

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – October 17, 2017

Council sets calendar for 2018 election year

Council approved their meeting dates for the 2018 year, including adjustments necessary to accommodate the municipal election, which will take place on October 22, 2018.

Meetings will be held on the first and third Tuesday of each month, except:

- January: both meetings will be one week later due to the holiday break
- July: both meetings cancelled for summer break
- August: second meeting cancelled due to AMO conference
- October: second meeting cancelled due to election
- November: no regular meetings; council orientation to take place
- December: first meeting cancelled in lieu of inauguration

Between nomination day on July 27 and inauguration, council may be restricted in their ability to make decisions on things such as hirings and dismissals, disposing of assets and making large expenditures.

Planning for the effects of climate change

Council agreed to partner with the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority to develop an Integrated Watershed* Management Plan focusing on responding to the risks posed by climate change.

The plan will be developed by NVCA staff and a consultant with guidance from stakeholders. Participating municipalities have been asked to contribute to the costs – BWG committed \$1,100 of combined in-kind and cash contributions.

* *A watershed is an area of land that catches rain and snow and drains or seeps into a marsh, stream, river, lake or groundwater. The land within the NVCA watershed drains into the Nottawasaga River and on to Georgian Bay at Wasaga Beach.*

Parking changes aim to improve morning commute

Council approved the prohibition of parking in the eastbound lanes of Holland Street West starting at Simcoe Road from 6 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. daily.

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from October 3, 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.

Upgrades set to start at Dissette Street Pumping Station

A detailed design for upgrades to the Dissette Street Pumping Station is complete and the tender for construction will be issued soon. Upgrades are being made to improve energy efficiency, replace aged and/or obsolete equipment and to meet increasing demand.

Council authorized an additional \$170,525 over the original budget to cover the approved design. The funds will come out of the Wastewater Reserve fund, and are expected to be offset by savings on other projects.

Announcements:

- **October 18-22: Bicentennial of the Birth of Baha'u'llah**
– *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)*
The Bradford Baha'i is hosting an exhibit (Oct.18, 10am-9pm), film (Oct.20, 7pm), family event (Oct.21, 11am-2pm), gala (Oct.21, 6:30pm), prayers (Oct.22, 3-5pm).
- **Thursday, October 19, 10:00am-3:00pm: Small Business Week Forum**
– *The Club at Bond Head (4805 Line 7, Bond Head)*
A free event for small businesses with speakers, panel discussions and networking. Lunch will be provided. RSVP: robin@nottawasaga.com
- **Monday, October 23, 7:00-10:00pm: Rooted in the Community**
– *Bradford United Church (758 Simcoe Road)*
BWG and District Community Foundation presents speaker James Lockyer from the Association in Defence of the Wrongly Convicted. Tickets: info@bwgdcf.ca
- **Thursday, October 26, 7:30-9:30am: “Compassionate Community” Breakfast**
– *BWG Public Library (425 Holland St. W)*
Matthews House Hospice invites all to attend a breakfast with guest speaker on compassionate communities. Tickets: aroylance@matthewshousehospice.ca
- **Sunday, November 5, 1:00pm: Remembrance Day Parade**
– *Bradford Legion Hall (115 Back St)*
Parade begins at 1:00 pm on Holland St. W and travels to the Bradford Legion. Ceremony at the cenotaph begins at approximately 1:30 pm.
- **Saturday, November 11, 10:30am: Remembrance Day Service**
– *Bradford Legion Hall cenotaph (115 Back St)*

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