2017-270

**6.2 Zoning By-Law Amendment 6/2017 - First Reading to add definition Nature Retreat and/or Spiritual Centre.**  
Councillor Lavallee  
Councillor Smerchanski

RESOLVED THAT By-Law #6/2017 being a by-law to amend the Rural Municipality of Armstrong Zoning By-Law 6/04 by adding the definition of Nature Retreat and/or Spiritual Centre to the Agricultural Limited Zoning District be read a first time.

**CARRIED**

**7 Ward Reports**

**7.1 Ward 1**

Councillor Allen Pfrimmer declared an interest and left the room during discussion and voting on resolution #273.

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2017-273

**7.1.1 Request for 24" x 16' culvert on SE 11-18-2W in drain through section.**

Councillor Sumka  
Councillor Lavallee

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approves to install a used culvert 24" x 16' through drain in section SE 11-18-2W subject to council inspection.

**CARRIED**

#  
2017-271

**7.1.2 Request for beaver dam removal on NW 9-17-1W.**

Councillor Lavallee  
Councillor Pfrimmer

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approves to remove beaver dam on NW 9-17-1W;

AND FURTHER THAT land owner John Dyck remove his fence before the dam removal or the he will be responsible for any damages to replace.

**CARRIED**

**7.1.3 Request for gravel on road 104N between road 1W and Meridian Rd (120 yards) and Meridian Rd between Rd 104N & 103N (100 yards).**

Councillor Allen Pfrimmer declared an interest and left the room during discussion and voting on resolution #272.

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2017-272

**7.1.4 Request to fence road allowance for SE 2-18-2W west side of Rd 102N & 7W.**

Councillor Sumka  
Councillor Lavallee

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approves of the request to fence along road allowance Rd102N, west of Rd 7W for SE -2-18-2W subject to council inspection.

**CARRIED**

**7.1.5 Beaver Problems - NE 20-19-2W, SW 30-19-2W and Walker Drain.**

**7.2 Ward 2**

**7.2.1 Damaged Culverts - Had public works fix mower damaged screw gate at Rd 11W south of PR 419 and mower damaged culvert at Rd 126N and Rd 1.5W.**

**7.3 Ward 3**

**7.3.1 Road extension request from Mr. Sakalauski to extend Rd 115N at Rd 7E.**

Road not in the budget at this time.

**7.3.2 Wayne Sutherland and R Krasey request for ditch cleanout along road 120N.**

Council will send municipal mower to cut out the cattails when mower is in the area then council will look at again.

**7.3.3 Request for gravel on Rd 125N between Rd 8E and 9E (50 yards).**

**7.4 Ward 4**

**7.4.1 Gravel request for Peace Lutheran Cemetery on road allowance (40 yards).**

**7.4.2 Three Sisters Road Culvert - Public Works to look at culvert opened up.**

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2017-274

**7.4.3 Lower culvert on road 8E just north of Rd105N, will require new culvert existing is too short to lower.**

Councillor Lavallee  
Councillor Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong approves to lower and lengthen existing culvert through Road 8E North of Rd 105N.

**CARRIED**

**7.4.4 Crossing request for west side of SW 16-19-2E.**

Forward to next meeting agenda application not yet received.

**7.5 Ward 5**

#  
2017-275

**7.5.1 Extra gravel request for road 7E between roads 104N and 105N (125 yards), Rd107 between roads 13E and 15E (125 per mile), Rd106N between roads 8E and 7E (100 yards)**

Councillor Lavallee  
Councillor Pfrimmer

RESOLVED THAT Council approves of the following extra road gravelling:

Ward 1

Road 104N between Road 1W and Meridian Rd (120 yards)

Meridian Road between Road 104N and 103N (100 yards)

Ward 3

Road 125N between Road 8E and 9E (50 yards)

Ward 4

Peace Lutheran Cemetery Road Allowance (40 yards)

