

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

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### **Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – January 9, 2018**

#### **BWG supports development of new inter-county transit service**

The County of Simcoe is developing a county-wide regional transit system, and has asked BWG for approval of a by-law revision necessary to further the process. At their September 19 meeting, BWG council asked staff to investigate the potential implications for BWG's own transit services and for provincial gas tax funding.

The investigation determined that the new system could benefit BWG as long as the two systems can be integrated, such as coordinating stops, schedules and fares. Ideally, the new service would provide a connection between the BWG Transit hub in Bradford and rural communities such as Newton Robinson and Bond Head.

Although the new service would add to the number of beneficiaries drawing from the provincial gas tax program, the municipal share of gas tax is expected to increase in the future, so BWG would not necessarily receive less money overall.

Council agreed to support the adoption of a by-law by the County of Simcoe for operation of a transportation system, with the amendment that development of the Alliston/BWG line should be reprioritized from phase 3 to phase 1 of the program.

#### **No increase in levies for Holland Marsh Board**

Council approved the 2018 Budget and Business Plan of the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Service Board. In this budget, the rate for the Holland Marsh Drainage System remains at \$64.25/hectare for agricultural land for the purpose of the maintenance and operation of the canal, and the rate for the Bradford Small Scheme remains at \$92.66/hectare for agricultural land for the purpose of the maintenance and operation of the canal.

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***Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from December 19, 2017.***  
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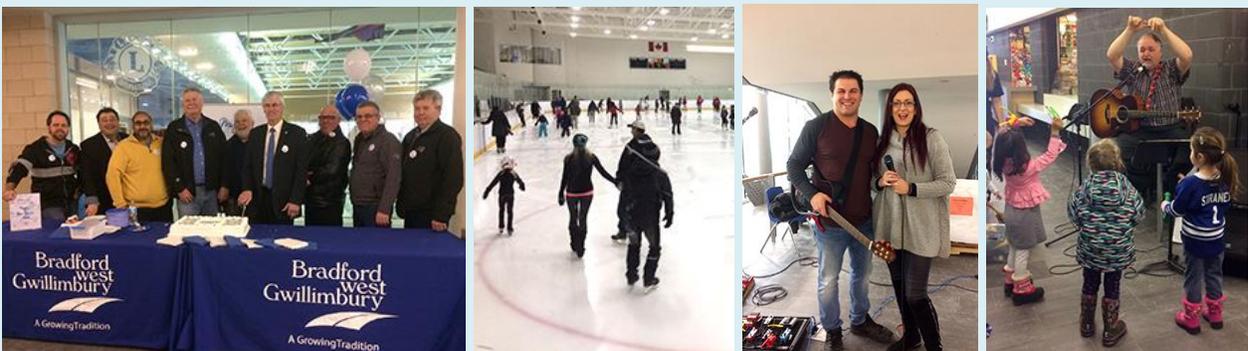
#### **Committee of the Whole**

*There was no meeting of the Committee of the Whole.*

## Announcements:

- **Saturday, January 13, 11:30am-1:00pm: Conference on the Prophet Muhammad**  
– *BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Rm (425 Holland St. W)*  
This event by the Ahmadiyya Muslim Women's Association of Bradford is intended to educate other women about the life of the Prophet Muhammad.
- **Saturday, January 20, 8:00am-12:30pm: Hockey Day in BWG**  
– *Bud Brown Park (2892 Simcoe County Rd 27, Bond Head)*  
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.
- **Saturday, January 20, 6:00pm: Vlad Soloviev in Concert**  
– *Bradford Arts Centre (66 Barrie St.)*  
Starting at 6 pm enjoy a showing by local artist Lea Farmer, then at 7 pm the concert starts by pianist Vladimir Soloviev. Tickets \$20 (students \$10).
- **Sunday, January 21, 1:00-3:00pm: Mental Health – A Stigma?**  
– *BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Rm (425 Holland St. W)*  
The BWG Diversity Group is hosting an event for the public to raise awareness and facilitate conversation on the topic of mental health.
- **Sunday, January 28, 12:00-3:00pm: Royal Canadian Air Cadets Open House**  
– *Bradford Legion (115 Back St.)*  
Learn about the new Bradford Air Cadet Squadron for youth aged 12-18, and try a flight simulator.

**Thank you** to everyone who attended the third annual Mayor's New Year's Levee!



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