

## **COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS**

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### **Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – March 7, 2017**

#### **Bradford amenities continue to grow with new supermarket**

Council gave the necessary approvals to allow METRO to proceed with developing a supermarket at 493 Holland St. W. The plan is for a 3,291 m<sup>2</sup> Food Basics store with 225 parking spaces. Plans are not yet final and no start date has been announced.

#### **Building activity remains strong in BWG**

The Town's Building Permit Activity Annual Report showed that 2016 saw the highest number of permits issued in the last five years. Of the 1,092 permits issued, 943 were for residential development, 113 commercial and 36 farm building. The total construction value for 2016 is almost the same as 2015 at \$177.7 million.

#### **Holland St. W seniors development receives CIP funding**

At the February 21 Council meeting, DCMS Realty was granted conditional site plan approval for a retirement home at 552 Holland St. W.

This development has now been approved for funding under the Town's Seniors Housing Community Improvement Plan. Approximately \$1.76 million will be provided under three categories: Development Charge Grant Program, Planning Fees and Building Permit Grant Program and Cash-in-Lieu of Parkland Grant Program.

#### **Seniors Housing Community Improvement Plan meets primary goal**

The Seniors Housing Community Improvement Plan (CIP) program, approved by Council in June 2016, was designed to encourage the development of housing that specifically meets the needs of seniors in BWG. The program has now met its mandate to help create 250 seniors living units.

The Town's Office of Economic Development will continue to accept and hold applications to the Seniors Housing CIP program for future consideration, but the approval of any further funding will be suspended. Should any of the approved projects not reach completion, the funds would again be available.

Following the success in bringing assisted-living type projects to BWG, Council has asked staff to investigate options to stimulate other approaches to seniors housing.

## **Traffic Committee recommendations approved**

Council approved the following Traffic Committee recommendations:

- That Council request that the County of Simcoe install traffic signals at the intersection of Bridge St. and Canal Rd. prior to the 2017 bridge reconstruction projects on Graham Sdrd. and Simcoe Rd. in the Holland Marsh.
- That signage be installed advising drivers of agricultural vehicle use along Bridge St. between Canal Rd. and Dissette St. and along Dissette St. to Artesian Industrial Pkwy.

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***Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from February 21, 2017.***  
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## **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.*

### **RibFest moves forward under new management**

Superior Events Inc. has announced plans to host RibFest in Bradford from July 28-30 on the property next to Zehr's. Council declared the event of municipal significance so that the organizer can begin the special occasion permit process. The applicant hopes to work with a local service club to ensure the community is involved in and benefits from the event.

### **Recommendations to improve parking in residential neighbourhoods**

Town staff and members of Council have heard an increasing number of concerns about the state of parking in new residential neighbourhoods. A review of the situation shows that while there is an adequate parking supply across Bradford, actions could be taken at minimal cost to improve residential parking.

Some of the suggested changes include increased by-law enforcement, more public education about parking regulations, requiring developers to submit plans for on-street parking, and ensuring that driveway widening does not take away from on-street parking.

## Announcements:

- **March 12, 2am: Daylight savings time begins**
  - *Change your clocks, change your smoke and CO alarm batteries!*
- **March Break Activities**
  - **BWG Leisure Centre:** check out the list of drop-in programs – [www.bwgleisurecentre.ca](http://www.bwgleisurecentre.ca)
  - **BWG Public Library:** registered and drop-in activities – [www.bradford.library.on.ca](http://www.bradford.library.on.ca)
  - **Scanlon Creek:** day camp and family activities – [www.lsrca.on.ca/Pages/CommunityEducationPrograms.aspx](http://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](http://www.townofbwg.com/events)

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