

A special meeting of the Bristol Council was held in the Townhall on July 30th, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. with Mayor Brent Orr, and Crs. Steve Forbes, Keith Smith, Colette O'Malley, Greg Graham, Brian Drummond and Debbie Kilgour.

(12-07-130) Motion Cr. Forbes to adopt the agenda as presented. Crd.
The Mayor abstains from voting.

(12-07-131) Drought Crisis

WHEREAS a situation continues to exist because of the weather conditions on the territory of the MRC Pontiac and that these conditions have a major impact on ALL of the cattle and dairy farmers of the region and cash crop producers;

WHEREAS the socio-economic impact will persist well beyond the present drought crisis that has persisted since the beginning of June 2012;

WHEREAS the farming community is caught off guard with respect to their crops and the sustainability of their herds;

WHEREAS the drinking water on some farms for people residing there or for feeding livestock shows signs of drying up or have already dried up;

WHEREAS the artesian wells in several communities and groups are struggling with the same catastrophic situation;

WHEREAS several communities equipped with a water system have issued several notices to ban watering in order to meet the demand for potable water;

WHEREAS this emergency goes beyond the municipal powers to adequately respond to this natural disaster;

WHEREAS the Civil Protection Act is to protect persons and property against disasters. This protection is provided by measures of prevention, response preparedness, and response during a disaster or imminent disaster as well as measures to restore the situation after the event;

WHEREAS a series of mandatory measures must be taken in the shortest possible time in order to support our producers;

CONSEQUENTLY we the municipalities of the MRC Pontiac urge the Government of Quebec to establish an emergency action plan due to this ongoing situation with respect to our territory;

THEREFORE we require that the agricultural expertise of all levels and other expertise be mobilized for the territory of the MRC Pontiac residents to compensate for all of our concerns; and provide immediate financial assistance to ensure the purchase and transportation of food (feed) and other mitigation measures for our farmers.

It is proposed by Cr. Forbes and unanimously resolved, at a special meeting of the Municipality of Bristol held on July 30th, 2012. That the Provincial Government declares all of the MRC Pontiac an emergency situation.

(12-07-132) Motion Cr. O'Malley to close the meeting. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

Mayor Brent Orr

Director General Christina Peck

