

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – November 19, 2019

South West Arterial Road to be constructed in two phases

Council endorsed constructing the South West Arterial Road (SWAR) in two phases rather than the originally planned single phase.

The SWAR is intended to link Line 5 to County Road 88 to ease traffic flow and increase capacity. As shown in the diagram, it would run along Line 5 from east of Coffey Road to Sideroad 10, then north on Sideroad 10 to County Road 88. The project will realign the intersections of Line 5 and Sideroad 10, and include a roundabout at Line 6 and Sideroad 10.

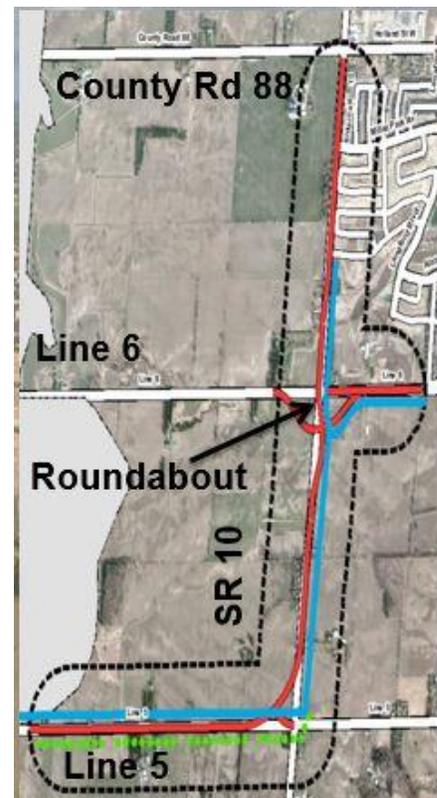
Taking into consideration changes since the Environmental Assessment was conducted in 2010 – including increased construction costs and a recommitment by the province to build the Highway 400-404 Connecting Link – Council agreed that it is advisable to phase construction as follows:

Phase 1, to begin in 2020:

- Construction of a two-lane roadway on Line 5 from Coffey Road to Line 6;
- Realignment of the Line 5 and Sideroad 10 intersection;
- Construction of a new curved roadway linking Line 5 to Sideroad 10,
- Rehabilitation of the two-lane roadway on Sideroad 10 from the new curve to the new roundabout,
- Intersection works including construction of a roundabout at Line 6 and Sideroad 10;
- Rehabilitation of the two-lane roadway from Line 6 to County Road 88;
- Replacement of the culvert north of Line 6.

Phase 2, to begin once traffic volumes indicate the need for increased capacity:

- Widening the two-lane roadway sections to four lanes;
- Installation of storm sewers;
- Construction of a storm water pond.



Grant funding approved for two Industrial Areas CIP applications

Council approved a Community Improvement Plan (CIP) grant application by Kumi Canada Corporation in the amount of \$205,429 to help offset costs associated with their new 50,000-square-foot expansion at 55 Reagens Industrial Parkway.

This expansion represents a \$4.4-million investment by Kumi, which will add as many as 25 new high-skilled manufacturing jobs. Council's decision means that for every dollar paid through the CIP, the community will benefit from a return of \$21.50 in total investment.

Of this grant, \$16,226 will be used to offset the costs of Town fees and permits. A maximum of \$189,203 will be paid in annual increments over 10 years – after MPAC re-assesses the new expansion – to offset the costs of higher taxes on the larger property.

Council also approved a CIP grant application for Aurora River (formerly MedReleaf) in the amount of \$84,799 to help offset costs associated with the renovation of their new building at 105 Reagens Industrial Parkway.

The renovations represent a \$16-million investment by Aurora River to create a new shipping facility to serve eastern Canada, which will add as many as 100 new jobs. Council's decision means that for every dollar paid through the CIP, the community will benefit from a return of \$189 in total investment.

Of this grant, \$34,799 will be used to offset the costs of Town fees and permits, while \$50,000 will offset renovation costs.

DID YOU KNOW ...?

The Town of BWG's Industrial Areas CIP program provides grants to businesses in BWG's two industrial parks – Reagens and Artesian – to encourage new business development or re-development, which in turn adds more local jobs and increases tax revenues.

New subdivision at Simcoe Rd and Line 6 moves forward

Council approved two requests from Cachet Estate Homes (Bradford) Inc. with respect to its development of lands located at the northeast corner of Simcoe Road and Line 6.