Ward 5

Road 7E between Road 104N and 105N (125 yards)

Road 107N between Roads 13E and 15E (125 yards per mile)

**CARRIED**

**7.5.2 Crabby Steves Barn - Steven Maksymyk is still working on getting something done to clean up the property.**

**7.5.3 Rocks brought up by the mower and grader need to be dealt with.**

**7.5.4 People are asking about grants the municipality is working on.**

**7.5.5 Spill piles left behind from previous projects are all over and would like to discuss which ones can be cleaned up.**

**7.6 Reeve**

**8 Public Hearings**

**9 Delegations**

**9.1 10:30 AM James Bezan, MP Selkirk Interlake**

Met with council to discuss any concerns or issues council is facing. Some items discussed were that water licences from Sustainable Development do not apply consistent rules for all municipalities, Ocean's and Fisheries rules and guidelines hold up projects, weight restrictions on provincial roads causes excess traffic on municipal roads, Shoal Lake flooded roads PR 518 & PR 415 are still not fixed and having to replace good fire trucks after 25 years.

**9.2 4:30 PM Ken Stadnek - Reviewed council approved drainage surveys and upcoming new required drainage projects.**

**10 Reception of Petitions**

**11 General Business**

- # 2017-276      **11.1      CAO Report**  
Councillor Krochenski  
Councillor Sumka  
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong received the monthly activity report from the CAO.  
**CARRIED**
- # 2017-277      **11.2      EDO Report**  
Councillor Lavallee  
Councillor Sumka  
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong received the monthly activity report from the EDO.  
**CARRIED**
- # 2017-278      **11.3      Building Permit Report**  
Councillor Krochenski  
Councillor Sumka  
RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong receive the monthly building permit activity report.  
**CARRIED**  
  
Councillor Carol Lavallee declared an interest and left the room during discussion and voting on resolution #279.
- # 2017-279      **11.4      Request from Colette and Carol Lavallee to purchase RM leased lands SW 27-21-3W and SE & SW 35-21-3W.**  
Councillor Sumka  
Councillor Pfrimmer  
WHEREAS Council of the RM of Armstrong has received a request from lessee Colette and Carol Lavallee to purchase their RM forage leased lands Roll 347600 SW 27-21-3W, Roll 350700 SE 35-21-3W and Roll 350800 SW 35-21-3W from lease no. 161;  
AND WHEREAS the lands are being used in accordance of the forage lease agreement;  
AND FURTHER THAT the full purchase price for the lands will be \$14,960.00 (average of 3 assessment periods plus 10%);  
AND FURTHER THAT all legal and transfer costs be paid by the purchaser;  
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong accept this offer to purchase and enter into a "Lease with Option to Purchase" as per RM By-Law 4/16;  
AND FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the agreement.  
**CARRIED**
- # 2017-280      **11.5      Taxervice 2017 Tax Sale - Set Reserve Bid**  
Councillor Krochenski  
Councillor Lavallee  
WHEREAS pursuant to s 372 of the Municipal Act a municipality may set a reserve bid in the amount of the tax arrears and costs in respect of the property;  
  
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Armstrong place a reserve bid on all properties in the amount of all arrears and costs in respect of each property for the tax sale held on November 9th, 2017 at 2:00 PM.  
**CARRIED**

# 2017-281      **11.6 Manitoba Assessment Services Supplementary Taxes for Roll 58400**  
Councillor Lavallee  
Councillor Krochenski

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the following tax cancellation for 2017 as per the Supplementary Listing received from Manitoba Municipal Government Assessment Service:

Cancelled Taxes  
Roll 58400 -\$477.19

**CARRIED**

**11.7 By-Law 1/2017 Development Tax Incentive Program Application for Roll 17900 and Revised Supplementary Tax Bill.**

# 2017-282      **11.7.1 Revised Supplementary Taxes**  
Councillor Krochenski  
Councillor Lavallee

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the following tax addition and cancellation for 2016 and 2017 as per the Revised Supplementary Listing received from Manitoba Municipal Government Assessment Services:

