

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

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### **Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – June 4, 2019**

#### **Pedestrian crossing at Catania and Simcoe to be signalized**

The Town has received complaints from residents and the stationed crossing guard regarding issues in and around the intersection of Simcoe Rd. and Catania Ave. The complaints focus on speeding and improper movements through the crosswalk when the lights are activated and pedestrians are in the midst of crossing.

Council determined that safest and the most effective solution is to fully signalize the intersection at a cost of just under \$100K. The signal will include a “detection loop” so that the light changes only as required by traffic.

#### **First quarter building permit activity down vs. previous year**

Construction activity in the Town of BWG continues to be on a decline. First quarter results were down almost 40% versus the same period last year, resulting in 34% less revenue from building permits.

The majority of permit fees collected in the first quarter of 2019 were for residential development, at a total of 31 permits. Two-thirds of these were for homeowner improvement projects and the remaining third for builder projects. There was likewise a 43.1% decrease in non-residential permits issued, which represents a difference in revenue of 81.9% compared to 2018’s first quarter.

It was noted that the first quarter is generally a slow period for building activity, and improvement is expected in the coming months.

#### **Town to bring building permit fees into line with other municipalities**

Preliminary study suggests that the Town’s building permit fees for residential and commercial projects are significantly lower than those charged by neighbouring municipalities in Simcoe County and York Region – 20-30% less for residential projects, and 60% less for institutional, commercial and industrial (ICI) projects. This is particularly problematic because the Building Division is required to be funded through permit fees alone, without the support of property tax dollars.

Council supported a recommendation allowing the Chief Building Official to issue a Request for Proposals for a comprehensive analysis of building permit fees and the Building Division reserve fund.

## Traffic Committee recommendations approved

Council approved the following Traffic Committee recommendations:

- That an all-way stop control be installed at Aishford Rd. and Trailside Dr./ Gwillimbury Dr.
- That signs be installed at Line 8 and Turner Crt. in both the east and west directions, regarding the school bus stop requirements.
- That an extension of the sidewalk from the east side of Archer Ave., starting at Mills Cr/t and ending at the driveway of 64 Mills Crt., be investigated by staff.
- That a 'No Exit' sign be installed at the intersection of Gardiner Dr. and Meadowview Dr. on the north side of Gardiner Dr.
- That speed bollards be installed on Miller Park Ave. between Langford Blvd. and Sideroad 10.
- That the transit stop at Northgate Dr. and Fox Run Ln. remain in its current location.

## 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 this public meeting was to present and provide the public with an opportunity to provide comments on the Town's proposed Roads & Related Facilities and Vehicles; Transit Services; Parking Services; Fire Protection Services; Police Services; Outdoor Recreation Services; Indoor Recreation Services; Library Services and Administration development charges by-law and underlying background study.

Under the *Development Charges Act*, anyone having an interest in the matter has the right to appeal any decision of Council to the [Local Planning Appeal Tribunal \(LPAT\)](#).

## 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.*

### Amendment to permit wedding venue at Bradford Barn

The Committee of the Whole supported a recommendation to make a site-specific Zoning By-law Amendment to permit a wedding/wedding reception and event venue and a Farmers Market at 3287 Line 9 (the "Bradford Barn"). The development of on-farm diversified uses would require Site Plan approval. All Enforcement matters related to the hosting of wedding/wedding reception events on the subject lands are to be placed on hold pending the approval of the Amendment.

## Announcements:

- **June is Recreation & Parks Month** – *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*  
Enjoy low- or no-cost programs for all ages, all month long. Visit [www.bwgleisurecentre.ca](http://www.bwgleisurecentre.ca) for full schedule.
- **Candlelight Vigil for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of D-Day** – *Bradford Legion (115 Back St.)*  
**Thursday, June 6, 8:30-10:00 p.m.:** Tribute at sunset at the Bradford Legion Cenotaph. All are welcome.
- **Paint 2 Acquaint** – *BWG Public Library & Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*  
**Friday, June 7, 12:00-8:00 p.m.:** PRIDE Month kick-off event - paint a message of inclusion on doors that will be on display at the Library all month. Painting from 12:00-7:00 p.m., reception & door installation 7:00-8:00 p.m. Follow the Library on Facebook for more PRIDE Month events!
- **Trails Day and the Mayor's Hike for Health** – *Scanlon Creek Conservation Area (2450 Line 9)*  
**Saturday, June 8, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.:** Enjoy a guided hike, family fitness stations, games, music and entertainment, followed by a BBQ lunch. Free event, including free entry to the conservation area.
- **Live Jazz in the Atrium** – *BWG Public Library & Cultural Centre (425 Holland St.)*  
**Sunday, June 9, 2:00 p.m.:** This is an exciting, FREE afternoon of blues performed by two Juno-nominated artists: Sean Pinchin and Carlos del Junco. This program is a satellite of the Barrie Jazz Festival.
- **Celebrate 200 Years of the Scotch Settlement** – *Auld Kirk (3380 Line 6)*  
**Sunday, June 16, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.:** This free family event will include games, music, light refreshments, a tour of the cemetery and more. Hosted by the BWG Local History Association.
- **Curbside Treasure Hunt Day** – *across BWG*  
**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. Details at: [www.townofbwg.com/TreasureHunt](http://www.townofbwg.com/TreasureHunt)
- **Mayor & Council Golf Classic** – *Bradford Highlands Golf Club (23 Brownlee Dr.)*  
**Thursday, July 4, tee off @ 9:00 a.m.:** A great day of golf in support of the Council Community Initiatives Fund. Foursome and sponsorship opportunities available. Contact Karen Gill ([kgill@townofbwg.com](mailto:kgill@townofbwg.com)) for more information.

For the complete Town of BWG Community Events Calendar, go to:  
[www.townofbwg.com/events](http://www.townofbwg.com/events)