

**Line 5 interchange opens BWG employment lands for business**  
*Ribbon cutting celebrates intergovernmental funding partnership*

Bradford West Gwillimbury, ON (March 4, 2019) – The most exciting part of the new interchange at Highway 400 and Line 5 in Bradford West Gwillimbury is not the pavement itself – even though the new point of access to the highway and the expanded roadway mark a significant step in improving traffic movement and preparing for a growing population.

The most exciting part is what lies beneath.

The three-year project included installing municipal watermains and sanitary force mains to service the employment lands located along Highway 400. Now that this is complete, this area of BWG is ready for business development.

Funding for the project was provided by Infrastructure Canada, the Ministry of Transportation Ontario and the County of Simcoe in addition to the Town of BWG.

“The new Line 5 and Highway 400 interchange in Bradford West Gwillimbury will reduce traffic congestion, improve safety along this route, and support future growth in this area. Investing in modern and efficient roadways will ensure the continuous and safe flow of people and goods” said Deb Schulte MP for King-Vaughn, representing the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities.

“Our government is committed to making life easier for people in York-Simcoe and across Ontario. Investments in highway infrastructure on Highway 400 are important for families, workers and job creators in our communities, and we will continue to work with partners to move forward on our plan to make Ontario open for jobs,” said Caroline Mulroney, MPP for York Simcoe.

“The County of Simcoe continues to invest in vital infrastructure in Bradford West Gwillimbury and the south portion of our County to ensure that the flow of people, goods and services aligns with growth across our region,” said County of Simcoe Warden George Cornell. “Our investment in road infrastructure supports our economy, our residents, and our businesses and we’re proud to partner with other levels of government to provide up to \$18 million, or one third of the total funding, towards this important project.”

“We are extremely proud of this new interchange and its significance for the economic future of our Town,” said Mayor Rob Keffer. “We are tremendously grateful to all of our funding partners for making the development of the Line 5 interchange and servicing of the employment lands a reality.”

The full project involved demolition of the old bridge along Line 5 over Highway 400, construction of a new six-lane bridge, building a partial clover-leaf interchange, widening Line 5, realigning Sideroad 5 and Coffey Road, realigning Fraser Creek and installing signals, streetlights, watermains and sewer force mains. Work began in April 2016 with the closure and demolition of the previous Line 5 bridge. The barriers on the new bridge and interchange were removed in late December 2018, allowing residents and travelers to take advantage of improved access to the southern portion of the municipality, including the Holland Marsh.

“On behalf of the Town I would like to thank all of the residents, business owners, farmers and commuters for their patience throughout this project,” said Mayor Keffer. “This gateway to the employment lands is an important milestone in our economic development.”



A ribbon cutting was held to officially mark the opening of the new Line 5 interchange. Mayor Keffer welcomed funding partners from Infrastructure Canada and the County of Simcoe, along with members of Town of BWG Council and Staff.

*(L to R): Ron Orr, Councillor Ward 4; Mahesh Ramdeo, Manager of Capital Projects; Peter Ferragine, Councillor Ward 5; Debbie Korolnek, General Manager of Engineering, Planning and Environment, County of Simcoe; George Cornell, Warden, County of Simcoe; Rob Keffer, Mayor; Deb Schulte, MP for King-Vaughn; Gary Baynes, Councillor Ward 2; Geoff McKnight, CAO; Peter Dykie Jr., Councillor Ward 7; Mark Contois, Councillor Ward 6; Peter Loukes, Director of Development & Engineering; Marcio Marques, Project Manager; Jeff Sculthorp, Engineering Technologist; Josie Patera, Development & Engineering Administrative Assistant; David Latarius, Project Manager*



Aerial view of the completed interchange