Added Taxes  
Roll 17900 \$2,501.22

Cancelled Taxes  
Roll 17900 -\$873.02

**CARRIED**

# 2017-283      **11.7.1.1 Tax Incentive Application**  
Councillor Pfrimmer  
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong accept the Development Tax Incentive Program Application received from Ashley Harder and Shane Stefishen for the new home construction on Roll 17900 for the 2017 tax year at 100% municipal property taxes in the amount of \$1,200.40.

**CARRIED**

# 2017-284      **11.8 Unsightly Property By-Law 5/2016 Appeal/Objection Application. Set up Committee to hear appeals.**  
Councillor Lavallee  
Councillor Sumka

WHEREAS the RM of Armstrong Derelict Building and Property By-Law 5/16 states that appeals received by the CAO on the required objection and/or appeal form are to be entertained by Council by holding a hearing;

AND FURTHER THAT Council may hear the appeal as a Committee of the Whole or by subcommittee especially established for this purpose;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a committee of the whole Council be appointed to this Committee.

**CARRIED**

# 2017-285      **11.9      AMM 19th Annual Convention November 27 to 29, 2017 in Brandon at the Keystone Centre.**  
 Councillor Sumka  
 Councillor Pfrimmer

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorizes all Council Members and the CAO to attend the 19th Annual Convention of the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) on November 27 to 29, 2017 in Brandon held at the Keystone Centre;

AND FURTHER THAT all out of pocket expenses be paid.

**CARRIED**

# 2017-286      **11.10      RM of Woodlands Council - Discussion on PR 518 upgrades to the 1 km section of road being eroded by wave action from West Shoal Lake.**  
 Councillor Lavallee  
 Councillor Sumka

WHEREAS 4 Municipalities Armstrong, Coldwell, St. Laurent and Woodlands are all affected by the flooding of Shoal Lake and washing out of provincial road 518;

AND WHEREAS the RM's would like to create a joint committee to establish a common position and statement;

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the CAO and Councillor Pfrimmer to be appointed this committee.

**CARRIED**

# 2017-287      **11.11      Fraserwood Hall Letter of Support Request for Community Places Grant.**  
 Councillor Krochenski  
 Councillor Lavallee

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong is in support of the Fraserwood Hall's application for Community Places Grant to enhance the front yard green space and install a play structure.

**CARRIED**

**12      Notice of Motion**

**13      Committee Reports**

**13.1      Roads Committee**

**13.1.1      Interlake Weed Control District - Report Summary for 2017 Red Bartsia Broadcast Spraying.**

**13.1.2      Road Grading and Snow Plowing Request for Proposals - 2 proposals and 1 extension request received for consideration to be discussed further at an upcoming Special Council Meeting before making a decision.**

# 2017-288      **13.1.2.1      In-Camera**  
 Councillor Krochenski  
 Councillor Sumka

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**

# 2017-289      **13.1.2.2      Out of Camera**  
 Councillor Sumka  
 Councillor Krochenski

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**

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2017-290

**13.1.3 Road Side Brushing Ward Lists**

Councillor Pfrimmer  
Councillor Sumka

RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong authorize the following brushing for 2017.

**Ward 1**

Rd 3 W between Rd 97N and Rd 97 1/2N (west side)  
Rd 97N between Rd 3W and Rd 1W (both sides)  
Rd 113N between Rd 7W and Rd 7 1/2W (southside)  
Rd 111N between Rd 10W and Rd 10 1/2W (southside)

**Ward 2**

Rd 124N between 5E and 6E south ditch bank to bank

**Ward 3**

Thru Section SW 10-20-2E and Thru Section NE 3-20-2E

**Ward 4**

Rd 109N from 6E to 5E 15ft off edge of road only to brush and Thru Section NW1-19-1E