The first is to enter into a Subdivision Agreement with the Town. The Subdivision Agreement outlines the obligations and duties of the developer with regards to the subdivision of the lands and the installation, construction, repair and maintenance of municipal services.

The second was to approve their use of the street name "Landolfi Way", which recognizes the former owners of the lands, who settled in Bradford West Gwillimbury over 50 years ago and made significant contributions to the community.

Statutory Public Meeting

Two Public Meetings were held at the November 19 meeting of Council.

The first was regarding proposed changes to the Town's Building By-law 2019-31 to increase building permit fees for some classes of building permits and make minor housekeeping amendments.

The second is to discuss an application for amendment to the Zoning By-law to add “Motor Vehicle Sales, Leasing and/or Rental Establishment” to the list of permitted uses for the property at 170 Artesian Industrial Parkway.

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

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from November 5, 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.

Reassessing limits on West Scanlon Creek Bridge

The West Scanlon Creek Bridge on Line 10 east of County Road 4 (Yonge St.) was constructed in 1955 and is a wooden girder, single-span structure. A sign posted at the bridge says that the maximum weight on the bridge is 8 tonnes.

In 2018, concerns were raised that trucks requiring use of the road were in excess of the limit. Since the signs had been in place for many years, a structural capacity evaluation was conducted. The engineering report recommended the following limits be posted and a new Bridge Load Limit By-law be passed to enforce them:

- Level 1 (vehicle trains) - 23 tonnes
- Level 2 (two-unit vehicles) - 16 tonnes
- Level 3 (single-unit vehicles) - 9 tonnes

The report also found that the bridge barrier system should be upgraded or replaced to meet current standards, and recommended that the condition of the structure be monitored regularly during the biennial inspection to ensure the structure has not significantly deteriorated and that no critical defects have appeared.

New app and computer system aim to improve efficiency and customer service

The Town's current distribution of programs and services across multiple physical locations presents challenges to providing a consistent quality of customer service. Staff investigated technology solutions and recommended purchasing an app to be used by residents to report issues, and an issues management and task assignment system to be used by staff.

The system would include a "front end" to be used by residents either through a smartphone app or website to report common issues such as potholes, dead boulevard trees, issues with playground equipment or malfunctioning streetlights. It would also include a "back end" to be used by staff to manage requests, assign tasks and track what work has been completed. Complaints received by other means – such phone, email or in-person visits – would be entered by front-line staff into the system.

Staff proposed funding the new technology using money provided to the Town by the provincial government this year in order to "improve service delivery by finding smarter, more efficient ways to spend money ... while respecting taxpayer dollars."

The cost would be approximately \$50,000 over a five-year period. While the Committee approved the system in principle, Council has yet to make final decisions on the allocation of the province's grant, which totalled \$535,000.

Announcements:

- **Author Talk – Ted Barris** – *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)*
Wednesday, November 20, 7:00 p.m.: Join military historian Ted Barris as he shares his book, *Rush to Danger*, about military medical personnel in combat. Space is limited for this free, unticketed event, so please arrive early.
- **Indoor Bradford Farmer's Markets** – *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)*
Saturdays, November 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, crafts and holiday gifts.
- **Voices of Good Will and Good Cheer** – *Bradford Arts Centre (66 Barrie St.)*
Sunday, December 1, 7:30 p.m.: Performances by the Kleinburg Treble Makers, the Goldenaires, Amelia DePiero and Mark Holmes. Admission by donation.
- **Celebrate Christmas** – *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*
Friday, December 6, 6:00-8:30 p.m.: All activities are free including tree lighting, pictures with Santa, leisure skating, crafts, games and treats. Visit the Christmas Artisan Pop-up Shop in support of the Bradford Helping Hand Food Bank.
- **Holiday Giving:**
 - **Coats for Kids and Adults**
 - A Hand Up - 31 Frederick Street (downstairs) Thursdays 6:00-8:00 p.m.
 - **Paramedics Toy Drive** (through December 15)
 - 170 Artesian Industrial Parkway, Units 6 & 7
 - BWG Library - 425 Holland St. W
 - Fire Station - 75 Melbourne Dr.
 - **Police Stuff the Command Post** (Saturday, November 23)
 - Bradford Walmart 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
 - Bradford Canadian Tire 3-8 p.m.
 - **Fill a Purse for a Sister** (personal items for women in need)
 - Contact the Bradford Womens+ group: bradfordwomensgroup@gmail.com

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