

The regular meeting of the Bristol Council was held in the Townhall on January 7th, 2013 at 8:00 p.m. with Mayor Brent Orr, and Crs. Steve Forbes, Keith Smith, Colette O'Malley, Greg Graham, Brian Drummond and Debbie Kilgour.

- (13-01-01)** Motion Cr. Forbes that the minutes from the December 3rd meeting be adopted as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (13-01-02)** Motion Cr. Drummond that the minutes from the Special Meeting of December 6th be adopted as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (13-01-03)** Motion Cr. Forbes that the minutes from the December 13th Budget Meeting be adopted as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (13-01-04)** Motion Cr. Drummond to adopt the agenda with the additions. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (13-01-05)** Motion Cr. Graham that we request a copy of the feasibility study for Sault-des-Chats prior to committing to any further funding. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (13-01-06)** Motion Cr. Forbes to accept heavy waste, excluding building materials and shingles, at the Transfer Station during the regular scheduled hours throughout the garbage pick-up schedule, (May Long Weekend to Thanksgiving Weekend) as opposed to scheduling specific Clean-Up Weekends. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(13-01-07) Resolution on Section 29.1 "Bilingual Status"

Motion Cr. Drummond that:

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; and

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; and

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”; and

WHEREAS currently the Charter does not allow the recognition of “bilingual status” under Section 29.1 to be removed from a municipality or borough except at the request of such municipality or borough; and

WHEREAS the Quebec National Assembly adopted Bill 170 imposing forced municipal mergers on municipalities in 2000 and simultaneously adopted companion legislation Bill 171 which drastically changed the criteria to obtain recognition under Section 29.1 of the Charter, from a majority of residents of a municipality or borough who spoke a language other than French to a majority of residents whose mother tongue was English; and

WHEREAS the revised criteria under Bill 171 was imposed without consultation with municipalities recognized under Section 29.1 and adopted the narrowest and most inaccurate definition of the English-speaking communities within said municipalities or boroughs; and

WHEREAS the current Quebec Government has now proposed Bill 14 which would allow for the removal of Section 29.1 recognition from municipalities or boroughs by decree and against the will of the municipality or borough concerned, its duly elected council and its residents; and

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bristol is firmly opposed to the proposed amendments to Section 29 of the Charter as set out in Bill 14;

BE IT RESOLVED:

- THAT the Municipality of Bristol hereby declares that it wishes to retain “bilingual status” recognition under section 29.1 of the Charter now and in the future and wishes to do so irrespective of any fluctuations in its population shown in census numbers now or in the future;
- THAT the residents and Council of the Municipality of Bristol view the recognition of our municipality under Section 29.1 as fundamental to the

- character of the municipality and as a testament of the historical presence of both the English- and French-speaking communities in the municipality;
- THAT the Municipality of Bristol vigorously opposes the proposed modifications to Section 29 of the Charter set out in Bill 14 and demands that the Quebec National Assembly continue to recognize the acquired rights of all municipalities and boroughs that currently possess such status and refrain from adopting any legislation that allows Section 29.1 recognition of bilingual Status to be removed from a municipality or borough except at the initiative and express request of said municipality or borough;
 - THAT the Municipality of Bristol calls upon all of the members of the Quebec National Assembly to remove the provisions of Bill 14 that propose to amend Section 29 of the Charter or to vote against and defeat such provisions since we view such provisions as an attack on the fundamental rights and intrinsic character of all municipalities and boroughs that currently possess Section 29.1 recognition.
 - That the Municipality of Bristol directs its clerk to send copies of this resolution to all members of the Quebec National Assembly, to all other municipalities in Quebec officially recognized under Section 29.1 of the Charter and to the local federal member of Parliament and the Commissioner of Official Languages of Canada and the UMQ, FQM and FCM. Crd. Unanimously.

- (13-01-08)** Motion Cr. Forbes to reject the proposal submitted from the Lawyer representing Pearlcrest Homes to purchase a portion of the road allowance in front of 112 River Road. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (13-01-09)** Motion Cr. Forbes to publish the ad for the By-Law Enforcement Officer / Assistant Building Inspector in The Equity and The Journal. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (13-01-10)** Motion Cr. Drummond to increase the rental for the Jack Graham Bristol Community Centre to \$400 per rental with a security deposit of \$400 for all rentals which involve a bar service. For all functions not requiring a bar service, the rental will be \$200 with a security deposit of \$200. The deposit must be in the form of cash, certified cheque or money order and will be returned within a week of the event providing that there is no damage to the community centre. Crd. The Mayor and Cr. Graham abstain 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

- (13-01-11)** Motion Cr. Drummond that invoices totalling \$133 776.31 be paid for the month of December. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (13-01-12)** Motion Cr. Kilgour to accept the financial statements for the month of November. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (13-01-13)** Motion Cr. Forbes to accept the quote from Twin Equipment for the purchase and installation of a snowplow for the 2010 GMC Sierra at a cost of \$6034.20, taxes included. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (13-01-14)** Motion Mayor Orr to allow pieces of art to be displayed in the Municipal Office and the Library in commemoration of the 400th Anniversary of Samuel de Champlain. Crd. Unanimously.
- (13-01-15)** Motion Cr. O'Malley to close the meeting. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

Mayor Brent Orr

Director General Christina Peck