



Brockton Buzz – September 2018 Newsletter

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Coming Soon – Online Services

Beginning in 2019 the Municipality of Brockton will be offering an e-billing service. You may opt to have your tax and water bills delivered directly to your email inbox. We will no longer be offering e-post as a delivery option. Beat the rush and enroll today –an enrollment form is attached with this issue of the Brockton Buzz, and can be found on our website Brockton.ca

In addition to eBilling residents will have the option to pay via ePay directly from our Municipal Website, this service will allow you to pay using a credit card – fees will be based on a percentage of the total amount paid.

Everyone that registers for eBilling will receive a confirmation email in early 2019. Watch our website and Facebook page for further information on the roll out of this exciting new service.

Tax Installment Due Dates – September 28, 2018 and November 30, 2018

Any payment received in our office after the due date will be considered late and any outstanding taxes will be subject to penalty and interest charges as per the Municipal Act. Please allow 2 to 3 days for processing if you are paying through your financial institutions online banking system. Visit Brockton.ca/Taxes for more information.

Payment Options

You may use the following payment options to pay **all** municipal bills and invoices:

- In person at the Municipal Office via Debit, Cash, Cheque, or Post Dated Cheque
- Online/Telephone Banking - Allow 2 to 3 days for processing and ensure your account information is updated

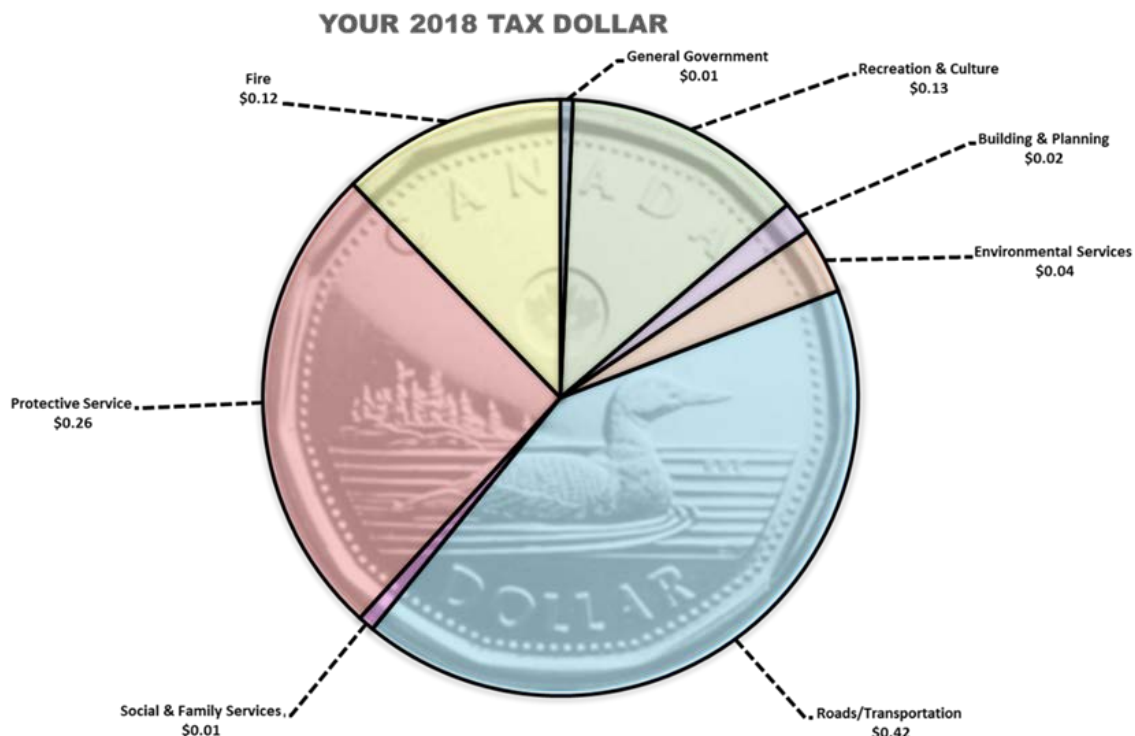
Account Type	# of Digits	Format
Property Taxes	19 Digits	41-04-000-000-00000-0000
Utilities (Water & Sewer)	14 Digits	30000000000000
Brockton Child Care Centre	14 Digits	00000000000000
Brockton General Invoices	14 Digits	00000000000000

*If we have not been set up at your financial institution as a payee please contact your branch and they will send the necessary documents to have us registered as a payee.

