

The regular meeting of the Bristol Council was held using social distancing on April 4th, 2022 at 8:00 p.m. with Mayor Brent Orr, and Crs. Valerie Twolan-Graham, Archie Greer, Meaghan McConnell, Greg Graham, Kim Crawford and Debbie Kilgour.

(22-04-28) Motion Cr. Greer that the minutes from the March 7th meeting be adopted as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-04-29) Motion Cr. McConnell to adopt the agenda with the additions. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-04-30) Motion Cr. Greer to request tender documents from Kim Lesage, Civil Engineer for the MRC Pontiac, for paving of a 0.6 km section on Cemetery Road from Phyllis Avenue to White Avenue. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-04-31) Motion Cr. Graham that Council authorizes Beaudry Bertrand, to commence with legal procedures to ensure the respect of Nuisance By-Law # 306 in the file pertaining to the property identified as Lot 5 800 860. The first step will involve sending a formal letter to the owners by bailiff to request that they clean the property and resolve the rodent infestation issue within 10 days. If the owners fail to comply in the prescribed delay, a motion to institute proceedings will be sent. This motion gives the municipality the power to resolve the situation and claim all damages and fees incurred in the process. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-04-32) Motion Cr. Crawford to adopt the 2021 Financial Statements as presented by Connelly & Koshy. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-04-33) Bilingual Firefighter Training Material

WHEREAS according to data from the 2016 census, 59.4% of the Pontiac population indicate English as their first official language spoken and 42.4% of this same population is unilingual English speaking;

WHEREAS the territory's fire safety services are made up of people from this English-speaking community;

- WHEREAS the Regulation respecting the conditions to practice within a municipal fire department (S-3.4, r.1) requires that a firefighter must hold a Firefighter 1 certificate awarded by the École nationale des pompiers du Québec if the fire department of which he or she is a member serves a population of less than 25 000 people;
- WHEREAS since July 1, 2021, the Prevention of Psychological Impacts Among Firefighters training is an integral part of the Firefighter 1 training;
- WHEREAS it is necessary to follow this training in order to succeed in the Firefighter 1 program and become an active member of the SSI in order to ensure the protection of the citizens of the territory and the respect of the requirements of the MRC's Fire Safety Cover Plan;
- WHEREAS this training, as well as the training of the Rules for the Use of the Flashing Green Light, are not available in English;
- WHEREAS the École nationale des Pompiers du Québec does not plan to translate these courses for English-speaking firefighters in Quebec;
- WHEREAS the Fire Safety Committee of the MRC Pontiac recommends that the Regional Council adopt a resolution declaring its disagreement with the non-translation of the training courses offered by the National Fire School of Quebec;
- THEREFORE Motion Cr. Greer that the Municipality of Bristol, in conjunction with the Regional Council, requests that the National Fire School translates the training courses Prevention of Psychological Impacts Among Firefighters and Rules for the Use of the Flashing Green Light for English-speaking firefighters in Quebec. It is also resolved that the present resolution be transmitted to the other MRC's of Quebec for support, to the Ministry of Public Security of Quebec and to the MNA for Pontiac, André Fortin. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-04-34)

Sand Pit Authorization

WHEREAS granting this authorization is in accordance with our by-laws;

WHEREAS the land is not viable for agricultural purposes but will be rendered viable after the sand extraction is complete;

WHEREAS the municipality will benefit from the Road Maintenance Fund;

THEREFORE Motion Cr. Greer to accept the Authorization for a Sand Pit on the property identified as Lot 5 801 478 as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-04-35)

Subdivision

WHEREAS this property is already within the destructured tracts of land;

WHEREAS an agreement has been reached for an access way;

WHEREAS granting this subdivision would increase the value of the property and therefore the taxation revenue;

WHEREAS there is no impact for this property in terms of the flood zone;

THEREFORE Motion Cr. Kilgour to recommend that Council supports the Subdivision Project for the property identified as Lot 5 800 822 as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-04-36)

Motion Cr. Kilgour to accept the application of Nancy York as a new member of the Town Planning Committee. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-04-37)

Canadian Nuclear Laboratories Disposal Site

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bristol is one of 18 municipalities located within the MRC Pontiac. Our residents enjoy a rich history of settlement along the banks of the Ottawa River. Approximately 17 Km of our municipality touch the shoreline of the Ottawa River. In addition to the myriad of activities which involve the majestic Ottawa, all municipalities downstream use the Ottawa River as their primary drinking water source. The three cities of Ottawa, Gatineau and Montreal take their drinking water from the Ottawa River.

