

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – June 5, 2018

New transit benches will provide comfort and revenue opportunities

Approximately 27 new benches will be installed at BWG Transit stops to be enjoyed by transit riders and other pedestrians. Benches will include advertising space, which will pay for the benches as well as provide a revenue stream to help offset Town program costs.

BWG Transit currently has 10 shelters at key stops, each with advertising space on them. These shelters were constructed at no cost to the Town by Creative Outdoor Advertising, which arranges all advertising contracts and recoups the ad revenue. An additional agreement will be struck with Creative Outdoor for the new benches.

A list of possible locations will be further refined and presented to Council at a later date. Staff will ensure each proposed location is suitable, and they do not interfere with traffic sight lines, pedestrians (including those using mobility devices), sidewalk snow-clearing equipment or any surrounding uses.

Amendments approved for independent retirement living apartments

Council approved zoning amendments requested by Hillspport Holdings Developments Inc. to permit the development of a retirement home at 558 Holland St. W (between Sideroad 10 and Langford Boulevard). The plan includes a six-storey building with 130 independent living suites, common amenities and a medical office, as well as 111 parking spaces, 56 of which would be underground. A covered walkway is planned to connect this building with the Holland Gardens retirement home currently under construction to the east.

Funds approved to install electrochromic glass at Leisure Centre

Council endorsed the installation of electrochromic glass in the BWG Leisure Centre's second-floor multipurpose room during the 2018 budget deliberations. The glass can be electronically darkened to allow privacy when necessary for functions taking place in the multipurpose room and, unlike the previously installed blinds, cannot be damaged by users and will not require frequent repair.

Following an RFP it has been determined that the costs will exceed the budgeted amount by just over \$91,000. Council approved the additional funds based on the staff recommendation that this approach for window screening is still a better option than replacing the existing blinds because it will result in greater longevity, fewer complications and down-time, less maintenance and repair costs, and ultimately a higher level of patron satisfaction.

Seeking community involvement in preserving the Auld Kirk

Council carried a recommendation by the Auld Kirk Advisory Committee that a "Friends of the Auld Kirk" committee be established. Among its initial tasks, the committee will be asked to develop programming to celebrate the 200th anniversary of the Scotch Settlement in 2019. Regarding future improvements to the historic facility, staff will be asked to prepare a concept plan and costing for electrification, adding washroom facilities and reconstructing a drive-shed on the premises.

New signage coming to Artesian Industrial Park

The Town's Economic Development Advisory Committee has been working with businesses in the Artesian Industrial Park to design new signage to replace the aging and damaged sign currently at the corner of Artesian Industrial Pkwy. and Dissette St.

Companies that wish to be identified on the sign will pay a fee to cover production and installation costs of their placard.



Statutory Public Meeting

A Public Meeting was held regarding an application for Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by Cachet Harbour Development for lands located on the west side of Dissette St, south of its intersection with Jay St. The proposal is to facilitate the development of seven blocks of back-to-back townhomes and two mixed-use blocks with ground floor commercial uses and upper floor residential uses.

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

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from May 15, 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.

Improvement of south-west quadrant roads brings environmental, aesthetic benefits

The COW supported a two-stage construction plan for improvements to roads in the south-west quadrant of urban Bradford. The work will be tendered this month with Phase 1 construction to begin in August and Phase 2 in 2019. The scope includes road and sidewalk rehabilitation, as well as watermain replacement on some roadways.

Phase 1 includes Maplegrove Ave. between Collings Ave. and Luxury Ave., Valleyview Cres. and Maurino Ct. Phase 2 includes: Maplegrove Ave. between Maple Ct. and Collings Ave., Maple Ct., Collings Ave. and Gordon Ct., as well as a section of Andrews Dr. in Fosters Forest.

In addition to the scope of construction, staff worked to improve the roadways at a number of locations. On the northern portion of Maplegrove Ave. between the accesses of Valleyview Cres., staff reduced the width of the roadway to be consistent with other sections of Maplegrove, which has the benefit of allowing more greenspace in front of homes and acting as a natural traffic calming measure.

