

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – January 24, 2017

Carrot Fest expands to include Friday afternoon events

This year's Carrot Fest will start on Friday, August 18 at 4:00 p.m., offering local businesses the opportunity to cater to festival-goers earlier than in previous years.

Details of the event have yet to be determined, but it is anticipated that vendor registration will be separate from that for Saturday's festival. Sponsors will be sought to ensure that costs for things like entertainment and equipment do not impact taxpayers.

The roads in the "four corners" area will be closed for about a block in each direction beginning at 1:00 p.m. Friday to allow for set-up. The festival will wrap up by midnight.

Carrot Fest was extended to Friday evenings starting in 2015, with official opening ceremonies at 6:00 p.m. followed by entertainment on the outdoor stage sponsored by the Village Inn. This is expected to continue in 2017.

User fees relatively unchanged for 2017

Council adopted the list of user fees for 2017, with few changes over 2016. Leisure Centre fees are going up minimally – for example, single visits for leisure swimming, Aquafit and gymnasium use are going up by 25 cents, while fitness memberships are going up one dollar per month. Cemetery charges, which have been below market rates for the past several years, will be going up more significantly.

The complete list of fees will be available at shortly on the Town's website at www.townofbwg.com/twnsrv/finance.

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.

Town open to options for banking services

The Committee of the Whole voted not to renew the Town's current agreement for banking services with RBC Royal Bank. Instead, staff will look at other options including tendering a request for proposals, or taking advantage of the rates available through the Ontario Education Collaborative Marketplace (OECM). The OECM is a not-for-profit group that public sector organizations including municipalities can partner with to get more competitive prices for products and services.

Announcements:

- **February 5, 2:00-5:00pm: Tia Brazda in concert**
– *BWG Public Library*
Vocalist Tia Brazda with jazz trio will provide an afternoon of live music in the Paul Sadlon Atrium as part of the Barrie Jazz and Blues Festival
- **Teen employment assistance**
– *BWG Public Library*
 - **February 10, 3:30-4:30pm: Q&A**
Bradford WORKS will provide answers to questions about job hunting including resumes, cover letters, interviews and references; registration required
 - **February 13, 3:30-4:30pm: Resume writing**
A resume expert from Bradford WORKS will help young job hunters to create a polished resume; registration required
- **February 18, 8:00am-12:30pm: Hockey Day in BWG**
– *Bud Brown Park, Bond Head*
Pond hockey tournament for Tyke and Novice teams, pancake breakfast and BBQ lunch hosted by the Bond Head Lions, entertainment and airbrush tattoos
- **February 20, 8:00am-4:00pm: Family Day**
– *BWG Leisure Centre*
Free skating sponsored by RBC, plus fee-for-use activities including leisure swimming, parent and toddler gym time and open gymnasium
- **February 25, 7:45-11:35am: Megathon**
– *BWG Leisure Centre*
Help raise funds for Southlake Regional Health Centre's Cardiovascular Prevention and Rehabilitation "Walk of Life. Available activities are: spin, yoga, walking, bootcamp, Kelani, MMA Circuit, Step, Tai Chi and Aquafit - choose one event for \$10 or five for \$30.

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

www.townofbwg.com/events