

Brockton Buzz



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Accessibility of Winter Sidewalks

It is an offence, under Section 181 of the Highway Traffic Act, to deposit snow or ice on a roadway. The Municipal Roads Department asks owners to plan their entranceway clearing so that snow is not pushed or blown onto the road.



Snow blocking sidewalks and roadways can be dangerous to fellow residents. Please shovel snow off of the sidewalks to keep the area clear and accessible. If a resident is injured due to snow piled up, the homeowner could be liable.

Brant and Greenock Landfill Sites – Hours of Operation

Brant and Greenock Landfill Sites operate on a **Winter Schedule** from November 1 to March 31. **Brant** is open Wednesdays 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Greenock** is open Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Landfills switch to a **Spring Schedule** from April 1 to October 31. **Brant** will be open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. **Greenock** will be open Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Visit www.Brockton.ca/LandfillSites for details.

Interim Tax Due Dates – March 31 and May 31, 2018

Any payment **received at the Municipal Office after the due date will be considered late**. The outstanding taxes will be subject to the penalty and interest charges as per the Municipal Act. If you make payments through your financial institution please allow up to **3 business days** for the Municipality to receive your payment.



Pre-Authorized Payment Plans (PAP)

Pre-Authorized Payment Plans are an effective way of ensuring your tax account is paid in a timely manner, avoiding penalty and interest charges. If you wish to enroll in our Monthly Pre-Authorized Payment Plan or Due Date Payment Plan or would like further information, please contact our office at 519-881-2223 Ext. 132.

Check Your Online Payment Submissions

Please ensure your account number for online payments is correct! When account numbers are correct, the correct amount is applied to the correct account and late fees are avoided.



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

Animal Control - Dog Tags

The Municipality of Brockton mailed an invoice to all dog owners currently registered in our database. Animal Licensing fees are due on or before **March 31, 2018**. A late fee of \$10.00 will be applied to all invoices that remain unpaid as of April 1, 2018.



Invoices are based on owner information in our database, and your dog will continue to wear the permanent tag you received at registration. If you no longer own a dog, contact Katie Merchant (519-881-2223 Ext. 132 kmerchant@brockton.ca)

Note: Three (3) Dog Limit As per By-Law 2012-105, "No owner shall keep or permit to be kept more than three (3) dogs at any one time, per dwelling unit, location or residence within the Municipality of Brockton."

2018 Dog Tag Fees

\$15.00 - First Dog (per household)	\$25.00 - Additional Dogs	\$100.00 - Kennel License
\$10.00 - Late Fee (after April 1)	\$150.00 - Dangerous Dogs	\$5.00 - Replacement Tag

Civil Marriage Officiants

Since 2010 Brockton has offered civil marriage solemnization services to couples who would like to be married in a personalized, non-religious ceremony. Brockton's Clerk has delegated authority to four Civil Marriage Officiants who have each completed a civil wedding ceremonies officiant course, and may perform Civil Marriages anywhere in Ontario. The officiant will conduct a pre-ceremony meeting, perform the marriage, and handle registration paperwork. Brockton's Officiants are kept busy throughout the wedding season and in 2017 they performed 54 marriage ceremonies. To learn more about this service visit www.Brockton.ca/CivilMarriages

Please Note: The Municipality retains only four Marriage Officiants to ensure professional quality in the number of services conducted each year. Any future openings will be posted online via www.Brockton.ca/News.

Brockton's Community Garden

Garden plots are available for the 2018 season. For more information or to reserve a plot, visit www.Brockton.ca/CommunityGarden or contact Jenny Iserman at 519-881-3490.

Winter Parking Restrictions

Motorists are restricted from parking on any streets in the Municipality of Brockton between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. from November 1 through to April 30.



Help Keep our Recycling Depot Clean

Neighbours of the Walkerton Recycling Depot (320 Kincardine Highway, Walkerton) are finding recyclables from the Depot blowing onto their properties. Please do your part in ensuring all 24 Hour recyclables accepted at the Depot, corrugated cardboard and film plastics, are placed securely in the bins provided, and are not dropped off without being placed in the bins.



