

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

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### **Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – April 17, 2018**

#### **New agreements prepare for future growth, integration of local transit**

Taxi-to-GO has been in operation for nearly four years and use has grown consistently. It is a shared-ride taxi service carrying riders between BWG Transit bus stops and the GO station during the early morning and evening train periods. The service is provided by Town Taxi through a fare-sharing arrangement with Metrolinx.

Council approved renewing the agreement with Town Taxi for an additional year. This coming fall, the Town will issue a tender for a service provider that can operate conventional BWG Transit, Taxi-to-GO and Summer Camp Shuttles under one contract, expected to commence in May 2019. Council also approved an amended agreement with Metrolinx to extend the fare integration program through 2025 and to include fare-sharing for Presto card holders using BWG Transit buses.

#### **Promoting Bradford Farmers Market**

In recent years, the Bradford Farmers Market has evolved from a Town-assisted program to a self-governed market with some Town funding and in-kind support. This year, the Town will be providing support that includes the creation and installation of boulevard banner-type signs on Holland St. W, likely similar to the banners on light standards in the downtown area. The banners will promote the market, which is open Saturdays from late May through early October in the parking lot of the BWG Public Library.

#### **Improving accessibility in BWG**

Council endorsed several recommendations of the Accessibility Advisory Committee, including the installation of an automatic door opener for the accessible change room in the northwest corner of the family change rooms at the Leisure Centre.

To ensure that the public can safely use sidewalks, particularly if using wheelchairs, scooters and other mobility devices, Council requests that Town staff take action to ensure that signs, benches, garbage cans, propped open doors, etc. do not encroach on the path of travel.

Bradford/Bondhead Limousine Taxi was the successful applicant for the grant to bring an accessible on-demand taxi to the community. Staff will prepare an agreement outlining the terms and conditions of the grant. Once the accessible taxi is available for use, the Town will share this information with the public.

## **Statutory Public Meeting**

A Public Meeting was held regarding an application for Zoning By-law Amendment, submitted on behalf of Hillspport Holdings Developments Inc., for lands known as 558 Holland St. W. Amendments are being requested to permit the development of a retirement home with 130 independent living suites, common amenities and a medical office. The proposed development includes 111 parking spaces, 56 of which would be in an underground parking facility.

At a later date, once a comprehensive review has taken place and public comment has been received, staff will report to Council with a recommendation. If any member of the public would like to share a comment or receive notice of future council meetings where these applications will be considered, please send an email to:

[planninginfo@townofbwg.com](mailto:planninginfo@townofbwg.com)

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***Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from April 3, 2018.***  
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## **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.*

### **Planning ahead for facility needs to meet growth**

The majority of the Town's services and functions are housed in leased facilities or aging municipal buildings, which will prove to be inadequate for the Town's long-term needs. The CAO put forward a Multi-Year Facility Development Plan to help council and staff budget and plan for future development. This includes a larger Bradford Fire Hall as well as the addition of a fire hall west of Bond Head; a consolidated administration centre to replace the current collection of 10 separate offices at eight different locations; performing and meeting space to meet community needs and refurbishing of other Town-owned properties for use or sale.

Approval of the plan is not a commitment to the development schedule or investment as outlined, but more of a guide to be used for future budgeting. The phasing of development has been proposed over an eight year period, with the costs of facility development to be addressed through reallocation of funds currently used to lease property, sales of surplus assets, development charges and small increases to the tax levy operating budget over several years.

## Announcements:

- ~~Saturday, April 21~~ MOVED TO: Saturday, May 5, 9:00am-12:00pm: Community Clean-up Day**  
 – Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd.)  
 Volunteers meet at the Community Centre to be bussed to selected areas for clean-up, then back for a thank-you lunch. No pre-registration required.
- Saturday, April 28, 9:00am-4:00pm: Bradford Home & Lifestyle Show**  
 – Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd.)  
 Vendors include locals businesses and services, with food, activities, contests and more. Admission is free – please bring a donation to the Helping Hand Food Bank.
- Saturday, April 28, 12:30pm: Auld Kirk Workshop**  
 – Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd.)  
 Interested members of the community are invited to attend a workshop to help us plan for the future of the town-owned Auld Kirk church and cemetery (3380 Line 6).
- Sunday, April 29, 8:00am: Run or Walk for Southlake**  
 – Newmarket Seniors' Meeting Place (474 Davis Dr.)  
 Join a team or sponsor Team BWG as we raise funds to help bring vital equipment to Southlake Hospital. See [www.runforsouthlake.ca](http://www.runforsouthlake.ca)
- Monday, April 30, 9:00-11:00am: Mayor's Business Breakfast**  
 – The Club at Bond Head (4805 Line 7)  
 Please RSVP to attend this FREE breakfast and business update from the Town and the BBT. Email: [ecdev@townofbwg.com](mailto:ecdev@townofbwg.com) or call 905-775-5366 x.1302
- Monday, April 30, 7:00pm: Official Plan Review Public Meeting**  
 – BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W.)  
 The public is invited to comment on the draft Official Plan. Documents are available for review in advance at: [www.townofbwg.com/PlanBWG](http://www.townofbwg.com/PlanBWG)

### 2018 Municipal Election Key Dates

- April 20, 6-9pm: Candidate & Third Party Advertiser Info Session**  
 – Town of Innisfil (2101 Innisfil Beach Rd.)
- May 1 – July 27: Nomination Period**
- May 8, 5:30-8:30pm: Candidate/Public Info Session**  
 – BWG Public Library, Zima Room
- October 12-22: Voting Period**  
 Vote by phone or internet any time, anywhere!

[www.townofbwg.com/election](http://www.townofbwg.com/election)



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[www.townofbwg.com/events](http://www.townofbwg.com/events)