The regular meeting of the Bristol Council was held in the Townhall on July 6, 2009 at 8:00 p.m., with Mayor Scott Wilson, and Crs. Steve Forbes, Keith Smith, Chris Young, George Pirie, and Ronald Dagg. Cr. O’Malley was unable to attend.

(09-07-131) Motion Cr. Forbes that the minutes of the meeting of June 1, 2009 be adopted as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(09-07-132) Motion Cr. Dagg that the minutes of the special meeting of June 3, 2009 be adopted as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(09-07-133) Motion Cr. Dagg that the agenda be accepted with the additions for the July 6, 2009 meeting. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

The meeting was opened to the visitors present.

Chris Kent, President of the Norway Bay Municipal Association was present. He thanks Council for all their support. The insurance for the swimmers will be covered by the Norway Bay Municipal Association.

Patricia Vail is present and complains about “NO DOGS” signs at Murray Beach. Also speeding on the East end of Norway Bay for twelve months of the year.

Sheila Watt complained about the condition of the Aylmer Road. Also that there is a lake at the end of her driveway. Derek & Cr. Forbes will look at this situation.

Ron Workman inquires if the generator is still being started. He was informed that the road foreman starts the generator periodically.

Dan Lamarche thanks council for the gates that were put up on the road to the dyke. He also inquires who received the bid for the crushing of the gravel.

Ron Russett inquires of the closing of the intrench disposal site. He was informed that it is still not clear where the garbage will be going.

Peter Aldrich inquires on the opening of Robin Street in Pine Lodge. Cr. Pirie and Derek is to check this. He was informed that we are still working on the flood zone.
Andre Lamarche inquires about the Sault des Chats Project, as it is near their property. He was informed that MRC des Collines and the Municipality of Pontiac want to develop a nature park from Tim Horton’s camp to Knox’s Landing. And that there is a consultant doing a feasibility study on this project.

Gill Egan inquires about the study at the pier.

(09-07-134) Motion Mayor Wilson that we accept the quotation of June 4, 2008 in the amount of $ 5,500 plus taxes to do the proposal for the management of water quality from the Ottawa River to do the study at the pier in Norway Bay. Crd. Unanimously.

Derek O’Malley, road foreman was present.

(09-07-135) Motion Cr. Forbes to calibrate the scales at Tracy’s Pit, and that the road foreman work with Dan Lamarche to see if we can get a cheaper rate doing two. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting

(09-07-136) Motion Cr. Forbes to approve the location of the garage located on the property of 1141-29-7806, that it is in violation of our zoning bylaws with respect to the setback, however, it is apparent that they have built prior to the coming into effect of the zoning bylaws, therefore benefit from acquired rights. If the garage is ever dismantled or destroyed by fire, the derogatory use will have to be modified so that the structure and location of the garage is in conformity with the bylaws in effect. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(09-07-137) Motion Cr. Forbes to send four people to the golf tournament put on by the MRC and the Q.P.P., and the benefits will go to the Bouffe Pontiac. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(09-07-138) Whereas, the MRC has signed a (3) three year contract with the Outaouais SPCA, and it is motioned by Cr. Pirie that the Municipality of Bristol want to handle their own dog tags. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(09-07-139) WHEREAS, the report of the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (CPCSR) recommends that the current moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns be replaced with a mechanism involving new rules and procedures, including the ability to replace public post offices with private outlets;
WHEREAS, the report also recommends that rural mailbox delivery be reconsidered;
WHEREAS, these recommendations, if implemented by the federal government, would undermine public postal service and jobs in our community and fundamentally change the nature of Canada Post’s retail and delivery network;

WHEREAS, the report proposes that Canada Post’s highly inadequate community consultation process be used when closing or “rationalizing” a post office/outlet and that a similar process be used when replacing rural mailbox delivery with delivery to a community box, green box or post office;

IT IS MOTIONED by Cr. Dagg to write Rob Merrifield, the Minister responsible for Canada Post, and request that the government preserve public postal service and jobs in our community by rejecting CPCSR recommendation that would:

1. Put an end to the moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns and give Canada Post the flexibility to close post offices covered by the current moratorium or convert these public post offices to private outlets.

2. Cut delivery to rural mailboxes without exploring all options or properly consulting with residents or the representatives of rural delivery workers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we request the Minister Merrifield consult with the public, postal unions and other major stakeholders to develop a uniform and democratic process for making fundamental changes to Canada Post’s retail and delivery network. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(09-07-140) Motion Cr. Forbes that Mayor Wilson call Mr. Harb about the fireplaces at the trailer park in Norway Bay. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

Committee reports were given.

(09-07-141) Motion Cr. Young that we install a cigarette container on the steps of the community centre. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

Cr. Young gave notice of motion that he will present at a subsequent meeting MRC
Bylaw 144-2009 for animal control.

I, Keith Emmerson, Director General, of the Municipality of Bristol, certify that there are credits available to pay the expenses below.

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Keith Emmerson, Director General

(09-07-142) Motion Cr. Forbes that accounts totalling $ 103,444.92 be paid for the month of June. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(09-07-143) Motion Cr. Young that the financial statement for the month of June be accepted. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(09-07-144) Motion Cr. Dagg that we accept the 2008 Financial Statement as presented by Connelly & Koshy, Chartered Accountants. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(09-07-145) Motion Cr. Pirie that we appoint Connelly & Koshy, Chartered Accountants to do the 2009 Financial Statement. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

There was a discussion that the lights should be shut off at the pier at a specified time.

(09-07-146) Motion Cr. Pirie to look into the shutting off lights at a specified time in the park and on the pier. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(09-07-147) Motion Cr. Forbes that we install a light at the corner of Bristol Mines Rd. and Aylmer Rd. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(09-07-148) Motion Mayor Wilson that we write the Municipality of Litchfield that whereas The Quebec Government has mandated that all municipalities having on their territory a sand pit or quarry to create a reserve fund for the maintenance of certain municipal roads. In order for all municipalities to be on a level playing field and so that our operators are not at a disadvantage, we are asking you to implement this bylaw in your municipality. It is our understanding that a municipality would be jeopardizing its Ryan Reform road grants if this bylaw was not adopted. Crd. Unanimously.

(09-07-149) Motion Cr. Forbes that we accept the work to be done on the roads
in Seats 1, 3, 4, 5, & 6. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

Council has decided that anyone who filed a grievance about the environmental tax, that it remains the same as what was decided in December in preparation for the eminent closing of our intrench disposal site by the Quebec Government. In September, when the disposal site is officially closed, the cost of waste disposal for the municipality could potentially increase. Unfortunately, this necessitates a tax increase. Upon discussion, it was decided by Council that it would be charged on a per property owner basis as opposed to general taxation through the mill rate. We understand that not all taxpayers use the intrench disposal site, but it is available to all taxpayers, and the Council was unanimously in favour of upholding the decision that was made in December based on the reasons stated above.

(09-07-150) Motion Cr. Dagg that the meeting be closed. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

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Mayor Scott Wilson Keith Emmerson, Director General