

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – June 20, 2017

Town receives federal funding towards new bus purchase

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury was awarded \$76,387 from the federal Public Transit Infrastructure Funding program to be put towards the purchase of a new transit vehicle, with a total approved budget of \$167,467. The tender for the new bus is currently out to market.

BWG Transit ridership grew by more than 20% last year over the previous year. BWG is currently the second-fastest growing municipality in the province, so the Town is moving to meet both current and future demands on transit. In addition to data on BWG Transit use, public information centres will be held this fall to help determine how the new bus can best be used to enhance the system.

Construction set to begin on Middletown Park and Brookview Parkette

The successful bidder for the construction of Middletown Park and Brookview Parkette is Latitude 67 Inc. in the amount of \$1,033,850. This is more than \$378,000 under the cost projected based on the detailed design.

The two parks and trail connecting them are expected to be completed in late fall of 2017, with all amenities (including water features) operational for spring 2018. The parks have been designed to be fully accessible and to meet the Town's goal of linking communities, parks and the trail system.

Metrolinx outlines changes to Barrie corridor, Bradford GO Station

Representatives of Metrolinx (GO Transit) described upcoming changes along the Barrie corridor, including a double track from Union Station to Aurora, a passing track north of Aurora, station renovations and bridge modifications. Three "grade separations" are planned for the Barrie corridor – these are spots where the train will cross above or below the road so as not to interrupt traffic (unlike level crossings, where traffic must stop to allow trains to pass).

Improvements at the Bradford GO Station will include approximately 70 more parking spaces, a redesigned bus loop, two storage tracks and layover facility expansion. The purpose of the layover facility is to store trains overnight so they do not need to travel all the way from Union Station to Barrie each day to begin the morning commute. The site initially identified for the facility is in the area of Artesian Industrial Parkway between Line 8 and 9; however, an alternate site north of Line 9 is being investigated. Final site selection is expected by the end of summer.

Road improvement schedule moved up due to cost savings

Thanks to money saved on the project to rehabilitate roads in the northeast quadrant of Bradford, the design for road rehabilitation in the southwest quadrant will proceed ahead of schedule.

Council approved a proposed fee of \$330,030, allowing Ainley & Associates to move ahead with the design for the following roads:

- Collings Ave. from Maplegrove Ave. to 150 metres north of Kulpin Ave.;
- Maplegrove Ave. from Collings Ave. to Maple Crt. and from Luxury Ave. to Collings Ave.
- Maple Crt.
- Valleyview Cres.
- Maurino Crt.



Construction of these roads will be tendered and completed in 2018.

Road rehabilitation in the northwest and southeast quadrants of the older section of Bradford began in 2016 and is nearing completion. For details on all projects currently underway, visit: www.townofbwg.com/Construction

Two new subdivisions enter agreement phase with Town

In order for a developer to begin construction on a new housing development, they must enter into a subdivision agreement with the Town.

Council gave staff the go-ahead to enter into a subdivision agreement with Michael Orsi for the development of residential lots on lands located west of Melbourne Dr. and south of Holland St. W, and on either side of the West Park Ave. extension between Miller Park Ave. and Holland St. W.

A subdivision agreement will also be signed between the Town and Sandstorm Development Inc. for the development of residential lots on lands located on the north side of Holland St. W, south side of Line 8, and generally located between Reagens Industrial Pkwy. to the west and Professor Day Dr. to the east.

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from June 6, 2017.

Committee of the Whole

There was no Committee of the Whole conducted at this meeting.

Announcements:

- **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.
- **Sunday, June 25, 11:00am-1:00pm: Bike Rodeo**
– *St. Angela Merici School (109 West Park Ave.)*
South Simcoe Police invite the community for helmet fittings, safety tips and more.
- **Saturday, July 1: Canada Day – Celebrating Canada 150**
– *Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd.)*
Celebrate Canada's special birthday with us! For complete details see:
www.townofbwg.com/Canada150
 - **1:50pm:** parade from BDHS to Community Centre
 - **4:00pm:** entertainment begins on stage at the Community Centre
 - **5:30pm:** Kids Zone opens with inflatable obstacles, games and activities
 - **7:30pm:** official ceremonies and presentation of the Civic Awards
 - **10:00pm:** fireworks show
- **Thursday, July 6, 7:00-9:00pm: Music in the Park**
– *east lawn, BWG Library and Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*
The first of four FREE Music in the Park events this summer will feature Little Bones (a salute to the Tragically Hip). Bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks. Weather permitting.
- **Thursday, July 13, movies starting at dusk: Outdoor Movies**
– *east lawn, BWG Library and Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*
The first of four FREE family-friendly outdoor movies this summer will feature The Secret Life of Pets. Bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks. Weather permitting.
- **Saturday, July 15, 11:00am-3:00pm: Walk for Chiari**
– *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*
Walk to raise awareness about Chiari Malformation. Participants may choose a 1 or 3 km walk. Silent auction, BBQ and visit from BWG fire department.

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

www.townofbwg.com/events