This letter is being written to oppose this location of the disposal site for radioactive materials by CNL, the Canadian Nuclear Laboratories, largely now a consortium of multinational companies including SNC Lavalin and Texas based Fluor. It is alarming that the Warden of the MRC Pontiac, the Mayors of the Municipalities and the Assembly of First Nations have not been consulted or engaged about the location of this potentially damaging disposal site;

WHEREAS

experts in the field including Dr. Ole Hendrickson, scientist and a resident in the County of Renfrew, condemn the proposed project. Dr. Hendrickson has stated that the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission (hereafter referred to as CNSC) has failed to assess the project in an objective and scientifically credible manner. The intention of this project is to essentially abandon 1,000,000 cubic meters of radioactive waste beside the Ottawa River. Neither an impact study on the river and aquatic species at risk nor an impact study on the wetlands surrounding the location have been conducted. The disposal site is on the side of a hill and surrounded on three sides by wetlands that directly drain into the Ottawa River. Evidence shows that the water table is mere inches below the surface and the bedrock is highly fractured. The proposed containment site would be on unceded Algonquin Territory;

WHEREAS

the type of containment being proposed for this hazardous waste which could remain radioactive for 100,000 years is a landfill type technology never intended to be used for any radioactive waste. To complicate matters further, a mound which would stand 60 meters above ground could be impacted further by the radioactive materials being disturbed by environmental factors such as wind, snow and erosion. Even plutonium which can remain radioactive for 100,000 years would be collected and stored in this landfill. Such a landfill should never be located near a water source as is the proposal for this containment and, according to Charbonneau, a physicist working with Ralliement Contre la pollution Radioactive, this proposal “is simply a senseless proposal which is not in line with intended standards at all”.;

WHEREAS low level cobalt 6, tritium, carbon-a4, dioxins, PCB's, asbestos, mercury, arsenic, lead and up to 80 tonnes of uranium would be disposed of in this dump. Add to this 4 types of plutonium, one of the most dangerous materials to humans if ingested or inhaled and the potential for birth defects, genetic damage and cancers are inflated exponentially;

WHEREAS as a society, we are all aware of the tragedies of faulty collection of hazardous materials and the ramifications of allowing business consortiums to profit at the expense of the health of human beings and the environments we are caretakers of. This is the situation we find ourselves in;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bristol fully supports the resolution of concern shared by the MRC Pontiac and the Assembly of First Nations;

THEREFORE Motion Cr. Twolan-Graham that the Municipality of Bristol strongly urges the Federal Government to move the proposed NSDF site well away from the Ottawa River as experts have suggested. Crd. Unanimously.

(22-04-38) Motion Cr. McConnell to donate \$350.00 to the McDowell Home & School Fundraiser. Crd. The Mayor and Cr. Graham abstain from voting.

(22-04-39) Motion Cr. Crawford to purchase a Frigidaire double oven to replace the existing oven in the community centre, in the amount of \$3444, taxes extra, as per the quote supplied by G & D Appliance Repair. In addition, to request an additional 2 year extended warranty, for a 3 year total warranty on the product. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-04-40) Motion Cr. Twolan-Graham to donate \$200 to the Shawville Lions Club Jamboree. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-04-41) Motion Cr. Greer to order 1 pallet of 72 composters from Algreen Home and Garden at a cost of \$5709.15, including tax and freight and charge \$50.00 for each household who wishes to acquire one from the municipality. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-04-42)

Motion Cr. Graham to set the following 2 routes for the Quad Club for 2022:

Northern Route: Starting on the Eastern end of the Tenth Line, North on Ragged Chute Road, then West on Twelfth Line to the Bristol-Clarendon Townline.

Southern Route: Starting on the Eastern boundary of Goldmine Road South, West on Bristol Mines Road, South on School Road, then West on Keon Road, continuing on Second Line, North on Wharf Road, West on Aylmer Road, North on Bristol Road, then crossing Route 148 onto Ragged Chute Road. Continue West on Fifth Line West, North on Bristol-Clarendon Townline, East on Sixth Line West, North on Magic Road, then West on Eighth Line to Bristol-Clarendon Townline. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

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

Christina Peck, Director General

(22-04-43)

Motion Cr. McConnell that invoices totalling \$159 530.44 be paid for the month of March. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-04-44)

Motion Cr. Crawford to accept the financial statements for the month of February. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-04-45)

School Board Boundaries

WHEREAS

the school board boundary has recently changed for the French School Board which has resulted in students within the Municipality of Bristol who were previously eligible to attend school in Quyon, are now required to attend school in Campbell's Bay, which has created hardship on students due to lengthened bus rides;

- WHEREAS individual students who reside outside the CSSPO territory who wish to attend school in Quyon must request cross boundary consideration each new school year, with no guarantee of selection, even if a sibling attends;
- WHEREAS these border modifications could potentially cause prospective home buyers to purchase residences in a different municipality due to these changes in regulations;
- WHEREAS this could potentially reduce the enrollment of French speaking students to French schools who will enroll in English schools to avoid additional transportation time;
- THEREFORE Motion Cr. McConnell to request that the school boards modify their school boards boundaries to be more inclusive and lenient for the students residing in the Municipality of Bristol. Crd. Unanimously.
- (22-04-46)** Motion Cr. Greer to close the meeting. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

Mayor Brent Orr

Director General Christina Peck