

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – February 21, 2017

New seniors' housing project moving forward

A new seniors' housing development is planned for property located at 552 Holland St. W. Council gave conditional site plan approval and passed an amendment to the Zoning By-law to allow the project to move ahead.

The planned development is a six-storey, 138-unit retirement home with 111 living units and 27 memory-care/assisted-living units. The plan also includes pedestrian pathways throughout the site and from Holland St. W to the Town-owned park to the south.

Drinking water in BWG continues to be top quality

The Town's drinking water continues to be of exceptional quality according to the 2016 annual report. Findings show the continued high performance of BWG's drinking water system, which is subject to strict regulation by the MOECC to keep drinking water safe.

In addition to the mandated testing, the Town's Water Division voluntarily samples for a wide variety of chemicals including herbicides, pesticides and insecticides, above and beyond what is required.

Town residents have reported an increase in salespeople promoting water purification equipment either at the door or through tactics that appear to be package deliveries or scratch tickets. Some reports indicate that salespeople may suggest that they are working with the Town or that the water quality in BWG is an issue; however, both are false.

To report unlicensed door-to-door salespeople, contact the Enforcement Division at 905-775-5366 ext.1701. To report aggressive salespeople, contact South Simcoe Police at 905-775-3311. You can also learn more about your rights or file a complaint with Consumer Protection Ontario; visit www.ontario.ca/ConsumerProtection.

New funding will replace two playgrounds, increase energy efficiency

The Town of BWG will receive \$48,014 in additional grants from the federal government's Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Grant Program. The program is to repair, rehabilitate and expand existing community infrastructure to enhance our communities in celebration of Canada's sesquicentennial.

The funds will go towards three projects: the replacement of playgrounds at DePeuter Park and Fuller Heights Park, and energy-saving lighting upgrades at the Leisure Centre.

Capital Project Update

Staff provided a detailed update on all construction projects for new and improved roads and infrastructure. Details can be found online at www.townofbwg.com/construction.

Council passed a motion to open Marshview Boulevard – the new road connecting Holland St. E to Simcoe Rd. – only after all aspects have been completed including top asphalt, sidewalks and a multi-use trail. The opening is now anticipated to take place in early summer.

Sharp increase in calls for by-law enforcement

The Town's Enforcement Division responded to 1,325 service requests in 2016, compared to 910 in 2015 and 681 in 2014. Requests include everything from issuing marriage licences to complaints about illegal dumping to calls about missing pets. The largest increase has been regarding traffic regulations, up 89% over the previous year.

Dog licence sales are down. Residents are reminded that all dogs in BWG must be licenced and wear a tag for the current year, and that this fee helps pay for BWG's animal control program that includes aiding, sheltering and finding new homes for stray animals.

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from February 7, 2017.

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 'Treasure Hunt' Day

Residents can look forward to BWG's first 'Treasure Hunt Day' – a designated day to place usable but unwanted items at the curb for others to find and take. The program is intended to discourage illegal dumping and provide an opportunity for residents to divert usable items from landfill.

A date has not yet been set; once chosen, it will be advertised via website, social media and news media. Treasures are to be at the curb by 7:00 a.m., and all items that do not find a new home must be removed at the end of the day.

There will be no special collection to remove items not taken. Bulky item collection is available via the County of Simcoe from June through September by appointment only at a fee of \$35 for up to five items.

New by-law would make pre-consultation on planning applications mandatory

The *Ontario Planning Act* encourages developers, owners and applicants to pre-consult with municipalities prior to submitting development applications. Under the *Act*, municipalities may pass a by-law making it mandatory if they wish.

The CoW voted in favour of such a by-law, which would help streamline the process by ensuring that applicants fully understand the requirements and get early feedback to help them refine their proposals prior to submission.

Announcements:

- **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. Sign up or sponsor a participant. To sponsor a councillor, see Councillor Baynes for details.
- **March 5, 1:00pm: Bowl for Kids’ Sake (BBBSY)**
– *Bradford Underground (54 Holland St W)*
Every dollar raised helps match kids with a mentor. Register a team or sponsor a player. To sponsor a councillor, see Councillor Dykie for details.
- **March Break Activities**
 - **BWG Leisure Centre:** still space in some programs – www.bwgleisurecentre.ca
 - **BWG Public Library:** event registration now open – www.bradford.library.on.ca
 - **Scanlon Creek:** day camp and family activities – www.lsrca.on.ca/Pages/CommunityEducationPrograms.aspx
- **Friends of the Library Book Sale**
– *BWG Public Library and Cultural Centre*
 - **March 24, 7:00-8:30pm:** Preview sale - \$10 admission/family
 - **March 25, 9:30am-5:30pm:** Regular sale (free admission)
 - **March 26, 1:00-3:30pm:** Regular sale (free admission)

For the complete Town of BWG Community Events Calendar, go to:
www.townofbwg.com/events