

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – August 3, 2017

New homes coming to Bond Head

Council passed a Zoning By-law Amendment necessary for the DG Group to proceed with their application to build a residential development in Bond Head. The subdivision will consist of 334 detached homes on the east and west sides of County Road 27 between County Road 88 and Line 8.

The development of new housing in Bond Head is consistent with Provincial land-use targets, which call for more than 50,000 people to live in Bradford West Gwillimbury by 2031. The proposal also complies with the Town's guiding documents including the Official Plan and Bond Head Secondary Plan. This includes provisions that new homes in Bond Head respect the existing character of the community and conform to the vision outlined in the Secondary Plan.

The Zoning amendment is just one of 106 conditions set by Town staff that the developer must comply with in order to ensure a high caliber neighbourhood.

At the meeting, some residents expressed concern about an increase in traffic. Council reaffirmed their commitment to the development of a Bond Head bypass to move non-local traffic off of County Road 27.

Town continues commitment to accessibility

Council approved the Town's updated accessibility plan, which is designed to prevent and remove barriers to customer service, employment, transportation, communications and the built environment.

Updates to the plan include an accessible procurement procedure, which ensures that accessibility is taken into consideration whenever the Town purchases new products or services. For example, if the Town were to install self-serve kiosks, they would be required to incorporate accessibility features.

The plan also affirms a commitment to consult with the public on accessibility when building or redeveloping public spaces, including parks, trails and parking lots. Accessibility Committee meetings and other opportunities for public input are advertised on the Town's website, Facebook page and in the Bradford Times.

Holland Marsh to host phosphorous competition worth over \$10M

A competition is underway that brings the world's scientific minds together to tackle the problem of excess phosphorous in freshwater bodies. The aim of the competition – hosted by the Everglades Foundation and partners including the Ontario Ministry of Environment and Climate Change – is to discover a way to inexpensively remove phosphorous from the water and recycle it as fertilizer.

The George Barley Water Prize is a four-stage competition: Stage 1 (the idea stage) is complete and Stage 2 (the lab demonstration stage) is in progress. Next is the Pilot Stage, which will take place from February through April 2018. The location chosen for the Pilot Stage is the Art Janse Pumping Station in the Holland Marsh, where the 10 best ideas will be tested in a cold water climate. The top four performers will each be awarded \$200,000.

The last step will be the Grand Challenge, in which Pilot Prize qualifiers will compete against each other for 14 months to develop the best, most cost-effective, sustainable and scalable technology to win the \$10 million grand prize.

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.

Plans proceed for downtown mural

In June, Michael Gutta of Ad-dictive Designs presented an idea for a mural to be installed on the north face of the building at 23 Barrie St., depicting both local history and a modern streetscape. The design incorporates advertising in order to pay for the mural's creation and upkeep, and therefore requires an exemption to the Town by-law regarding wall signs.

The Committee of the Whole approved the exemption with several conditions, including that the applicant must ensure all permissions and licences are obtained and that a minimum of 50% of the advertisements are for local businesses.

Eight new homes planned for Professor Day at Blue Dasher

The Committee of the Whole supported a resolution to enter into a subdivision agreement with Deland Developments Limited to build eight detached homes on the property at the northwest corner of the intersection of Professor Day Drive and Blue Dasher Boulevard.

Announcements:

- **Town Event Volunteer Program**
 - *Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd.)*
 - Tuesday, August 8, 5:30-7:00pm:** Become a volunteer for Town events! Learn about volunteer roles and responsibilities, and sign up for the events you would like to volunteer at. Ages 13+. Register at: www.townofbwg.com/volunteer
- **Music in the Park**
 - *east lawn, BWG Library and Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*
 - FREE events: Bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks. Watch Facebook for location changes during inclement weather.
 - **Thursday, August 3, 7:00-9:00pm:** The Cara Lea Band
 - **Thursday, August 17, 7:00-9:00pm:** Heartless (salute to Heart)
- **Outdoor Movies**
 - *east lawn, BWG Library and Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*
 - FREE events: Bring lawn chairs, blankets and snacks. Movies start at dusk; watch Facebook for special pre-movie events.
 - **Thursday, August 10:** A Dog's Purpose
 - **Thursday, August 24:** Moana
- **Carrot Fest**
 - *Downtown Bradford*
 - **Friday, August 18:** From 4:00-10:00pm, new extended Friday event includes entertainment, classic car show and local vendors.
 - **Saturday, August 19:** For specific activity times, see www.carrotfest.ca. Enjoy vendor booths, the Kids Zone, entertainment on the main stage and at busker stations, and special events including pro wrestling, Dock Dogs, BMX Stunt Show and more.
 - **Sunday, August 20:** Dock Dogs shows continue.
- **Family Fun Fest**
 - *Lions Park (between Colborne and Barrie Streets north of Britannia Ave.)*
 - Sunday, August 20, 12:00-4:00pm:** Free BBQ and rides, hosted by the Bradford Community Church and Bradford Baptist Church.
- **Flag Raisings & Commemorations**
 - *BWG Courthouse (57 Holland St. E)*
 - **Thursday, August 3, 1:30pm:** Fierté Simcoe Pride - Flag raising
 - **Tuesday, August 8, 7:00pm:** Peacekeepers Day - Flag raising (location note: flagpole in Sunshine Square @ BWG Leisure Centre)
 - **Wednesday, August 9, 7:30-8:30pm:** Fierté Simcoe Pride - Candlelight vigil
 - **Thursday, August 10, 6:00pm:** Ecuadorian Independence Day - Flag raising
 - **Saturday, August 19, 10:00am:** Bradford Lions Club - Flag raising

For the complete Town of BWG Community Events Calendar, go to:
www.townofbwg.com/events