

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

Continuous improvement of BWG Transit and Taxi-to-GO

Council approved two enhancements to the existing transit service: installing an on-board security camera system on BWG Transit buses, and extending the service hours of Taxi-to-GO to match recently expanded train service by GO Transit. Council also agreed to consider two additional improvements in their 2018 budget deliberations: an online system to reload *easyPASS* fare cards, and the development of a system that would allow real-time data on when buses will arrive at their stops.

BWG a possible location for new international school

Council received a presentation from the Canadian International School System (CISS), which is based in Vietnam. CISS operates schools in Vietnam that provide “Canadian-style” education, employing Ontario teachers and following the Ontario curriculum with consultation from the Toronto District School Board.

The CISS is currently seeking a location in Ontario to build and operate a private secondary school for students from abroad who wish to study in Canada. They are looking at several potential locations, including one in BWG, and are continuing to meet with Town staff about the opportunity.

Advantages to the host community would include jobs, facilities that could be shared with community programs (including sports and arts facilities as well as a conference centre) and income from a variety of sources including student families and tourism dollars.

Traffic Committee recommendations approved

Council approved the following Traffic Committee recommendations:

- That staff report back on the feasibility of implementing a red light camera program in Bradford West Gwillimbury.
- That a traffic count be conducted to see if an all-way stop is warranted at West Park Avenue and Huron Lane.
- That Traffic By-law 2014-91 be amended to add the parking restrictions as outlined in staff report COR 2017 24.
- That the County of Simcoe be requested to install larger stop signs with flashing lights, with additional reflection on the stop sign posts, at the intersection of Sideroad 5 and Line 9.

Honouring 20 years of service

Town of BWG Fire Chief Kevin Gallant (at left) and Deputy Fire Chief Olaf Lamerz (far right) presented the Fire Services Exemplary Service Medal to volunteer firefighter Bill Powell for giving 20 years of service. Mr. Powell was accompanied by his wife (pictured) and family, who were also thanked for their support.



Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from September 19, 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.

Phase 2 of Official Plan Review wraps up with directions report

In May of 2016, Town staff and consultants from WSP/MMM embarked on a complete review and update to the Town's Official Plan. Phase 1 was largely completed in spring 2017, and included the review and update of four policy areas: Growth and Population, Employment Lands, Downtown Revitalization and Seniors Housing.

Phase 2 involved review of all policy areas not covered in Phase 1, and included a community workshop to gather information and ideas from the public. A staff report has now been presented to Council providing policy directions within several themes, including promoting economic development, promoting food security and protecting public health and safety.

The Committee of the Whole emphasized their interest in seeing adequate consideration of off-street parking, schools, accessibility and heritage in the final Official Plan.

The complete report is available on the Town's website at: www.townofbwg.com/planbwg

Announcements:

- **Saturday, October 7: FINAL Outdoor Bradford Farmer's Market for 2017**
– BWG Library and Cultural Centre, Zima Room (425 Holland St. W)
Don't miss your last chance to shop under open skies at the Bradford Farmer's Market. Indoor market dates to be announced soon.
- **Friends of the Library Book Sale**
– BWG Library and Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)
 - Preview night (\$10/family): **Friday, October 13, 7:00-9:00pm**
 - **Saturday, October 14, 9:30am-5:30pm; Sunday, October 15, 1:00-3:30pm**
- **Saturday, October 14, 11:00am-3:00pm: Pumpkin Fest**
– Henderson Memorial Park (3171 Line 9)
Enjoy FREE activities like face painting, entertainment, pumpkin carving and more! Fundraising BBQ by the Bradford Lions. www.townofbwg.com/pumpkin-fest
- **Thursday, October 19, 10:00am-3:00pm: Small Business Week Discussion Forum**
– The Club at Bond Head (4805 Line 7, Bond Head)
A free event for small businesses with speakers, panel discussions and networking. Registration at 9:30am. Lunch will be provided. RSVP: robin@nottawasaga.com
- **Sunday, October 22, 10:00am-1:00pm: Bradford Mom 2 Mom Fall Sale**
– Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd)
Buy and sell new and gently used children's items. Proceeds go to local charity.
- **Monday, October 23, 7:00-10:00pm: James Lockyer: Rooted in the Community**
– Bradford United Church
The Bradford West Gwillimbury and District Community Foundation presents a speaker from the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted. For tickets: info@bwqdcf.ca
- **Thursday, October 26, 7:30-9:30am: Compassionate Community breakfast**
– BWG Library and Cultural Centre, Zima Room (425 Holland St. W)
Matthews House Hospice presents speaker Dr. Kathy Kortez-Miller. Register by contacting: aroylance@matthewshousehospice.ca

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www.townofbwg.com/events