

The regular meeting of the Bristol Council was held on April 7th, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. with Mayor Valerie Twolan-Graham, and Crs. Steve Gray, Archie Greer, Meaghan McConnell, Nancy Crain and Remo Pasteris.

- (26-04-64) Motion Cr. Greer that the minutes from the March 2nd meeting be adopted with the correction to Motion # 26-03-57. Carried.
- (26-04-65) Motion Cr. Gray to adopt the agenda with the additions. Carried.
- (26-04-66) Motion Cr. McConnell to adopt By-Law # 304.9 pertaining to the General Tax Rate, Service Rates and the Annual Interest Rate. Carried.
- Cr. McConnell gives Notice of Motion to amend By-Law # 292A.2 pertaining to the Code of Ethics for Elected Municipal Officers. The second draft of By-Law # 292A.3 was deposited.
- (26-04-67) Motion Cr. Greer to accept the Tender submitted by Multi-Routes Inc. for the supply and spreading of 100 000 litres of calcium in the amount of \$0.429 per litre. Carried.
- (26-04-68) **Demolition Authorization Request**
- WHEREAS** the building is uninhabitable and an eyesore to the community;
- WHEREAS** any new construction on this lot will have a septic system in compliance with the Q.R. 22 regulations;
- WHEREAS** the building does not have any heritage features;
- THEREFORE** Motion Cr. Crain to accept the proposed Demolition Authorization Request for the property identified as 17 Sawdust Trail. Carried.
- (26-04-69) Motion Cr. Greer to appoint Alex Mahon as a member of the Analysis & Transition Committee to represent Bristol for Fire Safety Service decisions. Carried.
- (26-04-70) **Fire Safety Cover Plan**
- WHEREAS** section 35 of the Fire Safety Act requires that an activity report for the previous fiscal year be prepared, adopted by resolution, and submitted to the Minister annually;
- WHEREAS** the MRC is responsible for collecting this information in order to produce a regional activity report;

THEREFORE Motion Cr. McConnell to adopt the annual report of the revised Fire Safety Cover Plan for 2025 and to transmit it to the MRC Pontiac. Carried.

(26-04-71) Motion Cr. McConnell to appoint Cr. Pasteris as the municipal representative for the Library. Carried.

(26-04-72) TECQ Guide Modification

WHEREAS section 66 of the Municipal Powers Act (chapter C-47.1) grants local municipalities jurisdiction over roadways on public roads whose management does not fall under the Government of Québec or the Government of Canada;

WHEREAS the Guide concerning the terms and conditions for payment of the *government contribution under the Québec Water and Community Infrastructure Transfer Program (TECQ) 2024–2028, published in July 2024, provided that granular recharging of local roads was considered an eligible project, without specifying a required thickness;*

WHEREAS the new TECQ guide, published in January 2026, now specifies that granular recharging must reach a minimum thickness of 300 mm (30 cm) in order to be eligible;

WHEREAS this thickness represents a considerable quantity that more closely resembles a complete reconstruction of a gravel road rather than traditional granular recharging;

WHEREAS no standard prescribes a mandatory minimum thickness for granular recharging in the documents of the Ministère des Transports et de la Mobilité durable nor in standard BNQ 2560-114/2014 R 2024, and the Ministry's documents—particularly Volume VI, Chapter 2, Standard 2204—instead provide for a maximum thickness of 300 mm (30 cm);

WHEREAS granular recharging normally carried out on the local road network generally varies between 4 and 6 inches (100 to 150 mm), which constitutes the common practice for maintaining rural roads;

WHEREAS the application of a thickness of 300 mm results in several major disadvantages, including:

- a significant raising of the roadway level, creating problematic elevation differences with private driveways and property access points;
- instability of the driving surface due to an excessive addition of material even when compacted;
- an increased risk of material dispersal into ditches, causing blockages and poor drainage of stormwater;
- a notable increase in material, transportation, and labour costs, making such work difficult for rural municipalities to sustain;