Expanded Polystyrene (Styrofoam) Recycling Program Still Temporarily Suspended

Staff are working to find a new recycler and are hoping to reinstate the program. Until the program is reinstated, we ask that residents **not drop off Expanded Polystyrene (Styrofoam)** to the Depot.

Business Owners – What’s Your Take on Business in Brockton?

The Municipality of Brockton is engaging our business in a Business Retention and Expansion (BR+E) study. To date 34 businesses have participated.

The objectives of the project are to:

- 1) Identify the needs, concerns, and opportunities of existing local businesses and where appropriate, take local action to respond to the businesses' needs or development opportunities.
- 2) Learn about entrepreneurs future plans of expansion, relocation, and/or retention and assess where assistance can be provided.
- 3) Demonstrate the community's pro-business attitude and develop an effective means of communication with local businesses.

If you're a business or farm owner and haven't received a letter, but are interested in participating, please contact Kathleen Arseneau, Community Development Coordinator, via email karseneau@brockton.ca or call 519-881-2223 Ext. 131.

Brockton Parks and Recreation Programs

Test Your Knowledge! Winter Trivia Nights at the Legion

Enjoy a fun night with friends at Brockton Trivia Night on Friday, March 16 at the Walkerton Legion. Doors open at 7:00 p.m. with the first question starting at 7:30 p.m. Register your team with Parks and Recreation 519-881-0625.



Spring Registration

Come to Walkerton Community Centre on Thursday, March 8, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. to register for Walkerton Minor Ball, Camp Celtic, Special Olympics and Brockton Recreation programs. Minor Ball will host an additional registration on Saturday, March 24, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Visit www.walkertonsoccer.ca to register online for Walkerton Minor Soccer programs.

March Break Day Camps from March 12 to 16, 2018 at the Walkerton Community Centre from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Join us for a fun week filled with games, crafts, friends, and more for \$30 per day. Bring your helmet, skates, snowgear, snacks, water, and a lunch. For full details visit www.Brockton.ca/MarchBreak



St. John’s Babysitter Course for ages 11-14 on March 13, 2018 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Walkerton Fire Hall. The cost is \$55.00. Contact 519-881-0625 to register.

Fire Escape Plan:

A fire escape plan that you and your family understand and have practiced, could be the difference between life and death. Studies have shown that you and your family could have only seconds to escape your home in the case of a real fire emergency so develop your home fire escape plan today using the tips below.



- 1) Know what to do when the smoke alarm sounds. Sit down with everyone in your household and discuss how each person will get out of the home in a fire.
- 2) Practice your escape plan with everyone in your home to ensure that everyone can get out quickly.
- 3) Make sure everyone knows two ways out of each room, if possible.
- 4) Get low and go under the smoke to the nearest safe exit. Most fire deaths are the result of smoke inhalation.
- 5) Get out and Stay out. Never re-enter a burning building. Once you have escaped safely call the fire department from a cell phone or a neighbour’s house.
- 6) Choose a meeting place outside, a safe distance from your home. In case of fire, everyone should go directly to the meeting place to be accounted for.

Community Events Bulletin Board

County Towne Players in partnership with the Walkerton Rotary Club present their spring play, “Sin, Sex, and the CIA” at Victoria Jubilee Hall (111 Jackson South, Walkerton). Showtimes are Saturday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, April 8 at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 13 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 14 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15.00 and can be purchased at Holst Office Supplies, Brown’s Pharmacy, and Victoria Jubilee Hall Ticket Office.

Elmwood & District Community Groups Upcoming Events:

Messy Church Activities - March 12-16, 2018 is a multi-generational event during March Break at the St. John’s Church in Elmwood.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, March 31, 2018 at the Elmwood Fire Hall Park

Easter Sunday Services – Sunday, April 1, 2018 Easter Sunday Holy Communion Services at 9:30 a.m. at St. Peter’s Church, Brant or 11:00 a.m. at St. John’s Church, Elmwood. All are welcome!