

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – September 5, 2017

BWG Transit continues to grow service

BWG Transit – including both conventional bus service and Taxi-to-GO service – has experienced significant growth in ridership since it was launched in May 2014.

Use of the bus service has grown from 19,009 riders in the first 12 months to 19,291 in the second year and 24,409 in the third. Meanwhile, use of Taxi-to-GO has grown from 6,035 passengers in the first year to 7,545 in the second and 9,587 in the third.

Changes have been made to BWG Transit routes and schedules to help more passengers reach more parts of town. Enhancements have also been made to comply with AODA standards, including an audio and visual next-stop announcement system.

A future report to council will make recommendations for enhancements to bus service.

Part-lot control exemption on Webb and Angela Streets

Council approved a by-law exempting blocks of townhomes under development on Webb and Angela Streets from part-lot control. This will allow Brookfield Homes to register a reference plan and prepare to sell individual homes.

What is part-lot control?

When a developer decides to build homes on a piece of land, they register a plan of subdivision with the municipality, which identifies individual lots. The property owner cannot sell partial lots without further approval – this is called “part-lot control”. If they build semi-detached homes or townhomes, the developer needs to ask the municipality to give their plan an exemption from part-lot control so that they can sell the individual homes.

Traffic Committee recommendations approved

Council approved the following Traffic Committee recommendations:

- That staff report back on traffic volumes and speeds on Lines 9, 11 and 13 for further evaluation.
- That an access gate be installed at the entrance to the temporary parking lot on Vipond Way and that overnight parking be prohibited.
- That Council confirm that the current restriction of on-street parking along Thornton Avenue is satisfactory.

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from August 22, 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.

New by-laws and fees for road occupancy and driveway widening

The Committee of the Whole supported a new Roads Use By-law and Entrance By-law with associated changes to the Fees & Charges By-law. The intent is to bring the by-law and the fees in line with the types of landscaping work commonly being carried out by property owners and with actual costs to the Town for staff time. It also instates security deposits to pay for repairs should there be damage to Town property.

Work set to begin on homes at Langford south of Line 8

The COW approved a pre-servicing agreement for Great Gulf Phase 7B, allowing the developer to begin underground works and base road construction while they complete the requirements for entering into a full Subdivision Agreement and registration of the plan. The development is comprised of 71 residential units located on Citrine Drive and Wandering Glider Trail immediately east of Langford Boulevard.

Announcements:

- **Saturday, September 9, 10:30am: Discover the Trails**
– *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*
Meet for a trail walk hosted by the Active Transportation & Recreation Committee.
- **Saturday, September 9, 6:00pm-1:00am: Bradford Lions Car Draw**
– *Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd.)*
Just a few tickets left, available at stores including Sobey's, Pet Valu and Canadian Tire or from any Club member. Visit: www.facebook.com/BradfordLions/
- **Tuesday, September 12, 6:00-7:30pm: bids&tenders™ Vendor Demo**
– *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W.)*
Vendors are encouraged to attend a live demo of the new online procurement service that the Town will be using to receive bids for goods and services. To RSVP visit: www.townofbwg.com/procurement
- **Saturday, September 16, 8:00am-6:00pm: eWaste Collection**
– *Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd.)*
Drop off your electronic waste to be recycled. Proceeds support local charities. Volunteers needed, contact Carl Hordyk: chordyk@rogers.com
- **Saturday, September 16, 10:00am-4:00pm: Masonic Lodge Open House**
– *Simcoe Lodge #79 (Barrie St. just north of Holland)*
Celebrate 160 years of Freemasonry in BWG with a behind-the scenes tour.
- **Saturday, September 16 and Sunday, September 17, 10:00am-5:00pm: BWG Studio Art Tour**
This artist-run event showcases 21 local artists at 4 locations working in jewellery, photography, painting and more. FREE admission. For locations visit: www.bwgstudiotour.ca
- **Friday, September 22, 7:00pm-1:00am: "Raise the Roof" Dinner & Dance**
– *Bradford Legion (115 Back St.)*
Enjoy an evening of dinner and dance and help raise funds to replace the roof at the Bradford Legion hall. \$25/person or \$45/couple. Contact Nicole: 905-806-8389
- **Saturday, September 30, 11:00am-3:00pm: Holland Marsh Soupfest**
– *Ansnorveldt Park (18997 Dufferin St., King Township)*
Taste samples from a variety of soupmakers using Holland Marsh ingredients. Buy tickets in advance and save. For more visit: www.hollandmarshsoupfest.ca

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