

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – May 15, 2018

Town saves, invests for future growth and stability

The Town's Financial Services department reported to Council on a number of key indicators.

An update on the Town's reserves shows that BWG has built up a healthy amount of savings, while also investing in major projects like rehabilitating roads and other infrastructure. The Town's reserves have followed a typical cycle of saving and spending, and Council has committed to both save and invest in infrastructure over the next several years to ensure the Town is financially sustainable for years to come.

The annual investment report likewise shows the Town in a solid position. The Town's investment portfolio earned an average rate of return of 1.21% in 2017 for a total of \$7,348,477 in investments at year's end, plus \$88,687 received in investment income. While the number appears large, a significant amount of spending is expected in the next few years of building roads and other infrastructure, so Finance staff will need to act strategically to maintain cash flow. To this end, the Committee of the Whole carried a recommendation authorizing staff to proceed with the issuance of debentures totalling \$13,711,140.

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from May 1, 2018.

Announcements:

- **Saturday, May 26, 8:00am-1:00pm: Bradford Farmers' Market Opening**
– *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)*
The Bradford Farmers' Market opens for the season and runs until October 6. Ribbon cutting and free cake at 10:00am. Meet your neighbours and community groups while shopping for locally produced food, plants, crafts and more.
- **Saturday, May 26, 9:00am: Walk for MOBYSS**
– *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)*
Walk to raise fund for Mobyss – the Mobile York South Simcoe free clinic for youth in need. Find them on Facebook to participate or pledge support.
- **Saturday, May 26, 7:00pm: Concert: Amelia De Piero**
– *Bradford Arts Centre (66 Barrie St.)*
Amelia presents "A Little Night of Broadway Music". Tickets at the door or online.
- **Monday, May 28, 7:30pm: Workshop: "My Business Welcomes Everyone"**
– *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*
The BWG Accessibility Advisory Committee hosts a free workshop presented by Independent Living Simcoe to celebrate National AccessAbility Awareness Week. This workshop is open to everyone and does not require an RSVP.
- **Wednesday, May 30, 6:00-9:00pm: Community Centre Open House**
– *Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd.)*
See the refined design based on input from the community, and share your feedback in a facilitated visioning session.
- **Saturday, June 2, 8:00-11:00am: National Health & Fitness Day**
– *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*
Take any or all of the free fitness classes on the lawn next to the Library. Rain location: Leisure Centre 2nd floor studio. 8:00-8:45 a.m. – Bootcamp (age 13+); 9:00-10:00 a.m. – Yoga (age 13+); 10:15-11:00 a.m. – Zumba (age 6+).
- **Saturday, June 9, 11:00am-1:00pm: BWG Trails Day/Mayor's Hike For Health**
– *Scanlon Creek Conservation Area (2450 Line 9)*
Participate in a guided hike and enjoy a variety of other recreational/fitness activities, entertainment and food, all free! Parking at the Conservation Area is free for this event only.
- **Sunday, June 10, 2:00pm: Jimmy Reed Retrospective**
– *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)*
Retrospective of legendary blues songwriter and guitarist Jimmy Reed, performed by Mark "Bird" Stafford and Conor Gains.

For the complete Town of BWG Community Events Calendar, go to:

www.townofbwg.com/events