

The regular meeting of the Bristol Council was held in the Townhall on January 6th, 2014 at 8:00 p.m. with Mayor Brent Orr, and Crs. Phillip Holmes, Tyler Sally, Colette O'Malley, Greg Graham, Brian Drummond and Debbie Kilgour.

- (14-01-01)** Motion Cr. O'Malley that the minutes from the December 2nd meeting be adopted as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (14-01-02)** Motion Cr. Drummond that the minutes from the Budget Meeting of December 11<sup>th</sup> be adopted as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (14-01-03)** Motion Cr. Drummond that the minutes from the Town Planning Meeting of November 26<sup>th</sup> be adopted as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (14-01-04)** Motion Cr. Kilgour to adopt the agenda with the additions. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (14-01-05)** Motion Cr. Sally to forward the trapping issue to the Town Planning Committee. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (14-01-06)** Motion Cr. Graham to add all unpaid taxes for 2013 in excess of \$300.00, including interest arrears, to the list for the Land Sale and forward it to the firm PME Inter Notaires, Me Mireille Alary, for collection. The Municipal Office will accept payment only until the 14<sup>th</sup> of February, 2014. Any payment received after the 31<sup>st</sup> of January must be by cash or certified cheque. The Director General, Christina Peck, is authorized to attend the Land Sale scheduled for May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (14-01-07)** **Nomination of an Appointed Councillor in Replacement of a Municipal Mayor at the MRC Pontiac Regional Table**
- Motion Cr. Graham to appoint Councillor O'Malley, to chair as the representative of the Municipality of Bristol at the table of the Council of Mayors of the Regional County Municipality (MRC) of Pontiac in the absence of the Mayor, Brent Orr. It is also resolved that Councillor O'Malley will hold the power of vote at this regional table. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

**(14-01-08)** Motion Cr. Graham to nominate Cr. Drummond as a candidate to fill the vacant seat on the Agricultural Advisory Committee. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

**(14-01-09)** Motion Cr. Graham to send a copy of our resolution pertaining to the Charter of Secularity to the office of Charlotte L'Écuyer, local Member of the National Assembly of Québec and to Mathieu Ravnat, our local Member of Parliament for Pontiac. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

**(14-01-10) Canadian Postal Service Charter Review**

Motion Cr. Holmes that:

**WHEREAS** the federal government will look at how it handles public postal services with a review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter in 2014

**WHEREAS** Canada Post is preparing for the review by campaigning for major service cuts

**WHEREAS** Canada Post has already dramatically cut service by closing or downsizing public post offices, eliminating rural mailbox delivery and removing street letter collection boxes

**WHEREAS** Canada Post and the federal government should do everything in its power to prevent additional cuts during the upcoming review, and instead deal with financial issues by adding revenue-generating services like many other post offices around the world, including lucrative financial services like bill payments, insurance and banking

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

The Municipality of Bristol write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post to request that the government consider innovate ways to generate postal revenue during the Charter review, including financial services like bill payments, insurance and banking. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

**(14-01-11) Improve the Canadian Postal Service Charter**

Motion Cr. Holmes that:

**WHEREAS** the federal government will look at how it handles public postal services with a review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter in 2014

**WHEREAS** the public has a right to have input on matters involving its publicly owned post office

**WHEREAS** the current Charter has a number of serious problems that need fixing

**WHEREAS** the government could use the Charter review to reduce our public post office's obligation to provide service (instead of improving the Charter) and even lay the groundwork for privatizing or deregulating Canada Post

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT**

The Municipality of Bristol write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post to request 1) that the upcoming review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter be open to public input and 2) that the Charter be improved by:

- Ensuring that the moratorium on post office closures in small and rural communities protects the public nature of post offices
- Eliminating the exceptions to the moratorium
- Extending the consultation process over possible closures and making the process and moratorium more transparent
- Establishing an independent Canada Post ombudsperson to report on Canada Post's performance in meeting Charter expectations
- Establishing a reasonable, uniform and democratic process for making changes to the postal and delivery network (closures, downsizing, removal of rural mailboxes, etc), but only after consultation with the public and other stakeholders. 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

- (14-01-12)** Motion Cr. O'Malley that invoices totalling \$315 269.64 be paid for the month of December. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (14-01-13)** Motion Cr. Drummond to accept the financial statements for the month of November. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (14-01-14)** Motion Cr. Sally to authorize Cr. Holmes & Cr. Graham to proceed with gathering information concerning the Lifeguard Program. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (14-01-15)** Motion Cr. Graham to request that the Sault-des-Chats Market Study progress report be translated into English. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (14-01-16)** Motion Cr. Drummond to go in camera at 21:15. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (14-01-17)** Motion Cr. Drummond to come out of camera at 21:20. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (14-01-18)** Motion Cr. Holmes 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