

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – February 19, 2019

Community Grant Program provides support to local not-for-profits

The Town of BWG Community Grant Program is an annual program for grants of \$400 to \$3,000. The application deadline is October 1 of each year, and applications are reviewed by the Grants Committee prior to annual budget deliberations (usually held in the fall) so that funds can be given out in the next calendar year.

Council approved the following grants for funding in 2019:

- Bradford Arts Centre – \$2,000
- Bradford Board of Trade – \$6,000
- Bradford Terry Fox Run Committee – \$500
- Bradford West Gwillimbury Community Initiative – \$1,000
- Bradford West Gwillimbury Diversity Action Group – \$1,500
- CHATS – \$2,000
- Matthews House Hospice – \$2,000
- Portuguese Roots of Bradford – \$500
- Royal Canadian Legion, BR 521 – \$3,000
- South Simcoe 4-H Association – \$250
- South Simcoe Police – \$700

Some grant applications deemed not eligible under the Community Grant Program are later reviewed for possible funding under the Council Community Initiatives Fund. More details on the Town's support programs are available at: www.townofbwg.com/Grants

Statutory Public Meeting

A Public Meeting was held regarding an application for Zoning By-law Amendment submitted on behalf of Jennifer and Nick Johannessen for the property municipally known as 3287 Line 9. The Applicant proposes a site-specific zone amendment to legalize the Wedding Events Venue that is currently operating on the subject property, while also preserving the use permissions of the existing agricultural zoning.

If any member of the public would like to share a comment or receive notice of future council meetings where this application will be considered, please send an email to: planninginfo@townofbwg.com

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from February 5, 2019, and from the Special Committee of the Whole for Budget Deliberations on January 30-31, 2019.

Committee of the Whole

Please note that decisions made in Committee of the Whole are not final until approved at a subsequent Regular Council meeting.

Reduced load limits to prevent damage to BWG roads

The *Highway Traffic Act* states that the standard legal load limit for vehicles is 10 tonnes per axle; however, it also allows municipalities to designate a reduced load period. This is typically done during the spring when the roads are susceptible to freeze/thaw cycles.

The Committee of the Whole agreed that a by-law allowing only up to 5 tonnes per axle in March and April is necessary to help protect roads from premature deterioration and higher maintenance costs. There would be some exemptions – for example, the reduction would not apply to existing truck routes, major arterial roadways or industrial locations.

New by-law aims to improve accessible parking on private property

The Committee of the Whole voted in favour of enacting a revised accessible parking by-law. The goal is to better enable the Town's Enforcement Division to work with private property managers and land owners to ensure that they have adequate accessible parking and signage. While voluntary compliance is the goal, the new by-law would permit officers to issue fines and/or correct the issue at the cost of the land owner if necessary.

Road closures for 2019 events

Each year, Council authorizes road closures to accommodate special events such as parades, runs and festivals. The list of events requiring road closures in 2019 is as follows:

- May 11 – Candlelight Vigil for Our Lady of Fatima
- May 12 – Procession for Our Lady of Fatima
- May 25 – Bradford Legion Air Cadet Parade
- June 16 – Santissima Trinidad Parade
- July 1 – BWG Canada Day Fireworks Display
- August 16 & 17 – BWG Carrot Fest
- September 8 – Run for BWG
- September 15 – Terry Fox Run
- November 10 – Bradford Legion Remembrance Day Parade
- November 11 – Bradford Legion Remembrance Day Ceremony
- November 16 – BWG Santa Claus parade

Announcements:

- **Black History Month – BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)**
 - **Wednesday, February 20, 6:30-9:30 p.m.:** The BWG Diversity Group is hosting a free creative exhibit featuring visual and written art.
 - **Saturday, February 23, 1:30-2:30 p.m.:** The BWG Public Library is hosting a free event for all ages featuring West African storytelling, music and more.
- **Megathon – BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)**
Saturday, February 23, 8:00-11:45 a.m.: For a minimum donation of \$10 you can participate in one activity, or for \$30 up to five activities – ten different 35-minute classes to choose from! The full schedule is available at www.bwgleisurecentre.ca/megathon. Funds raised support Southlake Regional Health Centre’s Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation Program.
- **BWG Seed Library – a Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute presentation – BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)**
Monday, February 25, 1:00 p.m.: Hear Wendy Zwaal, Librarian from the BWG Public Library, talk about seed libraries, what’s available and what’s in the future for the new Bradford Seed Library. This Tec-We-Gwill WI program is open to all. Bring a bag lunch and join the WI for their business meeting starting at 11:30 am or just come for the presentation at 1 p.m.
- **Bradford WORKS Mega Job Fair – BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)**
Wednesday, February 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m.: Employees are being sought for full- and part-time jobs in industries including retail , hospitality, healthcare, automotive, manufacturing and many more. Bring resumes, references and identification, and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews. Register at: www.contactsouthsimcoe.ca/workshops or call 905-778-9058.
- **Bowl for Kids Sake – Bradford Underground Bowl (54 Holland St. W)**
Sunday, March 3, 1:00 p.m.: Have fun bowling in support of Big Brother Big Sister mentoring programs helping to benefit at-risk youth in our community. Register at york.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/event/bowl-kids-sake. To pledge your support by making a charitable contribution, contact Councillor Peter Dykie at pdykie@townofbwg.com.
- **International Women’s Day – Portuguese Cultural Centre (767 Simcoe Rd.)**
Saturday, March 9, 6:30 p.m.: This annual event for women includes dinner, music by local performers, a fashion show and dance for \$35 per person (\$15 ages 7-12) – cash bar. Visit the [“14th Annual International Womens Day”](#) event Facebook page for details.

For the complete Town of BWG Community Events Calendar, go to: www.townofbwg.com/events