



March 2, 2009

**THE FUTURE OF WALKERTON IS IN YOUR HANDS**  
**Public Workshop**  
**Community of Walkerton Official Plan**  
**March 5, 2009**  
**7:00 – Victoria Jubilee Hall**

The Municipality of Brockton is presently updating the Official Plan for the community of Walkerton. This Plan will guide future development in the community for the next 20 years. The workshop is intended to enable members of the public to assist in the development of the new Official Plan. It will consist of a brief presentation of background information prepared by the consultants working for the Municipality, Meridian Planning Consultants, followed by facilitated discussions among the participants on topics such as: ▪ Servicing ▪ Traffic/Parking ▪ Accessibility ▪ Sustainability ▪ Future Development Areas ▪ Preservation of Heritage Resources ▪ Economic Development ▪ Special Policy Area in the Historic Downtown

If you have an interest in the future of your community and want to have an impact on what will happen in the future we urge you to participate in this workshop. Background information on this project is available at [www.meridianplanning.ca](http://www.meridianplanning.ca)

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**EARTH HOUR – MARCH 28, 2009**

The Municipality of Brockton has once again registered to participate in Earth Hour. All residents of Brockton are encouraged to voluntarily participate in this event by turning off their lights for one hour from 8:30pm to 9:30pm on Saturday March 28th. Visit the website @ <http://www.earthhour.org/sign-up> .

**GREEN CONES**

The Brockton Environmental Committee has taken the initiative to have Green Cones made available to the residents of Brockton and have placed an order for 400 Green Cones. Watch for future publications of the Brockton Buzz for timing when the Green Cones will become available.

**NOTICE: INTERIM TAX NOTICES WILL BE MAILED THE FIRST WEEK OF MARCH**

**Tax installments are due March 31st, 2009 and May 30th, 2009**

Please note: Post-dated cheques, Telephone Banking Payments and PC Banking Payments are all accepted for payment of taxes as well as cash, cheque or debit in the office.





**REMINDER!** Motorists are restricted from parking on any streets in the Municipality of Brockton between the hours of 2:00 am – 6:00 am, from November 1<sup>st</sup> through to April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**WASTE DISPOSAL SITE – HOURS OF OPERATION – BRANT AND GREENOCK LANDFILL SITES**

The Residents of the Brant and Greenock Wards are reminded that the Brant and Greenock Landfill Sites will be open as follows from April 1st to October 31st:

Brant Site – Tuesdays and Saturdays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Greenock Site –Wednesdays and Saturdays 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

**HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE EVENT**

The County of Bruce will be holding a Household Hazardous And Special Waste Collection on **Saturday July 11/09** in **Walkerton** and **Saturday August 22/09** in **Paisley** from **8am - 11am**. Further information will be provided in an upcoming “Buzz” or you may call the County of Bruce at (519)-881-2400 or visit their website at <http://www.brucecounty.on.ca/highways.php>

**DUMP PASSES**

A Landfill Site Pass for the residents of the ward of Walkerton can be picked up at the Municipal Office. This free pass is a replacement for the Curbside Spring Cleanup program that was previously in place and will be limited to residential properties only. The maximum weight allowable under this pass is 200kg. The following items will **not be accepted** at the Walkerton-Hanover Landfill site as part of the free pass program: appliances, water heaters, tires, household hazardous waste, upholstered furniture and/or mattresses or construction material including roofing, drywall & residential garbage.

**SPRING ICE IS ROTTEN ICE!**

Once ice starts to rot, the thickness of ice cannot be used to determine if it is safe. Because of the way ice melts, it will dramatically weaken even as it retains much of its original thickness. **BE ICE SMART!**  
▪ Rotting ice looks grey & splotchy ▪ Ice can erode from the bottom up, with no warning signs on top ▪ Stay off river ice ▪ Even thick ice may be weak if it has frozen & thawed or contains layers of snow or water. For more information visit the website at [experts@lifesaving.org](mailto:experts@lifesaving.org) † [www.lifesaving.org](http://www.lifesaving.org)



**FIRE SAFETY IS EVERYONE’S RESPONSIBILITY! ... Brought to you by the Walkerton Fire Dept.**

- We always stay in the kitchen when something is cooking on the stove. ▪ Matches and lighters are stored out of sight and reach of children. ▪ Our fireplace or woodstove is properly installed. ▪ Chimneys and flue pipes are inspected and cleaned regularly. ▪ Portable space heaters are kept at least one metre away from anything that can burn. ▪ Candles, when lit, are placed out of the reach of children and pets, where they can’t be knocked over.
- Candles are always extinguished before going to bed or leaving the room. ▪ We have working smoke alarms on every level of our home. ▪ We test the alarms every month and change the batteries once a year. ▪ Our family has developed and practiced a home fire escape plan, so that everyone knows what to do and where to go when the smoke alarm sounds. Visit our website at: [www.walkertonfire.ca](http://www.walkertonfire.ca)

**BULLETIN BOARD**

**WALKERTON LIBRARY JURIED ART SHOW** – April 22– May 2, 2009 at the Walkerton Library. Registration Apr.3<sup>rd</sup> & Apr. 4<sup>th</sup> - 253 Durham St. Walkerton. Call 519-881-3240 Website: <http://library.brucecounty.on.ca/walib>



**Reminder! Clocks go ahead 1 hour on Sunday March 8th @ 2:00 a.m.**