

The regular meeting of the Bristol Council was held on July 3rd, 2023 at 8:00 p.m. with Mayor Brent Orr, and Crs. Valerie Twolan-Graham, Archie Greer, Meaghan McConnell, Kim Crawford and Debbie Kilgour. Cr. Greg Graham was unable to attend.

- (23-07-83) Motion Cr. Greer that the minutes from the June 5th meeting be adopted as revised. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (23-07-84) Motion Cr. Kilgour to adopt the agenda with the additions. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (23-07-85) Motion Cr. Greer to authorize My Way Chip Stand to operate on the property identified as 5 800 114 providing that a fence be installed to secure the dilapidated building presently on the site and proof of insurance is provided. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (23-07-86) **APPOINTMENT OF THE LAW FIRM OF GREY CASGRAIN S.E.N.C. TO REPRESENT THE MUNICIPALITY OF BRISTOL WITHIN THE LAWSUIT FILED BY BILINGUAL MUNICIPALITIES CONTESTING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF AN ACT RESPECTING FRENCH, THE OFFICIAL AND COMMON LANGUAGE OF QUEBEC (“LAW 96”)**

WHEREAS since 1977, the Municipality of Bristol is recognized as having bilingual status according to the Charter of the French Language;

WHEREAS the *Act respecting French, the official and common language of Quebec (“Law 96”)* an act to amend the Charter of the French language, has serious negative implications on the linguistic rights of the residents of the Municipality of Bristol and on the efficient administration and delivery of municipal services;

WHEREAS there are several provisions of Law 96 that will come into effect in June 2023, dealing specifically with municipalities of bilingual status;

WHEREAS not only does Law 96 compromise the bilingual status, which is intrinsically part of our cultural identity, the contested provisions also extend beyond language rights and undermine the constitutionally protected and inalienable rights that belong to all Quebec citizens;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bristol has agreed to join as co-plaintiff in a legal action contesting the provisions of Law 96 and is in accordance with giving the mandate to the firm of Grey Casgrain s.e.n.c.;

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bristol agrees to share the legal fees and costs with the other co-plaintiffs, on a pro rata basis, established on the basis of population, said fees to be coordinated by the City of Cote Saint Luc and paid at the end of each quarter;

IT IS:

MOVED BY: Valerie Twolan-Graham

SECONDED BY: Meaghan McConnell

AND RESOLVED:

THAT Me Julius Grey of the firm Grey Casgrain s.e.n.c. be mandated to represent the Municipality of Bristol in its Application before the Superior Court to contest certain provisions of Law 96 which affect the rights and obligations of bilingual municipalities;

THAT the Mayor and or the Director General be hereby authorized to sign the letter of intent with the City of Cote Saint-Luc and the mandate with the Law Firm of Grey Casgrain s.e.n.c. to allow them to represent the city in the above-mentioned proceedings;

THAT the Municipality of Bristol commits to sharing the legal fees and costs with the City of Cote Saint-Luc and other co-plaintiffs, on a pro rata basis, based on the relative size of its population;

THAT an expenditure not exceeding \$1.00 per resident of the municipality be reserved by each of the co-plaintiff municipalities for all necessary expenses to this end to cover the application and pleadings of said proceedings before the Superior Court;

THAT the City of Cote Saint Luc be designated to receive the payments for the firm Grey Casgrain for all legal fees, from all municipalities involved in this action. Crd. Unanimously.

(23-07-87) Motion Cr. McConnell to accept the quote submitted by Lignes Maska for line painting of all paved roads in the amount of \$20 762.75, taxes extra. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

- (23-07-88) Motion Cr. Kilgour to support the PHS & Community Project initiative within the framework of the Regions & Rurality Fund MRC Grant, for upgrading and development of infrastructure to support sports activities within the Shawville, Clarendon and Bristol areas. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (23-07-89) Motion Cr. Greer to support the development of a new tower aimed at enhancing regional wireless services by the company QualNet, to be located on the property identified as Lot 5 801 200. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (23-07-90) Motion Cr. McConnell to support the Bristol Market's Annual Kid's Day on August 5th, with a donation of \$100. 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

- (23-07-91) Motion Cr. Crawford that invoices totalling \$183 069.16 be paid for the month of June. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (23-07-92) Motion Cr. Kilgour to accept the financial statements for the month of May. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (23-07-93) Motion Cr. Greer to close the meeting. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

Mayor Brent Orr

Director General Christina Peck

