

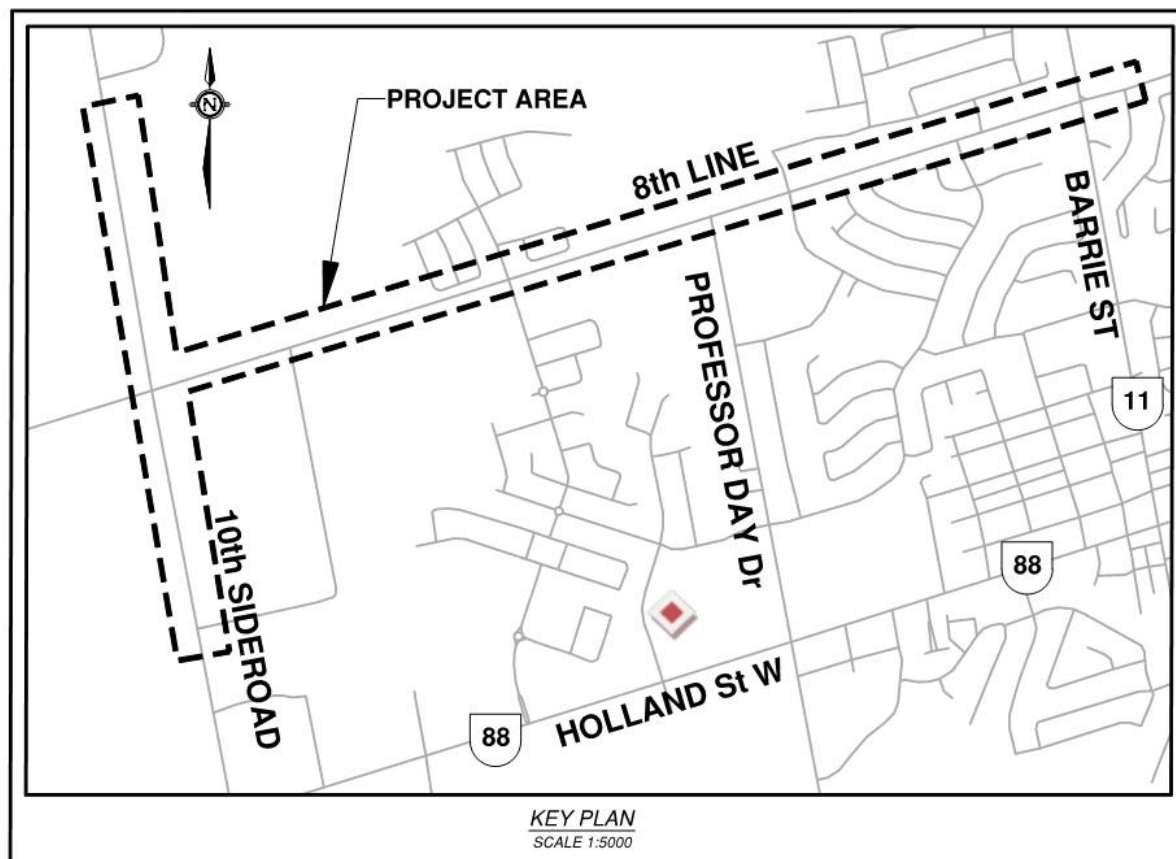
COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – November 7, 2017

Public invited to learn more about planned improvements to Line 8

The Town of BWG has begun an Environmental Assessment (EA) to determine the best option for improving Line 8, specifically the section from Sideroad 10 to Barrie Street/Highway 11, as well as Sideroad 10 from just north of Line 8 to Reagens Industrial Parkway. (see map below).

The engineering firm Planmac has been retained to complete this work, which will identify possible issues and solutions, and put forward design concepts. An important part of the EA is public consultation; therefore, the public is invited to attend a drop-in information centre on Tuesday December 12, 2017 from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Zima Room at the BWG Public Library.



More downtown businesses benefit from Community Improvement funds

The Downtown Community Improvement Program is designed to encourage businesses to move into downtown Bradford, to help downtown businesses maximize their investment and to make downtown a destination for both citizens and visitors.

