

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – January 10, 2017

Industrial development set to begin in Highway 400 employment lands

Town of BWG Council has approved the first draft plan of subdivision for industrial development along Highway 400 in what is referred to as the “employment lands”. The Town has made significant efforts to prepare this area for business as a new source of tax revenue and to attract jobs to BWG.

The development by Bond Head Properties Inc. (DG Group) is to take place at the northeast corner of Line 5 and Highway 400. The plan includes seven employment blocks, as well as blocks for environmental protection, buffers, roads and potentially two additional employment blocks to be developed in the future.

Battling homelessness in Simcoe County

Staff from the County of Simcoe provided BWG Council with an update on their 10-Year Affordable Housing and Homelessness Prevention Strategy. The strategy commits to a minimum of 2,685 new affordable housing units throughout the County by 2024.

Phase one of the plan aims to create 895 units of affordable housing by the end 2017. As of September 30, 2016, 396 units have been created.

Two focuses of the program are developing secondary rental suites in existing homes and providing rent subsidies. The County allocated \$1.5 million – complementing \$600,000 from federal and provincial programs – to help create approximately 60 affordable secondary suites in 2016 and 2017. A further \$6 million will be used to provide rent subsidies over the same period.

Information on applying for social housing programs, including how to get funding to build a rental suite in your home, is available at: www.simcoe.ca/iah

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from December 20, 2016.

Announcements:

These Town-organized or co-organized events have been announced so far for 2017:

- **January 8: Mayor's New Year's Levee**
– *BWG Leisure Centre*
- **February 18: Hockey Day in BWG**
– *Bud Brown Park, Bond Head*
- **April 8: Community Clean-Up Day**
– *Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre*
- **May 13: Marsh Mash**
– *Springdale Christian Reformed Church*
- **June 10: Trails Day & Mayor's Hike for Health**
– *Scanlon Creek Conservation Area*
- **July 1: Canada Day Parade & Celebrations**
– *Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre*
- **July 6, 20 & August 3, 17: Music in the Park**
– *BWG Public Library, East Lawn*
- **July 13, 27 & August 10, 24: Outdoor Movies**
– *BWG Public Library, East Lawn*
- **August 18 & 19: Carrot Fest**
– *Downtown Bradford*
- **November 18: Santa Claus Parade**
– *Downtown Bradford*
- **December 1: Celebrate Christmas**
– *BWG Leisure Centre*
- **December 31: Family First Night**
– *BWG Leisure Centre*

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

www.townofbwg.com/events