

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

Revisions made to Official Plan Amendments

On February 7, 2017, the Committee of the Whole passed motions recommending approval of the proposed Phase 1 Official Plan Update Amendments which included: OPA No. 24 - Seniors Housing Policy Update; OPA No. 25 - Growth and Population Review; OPA No. 26 - Employment Lands Review; and OPA No. 27 - Downtown Revitalization Strategy Implementation.

Subsequent to that meeting, minor updates were made to the Seniors Housing Background Report, the Downtown OPA, the Land Needs Analysis and the Comment Matrix. The revised documents are all available online at www.townofbwg.com/planbwg

Effective March 21, the necessary by-laws have been passed so the OPAs are now in effect.

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from March 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.

Melbourne Drive subdivision proposal gets draft approval

The Committee of the Whole gave draft plan approval to Braidwood Homes for a subdivision to be located on Melbourne Drive between Holy Trinity Catholic High School and Sobeys grocery store.

The property has approximately 122 metres of frontage along Melbourne Drive and is currently occupied by an industrial building. The application calls for 20 semi-detached homes and 71 townhouses.

Changes to by-law would simplify process for farmers to accept topsoil

The Committee of the Whole carried a motion to amend the Town's Fill and Site Alteration Bylaw and to introduce a new application process for topsoil management.

The current by-law was enacted in 2011 to offer the municipality protection from becoming a dumping ground for fill from the GTA. The by-law allows fill to be placed providing a number of stringent conditions are met that protect the environment, agricultural lands and municipal infrastructure.

The by-law and associated application process was designed with fill in mind rather than agricultural topsoil, and farmers in the Holland Marsh have found that the process is so involved that it has caused them to lose out on opportunities to obtain topsoil to augment agricultural soil. The new process will make it easier for them to take advantage of obtaining the material when it becomes available.

ATMs in Town facilities create revenue, provide convenience for residents

Late last year, Council approved a number of revenue opportunities that staff identified to help offset costs without increasing taxes. One of these opportunities was to allow Automated Teller Machines to be installed in Town facilities including the Leisure Centre, Bob Fallis Sports Centre and the Treasury Building.

There is no cost to the Town to host the machines, and in addition to a service charge of \$1.50 per transaction (\$1.25 of which will be retained by the Town), there is the opportunity to gain revenue through advertising on the screens.

Announcements:

- **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)
- **Sunday, March 26, 2:30-4:30pm: Faith’s “Heartiversary” and Fundraiser for SickKids**
 - *Genesis Gymnastics (401 Dissette St.)*
 - Fundraising event organized by the family of Faith, a Bradford child born with a congenital heart defect, to support SickKids Hospital. Tickets are \$10 – contact stephaniebonotto@gmail.com.
- **Saturday, April 1, 10:45am-1:45pm: Bradford Mom 2 Mom Spring Sale**
 - *BWG Public Library, Zima Room (425 Holland St. W)*
 - Buy or sell children's spring/summer clothing, toys and gear. Proceeds support Bradford's Helping Hands Food Bank.
- **Saturday, April 1, 1:15-3:00pm: April Pool’s Day**
 - *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*
 - Enjoy FREE leisure swimming and learn about drowning prevention strategies, self-help techniques, and compete in a Family Swim to Survive Challenge and more!
- **Sunday, April 2, 12:30pm: World Autism Awareness Day**
 - *BWG Courthouse flag pole (57 Holland St. E)*
 - Celebrate the ninth annual World Autism Awareness Day.
- **Saturday, April 8, 9:00am-12:00pm: BWG Community Clean-up Day**
 - *Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd.)*
 - Help clear litter and debris from public spaces. Participants meet at the Community Centre and are bussed to selected areas for clean-up, then back for a thank-you lunch.
- **Sunday, April 30, 8:15am: Run or Walk for Southlake**
 - *along Davis Drive, Newmarket*
 - Support Southlake Hospital by participating in the run/walk or sponsoring a team or participant. To join or support Team BWG visit the Clerk’s table.

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

www.townofbwg.com/events