In support of the Town's continued environmental stewardship, staff also took the opportunity to investigate ways of adding Low Impact Development (LID) environmental features into the project. Staff have proposed using an area of the cul-de-sacs of Valleyview Cres., Gordon Ct. and Maurino Ct. to create "green islands" with grass and a tree, similar to the photo here. These islands add beautification and drainage in the warm months, and a spot to store snow in the winter. The islands are proposed aspects of the design and are dependent upon further review.



Amendment to allow home-based occupation on Simcoe Rd.

The COW supported granting a Zoning By-law Amendment for the property at 617 Simcoe Rd. to allow development of a new single-detached dwelling with an accessory dwelling unit. The property owner would also receive necessary permissions to legalize the commercial fabrication and welding home occupation that currently exists on the property.

Town assumes stormwater pond at Holland St. W and West Park Ave.

Background: When a new subdivision is built, land that was once able to absorb stormwater becomes paved over, so stormwater management (SWM) ponds must be constructed to give the water someplace to go and reduce the risk of flooding. Like the other infrastructure in a new subdivision (roads, sidewalks, etc.), these ponds are the responsibility of the developer until such time as they are assumed by the Town.

The COW supported the recommendation for final assumption of SWM Pond 106-2, located at the north-west corner of Holland St. W and West Park Ave. Staff confirmed that Sandstorm Developments Inc. constructed the pond in accordance with the Subdivision Agreement and has completed their obligations.

Considering by-law amendments for home occupations, A/C unit installation

Staff were asked by Council to investigate the possibility of amending the current Zoning By-law to address two specific public concerns – the first being to broaden the permissions for home-based occupations to include things like music and backyard swimming lessons, and the second being the installation of air conditioning units in the side yards of homes on increasingly narrow lots. The COW supported the recommendation to begin public consultation on both topics, including holding a public meeting. Staff will draft Zoning By-law Amendments for public and council consideration.

Announcements:

- **Thursday, June 7, 8:30am-2:30pm: Law Enforcement Torch Run**
 – *all BWG schools*
 Simcoe Police Service will be participating in the Annual Law Enforcement Torch Run in support of Special Olympics, visiting each school in BWG. For complete schedule visit southsimcoepolice.on.ca
- **Saturday, June 9, 1:00pm: Pride Month at the Library: Drag Queen Storytime**
 – *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)*
 Don't miss the fabulous Miss Atmos Fierce and Erin B. who will read aloud, sing and dance with children, families and anyone else who would like to join in.
- **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 activities, entertainment and food, all free! Parking at the Conservation Area is free for this event only.
- **Sunday, June 10, 1:00-4:00pm: An Old Fashioned Sunday**
 – *Auld Kirk (3380 Line 6)*
 The Auld Kirk will be opened to the public for this special event hosted by the BWG Local History Association, with guest speaker Rev. Jonathan Dennis, music and refreshments. Admission is by donation for further restoration of the building.
- **Sunday, June 10, 2:00pm: Live Music in the Atrium: 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.
- **Monday, June 11, 7:00pm: Climate Change & Sustainability in the Lake Simcoe Watershed**
 – *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)*
 Learn more about climate change in the Lake Simcoe watershed and what it means from a local perspective. No fee or registration required.
- **Thursday, June 14, 12:00pm: Senior & Caregiver Wellness Fair**
 – *Danube Seniors Leisure Centre (715 Simcoe Rd.)*
 Meet community partners and hear from guest speaker Andrew McPherson, Fire Prevention Inspector. The Danube Kitchen Staff are offering a lunch for \$5.00.
- **Thursday, June 14, 1:00-2:30pm: Facebook Security How Tos**
 – *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)*
 Learn to navigate the privacy and security features of your Facebook account, and how to customize them to your personal comfort level. Bring your laptop or device.

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