

## COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

### Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – May 1, 2018

#### Building activity again dips for residential, spikes for non-residential

Permit activity in the first quarter of 2018 continued the trend set last year, with a steep decline in residential building permits issued and a significant increase in permits issued for the construction of buildings for manufacturing, commercial and farm use.

The dip in residential applications is thought to be due to home builders catching up on construction for the permits issued last year. A bulk of the residential permits issued in the first quarter were for improvements by residents rather than new home building.

#### Town seeks support of York-Simcoe candidates for 400-404 Link

Council endorsed sending a letter to candidates from all parties in the provincial riding of York-Simcoe, ensuring they are aware of the pressing need for the Highway 400-404 Connecting Link.

It states: “We are highly appreciative of the Province’s decision to formally identify the Link as an important transportation corridor. This progress must continue as it is now time to move forward with detailed design, land acquisition and construction of the highway.”

#### Statutory Public Meeting

The *Planning Act* requires the Town to hold a Public Information Meeting to consider any application for amendments to the Official Plan or Zoning By-laws and Plans of Subdivision. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce the proposal to the public, share information, invite questions and seek feedback. At a later date, once a comprehensive review has taken place and public comment has been received, staff will report to Council with a recommendation.

**At the May 1 Council meeting**, a Public Meeting was held regarding an application for Zoning By-law Amendment from KLM Planning Partners Inc. on behalf of Bradford East Development Inc. The purpose of the amendment would be to facilitate the development of five single-detached dwellings on lands located at the southeast corner of Simcoe Road and Jonkman Boulevard.

If any member of the public would like to share a comment or receive notice of future council meetings where these applications will be considered, please send an email to: [planninginfo@townofbwg.com](mailto:planninginfo@townofbwg.com)

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***Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from April 17, 2018.***  
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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.*

### **Budget deliberations scheduled for January 2019**

Due to the municipal election coming up in October, Council's budget deliberations will be delayed until January 2019. Deliberations will take place January 28 and 29 and will be open to the public, and the final budget will be released near the end of February.

### **New subdivision in the works for Line 6 and Simcoe Road**

The Committee of the Whole supported giving draft approval to a proposed Plan of Subdivision from Cachet Estate Homes (Bradford) Inc., subject to specified conditions. The plan proposes 83 townhouses at the northeast corner of Simcoe Rd. and Line 6.

### **Two new developments move to pre-servicing stage**

Once the COW's decision is ratified at the next council meeting, two developers will get the go-ahead to start installing services in preparation for constructing new homes. These services may include storm and sanitary sewers, water services, streets, curbs and other requirements.

Braidwood Homes (Bradford) Inc. will be building 91 homes (20 semi-detached and 71 townhouses) on Melbourne Dr. north of Miller Park Ave. Sandstorm Development Inc. will be building 82 homes south of Line 8 and east of the Reagens Industrial Park.

## Announcements:

- **\*new date\* Saturday, May 5, 9:00am-12:00noon: Community Clean-Up Day**  
– *Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd.)*  
Volunteers meet at the Community Centre to be bussed to selected areas for clean-up, then back for a thank-you lunch. May be used towards high school volunteer hours. No pre-registration required.
- **Saturday, May 5, 9:00am-12:00noon: Tree Planting Work Party**  
– *call for specific site location*  
Volunteers needed to plant trees in BWG – community groups and the public welcome. May be used towards high school volunteer hours. Call for more info and to register: [silvia@nottawasaga.com](mailto:silvia@nottawasaga.com) or 705-435-1540
- **Monday, May 7, 1:30pm: Library Movie Matinee: The Breadwinner**  
– *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W.)*  
Join us for a free monthly movie in the Zima Room. Bring your own snacks!
- **Monday, May 7, 7:00pm: Foraging & Wild Edibles**  
– *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W.)*  
Karen Stephenson from Edible Wild Food will show fun ways to incorporate wild plants into your diet.
- **Tuesday, May 8, 6:30-8:30pm: 2018 Municipal Election Information Session**  
– *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W.)*  
Attend this session to learn more about the telephone and internet voting method, what is involved in running for office in a municipal election and governing in BWG.
- **Wednesday, May 9, 6:00-8:00pm: Public Open House: Bond Head Heritage Conservation District Study**  
– *Bond Head Hall (2892 County Rd 27)*  
Learn more about what a Heritage Conservation District designation could mean for Bond Head, and provide input into the decision making. Bring any old photos or documents you may wish to contribute to the research.
- **Saturday, May 12, 8:00am-3:00pm: 40<sup>th</sup> Annual Marsh Mash**  
– *Westside Community Church (1466 Sideroad 5)*  
The race offers classes for paddlers ranging from those with very little canoe racing experience to very competitive paddlers. Visit [www.marshmash.ca](http://www.marshmash.ca)
- **Wednesday, May 16, 7:00pm: Medical Assistance in Dying**  
– *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W.)*  
This session is hosted by Matthews House Hospice, CHATS and the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Join the discussion and learn about the policy and process based on the 2016 legislation.

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

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