

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – September 17, 2019

Council approves plan to spend federal gas tax top-up

As part of the 2019 federal budget, the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities advised eligible municipalities that they would receive a “one-time top-up” allocation from the Gas Tax Fund. The Town of BWG is to receive \$910,934.

Council approved a plan to put this money towards the Southwest Urban Roads Rehabilitation project, which would otherwise have been funded by the Town’s Capital Replacement Reserve funding. This frees up funds in the reserve to take care of other pressing capital projects, with the final list of work to be funded as follows:

- \$154,096 for the Town’s investment in BWG Transit that will be required if the Town’s application for \$423,692 in federal and provincial funds from the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program is successful
- \$200,000 towards an Asset Management Plan
- \$78,000 for red flashing lights at stop signs at intersections of Town and County roads, and a further \$120,000 to install illumination
- \$223,000 to make priority repairs to sidewalks in the downtown core and replace all interlocking brick sidewalks
- \$83,162 to build an accessibility ramp at the Town Treasury building
- \$50,000 for storm sewers in the John St. municipal parking lot

Town plans for fall Curbside Treasure Hunt Days

Council approved a plan to expand Curbside Treasure Hunt Days to take place twice per year, each time for a full weekend (7 a.m. Saturday through 7 p.m. Sunday). The next event will be held on Saturday, October 26 and Sunday, October 27, 2019.

The Town of BWG's first Curbside Treasure Hunt Day took place on June 22, 2019, inviting residents to place unwanted, gently used items at the curb for others to take for their own use, free of charge. The aim was to keep usable items out of landfill and discourage residents from putting large items at the curb at other times of year in contravention of Town by-laws.

Feedback through a post-event survey was overwhelmingly positive, and plans for future events will incorporate this feedback including expanding the event to two days twice per year, increasing online engagement and asking scrap metal seekers to hold off their activities until after 2 p.m. on the Sunday.

Celebrating local achievement

Mayor Rob Keffer and Councillor Peter Ferragine presented a certificate to local youth Olivia Deane, who brought home a gold medal in the kumite form of karate from the Junior Pan American Championships held in Ecuador in August 2019.



Statutory Public Meeting

A Public Meeting was held regarding an application for Zoning By-law Amendment from Macaulay Shiomi Howson Ltd. on behalf of owner Frank Buda, for lands described as 4240 County Road 88 (Quaint House property). The revised application includes the development of a three-storey building with 1,540 square metres of commercial space on the ground floor and 35 residential units on the upper floors. The revised concept includes preservation of the Quaint House building by relocating it to the western side of the property and incorporating it into the development scheme.

If any member of the public would like to share a comment or receive notice of future council meetings where this application will be considered, please send an email to: planninginfo@townofbwg.com

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from September 3, 2019.

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.

“Please Slow Down” lawn sign campaign

The Committee of the Whole supported launching a campaign to engage community members in promoting safe roadways. Under the proposed program, the Town would produce lawn signs that remind drivers to abide by speed limits, and provide them for sale at a price that covers the cost of the program. Guidelines for sign placement would be provided to purchasers to ensure they do not create a visual or physical obstruction.

Model townhomes to be built at Line 6 and Simcoe Road

The Committee of the Whole supported a request by Cachet Estate Homes (Bradford) Inc. to execute a Model Home Agreement for a residential development of 83 townhomes to be located at the northeast corner of Line 6 and Simcoe Road.

The Committee also supported the applicant's request to remove the Holding symbol on select blocks to allow construction of 44 townhouse units as model homes in advance of the registration of the required Subdivision Agreement, and on the remaining blocks once the Subdivision Agreement has been executed.

Aggregate pit certification no longer available for consideration

On February 20, 2018, Council received a deputation from Cornerstone Standards Council (CSC), a voluntary, third-party certification system that monitored and tested aggregate sites (a.k.a. gravel pits) for social and environmental responsibility. They encouraged the municipality to choose CSC-certified aggregates wherever possible. On March 20, 2018, council agreed to add a clause to bid documents going forward such that – all other things being equal – preference could be given to a contractor using a CSC-certified aggregate pit versus one not using a certified pit.

The CSC no longer functions as a certification/accreditation organization or conducts audits of aggregate sites. Without any enforceable standards, the Town can no longer use this criterion as a tie-breaker in the procurement procedure, so the clause will be removed. If the CSC reintroduces enforceable and verifiable standard in the future, the Town can revisit at that time.

Announcements:

- **Passion Made Artisan Tour** – *various locations including BWG Library*
Saturday & Sunday, September 21 & 22, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.: Formerly the BWG Studio Art Tour, this annual event returns to showcase the work of local artists and artisans. Visit bwgstudiotour.ca
- **Family Saturday: Storywalk** – *Scanlon Creek Conservation Area (2450 Line 9)*
Saturday, September 28, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.: Enjoy the great outdoors and a story as you walk the trails at Scanlon Creek, then take part in a craft. This family event is free thanks to support from the Friends of the Library. Visit bradford.library.on.ca
- **Holland Marsh Soup Fest** – *Ansnorveldt Park (18977 Dufferin St., King)*
Saturday, October 5, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: This annual farm-to-table event offers a unique opportunity to sample soups made with locally grown ingredients. Enjoy more than 20 different soups, a farmer's market, kids zone and live music by Strange Potatoes. Tickets are \$15 at the gate or \$12 online in advance at www.soupfest.ca
- **Walk 'n' Wheel Wednesday** – *local elementary schools*
Wednesday, October 2: Students at elementary schools across BWG are encouraged to use active transportation including walking and cycling to get to school and are rewarded with a ribbon upon arrival.
- **Small Business Week Event** – *Club at Bond Head (4805 Line 7)*
Thursday, October 17, 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Share information, network and develop action plans for talent recruitment and retention. This event is free for small business owners involved in hiring, and includes lunch. Contact robin@nottawasaga.com
- **Pumpkin Fest** – *Henderson Memorial Park (3171 Line 9)*
Saturday, October 19, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Celebrate fall with the Town of BWG's 3rd Annual Pumpkin Fest featuring face painting, pumpkin carving, entertainment and more. Bradford Farmer's Market vendors will be set up for a special end-of-season market. For more details visit: www.townofbwg.com/pumpkinfest

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