

The regular meeting of the Bristol Council was held in the Townhall using social distancing on July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:00 p.m. with Mayor Brent Orr, and Crs. Archie Greer, Greg Graham, Brian Drummond and Debbie Kilgour.

**(21-07-74)** Motion Cr. Graham that the minutes from the June 7<sup>th</sup> meeting be adopted as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

**(21-07-75)** Motion Cr. Drummond to adopt the agenda with the additions. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

**(21-07-76)** Motion Cr. Greer to accept the tender supplied by Eurovia Quebec Inc. for Phase 2 of Ragged Chute Road paving, consisting of 0.9 km, in the amount of \$346 405.00, taxes extra. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

**(21-07-77)** Bilingual Status

**WHEREAS** the Charter of the French Language (Charter) was adopted by the Quebec National Assembly in 1977, and over 80 municipalities throughout the Province of Quebec were recognized as having bilingual status pursuant to the provisions of Section 29.1 of the Charter;

**WHEREAS** the original provisions of the Charter allowed those municipalities that had a majority of residents who spoke a language other than French to be officially recognized under Section 29.1 of the Charter;

**WHEREAS** the Municipality of Bristol has been recognized as having bilingual status under Section 29.1 of the Charter since 1977 and wishes to retain such bilingual status;

**WHEREAS** the Charter does not permit the recognition of bilingual status being removed except at the request of the municipality;

**WHEREAS** looking back over the history of the Municipality of Bristol, it is evident that the French and English languages have always coexisted in harmony;

- WHEREAS** bilingualism has been an integral part of the everyday life of the Municipality of Bristol, even before the incorporation of the municipality;
- WHEREAS** the Charter of the French Language, recognizes the Municipality of Bristol as having bilingual status which enables the municipality to provide all its services in both official languages;
- WHEREAS** Bill 96 An Act respecting French, the official and common language of Quebec tabled at the Quebec National Assembly on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021, contains provisions that may withdraw the recognition of bilingual status from municipalities previously recognized as such under the Charter of the French Language, such as the Municipality of Bristol;
- WHEREAS** in accordance with the provisions of Bill 96, there is sufficient basis for the Municipality of Bristol to confirm its desire to retain its bilingual status as recognized under the Charter of the French Language, by municipal resolution;
- THEREFORE** Motion Cr. Drummond to confirm the Municipality of Bristol's desire to retain its recognition as having bilingual status under Section 29.1 of the Charter of the French Language, and refusal for said recognition to be withdrawn. In addition, to uphold our commitment to do everything in our power to ensure that the Municipality of Bristol continues to provide all of its services to the public in both official languages and affirm the conviction of the municipality that the French and English languages will continue to coexist in harmony in the Municipality of Bristol, as it has been for over a hundred years, even before the incorporation of the municipality in 1855. In addition, to send a copy of this resolution to the Office de la langue française, to the members of the Quebec National Assembly, to the MRC Pontiac and all 18 municipalities of the MRC Pontiac, to the local federal member of Parliament, to the Office of the Commissioner of Official Languages of Canada, to the UMQ, to the FQM and to the FCM. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

- (21-07-78)** Motion Cr. Graham to charge \$100 for a vending permit for Pam Illingworth to operate an ice cream cart at the Norway Bay beach for the months of July and August. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (21-07-79)** Motion Cr. Drummond to nominate Archie Greer for the Waste Management Committee of the MRC Pontiac. 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.

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Christina Peck, Director General

- (21-07-80)** Motion Cr. Kilgour that invoices totalling \$102 917.90 be paid for the month of June. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (21-07-81)** Motion Cr. Greer to accept the financial statements for the month of May. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (21-07-82)** Motion Cr. Graham to purchase \$1000 worth of picnic tables for McLellan Park. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (21-07-83)** Motion Cr. Greer to close the meeting. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

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Mayor Brent Orr

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Director General Christina Peck