

COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

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

Community groups receive support through annual giving program

The Town of BWG Community Support Program provides limited assistance to local not-for-profit organizations that contribute to the wellbeing and growth of the community and help the Town to retain a strong community focus.

Applications are due each October, after which a committee reviews them and makes recommendations to Council. Council has approved the following Community Grant Program funds to be disbursed in 2018:

- Big Brothers Big Sisters of York – \$3,000 – support for the new “Girls Can!” recreation mentoring program
- Bradford & District Leo Club – \$632 – hall rental fee for a fundraiser dance
- Bradford Board of Trade – \$8,000 – support administrative and operation costs
- Bradford District High School – \$1,576 – 3-day rental fee for the Community Centre
- Bradford Farmer's Market – \$3,000 – replace tents, purchase chairs and tables, support costs for advertising and new events for children
- Bradford Terry Fox Run Committee – \$500 – BBQ and entertainment
- BWG Community Initiatives – \$1,000 – community meals
- Crosstrainers Canada – \$1,000 plus donation of surplus laptops – staff T-shirts and laptops for the Hub Youth Centre
- Green Valley Alliance Church – \$2,000 – two automatic/accessible door openers
- Raizes Portuguesas Cultural Group – \$1,000 – costumes and technology upgrades
- South Simcoe 4H Association – \$250 – subsidize membership fees
- South Simcoe Arts Council – \$1,000 – 2018 Music Festival

The CGP is just one branch of the Town’s Community Support Program. Some requests that were deemed ineligible for CGP funds will be assessed for support from the Council Community Initiatives Program.

New development in the works in southeast Bradford

Council gave the go-ahead for a subdivision agreement with Bradford East Developments Inc. for a 48.78 hectare residential subdivision on lands located on the south side of Line 6, just east of Simcoe Road. The “Bradford East” development will include a total of 415 detached, semi-detached and townhouse homes.

Courting business development in BWG

The Town's Office Economic Development is in the process of preparing a marketing plan designed to let developers, business owners and potential business owners know about the opportunities available in BWG.

Staff have been working with consultant Amplify Communications and with input from the Economic Development Advisory Committee on elements of the plan, including a logo to be used throughout the campaign. Watch for this logo starting next year.



Partner organizations report on 2018 budgets

The NVCA presented their 2018 budget, with a projected increase of 4.1%. The Town of BWG is represented by two conservation authorities – the northwest third by the NVCA and the remainder by the Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority. Like the LSRCA, the NVCA is responsible for protecting the land and water through means including flood monitoring and prevention, water quality monitoring, environmental education and ensuring development is planned in a way that will not harm water sources and will be resilient to flooding.

The Bradford West Gwillimbury/Innisfil Police Services Board also presented their 2018 budget with an increase of 3.61% over last year. Funding is shared between the Town of Innisfil and the Town of BWG. The increase reflects factors including population growth and increase in calls for service.

Property taxes paid by BWG residents support municipal programs, police, school boards and the County of Simcoe.

Council approved all Committee of the Whole decisions from November 21, 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.

Subdivision agreement launches Employment Lands development

The COW gave staff permission to execute a subdivision agreement with West Gwillimbury Power Centre Inc. for a development in the Highway 400 Employment Lands.

The 38-hectare development is divided into 16 development blocks, including one to be occupied by MiTek Canada. The COW also approved the developer's choice of "Stirling Crescent" for the name of the road that will run through the development.

More progress towards new development next to Zehr’s supermarket

The COW granted conditional site plan approval for the property located at the corner of Holland Street West and Langford Boulevard, which is the land to the north and west of the current Zehr’s supermarket.

The application proposes seven new commercial buildings, some as standalones and others in a multi-tenant (strip mall) format. The total retail site area is approximately 6.03 hectares (14.90 acres) in size with access off of Holland Street West, Langford Boulevard (including one new entrance) and Miller Park Avenue.

Announcements:

- **Saturday, December 9, 9:00am-1:00pm: Bradford Valley Christmas Bazaar**
– *Bradford Valley Care Community (2656 Line 6)*
Local vendors offer 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 moves 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!
- **Sunday, December 17, 7:00pm: Chanukah Celebration**
– *BWG Library & Cultural Centre (425 Holland St. W)*
The public is invited to attend BWG’s third annual grand public Menorah lighting and Chanukah celebration in the Library’s Zima Room.
- **Friday, December 29, 12:00-6:00pm: BBT Winter Family Festival**
– *Bradford & District Memorial Community Centre (125 Simcoe Rd.)*
A Fun, FREE afternoon with activities, crafts and entertainment starting at noon, followed by a movie starting at 4pm. (bring your own lawn chairs for movie seating)
Fred C. Cook Public School hosts a fundraising spaghetti lunch - \$5/person.
- **Sunday, December 31, 6:00-9:00pm: Family First Night**
– *BWG Leisure Centre (471 West Park Ave.)*
FREE event includes leisure swimming, leisure skating, inflatable obstacle courses and games, stage shows, strolling entertainment, balloons, a photo booth, live music and fireworks display.
- **Sunday, December 31, 5:00pm through Monday January 1, 3:00 a.m.: FREE BWG Transit for New Year’s Eve**
Leave the car at home and take the bus for free!

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

www.townofbwg.com/events