

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Special Council Meeting – July 11, 2017

Pieces in place for businesses to move into Hwy 400 Employment Lands

Amendments to the Zoning By-law have now been passed that pave the way for businesses to build in the areas along Highway 400 commonly referred to as the Employment Lands. The purpose of the amendment is to provide a “made in Bradford” zoning by-law that encompasses the Provincial policies and Minister’s Zoning Orders already in place. It also establishes – in standard zoning formats – definitions, permitted uses and zone provisions for the Highway 400 Employment Lands.

Wrapping up 2016 financials

Council approved the audited financial statements for 2016 and instructed staff on the use of any money not spent. A large portion of the surplus will go into the Capital Replacement Reserve, which is used to cover replacement and repair of Town assets, which include everything from computers to fire trucks to playground equipment.

By-law amendment clarifies rules for oversized vehicles

Parking oversized vehicles in residential neighbourhoods is addressed by both the Town of BWG Traffic By-law and Zoning By-law, but the two regulations defined “oversized” differently. Council authorized an amendment to the Traffic By-law so that it agrees with the Zoning By-law, stating that vehicles in excess of 6.7 metres in length or 2.6 metres in height cannot be parked on a municipal road or in a private driveway.

Zoning By-law amendment brings new businesses closer to reality

A public meeting was held in January of this year regarding an application for a commercial development at 494-512 Holland St. W, which is the undeveloped land in front of Zehrs supermarket. The purpose was to allow the public to comment on a Zoning By-law amendment that would be required since the proposal included more drive-through establishments than the existing by-law allowed in that location.

Council has now approved the zoning amendment permitting a maximum of two drive-through facilities and other site-specific zoning provisions to accommodate the proposed development. The developer’s next step is to submit revised plans so that a Site Plan Agreement along with final plans can be prepared for staff and Council’s consideration. If all proceeds as planned, the development would bring several restaurants, a second Shoppers Drug Mart and other businesses to the area.

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