

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – June 6, 2017

Progress continues towards construction of Southwest Arterial Road

Council gave staff the go-ahead to expropriate the remaining lands required to carry out the construction of the Southwest Arterial Road as per the existing design. This decision keeps the project on schedule and will deliver the infrastructure as planned to meet the needs of the community and future growth. Council still has the option to stage construction to minimize impact on landowners in the project area.

New Bradford business receives Downtown Improvement funds

Council approved Downtown Community Improvement Plan funding of \$25,000 for improvements to a newly leased unit in Bradford Plaza at 66 Holland St. W. The tenant is opening a Mexican food restaurant called Hay Caramba!, which will support 118 patrons and seven staff members. The funding will be provided under the “Building Restoration, Renovation and Improvements” portion of the plan.

Vehicle access to Helping Hand Food Bank to be improved

With the reconstruction of Moore Street in 2016, parking and vehicular access to the Helping Hand Food Bank is now provided from the parking lot of St. Mary’s Hall. An asphalt walkway connects the parking lot to the part of the food bank where food is stored. Council approved funds to create a parking lay-by at Moore Street to allow for convenient and accessible deliveries for the food bank.

Repairs keep Fire Station bay doors alive a little longer

The bay doors at the BWG Fire Station at 75 Melbourne Drive will be repaired at a cost of approximately \$9,900. The doors are original to the building, constructed in 1990, and all eight doors are showing signs of decay including some maintenance deficiencies and non-functioning safety features. The repair is intended to extend the lifespan of the doors, but Fire Chief Kevin Gallant notes that they will likely require replacement in the near future.

Traffic Committee recommendations approved

Council approved several Traffic Committee recommendations, including:

- That staff report to Council on installing traffic signals at Bridge St. and Canal Rd.
- That the Town implement a Tow Truck By-law to regulate non-police authority towing within BWG and help safeguard motorists using the services of a tow company.
- That Council request staff initiate a study regarding coordination of traffic signals along the Holland Street corridor.

- That Council restrict parking in the following locations:
 - On the west side of Summerlyn Trail, west leg, between Downy Emerald Drive and Meadowhawk Trail;
 - On the east side of Summerlyn Trail, east leg between Meadowhawk Trail and Downy Emerald Drive; and
 - On the north side of Downy Emerald Drive between the east and west legs of Summerlyn Trail; and
 - On the north side of Meadowhawk Trail, between the east and west legs of Summerlyn Trail and;
- That Council remove parking restrictions in the following locations:
 - On the east side of Summerlyn Trail, west leg, between Downy Emerald Drive and Meadowhawk Trail; and
 - On the west side of Summerlyn Trail, east leg between Meadowhawk Trail and Downy Emerald Drive; and

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from May 16, 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 prepares for review of upper-tier services

The Committee of the Whole voted in favour of conducting a third-party independent assessment of the whether the Town receives fair value for the upper tier services it receives from the County of Simcoe in exchange for the funds contributed by BWG taxpayers. If this decision is ratified by Council, a consultant will be sought to carry out the review. A budget of up to \$50,000 has been approved, and it is anticipated that the review would be completed by the end of the year.

An important element of the review will be stakeholder and community consultation, including an opportunity for Simcoe County to review a draft of the consultant's report prior to its finalization and answer any questions.

Council and staff emphasized that they are not suggesting that the relationship between the Town and Simcoe County is irreparable; rather, that it is important to periodically review such relationships to ensure they are fair and strong.

It's also important to note that moving forward with the review does not commit the Town to a municipal restructuring. Any speculation that this current fiscal review will affect the Town's partnerships with entities such as the South Simcoe Police Services, conservation authorities, school boards and economic development alliances is unwarranted.

Paving the way for development with pre-servicing agreements

The COW approved pre-servicing agreements for four applicants, allowing the developers to begin work on services (which may include roads, storm sewers, etc.) ahead of obtaining full subdivision approval for the development:

- **Bradford East Developments Inc.** has draft plan approval for Phase 1 of their development southeast of Line 6 and Simcoe Road. The plan consists of 48.7 hectares of land and is comprised of 379 residential units, a future residential block, an elementary school block and three future development blocks.
- **Mod-Aire Homes Ltd.** has draft plan approval for Phase 4B of their development southeast of Sideroad 10 and Brookview Drive. The plan consists of 1.8 hectares of land and is comprised of 22 residential units.
- **FNB Developments Ltd.** has draft plan approval for Phase 4 of their development on the north side of Line 8, west of Rogers Trail. The plan consists of 6.2 hectares of land and is comprised of 66 residential units.
- **West Gwillimbury Power Centre Inc.** has draft plan approval for a development on the southwest quadrant of the Highway 400/County Road 88 interchange in the OPA 15 employment lands area. The plan consists of 38.5 hectares of land and is comprised of 16 industrial/commercial blocks.

Announcements:

- **Wednesday, 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
- **Thursday, June 8, 3:00pm: Official Plan Review Community Workshop**
– *Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd.)*
Participate in the discussion and share your thoughts as we review all portions of the Town's Official Plan not reviewed in Phase 1 of the review. Learn more about the OP Review at: www.townofbwg.com/planbwg
- **Saturday, June 10, 11:00am-1:00pm: 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.
- **Sunday, June 11, 2:00pm: Barrie Jazz Festival presents Avery Raquel**
– *BWG Library & Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*
FREE concert sponsored by the Friends of the BWG Public Library.
- **Saturday, June 17, 10:00am-5pm: Doors Open BWG**
– *various locations*
Doors Open showcases heritage, historical and culturally significant buildings and sites. No registration is required; admission is free. Schedule online at: www.doorsopenontario.on.ca
- **Thursday, June 22, 11:00am-2:00pm: Bradford Valley Carnival for United Way**
– *Bradford Valley Care Community (2656 Line 6)*
People of all ages are invited to come out and enjoy games, food and fun.
- **Thursday, June 22, 5:00-6:30pm: Town Event Volunteer Program**
– *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*
Residents ages 13 and up are invited to become a volunteer for Town events. At this training session you will learn about volunteer roles and responsibilities, and sign up for the events you would like to volunteer at.
- **Saturday, July 1: Canada Day – Celebrating Canada 150**
– *Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd.)*
Celebrate Canada's special birthday starting with a parade, continuing with games, entertainment and the presentation of the Civic Awards, and culminating with fireworks. For complete details see www.townofbwg.com/Canada150

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

www.townofbwg.com/events