

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – March 20, 2018

Developer, Town and heritage community come together to save older Bond Head home

At the March 6 meeting, the Heritage Committee recommended that a home at 2875 County Road 27 in Bond Head be given heritage designation in order to protect it from demolition, as it falls within an area that is slated for development of a new subdivision. At that meeting, the developer said they were open to finding a way to protect the home, so the motion was deferred. Following successful discussions, Council directed staff to work with the applicant through the subdivision process to incorporate the home into the plan.

Town working with Metrolinx to find most suitable train layover site

Metrolinx has embarked upon an ambitious plan to expand transit service in the Greater Golden Horseshoe, including the provision of 60-minute, two-way service at the Bradford GO Station seven days a week, with 30-minute service during weekday rush hour.

As part of this plan, Metrolinx identified the need for a train layover facility in BWG; however, Council raised concerns about the plan to build the facility in the Artesian Industrial Parkway area, potentially impacting several existing businesses. The Town recommended an alternate site further north along the rail line near Line 9, but Metrolinx felt it was unsuitable. Council will now make a formal request that Metrolinx undertake a detailed assessment of the environmental impacts of a train layover facility at the proposed Artesian Industrial Parkway site and do a financial comparison of the Artesian Industrial site and the Line 9 site, including the impact of buying out existing businesses.

Town gives priority to responsibly acquired aggregates

The Cornerstone Standards Council (CSC) is a voluntary, third-party certification system that ensures that aggregate sites (more commonly known as gravel pits) are working in a socially and environmentally responsible way. This includes things like protecting water sources and respecting Aboriginal land rights.

On February 20, Council received a deputation encouraging the municipality to choose CSC-certified aggregates wherever possible. Staff determined that since the Town's existing procurement policies already support green efforts, it is possible to add a clause to bid documents going forward such that – all other things being equal – preference can be given to a contractor using a CSC-certified aggregate pit versus one not using a certified pit.

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from March 6, 2018.

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.

Grand Central subdivision to begin Ridgeview phase

The Committee of the Whole supported a Request for Subdivision Agreement and Hold Removal for the next phase of the “Grand Central” subdivision located on the east side of Sideroad 10 between Miller Park Avenue and Line 6. Phase 4B of the development is to contain 22 detached dwellings fronting onto Ridgeview Court off the south side of Brookview Drive.

New options for private parking enforcement

The Town was approached last year by the owner of a third party organization called Private Parking Control & Traffic Services (PPC), seeking to offer their parking enforcement services to private property owners in BWG.

The Town agreed that this may be a valuable service to business and property owners in the municipality since, at this time, Town resources only allow for Enforcement Officers to respond to parking issues on private property on a complaint basis, and not to actively monitor for infractions. PPC is able to provide additional services for private lot owners such as monitoring visitor parking and conducting time-limit parking enforcement.

An agreement was drafted and approved by the Committee of the Whole granting PPC the authority to enforce Town parking by-laws exclusively on private property when authorized and requested to do so by the private property owner.

Announcements:

- **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
- **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!
- **Saturday, March 24, 7:00pm: Ewen Farncombe Trio in Concert**
 – *Bradford Arts Centre (66 Barrie St.)*
 The Ewen Farncombe Trio will be featuring original compositions by Ewen as well as standards reimagined for a live improvised performance setting. Tickets at the door or online: \$20 for adults, \$10 for students, under 12 free.
- **Saturday, March 24, 8:30-9:30pm: Earth Hour**
 – *everywhere!*
 Turn off all non-emergency electricity and find creative ways to spend an hour with no power. Share your photos and energy saving ideas with us to enter to win a prize pack. Learn more: www.townofbwg.com/EarthHour
- **Sunday, March 25, 5:00pm: Karma Yoga**
 – *Breathe Yoga (95 Holland St. W)*
 Breathe will be hosting periodic Karma yoga classes to support the local community. Instructors donate their time, and classes are free to participants with a minimum donation of \$5^{.00}. March's event is in support of the Bradford Food Bank. Call 905-751-7901 or message Breathe Yoga on Facebook to reserve a space.
- **Mondays, 1:30pm: Monday Movie Matinees**
 – *BWG Library & Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*
 Bring your own snacks and enjoy a free film:
March 26 – Dunkirk; **April 23** – Only the Brave; **May 7** – The Breadwinner
- **Saturday, March 31, 10:00am-12:00pm: Celebrate Easter**
 – *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*
 Enjoy the following FREE family activities: Balloon Twister, Face Painting, Crafts, Colouring, Gymnasium Activities, Photo Booth

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