

The regular meeting of the Bristol Council was held on May 5th, 2025 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.

(25-05-59) Motion Cr. Greer that the minutes from the April 7th meeting be adopted as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(25-05-60) Motion Cr. Crawford to adopt the agenda with the additions. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(25-05-61) Motion Cr. Greer to accept the quote supplied by Jason Hynes Construction Inc. for asphalt repair on Front Road in the amount of \$23 796.00, taxes extra. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(25-05-62) Land Sale

Motion Cr. Crawford that the Director General has submitted to Council, for review and consideration, a statement of property taxes in excess of \$1000 due to the municipality, as of September 11th, 2025 in order to meet the requirements of Article 1022 of the Municipal Code of the Province of Quebec. This statement is approved by Council and the Director General is authorized to undertake the necessary procedures for the purpose of enabling the MRC Pontiac to sell these properties for which taxes remain unpaid at the payment deadline. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(25-05-63) Land Sale Authorization

WHEREAS the Municipality of Bristol may bid and acquire properties offered for sale for unpaid municipal taxes, in accordance with Article 1038 of the Municipal Code;

WHEREAS properties will be put up for sale for non-payment of taxes according to Resolution # 25-05-62;

WHEREAS Council believes it is appropriate to authorize the Director General to bid on and potentially acquire these properties on the list for non-payment of taxes;

THEREFORE	Motion Cr. McConnell that in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Code, Council authorizes the Director General, Christina Peck, to bid for on behalf of the Municipality of Bristol, properties that are the object of the sale for non-payment of taxes scheduled for September 11 th , 2025, the amount of the taxes in capital, interest and costs. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
(25-05-64)	Motion Cr. Crawford to accept the application of Alex Mahon as a new member of the Town Planning Committee. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
(25-05-65)	RénoRégion Program
WHEREAS	the Société d'habitation du Québec (SHQ) confirmed two days after the reading of the Quebec government's 2025-2026 budget that they are abandoning the RénoRégion program, an essential program to help the less financially secure homeowners in our communities, often seniors or single-parent families living in rural areas, to correct major defects in their modest residences;
WHEREAS	this program has made it possible to keep several thousand people in their homes, in areas where the housing crisis is significant, and where there is no affordable housing and even less low-cost housing;
WHEREAS	there are more than a thousand families on the waiting lists of Quebec's MRCs;
WHEREAS	on March 27, the Federation of Quebec Municipalities (FQM) asked Quebec Premier François Legault to show compassion for our most vulnerable citizens and families by urgently remedying the situation;
WHEREAS	this request has gone unanswered and that the 24 and 36-unit modular apartment projects in a number of Quebec cities, since promoted by the Minister responsible for Housing, France-Élaine Duranceau, cannot meet regional needs;
WHEREAS	although the RénoRégion program has cost the Quebec government less than \$18 million per year and represents only 0.0001% of overall spending, the minister justifies this decision citing sound management of public finances;
WHEREAS	the program's average subsidy is \$19 309, a fraction of the actual construction costs of the new housing units promoted by the minister;

- WHEREAS** last year, at the request of the SHQ, the FQM submitted a series of proposals to increase the program's efficiency and make it more accessible to better meet the needs across Quebec;
- WHEREAS** the SHQ was to launch an improved version of the RénoRégion program following its consultations in 2025;
- WHEREAS** the abolition of this program is detrimental to the most vulnerable people in our communities.
- THEREFORE** It is proposed by Cr. Twolan-Graham that the Bristol Municipal Council ask the Premier of Quebec, François Legault, and the minister responsible for Housing, France-Élaine Duranceau to immediately RENEW the RénoRégion program for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, to commit to its long-term funding; and continue the process of improving the program to ensure greater accessibility in all regions of Quebec. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (25-05-66)** Motion Cr. Kilgour to donate \$500 to the Pontiac Agricultural Society in support of the 2025 Expo Shawville Fair. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (25-05-67)** Motion Cr. Greer to accept the proposal submitted by Calumet Media for the design and implementation of a new website in the amount of \$10 000, taxes extra, and that the Director General, Christina Peck, is authorized to sign the contract. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (25-05-68)** Motion Cr. McConnell to switch to the company Heritage for debit and credit card payments in the municipal office. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (25-05-69)** Motion Cr. Twolan-Graham to donate \$400 to the Men's Night arena fundraiser. 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

- (25-05-70)** Motion Cr. Crawford that invoices totalling \$101 251.04 be paid for the month of April. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

- (25-05-71)** Motion Cr. Kilgour to accept the financial statements for the month of March. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (25-05-72)** Motion Cr. Greer to close the meeting. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

Mayor Brent Orr

Director General Christina Peck