2018 Municipal Budget

The 2018 budget contains \$13.753 million in operating expenditures and \$3.718 in capital expenditures. After revenues and reserve fund transfers are applied, the Municipality must levy \$7.945 million; a 5.23% levy increase over 2017. This levy increase will assist the Municipality in maintaining current levels of service while planning for the future. Council has begun allocating funds to an Infrastructure Reserve Fund which will assist with the growing financial demands on our aging municipal assets, allocating these funds on a yearly basis will avoid any future drastic spikes in our tax rate.

Through the direction of Council, tax dollars are put into action to serve residents and help our community prosper. Have you ever wondered how each tax dollar is spent? The image below shows the 2018 budget broken down into different functions. As you will see, there is a lot more to the budget than just roads and bridges.





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Property Assessment

In 2016, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) mailed a Property Assessment Notice to every property owner in the province. The next province-wide Assessment Update of all properties will take place in 2020.

MPAC continues to review properties during non-assessment update years, residents may receive Amended Assessment Notices. These notices may have been issued for one of the following reasons:

- Change in property ownership, legal description, or school support
- Change to the property's value resulting from a Request for Reconsideration, an Assessment Review Board Decision, or ongoing property reviews
- Property value increases/decreases reflecting a change to the property; for example, a new structure, addition, or removal of an old structure
- Change in the classification or tax liability of the property

If you have questions about your property assessment visit aboutmyproperty.ca or contact MPAC Customer Care Centre at 1-866-296-6722.

Address Changes

Please notify the tax department if you have any changes to your mailing address. This must be done in writing or by email kmerchant@brockton.ca. Your cooperation in keeping your tax records up to date ensures timely receipt of your tax and utility bills from our office.

Brockton Doors Open – September 29, 2018

Join us for Brockton Doors Open on Saturday, September 29, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. View 13 architectural, historical, cultural, and socially significant sites around Brockton. Visit the [Doors Open Brockton Facebook Event](#) or Brockton.ca/DoorsOpen for more information. Guide books are available locally.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Clean out your house, garage and basement and remove hazardous and special waste materials and dispose of them in an environmentally safe manner through our Hazardous Waste Collection Days.

Sites	Location	Date	Time
Walkerton	Bruce County Highways Garage - 94 County Road 2	September 8	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Hanover	Public Works Yard, 70 14 th Avenue, Hanover	September 15	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Walkerton	Recycling Depot, 320 Kincardine Highway, Walkerton	October 6	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Municipal and School Board Election – October 15 to 22, 2018

Are you on the Voters' List? Visit VoterLookUp.ca to ensure you are eligible to vote. Voter Information Letters will be mailed to the Voters' List in October. Votes can be cast by internet or phone from Monday October 15, 2018 at 8:30 a.m. to Monday October 22, 2018 at 8:00 p.m. Visit Brockton.ca/Election for more information.

Municipal Office Closed Labour Day – September 3, 2018

The Municipal Office is closed for Labour Day on Monday, September 3, 2018. Council and staff wish you a safe and happy holiday weekend!

Mass Recreation Program Registration Night – September 6, 2018

Join us Thursday, September 6, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Walkerton Community Centre for Mass Registration Night for a variety of recreational programs. Call 519-881-0625 for more information.

Fire Prevention Week

The Municipality of Brockton Walkerton Fire Department will be hosting its annual open house from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 13, 2018 to commemorate Fire Prevention Week. Join us for a BBQ lunch, and tour the hall and trucks while learning about ways you and your family can be fire safe.

This year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, "Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere," works to educate about reducing the likelihood of having a fire, and how to escape safely in the event of one:

- **"Look"** for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take action to remedy them before they become a problem.
- **"Listen"** for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Leave immediately and go to your outside meeting place.
- **"Learn"** two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter. Have a plan and practice it so you are prepared in the event of an emergency!

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