

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – May 16, 2017

County of Simcoe tax levy pushes overall tax increase up to 4.12%

The Town of BWG collects property taxes not only to cover the municipal budget, but also on behalf of the County of Simcoe, school boards and police services. Although the Town's own budget increased only 0.6% in 2017, increases from other sectors – in particular a substantial increase to the County of Simcoe – have resulted in an overall increase of 4.12%. This is a substantially larger increase than the 1.98% that the Town estimated in February.

Paving contract comes in under budget

A contract has been awarded to Miller Paving Ltd in the amount of \$191,445 for the resurfacing of sections Canal Road, Line 5, and Line 7. This is below budget, so staff will review the status of other roads to see if additional work can be done with the savings.

Coulson's Hill Presbyterian Church to receive heritage designation

Council approved the Heritage Committee's recommendation that Coulson's Hill (formerly St. John's) Presbyterian Church at 2528 Line 11 be designated. The next step is for staff to publish notice of the Town's intent to designate the property.

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from May 2, 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.

Town looks at expanding allowable home based businesses

The COW approved a recommendation that staff review the Zoning By-law and report back to Council on any recommended amendments that may broaden the inclusion of home based businesses, specifically backyard swim schools and music lessons.

Procurement Policy updated, Town moves to electronic tendering

Staff brought forward an updated Procurement Policy that meets the most current legislation and best practices. Additionally, the Town is moving to electronic tendering, so vendors bidding on Town tenders will need to apply electronically. More information and instructions on using the electronic tendering system will be published shortly.

Announcements:

- **Saturday, May 20, 8:00am-3:00pm: 39th Annual Marsh Mash**
– meet at Springdale Christian Reformed Church (1466 Rupke Rd.)
Visit www.marshmash.ca for race classes, distances and how to register.
- **Saturday, May 27, 8:00am-1:00pm: Bradford Farmers Market opening day**
– BWG Public Library & Cultural Centre parking lot (425 Holland St. W)
The outdoor market is open every Saturday until October 7. Watch Facebook for special events throughout the season:
www.facebook.com/BradfordOntarioFarmersMarket/
- **Wednesday, May 31, 7:00pm-9:00pm: Author Visit with Lori Oschefski**
– BWG Public Library & Cultural Centre parking lot (425 Holland St. W)
Join author Lori Oschefski to learn about the British Home Children migration program and the valuable contributions these children made to our country.
- **Saturday, June 3, 9:00am-1:00pm: Scanlon Creek Volunteer Day**
– Scanlon Creek Conservation Area - Nature Centre (2450 Line 9)
The Friends of Scanlon Creek are looking for volunteers to help to maintain and improve the facilities at Scanlon Creek. To register contact
FriendsofScanlon@gmail.com
- **Sunday, June 4, 1:00-5:00pm: Heritage Home Tour**
– Scanlon Creek Conservation Area - Nature Centre (2450 Line 9)
Enjoy self-guided tours of heritage homes, organized by the BWG History Association. Tickets on sale for \$20/person at Bradford Print Shoppe, Nancy's Nifty Nook, The Pink Closet. Proceeds go to the restoration of the Auld Kirk.
- **Monday, June 7, 7:00-9:00pm: Simcoe County Greenbelt Coalition's Speaker Series**
– BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)
Find out how an expanded Greenbelt would affect farms and farmers in Simcoe at this information session by Dr. Wayne Caldwell of the University of Guelph. RSVP at www.simcoecountygreenbelt.ca
- **Saturday, June 10, 11:00am-1:00pm: BWG Trails Day & Mayor's Hike for Health**
– Scanlon Creek Conservation Area (2450 Line 9)
Participate in a guided hike and enjoy a variety of other recreational/fitness activities, entertainment and free food. Free parking/admission.

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www.townofbwg.com/events