

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – May 21, 2019

Library use continues to grow in BWG

At a time when many municipal libraries are seeing a decline in circulation, the Town of BWG Public Library's 2018 annual report shared several indicators of growth over the previous year. These include a 7% increase in new cardholders, 4.6% increase in circulations, 59.1% increase in eBook downloads and 8.5% increase in room bookings. In addition to sharing materials, the Library has continued to grow its services to the community, including 1,223 programs offered with 35,472 participants, as well as 44 outreach visits connecting with 5,200 residents.

The report calculated that every dollar invested in the Library generates \$4.65 of value, or \$383.69 per resident.

BWG Transit makes pitch for government funding

Council gave staff the go-ahead to apply to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP) to support BWG Transit. By committing \$154,096 in municipal funds, the Town is eligible to receive a further \$231,115 in federal funding and \$192,577 in provincial funding.

The ICIP is a cost-shared infrastructure funding program between the federal government, provinces, territories, municipalities and other recipients. If the application is successful, the funds will primarily be used to upgrade the fleet as it reaches an age where repairs become more frequent and costly.

BWG supports Town of Aurora's response to Ontario's Bill 108

The Town of BWG will send a letter to the province in support of the Town of Aurora's resolution opposing provincial Bill 108, the *More Homes, More Choice Act*. The resolution by the Town of Aurora says that Bill 108 "in its current state will have negative consequences on community building and proper planning," and asks that the province consult with municipalities "to ensure that its objectives for sound decision-making for housing growth that meets local needs will be reasonably achieved."

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from May 7, 2019.

Committee of the Whole

There were no Committee of the Whole items on May 21, 2019.

Announcements:

- **bradfordWORKS Job Fair** – *BWG Public Library parking lot (425 Holland St. W)*
Thursday, May 23, 2:00-4:00 p.m.: Meet with local employers offering full- and part-time positions. Remember to bring résumés, references and identification and be prepared for on-the-spot interviews.
- **Bradford Farmers' Market Opening Day** – *BWG Public Library parking lot (425 Holland St. W)*
Saturday, May 25, 8:00a.m.-1:00 p.m.: Kick off the season with cake cutting at 9:30a.m opening day. Each week enjoy live music, meet local community groups, and find produce and artisanal goods from the Holland Marsh and beyond.
- **Dedication of Ron Simpson Park** – *former Dreamfields Park (251 Crossland Blvd.)*
Saturday, May 25, 10:30a.m.: Members of the media and public are invited to attend a ribbon cutting to dedicate Ron Simpson Park. The Mayor and Council will be joined by members of the Simpson family for this special event.
- **National AccessAbility Awareness Week** – *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*
Sunday, May 26, 1:00 p.m.: The BWG Accessibility Advisory Committee is hosting a flag raising followed by a BBQ and community gathering to highlight the importance of accessibility.
- **Book Signing: Robert Sturgeon** – *The Elden of Bradford (3131 Line 8)*
Tuesday, May 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m.: The public is welcome to attend the upcoming book launch and signing event for local author Robert Sturgeon. Books will be available for purchase and refreshments will be served.
- **Curbside Treasure Hunt Day!**
Saturday, June 22, 7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.: Put your gently used items on the curb (marked FREE) for people to take, and drive around to pick up FREE treasures that others have put out. For more details, watch your mailbox for a postcard, or check our website at www.townofbwg.com/TreasureHunt

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