

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – June 2, 2020

Estimating the impact of COVID-19 on municipal finances

Since March of this year, the COVID-19 pandemic has had an unprecedented global impact. The Town of BWG, like most other Ontario municipalities, has been faced with making very difficult decisions in an effort to maintain services to the extent possible while protecting its residents and employees from the pandemic.

Provincial orders have necessitated the closure of many facilities and the cancelling or significant reduction of many programs that typically provide revenue to the Town, with particular impacts on recreation programs and facility rentals. In order to offset the loss in revenue, discretionary spending has been reduced and the Town has taken the unfortunate but necessary decision to lay off nearly 200 part-time staff, and delay approximately \$11.7M of planned capital works (e.g. road and facility construction).

Council received a report estimating the impacts of COVID-19 on the Town's finances using three possible scenarios: (1) maintaining the current state of facility closures until the end of the year; (2) reopening facilities by September and returning to approximately 50% of typical revenue levels; and (3) reopening by September with a return to approximately 75% of typical revenue levels.

As a worst-case scenario, the report projects a relatively minor budget shortfall of \$169,000, which can be managed by reserves established for these types of unforeseeable situations. The Federal Government has announced that it will work in concert with provincial governments to provide financial aid to municipalities that are struggling with the impacts of the pandemic.

Five new single detached lots to be created at 627 Simcoe Road

Council approved an exemption from Part Lot Control for the Bradford East (North) Subdivision to facilitate the creation of five lots for single detached dwellings plus a servicing/stormwater easement at the southeast corner of Simcoe Road and Jonkman Boulevard.

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from May 19, 2020.

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.

Street names recommended for new Sandstorm subdivision

The Committee of the Whole supported the choices of street names for the new Sandstorm subdivision to be located north of Holland Street West and east of Langford Boulevard. The names largely reflect important people in BWG's history and are: Culbert Road, Montrose Boulevard, Rotary Way, Paisley Drive and Mel Irving Drive.

Announcements:

- **Proclamations:**

- **National AccessAbility Week:** May 31-June 6
- **Seniors Month:** June
- **Festa della Repubblica:** June 2
- **National Health and Fitness Day:** June 6
- **Portugal Day:** June 10

Free virtual fitness classes for National Health and Fitness Day on June 6:

- **9:00 am-9:45 am - HIIT the Bell** (warm-up, H.I.I.T, kettlebell)
- **10:00 am-10:30 am - Full Body Fuel** (lower body & cardio; upper body & core)
- **10:45 am-11:15 am - Dancing Queens** (Kelani, Zumba)
- **11:30 am-12:15 pm - Warrior Trio** (stretch, core, yoga)

Register and find out how to participate at www.bwgleisurecentre.ca

- **Virtual Canada Day – online - access via Town website and social media**
Wednesday, July 1, starting at 10 a.m.: program will include the singing of O Canada, music from local artists, Canada Day Circus Show, messages from MP Scot Davidson & MPP Caroline Mulroney, Mayor & Council announce Civic Award Winners and more. Get all the details at www.townofbwg.com/CanadaDay
- **Canada Day Window Decorating Contest – your home!**
submit photos by Monday, June 29 at 9:00 a.m.: Decorate a window in your home then take a picture and email to events@townofbwg.com. Voting will take place for 24 hours on Facebook starting July 1 at 10 a.m. and the winner will receive a \$100 BWG Local Business Gift Card package. Get all the details at www.townofbwg.com/CanadaDay