

Meetings & Announcements

Novel-Coronavirus Update

The Mayor of the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has declared an emergency as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The following changes are in place:

- All municipal offices are closed until further notice.
- If you require immediate assistance, many services are still available by phone or online; others may be provided by appointment. Please call 905-775-5366 and listen to the options to be directed correctly, or see www.townofbwg.com/service
- All recreation facilities are closed and all programs, events, meetings and rental permits are canceled.
- Transit service has been adjusted (see ad on this page).
- No burn permits are being issued.
- Playgrounds and sports areas (e.g. basketball courts) are closed. Please respect provincial restrictions on gatherings.
- The April meetings of Council will be held electronically. See our website for information on how to watch and participate.

Please visit the Town's website at www.townofbwg.com/covid or follow @TownofBWG on social media for more details and regular updates on impacts to municipal programs and services.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Financial relief for residents impacted by COVID-19

At a Special Meeting of Council on March 26, Council passed a by-law to provide financial relief to residents to ease financial stress as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Complete details on the programs are available on our website: www.townofbwg.com/COVID.

- **Property tax** due dates have been extended by 60 days for each remaining payment in 2020. For residential/farm properties:
 - 2nd instalment: Apr.28 due date now Jun.26
 - 3rd instalment: Jun. 26 moved to Aug.25
 - 4th instalment: Sep.28 moved to Nov.27
- All pre-authorized payments will be deducted 60 days later than usual.
- **If you DO NOT want your pre-authorized payments to be deferred, please contact us by email at finservices@townofbwg.com or by phone at 905-775-5303 ext. 6030.**
- An additional 30 days grace is available if needed for the second tax instalment -- no penalties or interest if paid by July 27.
- There is also a 90-day grace period on payment of **water/wastewater utility bills** with no penalties and interest.
 - Late payments of the January-February bill (due Apr.17) and the March-April bill (due Jun.16) will not be subject to interest or penalties until after July 16.
- Again, you do not need to take any action to take advantage of the extended deadlines - pre-authorized payments will be withdrawn on the new due dates. You must notify us if you do NOT want your PAP delayed.

Leisure facility closures and program cancellations

The BWG Leisure Centre and all other municipal recreation facilities and community halls are closed **until further notice**.

All recreational programs, meetings, facility bookings and events for the next several weeks are canceled and refunds will be issued. Spring program registration is temporarily closed. Fitness memberships have been placed on hold until facilities can reopen.

Thanks for your patience and understanding.

SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS on BWG Transit

BWG Transit

The following adjustments are being made to BWG Transit service until further notice.



Effective April 1:

- Service is now available ON DEMAND only.
- If you require a ride, call 905-775-7770 and provide your stop number. You will be given a timeframe for pick-up.
- Service is available on weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Transit is FREE for all riders during this period.

We appreciate everyone limiting their bus trips to essential rides only.

We apologize for any inconvenience and thank you for your understanding.



The Town of BWG's Office of Economic Development is working with our partners, including the County of Simcoe, to gather information on how we can best support your business during this difficult time.

If you are a business owner, please complete this online survey to help us understand the changing conditions and impact to your operations.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/BusImpact