

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – February 6, 2018

2018 Budget and Business Plan finalized

Council received the final approved version of the 2018 Budget and Business Plan, providing details of the budget that council approved in December. The municipal budget (including the Library and special capital levy) is increasing by 2.36% over the previous year, which means an increase of \$42.45 to the average home in BWG. The document will be published on the Town's website shortly.

New software will bring improvements to parking ticket system

The Town's by-law Enforcement Division is implementing AIMS Parking Management Software, which will reduce costs and make the ticket process simpler.

The new system will be rolled out this month, with features including:

- Officers will use hand-held Android devices to issue parking tickets, allowing them to add supporting information (such as high-resolution color photos, voice memos and GPS coordinates) and upload the information to the main database in real time. Tickets will be printed on the spot using weather-resistant thermal ink.
- A web portal will make it easier for ticket recipients to pay or appeal tickets, view their ticket history and more.
- The software facilitates a process known as "First Attendance", which provides ticket recipients the opportunity to consult with staff on a fine reduction, in addition to the usual choices to either pay the ticket or challenge it in court. A ticket recipient will be able to use the First Attendance option to review the ticket with a designated hearing officer, who will review the ticket based on a set list of criteria and determine if a reduced fine is warranted. This is intended to reduce the burden on the judicial system, Town and court staff as well as ticket recipients, and substantially save time and costs.

Traffic Committee recommendations approved

Council approved the following Traffic Committee recommendations:

- That 'No Stopping' restrictions on the west side of Meadowview Dr. be removed between Gardiner Dr. and Bannerman Dr.
- That Council approve the use of the Radar Message Board for a two-week period in two locations on Maplegrove Ave. – between Melbourne Dr. and Bronze Cres. and between Maple Ct. and Kulpin Ave.

- That Council approve the use of the Radar Message Board for a two-week period along West Park Ave. and that staff complete a spring speed study and report back to the Committee with an update.
- That staff collect spring traffic counts on Luxury Ave. between Maplegrove Ave. and Kulpin Ave. for the Committee's consideration.

Statutory Public Meeting

A statutory public meeting was held pursuant to Section 12 of the *Development Charges Act, 1997* regarding proposed changes to the development charges for the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury. The purpose of the meeting was to present and provide the public with an opportunity to make comments on the proposed Water, Wastewater and Roads Services Development Charges By-law and underlying background study. The study can be found at: www.townofbwg.com/twnsrv/finance/devchrg

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from January 23, 2018.

Committee of the Whole

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

Road closures for 2018 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 2018 is as follows:

- May 12 – Candlelight Vigil for Our Lady of Fatima
- May 13 – Procession for Our Lady of Fatima
- May 13 – Run for BWG
- May 27 – Santissima Trinidad Parade
- July 1 – BWG Canada Day Fireworks Display
- August 17 & 18 – BWG Carrot Fest
- September 16 – Terry Fox Run
- September 22 – Bradford Air Cadet Squadron Parade
- November 4 – Bradford Legion Remembrance Day Parade
- November 17 – BWG Santa Claus parade

Specific times and locations will be published in the BWG Topic and on the Town's website and Facebook page closer to the event dates.

Announcements:

- **Black History Month**
 - *BWG Library & Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*
 - **Saturday, February 10, 1:00-3:00pm:** The BWG Diversity Group invites the public to celebrate and recognize Black History Month with a speaker and steel drum performance. Kids are welcome to bring their own drums to play along.
 - **Wednesday, February 21, 6:30pm:** Reception and presentation with author, archaeologist and historian Karolyn Smardz Frost.
 - **Saturday, February 24, 11:00am-1:00pm:** Join Babarinde Williams for an interactive morning with a focus on the cultural history of percussion instruments and the traditions of West African storytelling.
 - **On now until March 16:** A photo documentary by Carlos Ferguson is on display in the library, capturing the spirit of a vibrant black culture in Ontario as it has evolved musically, socially and politically.
- **Saturday, February 10, 7:00-10:00pm: Hailiah Knight Concert and SpaceFinder Simcoe County Launch**
 - *Bradford Arts Centre (66 Barrie St.)*
 - Enjoy a night of music with artist Hailiah Knight, performing original songs using piano, guitar and loop pedal. At this event, learn more about the SpaceFinder Simcoe County web-based service. Tickets: bradfordartscentre.org/whats-on/
- **Monday, February 12, 7:00pm: Watershed 101**
 - *BWG Library & Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*
 - Join Dana Eldon from the LSRCA and learn the basics about our watershed and what you can do to prevent harmful chemicals from flowing into Lake Simcoe.
- **Friday, February 16, 9:00am-3:00pm: 2018 AgKnowledge Forum**
 - *Club at Bond Head (4805 Line 7, Bond Head)*
 - This year's forum, featuring "Fresh Air Farmer" Andrew Campbell, will focus on succession planning, climate change and challenges for young farmers. Free event includes lunch. RSVP: robin@nottawasaga.com
- **Friday, February 16, 7:00-9:00pm: Tribute to the Bradford Times**
 - *BWG Library & Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*
 - The community will say thank you to the Bradford Times with a brief program and casual reception. Bring your thoughts and memories to add to the guest book. Space is limited, RSVP required: kqjill@townofbwg.com
- **Monday, February 19: Family Day**
 - *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*
 - The Leisure Centre will be open from 8:00am-4:00pm for regular fitness as well as special activities including FREE skating from 9:40-11:20am sponsored by Royal Bank Financial Group. Info: www.bwgleisurecentre.ca

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