

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – August 7, 2018

Dreamfields Park to be renamed in memory of prominent resident

Bradford West Gwillimbury lost one of its strongest advocates when Councillor Ron Simpson passed away in July 2014. Council unanimously supported renaming Dreamfields Park located at 251 Crossland Boulevard as "Ron Simpson Memorial Park".

A new vision for 125 Simcoe Road

The Town has worked with the community over the past year to brainstorm how to best utilize the property at 125 Simcoe Road, where the Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre and the Curling Rink are currently located. These facilities are used regularly but the property has potential that is not being fully taken advantage of.

The result of the consultation is a master plan that identifies a “preferred concept”, which is not a commitment to build everything outlined in the plan but rather a vision for the structures and amenities that might be accommodated within the site as needs arise and fund permit. The vision has been broken into four potential phases:

- Phase 1: affordable housing (if the County of Simcoe decides to proceed with their proposed development), parking, and relocated tennis courts and skate park
- Phase 2: parks (including playground, splash pad, elevated event stage with naturalized seating, and flexible open space) and associated parking
- Phase 3: Civic Hub and public square with underground parking and urban streetscaping
- Phase 4: any changes or refurbishments to the existing community centre and curling rink to meet the future needs of the community

Council's support of the report allows staff to proceed with further recommendations and to continue conversations with Simcoe County on constructing affordable housing in BWG.

Agreement aims to bring hotel to BWG

Plans to construct a Hampton Inn and Suites may get a boost from an agreement with the Town to stagger development charge payments over a number of years. The proponent originally sought a 10-year deferral of payments to help them build a 95-suite hotel and standalone drive-thru restaurant at the southwest corner of County Road 88 and Highway 400. Council proposed a compromise that ideally will work for both the Town and the developer.

Town takes additional action to protect 108 Moore Street

Since the summer of 2014, the Town has been working toward a heritage designation for the property at 108 Moore Street, also known as the "Collings House". Based on the property's historic and architectural value, the Conservation Review Board recommended that the property be designated under the *Ontario Heritage Act*.

Heritage designation provides protection against demolition or significant change, but does not require the property's owner to maintain it in good condition, insure the building against perils or to rebuild it in the event of damages. To provide these additional protections, the Town passed a by-law to execute a Heritage Easement Agreement over 108 Moore Street. This is a legal agreement that is registered on title, giving the Town a perpetual legal interest in the property.

The Ontario Municipal Board has also authorized a severance to create an additional lot at the northern portion of the property, separate from the lot where the Collings House and surrounding yard will remain.

Traffic Committee recommendations approved

Council approved the following Traffic Committee recommendations:

- That Traffic Logics be asked to make a presentation to the Traffic Committee regarding their monitoring and warning system for speeders.
- That staff move forward with implementation of a pilot project for traffic calming bollards in six areas of Town where traffic counts would warrant them.
- That an all-way stop is not recommended at the 4-leg intersection of Line 7 at Dixon Road/Hearn Street based on the warrant system in the Ontario Traffic Manual - Book 5; and that the approved BWG Protocols and Warrants be enacted regarding speed control in the subject area, including the use of radar message boards and requested SSPS presence; and that traffic calming bollards be installed at the west end of Bond Head on Line 7.
- That a speed reduction to 60 km/h be put in place at the west end of the Henderson Park property to Side Road 10.
- That an all-way stop control be created at Langford Blvd and Aishford Blvd.

There was no Committee of the Whole meeting held

NOTE:

there will be no meeting of Council or Committee of the Whole on August 21

Announcements:

- **Wednesday, August 8, 6:00pm: Peacekeepers Week Flag Raising**
– BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)
- **Thursday, August 9, 8:00pm: Outdoor Movie**
– BWG Public Library – west lawn (425 Holland St. W)
Watch “Coco” under the stars and see the BWG Fire trucks!
- **Thursday, August 16, 7:00-9:00pm: Music in the Park**
– BWG Public Library – west lawn (425 Holland St. W)
See “The Argues” (indie-rock family band); bring your own snacks and seats
- **Friday, August 17, 4:00pm-12 midnight: Carrot Fest Friday**
– Downtown Bradford
Local vendor market, Kids Zone, Main Stage and beer gardens, Classic Cars & Legends musical performances
- **Saturday, August 18, 9:00am-12 midnight: Carrot Fest Saturday**
– Downtown Bradford
Expanded vendor market, Kids Zone, Main Stage performances, buskers and special events – see www.carrotfest.ca for details
- **Sunday, August 19, 12 noon-4:00pm: 12th Annual Family Fun Fest**
– Lions Park (226 Colborne St.)
Carnival games, inflatables, BBQ and more
- **Thursday, August 23, 8:00pm: Outdoor Movie**
– BWG Public Library – west lawn (425 Holland St. W)
Watch “A Wrinkle in Time” under the stars; bring your own snacks
- **Friday, August 24: Tec-We-Gwill Women’s Institute Peach Supper**
– Newton Robinson Hall (4380 Line 10, Newton Robinson)
The dinner will take place in three seatings: 4:30, 5:45 and 7:00 pm. The menu includes ham, salads and sides, fresh peach desserts and beverages. For tickets call: Diana 705-435-6427, Gladys 905-778-0319 or Sally 416-402-7530
- **Saturday, August 25, 4:00pm: Independence Day of Ukraine Flag Raising**
– BWG Courthouse (57 Holland St. E)
- **Saturdays, 8:00am-1:00pm: Bradford Farmers’ Market**
– BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)
In addition to the weekly market, don’t miss these special events:
 - **August 25:** Peach Festival and Elvis Day
 - **September 15:** Butterscotch Festival
 - **October 6:** Thanksgiving Harvest Festival (last day of outdoor market)

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

www.townofbwg.com/events