

The regular meeting of the Bristol Council was held using social distancing on October 3rd, 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.

- (22-10-112)** Motion Cr. Greer that the minutes from the September 6th meeting be adopted as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (22-10-113)** Motion Cr. Kilgour to adopt the agenda with the additions. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (22-10-114)** Motion Cr. Greer to accept the tender submitted by Eric Pilon Construction for the # 1 Firehall major renovation in the amount of \$321 200, taxes extra. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (22-10-115)** Motion Cr. Graham to submit a grant application within the framework of the Family Policy program and the Age-Friendly Municipal Policy (Seniors Policy). In addition, Council appoints Cr. Twolan-Graham as the councillor responsible for both files. It is also resolved that the Director General, Christina Peck, will be authorized as the person responsible to sign all documents pertaining to these files. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (22-10-116)** Motion Cr. Twolan-Graham to proceed with the acquisition of the Hydro-Quebec public lighting network, at a cost of \$250.00 per street light, taxes extra, for an approximate inventory of 160 lights. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (22-10-117)** Motion Cr. McConnell to confirm that a copy of the Compliance Audit was received by each member of Council. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (22-10-118)** Motion Cr. Greer to proceed with the removal of the public road designation for the property identified as 15 Murray Hill (Lot 5 801 731) and that the Director General, Christina Peck, is authorized to sign all documents pertaining to the sale. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-10-119) Motion Cr. Kilgour to proceed with the grant application for Phase 2 of the Beach Renovation project under phase 4 of the MRC Regions and Rurality Funds revitalization component, and to authorize the Director General, Christina Peck, to sign all documents pertaining to this file. In addition, Council confirms that the municipality will assume all costs not covered by the grant. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-10-120) Minor Variance

WHEREAS Zoning By-Law # 312 indicates that 500 m is the prescribed distance for the construction of a kennel from any surrounding residences and this seems excessive in the opinion of the Town Planning Committee;

WHEREAS the location of the proposed kennel is remote and the development potential of the adjacent properties is extremely limited;

THEREFORE Motion Cr. Greer to accept the Minor Variance request for the construction of a dog kennel with the proposed distance of 250 m for the property identified as Lot 5 801 191, as presented. Crd. Cr. Graham registers his dissidence. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(22-10-121) Maple Syrup Producers

WHEREAS maple syrup production is an important activity that contributes to the economic growth and vitality of municipalities and MRC's in the maple syrup region, in particular through its 13,300 producers grouped together in 8,000 businesses;

WHEREAS Quebec is a world leader in the production of maple syrup representing 71% of all production;

WHEREAS exports of maple products have increased dramatically in recent years, specifically by 21% in 2020 and 22% in 2021;

WHEREAS maple products produced in Quebec are exported to 71 countries;

WHEREAS the production of maple syrup in Quebec has reached a record level with a production of 211 million pounds in 2022;

- WHEREAS** this record production will generate 12 582 full-time jobs for the time frame, will contribute \$1.133 billion to the gross domestic product (GDP) and generate tax revenues of \$142.87 million in Quebec and the rest of Canada;
- WHEREAS** the Quebec government must maximize the economic and social benefits of natural resources belonging to all Quebecers;
- WHEREAS** the ecological benefits of the sugar bush areas currently in maple production are estimated at \$1.62 billion per year;
- WHEREAS** for the same 100 hectares of a maple grove in a public forest, the economic benefits of the production and processing of maple syrup are 40 % to 75% greater than the harvesting and processing of hardwoods;
- WHEREAS** maple syrup production is a sustainable activity that allows the coexistence of uses in public forests and the preservation of fauna and flora;
- WHEREAS** maple syrup is part of Quebec's cultural and gastronomic identity and the Government of Quebec has designated sugaring-off traditions as part of Quebec's intangible heritage;
- WHEREAS** the Ministère des Forêts, de la Faune et des Parcs (MFFP) presented on May 26, 2022 its Ministerial Master Plan for the Development of Maple Culture in Public Forests (Master Plan) which aims to consistently oversee, at the provincial level, the development of maple syrup production in public forests;
- WHEREAS** the Master Plan was subject to public consultation until July 26, 2022;
- WHEREAS** the MFFP and the Quebec Maple Syrup Producers (PPAQ) are currently in negotiations on the development of maple syrup production in public forests;
- WHEREAS** the PPAQ estimates that it will be necessary to add 36 million additional taps in public forests by 2080, which represents 200,000 hectares of public forest, to ensure the short, medium and long term future of maple syrup production in Quebec;
- WHEREAS** it is necessary to protect the maple potential and the maple trees of Quebec to ensure the development of the maple industry;

THEREFORE Motion Cr. Graham that Council recognizes the important economic, social and environmental contribution of maple syrup production for the regions of Quebec. In addition, Council supports the PPAQ in their representations to the MFFP, in order to promote the various uses in public forests in a long-term vision that reconciles the interests of silviculture with maple syrup production by ensuring the safeguarding of the maple potential necessary for growth of the maple industry, with a view to conserving Quebec's forest heritage.

(22-10-122) Designation of an Impound for the Purposes of the Highway Safety Code

WHEREAS the Société de l'assurance automobile du Québec (SAAQ) enforces legislative provisions regarding the seizure and impoundment of road vehicles;

WHEREAS the applicable provisions of the Highway Safety Code entered into effect on December 1, 1997;

WHEREAS the municipality may designate an impound where seized vehicles can be stored;

WHEREAS a resolution designating Bristol Auto as such impound does not oblige the municipality to use the services of this impound;

WHEREAS Bristol Auto can serve, among others, the Sûreté du Québec and Contrôle Routier Québec (SAAQ);

THEREFORE Motion Cr. Kilgour that Council designates Bristol Auto, owned by Cecil Hodgins, to operate Vehicle Impound # 84007 at 11 Front Road, Bristol, Quebec, J0X 1G0 and to request that this impound be registered as a recognized impound with the SAAQ for the territory of the Municipality of Bristol. In addition, that Bristol Auto is required to comply with the requirements of the SAAQ, in particular the practices and obligations set out in the Guide to Managing Seized Vehicles published by the SAAQ. The facilities of Bristol Auto must also comply with the municipal by-laws currently in effect. The municipality is exempt from any liability as concerns the retention, storage, theft or vandalism of any seized road vehicles. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

- (22-10-123)** Motion Cr. Greer to install a culvert on the portion of Fifth Line East that is not maintained in Winter for drainage purposes as per the request submitted by Les Fermes Soulard. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (22-10-124)** Motion Cr. Graham to proceed with the access way surveys as per the estimate submitted by Hubert Carpentier in the amount of \$7500, taxes extra for the 10 sites selected as follows: Grant, McKay, Macoun, Attwood, White, between 193 & 195 River, Fairview, Woodlawn, Murray Hill and Alex Murray Park. 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

- (22-10-125)** Motion Cr. McConnell that invoices totalling \$133 657.62 be paid for the month of September. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (22-10-126)** Motion Cr. Crawford to accept the financial statements for the month of August. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (22-10-127)** Motion Cr. Kilgour to go in camera at 9:33. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (22-10-128)** Motion Cr. Kilgour to come out of camera at 9:56. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (22-10-129)** Motion Cr. Greer to hire Robert Orr as the Working Road Foreman. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (22-10-130)** Motion Cr. McConnell to close the meeting. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

Mayor Brent Orr

Director General Christina Peck