

The regular meeting of the Bristol Council was held on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 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.

- (23-01-01) Motion Cr. Twolan-Graham that the minutes from the December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting be adopted as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (23-01-02) Motion Cr. Greer that the minutes from the December 13<sup>th</sup> Budget and 3 Year Capital Expenditure Meeting be adopted as presented. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (23-01-03) Motion Cr. McConnell to adopt the agenda with the additions. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (23-01-04) Motion Cr. Kilgour to add the organization Bristol Community Association to the municipal insurance policy with the MMQ at a cost of \$195.00 plus 9% taxes, to be invoiced to the organization. Crd. The Mayor and Cr. McConnell abstain from voting.
- (23-01-05) Motion Cr. McConnell to adopt By-Law # 304A.6 pertaining to the General Property Tax Rate, Service Rates and the Annual Interest Rate. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.

(23-01-06) **Firefighter Training**

**WHEREAS** the by-law respecting the conditions to practice within a municipal fire safety service provides for the training requirements for firefighters of fire safety services in order to ensure a minimum professional qualification;

**WHEREAS** this by-law is part of a desire to guarantee municipalities the training of firefighting teams with the necessary skills and abilities to respond effectively in emergency situations;

**WHEREAS** in December 2014, the Government of Quebec established the Financial Assistance Program for the training of volunteer or part-time firefighters and it has been renewed in 2019;

**WHEREAS** the main objective of this program is to provide municipal organizations with financial assistance to enable them to have a sufficient number of qualified firefighters to act effectively and safely in emergency situations;

- WHEREAS** this program is also intended to promote the acquisition of the skills and abilities required by volunteer or part-time firefighters who work in municipal fire safety services;
- WHEREAS** the Municipality of Bristol wishes to benefit from the financial assistance offered by this program;
- WHEREAS** the Municipality of Bristol plans to train 4 firefighters for the Firefighter I Program during the next year in order to respond efficiently and safely to emergency situations on its territory;
- WHEREAS** the municipality must transmit its request to the Ministère de la Sécurité Publique through the MRC Pontiac in accordance with article 6 of the Program.
- THEREFORE** It is proposed by Cr. Greer and seconded by Cr. Crawford and resolved to present a request for financial assistance for the training of these firefighters within the framework of the Financial Assistance Program for the training of volunteer or part-time firefighters to the Ministry of Public Security and to transmit this request to the MRC Pontiac. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (23-01-07)** Motion Cr. Greer to accept the quote received by Kelly McConnell for website redesign in the amount of \$500, plus \$185 per month for maintenance. Crd. The Mayor and Cr. McConnell abstain from voting.
- (23-01-08)** Motion Cr. Twolan-Graham to install a stop sign on Cemetery at Pinehurst. Crd. On Division. 4 in favour and 2 against. Cr. McConnell and Cr. Greer register their dissidence. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (23-01-09)** Motion Cr. Greer to nominate Cr. Graham and Cr. McConnell as members of the Heritage Preservation Committee. All remaining councillors expressed interest in being alternate members. 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

- (23-01-10)** Motion Cr. Crawford that invoices totalling \$97 743.65 be paid for the month of December. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (23-01-11)** Motion Cr. McConnell to accept the financial statements for the month of November. Crd. The Mayor abstains from voting.
- (23-01-12)** Motion Cr. Greer 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