

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

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### **Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – March 6, 2018**

#### **Non-residential building activity on the rise**

The number of building permits issued in 2017 was down overall from the previous year, mainly in residential development; however, there was an increase in non-residential applications. The Town issued 151 permits for things like businesses, industrial buildings, farm construction and institutional development (such as the two seniors' housing buildings currently under construction). As more developers and businesses come to the Highway 400 employment lands, the Town expects to see a more sustained level of non-residential building activity.

Residential development permits were issued in 2017 for Bayview Wellington's Green Valley East Subdivision (114 units), Great Gulf's Phase 7A (130 units), FirstView Homes' Tiberian Subdivision (11 units), Brookfield and Westin Homes' Westbrook Phase IV Subdivision (79 units), and Lormel Homes' Lormel Developments (Horizon) Phase 2 (79 units).

#### **Town takes action to address parking violations, garbage dumping**

In response to an increase in complaints about parking violations, the Town hired an additional full-time Enforcement Officer in 2017 to focus primarily on enforcing traffic by-laws. This has been successful not only in addressing offences, but also in helping to educate the public about traffic regulations.

The increase in Enforcement staff has also improved the Town's ability to address the issue of large items of garbage left at the curb. Officers have been making residents aware that waste collections do not pick up bulky items except when the County's bulky item collection service has been booked and paid for, and that it is an offence to leave waste at the curb for a prolonged period.

#### **Community improvement funds bring new shine to downtown plaza**

Funds have been approved from the Downtown Community Improvement Plan to support improvements to a new business in Baccilieri Plaza at 105 Holland St. W. The unit formerly occupied by Bradford Food Mart supermarket was divided and now houses Hank's Cleaners and the recently opened Breathe Hot Yoga and Wellness Studio. A total of just over \$30,000 has been granted to improve the exterior and renovate the interior.

### **New housing plan moves ahead in Green Valley**

Council supported an application for draft plan of subdivision from Mod-Aire Homes Limited and Millford Development Limited. The plan proposes 13 homes on a new cul-de-sac that would be accessed via Gibson Circle in the southwest quadrant of the Green Valley Community Plan. The proposed plan also includes the creation of a 0.32 hectare future commercial block fronting onto Simcoe Road.

### **Planning staff to comment on Province’s ideas for Greenbelt expansion**

The Province of Ontario is currently consulting with groups including municipalities on the possibility of expanding the area covered by their Greenbelt Plan policies. Council authorized staff in the Office of Community Planning to submit comments on behalf of the Town of BWG. Recommendations to the province will include postponing any further consideration of potential expansion of the Greenbelt so that it does not impact the ability of municipalities like BWG to complete Official Plan updates.

### **Auld Kirk Advisory Committee protects the past for the future**

2019 marks 200 years since the establishment of the Scotch Settlement, which at the time was the largest settlement in Simcoe County. The settlers built a church, known as the Auld Kirk, which still stands today and received heritage designation last year. Work has been ongoing to restore the building and its property, and plans are being made for the 2019 celebration. Council approved the committee’s recommendation that a public consultation session be held to generate ideas for the future use of the Auld Kirk property.

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***Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from February 20, 2018.***

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### **Committee of the Whole**

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

### **Street names approved for new Bond Head subdivision**

DG Group is developing a subdivision in Bond Head on both sides of County Road 27 between County Road 88 and Line 8. The Committee of the Whole approved a list of names for the new streets, which have been chosen to honour long-time and founding families of the Bond Head community as well as the heritage and landscape of the area. These names are: Cunningham, Reynolds, Brazel, Wraggs, Matys, Rowe, Drumlins, Settlers and Plank.

## Announcements:

- **Trails map:** The Town's website features a new online interactive trails map. The map includes both existing and planned trails, ball diamonds, basketball courts, soccer pitches, tennis courts, parking, playgrounds, splash pads, parking and portable toilets. See it at [www.townofbwg.com/trails](http://www.townofbwg.com/trails)
- **Saturday, March 10, 2:00pm: International Women's Day Event**  
– *BWG Library & Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*  
This event is free, sponsored by the Bradford Baha'i Community.
- **Saturday, March 10, 6:30pm: International Women's Day Event**  
– *Portuguese Cultural Centre (767 Simcoe Rd.)*  
Enjoy an evening celebrating women with cocktails, dinner, music and a fashion show. Call 905-775-3742 for tickets (\$30 women, \$15 girls age 7-12).
- **March 12-16: March Break at the BWG Leisure Centre**  
– *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*  
The Leisure Centre is offering a wide variety of programs including full-day aquatics camps, arts and crafts workshops, St. John Ambulance training, and drop-in swimming, skating and gymnasium activities. [www.bwgleisurecentre.ca](http://www.bwgleisurecentre.ca)
- **March 13-16: Spring Into Scanlon for March Break**  
– *Scanlon Creek Conservation Are (2450 Line 9)*  
Children aged 6-12 can participate in fun outdoor activities including making maple syrup, nature photography, kicksledding, bird watching, music and more. Enrollment on a per-day basis. [www.lsrca.on.ca/Pages/March-Break.aspx](http://www.lsrca.on.ca/Pages/March-Break.aspx)
- **Sunday, March 18, 7:00pm: SYCA Kickoff with speaker Dr. Ivan Joseph**  
– *Bradford Arts Centre (66 Barrie St.)*  
SYCA is a weekly summer program providing youth a safe space for self-expression, building creative capacities and connecting to opportunities. Dr. Ivan Joseph will be speaking on the relationship between self-confidence and success in youth. Tickets \$20 adult, \$10 students. Call 905-751-5335 for tickets.
- **Thursday, March 22, 8:00-10:00am: Economic Forum**  
– *BWG Library & Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*  
The Office of Economic Development in partnership with RBC and the BBT hosts a forum on the status of our economy. Admission is free. Please RSVP to [ecdev@townofbwg.com](mailto:ecdev@townofbwg.com)
- **Friday, March 23, 4:00-7:00am: LGBTQ Youth Event**  
– *BWG Library & Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*  
For LGBTQ youth and their friends between the ages of 12-19. An event to hang out, do fun activities, make buttons, and build community. Free dinner and snacks!

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

[www.townofbwg.com/events](http://www.townofbwg.com/events)