

The regular meeting of the Bristol Council was held on August 6th, 2024 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.

(24-08-80) Motion Cr. Greer that the minutes from the July 2nd meeting be adopted as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(24-08-81) Motion Cr. McConnell to adopt the agenda with the additions. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(24-08-82) **Demolition Authorization**

WHEREAS the cottages in question have no architectural heritage elements;

WHEREAS the new proposed construction will be similar in style to the existing cottages and blend in with the architectural character of the area;

WHEREAS the demolition of the cottages will produce minimal impact on the character of the neighbourhood;

WHEREAS the consolidation of the two lots will ensure that the lot conforms to Subdivision By-Law # 313;

WHEREAS the newly created lot will allow sufficient space for a new septic system in conformity with the Q.2r-22 regulations;

WHEREAS the cottage located on Lot 5 800 711 is in a deteriorated state;

THEREFORE Motion Cr. Greer to accept the Demolition Authorization for the cottages on the properties identified as Lots 5 800 716 and 5 800 711, as submitted. Cr. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(24-08-83) Motion Cr. Kilgour to call for tenders on the SEAO website for Winter road maintenance for the 2024-2025 season consisting of 81.77 km north of Route 148. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(24-08-84) Motion Cr. McConnell to send out invitations to tender for Winter sand to Brian Stanton Enterprises, Lamarche McGuinty Inc. and Robert Erwin Transport Inc. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(24-08-85) **PPA Grant**

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bristol has taken note of the terms of the application of the Special Improvement Projects (PPA) component of the Local Road Assistance Program (PAVL) and undertakes to respect them;

- WHEREAS** the road network for which a request for financial assistance has been granted is under municipal jurisdiction and is eligible for the PAVL;
- WHEREAS** the work was completed in the calendar year during which it was authorized by the Minister;
- WHEREAS** the work carried out or the inherent costs are eligible for the PAVL;
- WHEREAS** the V-0321 accountability form has been duly completed;
- WHEREAS** the transmission of the project accounts was completed at the end of the work or **no later than December 31st, 2024** of the calendar year during which the authorization was obtained from the Minister;
- WHEREAS** the payment is conditional on the acceptance, by the Minister, of the accountability report relating to the project;
- WHEREAS** if the rendering of accounts is deemed to be compliant, the Minister makes a payment to the municipalities according to the list of work approved, without exceeding the maximum amount of assistance as it appears in the announcement;
- WHEREAS** the other sources of funding for the work have been declared;

FOR THESE REASONS

Motion Cr. Kilgour that it is unanimously resolved and adopted by the Bristol Council to approve expenses in the amount of \$40 000 relating to the improvement work carried out and the inherent eligible costs mentioned in form V-0321, in accordance with the requirements of the Ministry of Transport of Quebec. The municipality acknowledges that in the event of non-compliance, the financial assistance will be terminated. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

- (24-08-86)** Motion Cr. Twolan-Graham that Council confirms that the Norway Bay Pier, situated on Lot 5 800 242 will continue to be used for non-profit purposes that promote public access to the river and that the Director General, Christina Peck, is authorized to sign the upcoming lease for the Pier on behalf of the municipality. Crd. The Mayor and Cr. Graham abstain from voting.

- (24-08-87)** Motion Cr. Greer to post an ad in The Equity for the sale of the 2003 Backhoe and set the reserve bit at \$20 000. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(24-08-88) Motion Cr. Crawford to post an ad in The Equity for the sale of the 2010 GMC Sierra and set the reserve bit at \$5000. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(24-08-89) PRABAM

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bristol has read the guide relating to the PRABAM and agrees to respect the terms of this guide to receive the government contribution, which was confirmed in a letter from the Minister of Municipal Affairs;

THEREFORE Motion Cr. Greer that the members of the Council confirm the completion of the work covered by the final account report. In addition, Council authorizes the Director General, Christina Peck, to complete the final report. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(24-08-90) CPTAQ Authorization

WHEREAS this project promotes agrotourism, a growing activity in the region;

WHEREAS this project promotes sustainable agriculture;

WHEREAS this agricultural business will benefit the local economy by providing unique, non-traditional products;

WHEREAS this project creates essential accommodations in our region;

WHEREAS this type of accommodation would encourage the agricultural aspect of the project:

WHEREAS this project would provide an educational aspect on permaculture practices;

WHEREAS this project would create jobs;

WHEREAS this project is located in a unique area on the Quyon River and offers an adequate buffer zone;

WHEREAS a special project application (PPCMOI) was approved by the municipality on September 4, 2018 by Resolution # 18-09-108 in order to authorize agrotourism and camping uses not in compliance with the current zoning by-law and that the MRC Pontiac confirmed its compliance with its Land Use and Development Plan;

WHEREAS this project continues to be in compliance with PPCMOI By-Law # 305.

THEREFORE Motion Cr. Graham to support the renewal of the CPTAQ Authorization filed by Alluvia in order to continue their project of a nature refuge and organic farm on their property identified as Lot 5 801 408. Crd. Unanimously.

(24-08-91) Motion Cr. Graham to authorize Brendan Maloney to install a candy machine beside the Beach Service Building until the Beach closes on August 19th. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(24-08-92) **Modify the Use of the Comparative Factor in the Municipal Assessment Process**

WHEREAS the current municipal assessment process uses a comparative factor to determine property values;

WHEREAS this comparative factor can lead to inequitable assessments and does not always accurately reflect the real market value of the properties, especially during the 2nd and 3rd years of the Triennial Roll;

WHEREAS the municipality of Bristol expresses the need to review and revise the Municipal Taxation Act (Loi sur la fiscalité municipale) and the assessment process to ensure a more equitable and transparent property assessment for the well-being of its residents;

WHEREAS adjusting the municipal tax rate is only a temporary measure and does not resolve the issue;

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WHEREAS other municipalities could face this situation of having high comparative factors and their negative impacts: calculation of MRC shares, calculation of Sûreté du Québec fees, and their impacts on residents: school taxes, transfer duties on the standardized value, etc.;

THEREFORE Motion Cr. Kilgour that the Municipality of Bristol formally requests a review of the municipal assessment process, with a particular focus on reviewing and modifying the use of the comparative factor. In addition, the Municipal Council of Bristol proposes the adoption of a new methodology for property assessment that more accurately reflects real market value, whether the calculation is done on an assessment basis instead of a unit basis. Furthermore, we request that the comparative factor in the 2nd and 3rd years of the Triennial Roll has no impact on municipalities and their residents. The Municipality of Bristol invites other municipalities to support this initiative and adopt similar resolutions to create a harmonized and equitable approach to property assessment across the region. We also invite municipalities to sign and share the petition at the National Assembly. A copy of this resolution will be sent to the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipal Directors of Quebec, the Quebec Federation of Municipalities, the Union of Quebec Municipalities, the MRCs, and the municipalities of Quebec. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(24-08-93) Motion Cr. Twolan-Graham that the municipality confirms to commit 20% of the costs associated with the FRR grant application for the repairs to the Pier. 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

(24-08-94) Motion Cr. Crawford that invoices totalling \$390 014.74 be paid for the month of July. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(24-08-95) Motion Cr. Kilgour to accept the financial statements for the month of June. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(24-08-96) Motion Cr. Greer to close the meeting. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

Mayor Brent Orr

Director General Christina Peck

