

The regular meeting of the Bristol Council was held using social distancing on March 7<sup>th</sup>, 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.

(22-03-20) Motion Cr. Greer that the minutes from the February 7<sup>th</sup> meeting be adopted as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-03-21) Motion Cr. Kilgour to adopt the agenda with the additions. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-03-22) Motion Cr. Graham to pay for the rescue boat and be reimbursed by the Bristol Fire Department, less the budgeted amount supplied by the municipality, when their fundraising campaign is complete. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-03-23) Code of Ethics

**WHEREAS** the Council of the Municipality of Bristol (hereinafter the “municipality”) adopted, on May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018, By-Law # 292A.2 pertaining to the Code of Ethics and Good Conduct for the Elected Officials;

**WHEREAS** *pursuant to article 13 of the Municipal Ethics and Good Conduct Act (RLRQ, c. E-15.1.0.1, hereinafter the « LEDMM »), every municipality must, before March 1<sup>st</sup> following any general election, adopt a revised code of ethics and good conduct that replaces the one in force, with or without amendments;*

**WHEREAS** a general election was held on November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021;

**WHEREAS** *the Act to amend the Act respecting elections and referendums in municipalities, the Municipal Ethics and Good Conduct Act and various legislative provisions (SQ, 2021, c. 31), which amends the mandatory content of the Code of ethics and good conduct for all elected officials, came into force on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021;*

**WHEREAS** it is therefore necessary to adopt a revised Code of ethics and good conduct for all elected officials;

**WHEREAS** the formalities provided for in the LEDMM, for the adoption of such a revised code, have been respected;

- WHEREAS** the Director General, Christina Peck, states that the purpose of the present by-law is to provide for the main ethical values of the municipality and the rules of conduct that must guide the conduct of a person as an elected official of the municipality;
- WHEREAS** the municipality, including its Council, explicitly adheres to the ethical values and rules of conduct set out in the LEDMM and in the present Code;
- WHEREAS** ethics and good conduct in municipal matters are essential to maintain the bond of trust between the municipality and its citizens;
- WHEREAS** exhibiting a conduct in accordance with municipal ethics and good conduct must remain a constant concern of the elected officials in order to ensure the citizens a transparent, prudent, diligent and honest management of the municipality, including its public funds;
- WHEREAS** by applying the ethical values and respecting the rules of good conduct set out in the present Code, all elected officials are able to fulfill their role as an elected municipal official, to assume the responsibilities inherent in this function and to meet the expectations of citizens;
- WHEREAS** this Code contains the obligations as well as the guidelines for the conduct of all elected officials, while leaving it up to them to use its judgment in accordance with the values set out therein;
- WHEREAS** this Code aims to identify, prevent and avoid situations of conflict of interest;
- WHEREAS** any breach of the Code may result in serious consequences for the municipality and the elected officials;
- WHEREAS** it is incumbent upon all elected officials to respect this Code to ensure that high standards of ethics and good conduct are met in municipal matters.
- WHEREAS** a notice of motion of the present by-law was previously given at a regular assembly of the Council held on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022;
- WHEREAS** Draft By-Law # 317 was duly deposited during the regular assembly held on February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022;

**THEREFORE** Motion Cr. McConnell to adopt By-Law # 317 pertaining to the Code of Ethics and Good Conduct for the Elected Officials. Crd. Unanimously.

**(22-03-24)** Motion Cr. Twolan-Graham to submit a request to intervene in the hearing before April 11<sup>th</sup> regarding the Chalk River radioactive waste issue. 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

**(22-06-25)** Motion Cr. Greer that invoices totalling \$206 395.66 be paid for the month of February. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

**(22-03-26)** Motion Cr. McConnell to accept the financial statements for the month of January. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

**(22-03-27)** 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