

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to receive funding to support essential services impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

Bradford West Gwillimbury, ON (*August 19, 2020*) – The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is pleased to announce that it is the recipient of more than \$873,000 in financial relief from upper tiers of government to help mitigate the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on municipal finances.

The funding is a result of the federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement. The Honourable Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing announced that BWG will receive a payment of \$828,600 to support the Town’s operating costs, and the Honourable Caroline Mulroney, Minister of Transportation announced that BWG will receive \$44,829 to support transit pressures during COVID-19.

“We are extremely grateful to the province for providing this funding in light of the financial pressures the municipality has faced over the last six months,” said Mayor Rob Keffer.

“Throughout the pandemic, the Town of BWG has been committed to providing ongoing services to the community, whether through traditional or virtual means. We also offered financial relief to our residents through measures including free transit, tax and utility bill deferrals and penalty forgiveness, and business support programs,” Keffer added. “However, when many of our revenue-generating services such as recreation programs and facility rentals are halted, and others such as building permits were put on hold, it put a lot of pressure on our budget. This money will allow us to continue to provide necessary services with less impact on the taxpayer.”

The Town of BWG reduced spending in response to the pandemic by reprioritizing capital projects and cutting operating expenses. Council will meet to deliberate the 2021 budget in November of this year.