

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – November 5, 2019

Cider-making operation receives permission to proceed with site plan

Council approved a site-specific Zoning By-law Amendment for the property at 4292 Line 3 that would maintain the existing agricultural use permissions while permitting an apple cider production and canning facility with accessory retail and a tasting room as an on-farm diversified use.

Ernest Cider Co. was founded and established by owners Steve and Michelle Faris in 2015, and currently operates in an industrial facility in Aurora. The applicants plan to relocate their complete operations to the property in Bond Head.

Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute Hall name reinstated

The Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute transferred ownership of their hall to the Town of BWG in 2015. The Town took over maintenance and preservation of the historic building, renaming it "Newton Robinson Hall", while the Tec-We-Gwill W.I. continued to manage the use and rentals.

Council has now approved a request by the Tec-We-Gwill Women's Institute to return the name to "Tec-We-Gwill W.I. Hall" in recognition of their donation of the building, but added that "Newton Robinson" should appear below the name.

The building at 4380 Line 10 was constructed in 1935 as an Orange Lodge. The Tec-We-Gwill branch of the Women's Institute was formed in 1947, first meeting in the homes of members and later moving to the Orangemen's hall in Newton Robinson. As the Orangemen's membership started to dwindle they decided to offer the hall to The Tec-We-Gwill W.I., and ownership was transferred in 1986.

Town encourages residents to become "Snow Angels"

The Town of BWG will launch a "Snow Angels" program through which members of the public are encouraged to volunteer their time to shovel snow for neighbours who may be less able to do so. People who receive such help can ask the Town for a recognition package to pass along as thanks. The program is modelled on the successful program run by the Town of Innisfil.

The Town will not be involved in matching volunteers with residents in need; rather the Town's role is to encourage residents to watch for people in need and volunteer their help, and to make residents aware that if they have a "Snow Angel" who deserves recognition,

they can request a certificate and token of thanks via the Town's website at www.townofbwg.com/SnowAngels.

Traffic Committee recommendations approved

Council approved the following Traffic Committee recommendations:

- That the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury explore entering an agreement and a memorandum of understanding with BusPatrol for the use of Stop-Arm cameras on school buses in Bradford West Gwillimbury.
- That a pedestrian curb ramp be installed on the south side of Breeze Drive at the intersection of Wallace Gate to comply with the AODA legislation.
- That Council recommend to the Smart Centres Plaza that the three-way traffic lights at Holland Street West be changed to create an additional left-hand turning lane in the southbound lanes.
- That Council adopt amendments to the Traffic By-law as presented in Traffic Committee Report COR 2019 20 and summarized as follows:
 - 1) to prohibit parking on unsurfaced lawn areas of residential properties; and
 - 2) to restrict the parking of inoperable, immobile, unlicensed and expired plated vehicles on any roadway.
- That staff report back on crosswalk controls for budgeting in 2020.
- That a Crossing Guard be hired for the intersection of Britannia Avenue and Colborne street in the 2020 budget year.
- That the petition from the residents on Line 10 regarding paving be received.

Statutory Public Meeting

A Public Meeting was held regarding an application for a Temporary Use Zoning By-law Amendment submitted by Brian Weddell to permit a Garden Suite on the property municipally known as 57 Hillsvie Road, located on the south side of Hillsvie Road west of River Road.

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 October 15, 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.

New policy ensures consistent approach to Town vehicles

The Committee of the Whole supported a draft Fleet Management Policy that intends to provide staff with a consistent approach for the management of the Town's official fleet of vehicles and equipment. This includes the operation, maintenance, repair and ultimately replacement of the assets through the Corporate Procurement Policy and Disposal of Surplus Assets Procedure.

Animal control services reconfigured for greater consistency and cost savings

The Committee of the Whole supported a revised plan for animal control services that will be implemented at the end of the current contract with K9 Pest Management Group (K9PMG) in 2020. Enforcement services would be brought in-house with the addition of a Municipal Law Enforcement Officer II position, while emergency on-call and shelter services would continue to be sourced to K9PMG. With this reorganization, staff project an annual savings of just over \$34,500.

Announcements:

- **Indoor Bradford Farmer's Markets** – *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)*
Saturdays, November 9 and 30, December 14 and 21, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.:
The Bradford Farmer's Market moves into the Zima Room for winter markets offering local products including food and crafts.
- **Remembrance Day activities** – *downtown Bradford and Bradford Legion (115 Back St.)*
Parade: Sunday, November 10, 12:30 p.m.: The parade forms up at 12:30 p.m. at the TSC plaza then travels as follows: Holland St. from Toronto St. to Bingham St., Bingham St. from Holland St. to Back St., Back St. from Bingham St. to the Bradford Legion. Following the parade will be the wreath laying at the Legion.
Ceremony: Monday, November 11, 10:45 a.m.: This ceremony takes place at the Legion cenotaph.
- **Tec-We-Gwill Artisan Fair** – *Tec-We-Gwill W.I. Hall (4380 Line 10)*
Saturday, November 16, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Find something for everyone's gift list including rural art, fine woodworking, paintings, chain saw art/sculptures, pottery, local history books, handicrafts, maple syrup, honey, baked goods. FREE admission.
- **Santa Claus Parade** – *Downtown Bradford*
Saturday, November 16, 6:30-8:00 p.m.: Celebrate the season under the stars! Parade runs along Holland St. W from Professor Day to Simcoe Road. Bring your letter to Santa and donations of new, unwrapped toys.
- **Presbyterian Church Celebrates 200th Anniversary in BWG** – *St. John's Presbyterian (2940 Sideroad 10)*
Sunday, November 17, 11:00 a.m.: The Presbyterian church was founded in our community by the Scotch Settlement with the building of the Auld Kirk in 1819. This special service will be followed by a lunch – RSVP required to attend the lunch to Rev. Daniel Scott: minister@stjohnpresbyterian.ca
- **Mayor's Business Breakfast** – *Club at Bond Head (4805 Line 7)*
Tuesday, November 19, 9:00-11:00 a.m.: Please join Mayor Rob Keffer for his annual address to the BWG Business Community. Cost is free. RSVP is mandatory: 905-775-5366 ext. 1302 or ecdev@townofbwg.com

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