

## **Town of BWG cancels events and programs through end of summer**

*Town continues to look to province for guidance on reopening of activities*

Bradford West Gwillimbury, ON (May 6, 2020) – In the interest of public safety due to the ongoing pandemic, and the very gradual lifting of restrictions planned over the coming weeks/months, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has made the difficult decision to cancel all municipal events (including Canada Day and Carrot Fest), registered recreation programs (including summer camps and swimming lessons) and all indoor and outdoor permits through August 31, 2020.

Staff will be working on developing a virtual Canada Day event for the residents of BWG to enjoy from the safety of their own homes.

The provincial government has announced a three-stage approach to the re-opening of the province. In the event that restrictions are relaxed to a point that there is an opportunity to re-introduce certain activities, staff will work with community groups and make a recommendation to Council on what would be possible, and the necessary lead time required to re-start those activities in a modified version. Any further announcements and updates will be found on the Town's website at [www.townofbwg.com](http://www.townofbwg.com).

Staff will begin the process of issuing refunds to all registered participants in Town of BWG Summer 2020 recreation programs. Credit card payments will be refunded back to the credit card. All other payment types will be placed as a credit on the customer's BWG Leisure Centre account, or you can request a refund by contacting [leisureservices@townofbwg.com](mailto:leisureservices@townofbwg.com). We anticipate a high volume of requests so we thank you for your patience and we will get back to you as quickly as possible. It may take up to two weeks before refunds appear on credit cards or bank accounts.

The Community Services Department is continuing to provide free virtual programming on Instagram and Facebook (@bwgleisurecentre) and [www.bwgleisurecentre.ca](http://www.bwgleisurecentre.ca) for residents and members to enjoy; including fitness, water safety activities, crafts, games, virtual tours and more for all ages.