

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury Council Meeting – November 21, 2017

BWG, Innisfil partner on creative solution to support farmers' markets

Earlier this year, members of the Bradford Farmers' Market executive approached Council to ask if the Town could provide additional resources to help ensure the market's ongoing success. Council agreed to work with them and staff to look at possible solutions.

The result is a recommendation to pool resources with the Town of Innisfil and hire a joint Market Coordinator that would support both markets (which take place on different days of the week). Funding for the BWG portion would come largely from the Community Grant Program. The Town also offered other in-kind support such as waste removal and sign installation.

LSRCA plans office expansion at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area

The Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority presented its 2018 budget, which includes a special capital levy of \$29,112 to help build a Scanlon Creek Operations Centre. The purpose of the centre is to accommodate growth in staff through 2035.

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from November 7, 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.

Town plans for upkeep of developer-built fences and retaining walls

The COW approved a policy addressing the repair and replacement of developer-built fences and retaining walls. The policy covers how to determine who is responsible for the costs of upkeep – the property owner, the Town or both together – and what standards of materials and workmanship are to be met.

Council will also look at budgeting an amount each year for fence and retaining wall repair and replacement.

Announcements:

- **Friday, December 1, 6:00-8:30pm: Celebrate Christmas in BWG**
– *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*
Featuring a tree lighting ceremony and carols in Sunshine Square followed by leisure skating, pictures with Santa Claus and an opportunity to make seasonal crafts and enjoy cocoa and cookies. All activities FREE.
- **Saturday, December 9, 9:00am-1:00pm: Bradford Valley Christmas Bazaar**
– *Bradford Valley Care Community (2656 Line 6)*
Local vendors sell gifts, décor, jewellery, clothing, food and much more!
- **Saturday, December 9 & 23, 8:00am-1:00pm: Indoor Farmer's Market**
– *BWG Library & Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*
Market vendors move indoors to the Zima Room for the fall season.
- **Sunday, December 10, 12:40-2:20pm: Canada 150 Skating Day**
– *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*
The Town of BWG is offering FREE public skating on Canada 150 Skating Day!

For the complete Town of BWG Community Events Calendar, go to:

www.townofbwg.com/events

Holiday Giving in BWG:

- **Winter clothing:**
 - **South Simcoe Police (81 Melbourne Dr. – Mon.-Fri. 7am-7pm)**
Accepting gently used coats, snowsuits/pants, hats, mitts and scarves for all ages. (North Division open 24/7 – 2137 Innisfil Beach Rd.)
 - **A Hand Up Clothing Room (31 Frederick Street – Tue. 1-3pm, Fri. 6-8pm)**
Accepting gently used clothing and outerwear for all ages.
- **Gifts:**
 - **Simcoe County Paramedics (drop off at 170 Artesian Industrial Parkway, Units 6 & 7)**
Accepting donations of new, unwrapped toys and gifts for older children, as well as non-perishable foods.
- **Food:**
 - **Helping Hand Food Bank (123 Moore Street – Mon. & Wed. 1-2pm, Fri. 6:30-7:30pm, plus grocery stores & other community collections)**
Accepting donations of cash and non-perishable foods as well as diapers and personal hygiene items.
- **Adopt a Family:**
 - **A Hand Up (31 Frederick Street)**
 - **Simcoe Muskoka Family Connexions (157 Holland Street E, Unit 5)**