**Ward 5**

Rd 104N 2 miles both sides from Rd 10 E to Rd 8E (to property line only)

**CARRIED**

**13.1.4 Gravel Tender - Advertise for gravel tenders for review at the October 10th council meeting.**

**13.2 Drainage Committee**

**13.3 Waste Management Committee**

#  
2017-291

**13.3.1 Order 12 more recycling bins.**

Councillor Pfrimmer  
Councillor Smerchanski

RESOLVED THAT Council authorizes the purchase of 12 steel recycle bins with plastic lids (6 cubic yard bins) as per invoice 11768 to Trailwood Enterprises and 5 bins for garbage without lids.

**CARRIED**

**13.3.2 Office building for Meleb needs to be replaced.**

**13.3.3 Change of Inwood WTS hours to Tuesdays and Thursdays. - Leave for now as is.**

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2017-292

**13.3.4 Meleb Waste Disposal Site - Clean up required.**

Councillor Smerchanski  
Councillor Lavallee

RESOLVED THAT Council authorize Allen Pfrimmer to clean up the scattered garbage at the Meleb Waste Disposal Ground as per request for clean up from the Conservation Officer.

**CARRIED**

**13.4 Protective Services Committee**

**13.4.1 Shelly Napier - RM of Armstrong Emergency Program update. - Council to set date for Open House.**



- # 2017-293      **13.4.2 Fire Trucks - Advertise request for proposals for 2 fire trucks.**  
 Councillor Krochenski  
 Councillor Sumka  
 RESOLVED THAT the CAO be authorized to advertise to receive quotes for a Commercial Top-Control Fire Pumper trucks for the Fire Departments.  
**CARRIED**
- # 2017-294      **13.4.3 Burn Ban**  
 Councillor Pfrimmer  
 Councillor Lavallee  
 RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong agrees that a fire ban be put in place for the whole municipality effective immediately.  
**CARRIED**
- 13.5 By-Law Committee**
- 13.6 External Committees/Organizations**
- 13.6.1 East Interlake Conservation District - Approved Minutes February to June 2017**
- 13.6.2 West Interlake Watershed Conservation District - Minutes July 20, 2017**
- # 2017-295      **13.6.3 WIWCD 2017-2018 Annual Levy**  
 Councillor Krochenski  
 Councillor Lavallee  
 WHEREAS the West Interlake Watershed Conservation District has not received their full requested amount from the province for 2017-2018;  
 AND WHEREAS the RM of Armstrong municipal levies could be reduced accordingly to the confirmed Provincial contribution by \$194.31 ;  
 RESOLVED THAT Council of the RM of Armstrong agrees to transfer the unmatched portion of municipal contribution to the "local levies" category, and use that as an extra funding for the municipal needs.  
**CARRIED**
- # 2017-296      **13.6.4 MARR - 2017 Manitoba Community Recycling & Waste Reduction Forum October 18-19, 2017 in Winnipeg.**  
 Councillor Sumka  
 Councillor Lavallee  
 BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of the Rural Municipality of Armstrong authorizes the CAO or ACAO and Councillor Susan Smerchanski or designate attend the 2017 MARR Manitoba Community Recycling & Waste Reduction Forum held on October 19, 2017 at the Best Western Airport Plus in Winnipeg;  
 AND FURTHER THAT the registration of \$89 per person be paid by the municipality.  
**CARRIED**
- 13.6.5 Interlake Immigrant Settlement Services Advisory Committee - Minutes February 13, 2017**
- 13.6.6 Interlake Tourism Association - 16th Annual 'Celebration of Stars' Award Dinner**
- 14 Unfinished Business**
- 15 In Camera**

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2017-297

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**Adjournment**

Councillor Krochenski  
Councillor Pfrimmer

RESOLVED THAT the council meeting now be adjourned at 4:40 PM.

**CARRIED**

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Chief Administrative Officer