

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – January 22, 2019

Advisory committees named – call for volunteers coming soon

With each new term, Council has the ability to establish advisory committees to support the needs and priorities of the Town for the four-year period.

Several committees that have operated previously will be re-struck for the 2018-2022 term. These include the Heritage Committee, Economic Development Advisory Committee, Downtown Revitalization Committee and the renamed Community Safety and Traffic Committee.

Two new committees will also be created. The Healthy Communities Committee will include both volunteer and Council members and would advise Council on ways to promote a healthier community, looking at things like public green spaces and ways to protect the environment. The Facilities Committee will be a Special Committee of the Whole (which means every member of Council will sit on the committee) to help guide implementation of the Facilities Master Plan.

A call for applications for volunteer committee members will be advertised soon on the Town's website, Facebook and via local media.

Council offers leniency on payment terms for Southlake Academic Family Health Team

The Town of BWG owns the property at 100 Holland Court, formerly home to the Public Library. The property is leased to the Southlake Academic Family Health Team (SAFHT), which pays rent and utilities to the Town. Due to a number of financial errors, the SAFHT owes the Town for unpaid rent, utilities and associated late charges. To enable the SAFHT to repay the outstanding amount without impact to their budget for the current fiscal year, Council agreed to allow the \$19,490.84 total in three payments over 18 months (December 2018, April 2019 and April 2020).

Statutory Public Meetings

The *Planning Act* requires the Town to hold a Public Information Meeting to consider any application for amendments to the Official Plan or Zoning By-laws and Plans of Subdivision. The purpose of the meeting is introduce the proposal to the public, share information, invite questions and seek feedback.

During these meetings, Council has the opportunity to ask questions of planning staff, the applicant or their representative, but does not make any decisions. The public can write in or attend the meeting to ask questions. At a later date, once a comprehensive review has taken place and public comment has been received, staff will report to Council with a recommendation.

At the January 22 Council meeting, two Public Meetings were held.

- File No.: D12-18-05 and D14-18-14
The first Public Meeting was regarding an application for revision to the Bond Head North Draft Plan and associated Zoning By-law Amendment application submitted on behalf of Bond Head Property 2 Inc. and Bond Head Property 3 Inc. The subject properties front on the west and east sides of County Road 27 and are located between County Road 88 to the south and Line 8 to the north.

Since previous approvals, the owner has acquired the abutting 3017 County Road 27 and is proposing to include this property in the Plan of Subdivision. Through re-lotting and zoning changes this would result in seven additional lots.
- File No.: D14-18-10
The second Public Meeting was regarding an application for Zoning By-law Amendment on behalf of Lormel Developments (Bradford) Limited, for lands located at the northeast and northwest corners of McKenzie Way and Noble Drive. The amendment is necessary to facilitate the development of 24 single-detached dwellings on the subject lands.

If any member of the public would like to share a comment or receive notice of future council meetings where these applications will be considered, please send an email to: planninginfo@townofbwg.com and specify which application (file number) you are interested in.

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from January 8, 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.

New home construction to proceed on Simcoe Road

The Committee of the Whole recommended approving a request from Bradford East Developments Inc. that would permit them to construct five residential dwelling units on property at 627 Simcoe Road. The application complies with the Official Plan and approved zoning for the lands.

Announcements:

- **Black History Month** – *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)*
The BWG Diversity Group will be hosting two events to celebrate February as Black History Month - both are free and all are welcome.
 - **Saturday, February 2, 1-4 p.m.:** family celebration with storytelling, crafts, games, drums and refreshments.
 - **Wednesday, February 20, 6:30-9:30 p.m.:** creative exhibit featuring visual and written art.
- **Jack de Keyser presents “Britain’s Got the Blues”**
– *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)*
Sunday, February 3, 2-5 p.m.: Discover the history of blues, the impact of American musicians on British bands and the ongoing global influence of British musicians with famed British-born Canadian blues guitarist Jack de Keyser. Register for your free ticket via the Library’s website.
- **2019 AgKnowledge Forum** – *Club at Bond Head (4805 Line 7, Bond Head)*
Tuesday, February 5, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.: This year’s forum, focuses on the future of farming, with Meg Ronson speaking about transitioning farm businesses to the next generation. Free event includes lunch. RSVP: robin@nottawasaga.com
- **Hockey Day in BWG** – *Bud Brown Park (2892 Simcoe County Rd 27, Bond Head)*
Saturday, February 9, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.: IP and Novice teams from the BWG Minor Hockey Association compete against each other in a day of outdoor on-ice fun. A pancake breakfast and lunch will be hosted by the Bond Head Lions Club.
- **Megathon** – *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*
Saturday, February 23: For a minimum donation of \$10 you can participate in one 35-minute activity, or for \$30 choose up to five. Full details available online at www.bwgleisurecentre.ca/megathon. Funds raised support Southlake Regional Health Centre’s Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation Program.

For the complete Town of BWG Community Events Calendar, go to:

www.townofbwg.com/events