Council considered six applications for funding from the following three program categories:

- Program 1: Façade, Landscape and Signage Improvements
- Program 2: Building Restoration, Renovation and Improvements
- Program 3: Planning Fees and Building Permit Grant

The amounts are as follows:

- 95-105 Holland Street (Baccilieri Plaza) – \$2,204 from Program 1
- 140 Holland Street West (formerly Blockbuster, to be a massage therapy studio) – \$44,256 divided among all three programs
- 190 Holland Street West (formerly vacant now the Great Canadian Dollar Store) – \$61,085 divided among all three programs
- 4 Holland Street West (Kenzington Burger Bar, Sweet B's Bakery and New Style Barber Shop) – \$25,000 from Program 1
- 10 Holland Street West (formerly La Gondola Pizzeria) – \$15,000 from Program 1
- 177 Holland Street East (formerly KFC, to be Starbucks) – \$60,432 from Programs 1 and 2

South Simcoe Police update plan to address pressing public concerns

The *Police Services Act* requires all Police Services Boards to prepare a business plan every three years. To prepare the new plan, the South Simcoe Police Services Board conducted a public survey, which found that 58% of respondents are satisfied with the SSPS overall. Of people who have had recent contact with the SSPS, over 80% were satisfied with that experience.

Respondents identified the top problems as: break-ins to homes and cars, vandalism, and aggressive and distracted driving. Respondents also identified how they would prioritize police time among areas of concern such as crime, mental health, illegal drugs and more.

This information is being used to help draft a three-year strategic plan that will be published shortly.

Carrot Fest Friday

Council supported the Downtown Revitalization Committee's recommendation that the expanded Friday Night Carrot Fest program be continued in 2018. Council will assess the financial requirements of the program during budget deliberations later this month.

Traffic Committee recommendations approved

Council approved the following Traffic Committee recommendations:

- That the Traffic By-law be amended to include the prohibition of blocking pedestrian trailways.
- That a staff report be requested to review existing traffic calming measures that could be implemented in Bradford West Gwillimbury.
- That a warrant for a Crossing Guard be conducted at Colborne Street and Britannia Avenue in the spring of 2018 and that budget be approved in 2018 to do so.
- That parking restrictions prohibiting parking at any time on both sides of Sideroad 5/ River Road 100.0 metres North and 100.0 metres South of Canal Road be changed to only 50.0 metres North and 50.0 metres South of Canal Road.

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from October 17, 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.

Narrowing down suitable locations for backyard chickens

The COW reviewed a variety of options for allowing backyard chickens in BWG, and settled on a plan that would allow hens only in lower-density rural residential zones. Council will still need to review detailed guidelines and regulations before giving final approval to the program.

National Homes to complete final phase of subdivision

The COW gave draft approval to a proposed Plan of Subdivision for property located at the southwest corner of Line 8 and Professor Day Drive. This will complete the National Homes subdivision, which includes homes already built immediately south. The plan proposes 35 single detached lots fronting on an extension of the existing Stevenson Crescent.

Announcements:

- **Wednesday, November 8, 7:00pm: Holocaust Education Week**

– *BWG Library & Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*

The BWG Diversity Group invites the public to a free screening of the Hollywood film, *Denial*, based on Deborah Lipstadt's book, *History on Trial: My Day in Court with a Holocaust Denier*. (film is rated PG-13)

- **Saturday, November 11, 10:30am: Remembrance Day**

– *Bradford Legion Hall (115 Back St)*

A service will take place at the cenotaph on Saturday, November 11 at 10:30 am.

- **Thursday, November 16, 9:00-11:00am: Mayor's Annual Business Breakfast**

– *The Club at Bond Head (4805 Line 7, Bond Head)*

Mayor Keffer is joined by Deputy Mayor Leduc, the BBT and Town staff to present an annual update to the Bradford West Gwillimbury business community. RSVP to this FREE event: ecdev@townofbwg.com

- **Thursday, November 16, 2:00-4:00pm and 6:00-8:00pm: BWG Transit Public Meeting**

– *BWG Library & Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*

Drop in during either of these timeslots to share ideas and feedback to help the Town plan the future of BWG Transit. If you can't attend, send comments to:

bwgtransit@townofbwg.com

- **Saturday, November 18, 6:30-8:30pm: BWG Santa Claus Parade**

– *from Bradford High School, east on Holland St., ending at the Community Centre*

Letters to Santa will be collected as well as donations of new, unwrapped toys.

- **Monday, November 20, 7:30pm: Tecumseth & West Gwillimbury Historical Society Book Launch**

– *Newton Robinson Hall (4380 Line 10)*

The public is invited to attend a book launch for: "WILLIAM ARMSON, 1784-1858: Soldier, Settler and Politician" by Beverley Kent and Kenneth Armson. Please RSVP by November 13: junchambers@rogers.com

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