

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – April 4, 2017

Council gives green light to Employment Lands development

A Draft Plan of Subdivision has been approved for the 38.5-hectare (95-acre) property located at the southwest corner of Highway 400 and County Road 88. This represents a large portion of what is referred to as the “Employment Lands” and is anticipated to bring a significant amount of industry, jobs and tax revenue to BWG.

The proposal by West Gwillimbury Power Centre Inc. (Strathallen) includes 16 development blocks, one stormwater management block and one internal street.

The granting of Draft Plan of Subdivision approval coincides well with the Town’s receipt of an application for Site Plan Approval by MiTek Canada, Inc., in February 2017, for the construction of over 240,000 square feet of new industrial buildings on a 15-acre block in the southeast portion of the Draft Plan of Subdivision.

Roads in northeast Bradford slated for rehabilitation

Work will begin this summer to replace aging infrastructure on Lee Avenue, Mason Avenue, Porter Street, Cambridge Crescent, Kneeshaw Place, Nelson Street, Britannia Avenue and Scanlon Avenue.

The most in-depth work will take place on the road that supports the most traffic volume – Scanlon Avenue. The Town will replace the watermain, line the existing storm and sanitary sewers, and replace the road, sidewalks and curbs/gutters.

On Nelson Street and Britannia Avenue, all roads, sidewalks and curbs/gutters will be replaced. On the remaining streets, roads and curbs/gutters will be replaced and any damaged areas of sidewalks will be replaced. Sidewalk ramps and Tactile Walking Surface Indicators will be installed on all streets for AODA compliance.

Ainley & Associates have been contracted to carry out the design, after which the tender for construction will be issued.

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from March 21, 2017.

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.

Internet and telephone voting coming to BWG for next municipal election

If the decision is ratified by Council on April 18, BWG residents and property owners will no longer have to stand in line to vote in municipal elections.

The Committee of the Whole supported changing the voting methods for the 2018 municipal election to internet and telephone voting, and eliminating paper ballots. Internet and telephone voting are increasingly used across Ontario to provide a more convenient, accessible and cost-efficient election system.

To support this change, the Town plans to provide touch-screen voting kiosks in public places such as the Library, a Voter Help Line and Help Centre, public open houses to demonstrate the voting methods and an extensive communications campaign.

Notice of Motion

Mayor Rob Keffer gave notice of his intention to bring a motion to the next council meeting requesting a staff report that reviews the financial and service delivery relationships between the Town and Simcoe County.

The Mayor stated that If Council supports the motion, he would want staff to look into three possible options:

- what an improved deal within Simcoe County would look like;
- whether BWG should become an independent municipality, like Barrie and Orillia; or
- whether BWG would be better served by joining York Region.

The public is encouraged to watch the Town's Facebook page and local media for updates and opportunities to provide input.

Announcements:

- Friday, April 14 to Tuesday, April 18, 1:00pm: Library CLOSED**
 – *BWG Public Library & Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*
 The Library will be closed over the Easter long weekend for renovations, including consolidating the Borrower and Information Services Desks, redesigning the first floor space to improve access to the latest books, movies and music, and create a more open and inviting space to showcase more displays.
- Saturday, April 15, 10:00am-12:00pm: Celebrate Easter at the Leisure Centre**
 – *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*
 Enjoy FREE family activities including: balloon twister, face painting, crafts, colouring, gymnasium activities and a photo booth.
- Thursday, April 20, 7:30-9:00pm: Author Visit: Marina Nemat**
 – *BWG Public Library & Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*
 Q&A and book signing with Marina Nemat, the bestselling author of Prisoner of Tehran and After Tehran. Cost \$5/person. Tickets available at Borrower Services.
- Saturday, April 22, 9:00am-4:00pm: Bradford Home & Lifestyle Show**
 – *Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd.)*
 Looking to renovate? Want to shop locally? Fun for the kids? Decorate your home? Come see what BWG has to offer. Chase & Skye from Paw Patrol will be greeting the kids!
- Sunday, April 23, 11:30am: Khalsa Day Flag Raising**
 – *BWG Courthouse (57 Holland St. E)*
 Join us for a flag raising and celebration.
- NEW DATE! Saturday, April 29, 9:00am-12:00pm: 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 www.runforsouthlake.ca

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