- accelerated deterioration of roads due to a longer consolidation period and lower load-bearing capacity during the stabilization phase;
- additional interventions required to adapt and extend culverts and private entrances, generating extra costs for citizens and the municipality;

WHEREAS this new requirement imposes additional administrative, financial, and operational burdens on rural municipalities that were not anticipated when the TECQ 2024–2028 program was adopted;

WHEREAS maintaining granular recharging without a mandatory minimum thickness, as previously provided, would allow municipalities to better adapt their interventions to soil conditions, climate, and municipal budgets;

FOR THESE REASONS:

It is proposed by Cr. Gray and unanimously resolved by the members present on Council:

- That the Pontiac Regional County Municipality (RCM/MRC) be authorized to formally request that the Government of Québec amend the TECQ 2024–2028 guide, published in January 2026, in order to remove the requirement for a minimum thickness of 300 mm for granular recharging and return to wording without quantitative specification, leaving municipalities to determine the necessary thickness according to their local context.
- That the MRC Pontiac be authorized to seek the support of the Fédération québécoise des municipalités (FQM), the Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ), as well as all municipalities in Québec, in order to support this joint request to amend the guide.
- That a copy of this resolution be sent to the following bodies:
 - the Fédération québécoise des municipalités (FQM);
 - the Union des municipalités du Québec (UMQ);
 - the provincial Member of the National Assembly for Pontiac, Mr. André Fortin. Carried.

(26-04-73) Motion Cr. Crain to advertise for the rental of the canteen located at 1 Park in the online version of The Equity and on the website. Carried.

(26-04-74) Motion Cr. Gray to send out invitations to Tender for the seasonal waste collection contract to Logs End and Lawrence Kluge. Carried.

(26-04-75) Motion Cr. Greer to accept the Tender submitted by Lamarche McGuinty for the supply of gravel in the amount of \$7.07 MT, taxes extra, for 0-3/4 inch and \$7.07 MT, taxes extra, for 0-21/2 inch, for the year 2026. For 2027, the costs will be \$7.85 MT, taxes extra, for 0-3/4 inch and \$7.85 MT, taxes extra, for 0-2 ½ inch. Carried.

Cr. Pasteris gives Notice of Motion to adopt By-Law # 319 pertaining to Occupancy & Maintenance of Buildings. Draft By-Law # 319 was deposited.

- (26-04-76)** Motion Cr. Greer to indicate the Sixth Line as the road selected for the Financial Assistance for Local Roads grant. Carried.
- (26-04-77)** Motion Cr. Greer that the municipality accepts the Winter Road Maintenance contract presented by the Ministry of Transport, for a 2.8 km section on River Road between Bristol Village and Norway Bay, and the 4.79 km length of Bristol Road, in the amount of \$35 330, including a fuel clause. This contract is valid for a 3 year duration with an indexation clause for annual cost adjustment according to the Consumer Price Index (CPI), and Christina Peck, Director General is authorized to sign. Carried.
- (26-04-78)** Motion Cr. Gray to install a memorial sign on Elmside to honour Dennis and Nora Findlay. Carried.
- (26-04-79)** Motion Cr. Crain to sponsor the Shawville Fair in the amount of \$500. Carried.
- (26-04-80)** Motion Cr. Gray to install a Children at Play sign near 54 Aylmer Road. Carried.
- (26-04-81)** Motion Cr. Greer to not proceed with the speed limit decrease request on Route 148 near the intersections of Fifth Line East and Bristol Mines as this is under the jurisdiction of the Ministry of Transport of Quebec. Carried.

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

- (26-04-82)** Motion Cr. McConnell that invoices totalling \$151 698.04 be paid for the month of March. Carried.

- (26-04-83)** Motion Cr. Greer to nominate Nancy Crain as the pro mayor for the municipality and to represent the mayor at the MRC Pontiac during any absences. Carried.
- (26-04-84)** Motion Cr. McConnell to donate \$250 to the Norway Bay United cemetery fund in memory of James Carmichael. Carried.
- (26-04-85)** Motion Cr. Greer to close the meeting. Carried.

Mayor, Valerie Twolan-Graham

Director General, Christina Peck