

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – October 1, 2019

Signs at stormwater management ponds educate while warning of risks

Several stormwater ponds (also known as Storm Water Management Facilities or SWMF) are located on or near the Town of BWG trails system. This makes them ideal locations to educate the public about the role of SWMF in maintaining the health of streams, lakes and aquatic life. They will help residents and other trail users understand that while they may look natural, SWMF are engineered structures that must be inspected, maintained and cleaned out periodically to ensure proper function.

The signs will also meet a requirement of the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks to warn of potential hazards at SWMF. The signs will list prohibited activities including skating, swimming, fishing, feeding wildlife and dumping trash. Staff will review existing by-laws to ensure that municipal officers are able to enforce all prohibitions.

Council approved a design concept for the new signs, which are to be installed at these SWMF locations: Aishford Road, Crossland Boulevard, Gibson Circle, Great Gulf/West Park and Morris Road.



Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from September 17, 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.

Continued improvements in winter operations

The Town of BWG's Transportation Division makes changes to its Winter Operations Plan every year to ensure the best possible service when dealing with snow and ice on our roads and sidewalks. Updates are made to meet changes in provincial standards and to accommodate the growing municipality.

The recommended 2019-2020 plan includes adjustments to plow routes for maximum efficiency, and new regulations for preventing and managing ice on sidewalks during both normal winter weather and significant weather events.

Town pays share to install sidewalk on Simcoe Road Bridge

In 2013, the Town of BWG learned that Simcoe County planned to upgrade the bridge connecting Simcoe Road to Canal Road. Since the Town planned to improve Simcoe Road to include pedestrian sidewalks, Town staff asked Simcoe County to modify their design plan to include a sidewalk along the new bridge.

After construction was complete, the County sent an invoice to the Town to cover the additional costs of widening the bridge to accommodate sidewalks. The Committee of the Whole supported a recommendation that the Town reimburse Simcoe County \$160,000, which is 50% of the extra costs.

National Homes subdivision makes progress at Line 8 and Professor Day

The Committee of the Whole supported a recommendation to proceed with a Subdivision Agreement and removal of Holding (H1) symbol for 49 single detached homes. This will allow National Homes (Bradford) Inc. to complete Phase 1 and construct all of Phase 2 of their subdivision, which is bounded by Stevenson Crescent, Line 8, Professor Day Drive and Aelick Court.

Announcements:

- **Bradford Farmers' Market** – *BWG Public Library parking lot (425 Holland St. W)*
Saturdays through October 12, 8:00a.m.-1:00 p.m.: Don't miss the last two outdoor markets of the season – schedule of indoor winter markets coming soon.
- **Holland Marsh Soup Fest** – *Ansnorveldt Park (18977 Dufferin St.)*
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
- **Annual Fire Prevention Week Open House** – *Bradford Fire Hall (75 Melbourne Dr.)*
Thursday, October 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m.: Meet the firefighters and check out the trucks, get your photo taken with Sparky, enter the colouring contest, enjoy snacks and learn about fire safety including this year's theme – plan and practice your home fire escape.
- **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 people involved in hiring, and includes lunch.
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- **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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