

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

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### **Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – September 4, 2018**

#### **More BWG Transit benches coming soon**

In June 2018, Council gave staff the go-ahead to work with a third party to provide transit bus benches with advertising space. They have now authorized a 10-year agreement with Creative Outdoor Advertising (COA) – the same agency that administers the existing transit shelters – for the supply, installation and maintenance of transit benches. There are no costs to the Town, and COA will provide the Town with \$300 per bench or 30% of ad revenues annually, whichever is higher.

Council also approved the recommended style of bench and list of 27 locations, with the suggestion to entertain additional locations. In any location where a bench is to be placed in the municipal right-of-way next to a residential lot, residents will be notified by mail with information and a site drawing.

Installation of the new benches can begin as soon as the agreement is signed. COA will be responsible for working directly with interested advertisers.

#### **Non-residential building permit applications up in second quarter**

Building Division statistics for the second quarter of 2018 show a rise in applications for building permits for non-residential projects (things like industrial, retail and farm buildings). The 31 permits issued amount to \$11,862,853 in construction value – almost triple the valuation from the same period in 2017.

Meanwhile, there was a slowdown in applications from residential developers. The total number of housing permits issued was 133, which represents a 37% decline over 2017. The decrease in permits issued is not yet reflected in the amount of construction going on. The Town's Chief Building Official explained that many developers are currently working to complete construction of the homes that they obtained permits for in the past couple of years.

#### **Traffic Committee recommendations approved**

Council approved the following Traffic Committee recommendation:

- That the white stop bar in the westbound lanes of Holland St. W be moved to the east side of the driveway at 65/67 Holland St. W.

## Statutory Public Meeting

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.

At the September 6 Council meeting, a Public Meeting was held regarding an application for Zoning By-law Amendment by Mod-Aire Homes Limited for property on the northwest corner of West Park Ave. and Miller Park Dr. The amendment would consolidate zoning with adjacent lands to facilitate the future development of three single-detached dwellings.

If any member of the public would like to share a comment or receive notice of future council meetings where this applications will be considered, please send an email to: [planninginfo@townofbwg.com](mailto:planninginfo@townofbwg.com)

## Committee of the Whole

*Please note that decisions made in Committee of the Whole (CoW) are not final until approved at a subsequent Regular Council meeting.*

### **BWG Transit to expand to include weekday early evenings and Saturday service**

The use of BWG Transit – including buses and the Taxi-to-GO shared-ride service – continues to grow year over year. To meet the public's needs for service outside of the existing weekday-only daytime service, the Committee of the Whole endorsed changes to the BWG Transit system including:

- Adding service to the Reagens Industrial Area
- Modifying Route 1 to reduce round-trip time from 35 minutes to 30 minutes
- Introducing early evening service (5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.)
- Introducing Saturday service (9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)

These changes are expected to be implemented this fall. Watch the Town's page in the Topic newspaper or the Town of BWG Facebook page for details and announcements.

### **Municipality prepares for non-medical cannabis legalization**

With the legalization of non-medical cannabis coming this fall, Town staff and Council are working to understand the implications for the municipality and its enforcement arms. The Committee of the Whole received an information report outlining how the regulation of non-medical cannabis is expected to differ from the medical cannabis use that is already permitted. The municipality has not yet made any decisions regarding allowing physical retail sellers in BWG, which the province has said will not be permitted until next April.

## Announcements:

- **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:
  - **September 15:** Buttertart Festival
  - **October 6:** Thanksgiving Harvest Festival (last day of outdoor market)
- **September 15&16, 10:00am-5:00pm: BWG Studio Art Tour**  
– *Multiple locations*  
See work by local artists in a variety of media at several locations across BWG. Admission is free. For locations and details visit: [www.bwgstudiotour.ca](http://www.bwgstudiotour.ca)
- **September 18 – October 31: Town of BWG Art Contest Showing**  
– *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)*  
Art submitted for the Town's Art Contest will be on display in the Library near the second floor boardroom from September 18 through October 31.
- **Saturday, September 22, 6:30am: Go Birding with Nature Barrie**  
– *Scanlon Creek Conservation Area (2450 Line 9)*  
Nature Barrie (formerly the Brereton Field Naturalists' Club) will lead a walk through Scanlon Creek CA to see birds and other fauna. Wear reliable hiking footwear. Parking fee is \$6. Visit: [www.naturebarrie.com](http://www.naturebarrie.com)
- **Saturday, September 22, 1:00pm: Air Cadet Squadron Kickoff**  
– *Bradford Legion (115 Back St.)*  
The public is invited to the welcoming ceremonies of the new 37 Orville Hand Air Cadet Squadron, with presentations and welcoming speeches from local and visiting dignitaries followed by food and refreshments.
- **Saturday, September 29, 10:00am-4:00pm: Doors Open Ontario**  
– *Multiple locations*  
11 municipalities in Simcoe County are participating in this year's event, offering an inside look at 51 historically and architecturally significant sites, including BWG locations like Gwillimdale Farms and Dreamwinds Equine Assisted Learning Centre. For details see [www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/en/simcoe-county/](http://www.doorsopenontario.on.ca/en/simcoe-county/)
- **Saturday, September 29, 11:00am-3:00pm: Holland Marsh Soupfest**  
– *Ansnorveldt Park (18977 Dufferin St., King Twp.)*  
Don't miss the 10<sup>th</sup> year of this delicious event. Tickets available online in advance or at the gate. Visit: [www.hollandmarshsoupfest.ca](http://www.hollandmarshsoupfest.ca)

For the complete Town of BWG Community Events Calendar, go to:  
[www.townofbwg.com/events](http://www.townofbwg.com/events)