

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – September 18, 2018

Business, employment stats continue positive trend in BWG

The first half of the year saw a lot of positives in terms of business development and employment in BWG. The Office of Economic Development reported highlights for the period of January through June 2018 including:

- Grand opening events were held for 12 businesses (note: grand openings are held on a request basis; the number of new businesses opened during this period is likely higher)
- Milestone anniversaries were celebrated for three businesses: Kumi Canada (20 years), Bradford Print Shoppe (35 years) and Simcoe Dance Academy (40 years)
- Five local businesses received Community Improvement Plan grants from the Town totalling just over \$248,000, which generated private investment of almost \$627,000

Additionally, Bradford Works reported that from January through August, 56 people were placed in jobs using Employment Ontario wage subsidies for employers and 19 youth were helped to find employment.

Town recognizes local talent

The Town of BWG held an art contest earlier this year with the aim of selecting three works of art that represent BWG. These images will be used to create special gifts and souvenirs depicting our town, including prints, postcards and the like. A total of 19 works of art were submitted by 13 different local artists. To allow the public to see all of the submissions, the works are on display on the second floor of the BWG Public Library and Cultural Centre until the end of October.

Council recognized the three winners of the contest: Diane Gray, Les Buxton and Jim Woods. They also presented special achievement certificates to the three youth participants: Ashmenaa Satheeshkumar, Apisha Satheeshkumar and Natalie Barkan.



Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from September 4, 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.

A fresh take on recognizing local achievement

Each year, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury celebrates local citizens and groups who have made a significant contribution to the community with the presentation of Civic Awards. The Committee of the Whole endorsed several amendments to the program in order to increase awareness and participation.

The list of categories has been honed, with some added, some removed and other adjusted. As well, detailed descriptions of the categories have been added and the nomination period has been increased. Instead of a short window for nominations each spring, nominations may be submitted from July 2 through May of the following year. Promotion of the program will also take place year round.

Town furthers commitment to accessibility for all

Since the introduction of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* in 2005, the Town of BWG, has been making adjustments to its facilities, practices and documents to improve accessibility.

The Committee of the Whole endorsed a change to the Town's Corporate Communications Policy that will require all staff to follow a new guide for creating accessible documents. The guide will give staff more clear and consistent direction on how to ensure the accessibility of both printed and electronic documents, including compatibility with electronic screen readers.

Announcements:

- **Saturdays, 8:00am-1:00pm: Bradford Farmers' Market**
– *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)*
The final regular outdoor markets will be September 22 and 29 and October 6. The market will also be part of Pumpkin Fest on October 13.
- **Saturday, September 22, 1:00pm: Air Cadet Squadron Kickoff**
– *Bradford Legion (115 Back St.)*
The public is invited to the welcoming ceremonies of the new 37 Orville Hand Air Cadet Squadron, with presentations followed by refreshments.
- **Friends of the Library Book Sale**
– *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)*
 - **Friday, September 28, 7:00-9:00pm:** Preview sale (\$10 per family).
 - **Saturday, September 29, 9:30am-5:30pm and Sunday, September 30, 1:00-3:30pm:** Free admission.
- **Saturday, September 29, 10:00am-4:00pm: Doors Open Ontario**
– *Multiple locations*
11 municipalities in Simcoe County are participating in this year's event, offering an inside look at 51 historically and architecturally significant sites, including BWG locations like Gwillimdale Farms and Dreamwinds Equine Assisted Learning Centre. For details see www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/en/simcoe-county/
- **Saturday, September 29, 11:00am-3:00pm (or until soup runs out): 10th Annual Holland Marsh Soupfest**
– *Ansnorveldt Park (18977 Dufferin St., King Twp.)*
Don't miss the 10th year of this delicious event. Tickets available online or at the gate. Visit: www.hollandmarshsoupfest.ca
- **Saturday, September 29, 5:45pm: Peace Tree Day Celebration**
– *Bradford Arts Centre (66 Barrie St.)*
Enjoy the tastes and sounds of the diverse groups that make up our community..
- **Monday, October 1, 11:00am-12:00pm: Seniors Day Brunch**
– *Danube Seniors Leisure Centre (715 Simcoe Rd.)*
CHATS and the Danube Centre are hosting a complimentary brunch exclusively for seniors. Enjoy pancakes and a performance by BlueSky Bluegrass Band.
- **Saturday, October 13, 11:00am-3:00pm: Pumpkin Fest**
– *Henderson Memorial Park (3171 Line 9)*
Celebrate the fall season with activities including face painting, Team T&J, pumpkin carving and more! All activities free, food available to purchase. For more details please visit www.townofbwg.com/events

For the complete Town of BWG Community Events Calendar, go to:
www.townofbwg.com/events