



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – December 2019 Issue

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2020 Council Meetings

The dates for the Brockton Council 2020 Meetings have been posted to our website Brockton.ca/Council and our [Community Calendar](#). Council meetings are held in the Bruce County Council Chambers (30 Park Street, Walkerton), on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.

Tuesday, January 14	Tuesday, June 16 (Cargill Community Centre)
Tuesday, January 21 (Special Council Meeting) at 10:00 a.m.	Tuesday, June 30
Monday, February 3 (Budget Meeting) at 9:00 a.m.	Tuesday, July 14
Tuesday, February 4 (Budget Meeting) at 9:00 a.m.	Tuesday, August 11
Tuesday, February 11	Tuesday, August 25
Tuesday, February 18 (Budget Meeting) at 6:00 p.m.	Tuesday, September 8 (Elmwood Community Centre)
Tuesday, March 10	Tuesday, September 22
Tuesday, March 24	Tuesday, October 13
Tuesday, April 14	Tuesday, October 27
Tuesday, April 28	Tuesday, November 10
Tuesday, May 12	Tuesday, November 24
Tuesday, May 26	Tuesday, December 8

2020 Budget Meetings

The dates for the Public Meetings to consider the 2020 Municipal Budget have been posted to our website Brockton.ca/Council and our [Community Calendar](#). Council will hold Public Meetings to consider the 2020 Municipal Budget on the following dates: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, February 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Municipal Council Vacancy

A vacancy exists on the Municipality of Brockton Council for one (1) Councillor. Council will fill this vacancy by appointment in accordance with the approved “Council Vacancy Replacement Procedure”. The term of this position is from the date of the Council appointment until the swearing in of the next Council after the 2022 Municipal and School Board Election.

Interested individuals must complete a Council Vacancy Application Form (Nomination Form)/Declaration of Qualification, and a Freedom of Information (FOI) Release Form, and submit it in person at the Clerk’s Office. Forms will be accepted by the Clerk’s Office during regular business hours commencing **Thursday, November 28, 2019 until Wednesday, January 15, 2020 from 8:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** Candidate(s) shall also submit to the Clerk a personal statement of qualification (outlining an individual’s background and reason for applying) for consideration of Council. Personal statements will be typewritten on letter size (8 ½” x 11”) paper, shall not exceed two (2) pages (one-sided only) in length, and will include the Candidate(s) name and address. Statements that do not meet these requirements shall not be included in any Council meeting agenda, or be provided to Council by the Clerk.

There will be an opportunity for candidates to present to Brockton Council at a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Bruce County Council Chambers (30 Park Street, Walkerton). The new Councillor will be sworn in at this Special Council Meeting.

For further information or to obtain a Council Vacancy Application Form (Nomination Form)/Declaration of Qualification, and a Freedom of Information (FOI) Release Form, please visit Brockton.ca/CouncilVacancy, or contact:

Fiona Hamilton, Clerk,
The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton
100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0
519-881-2223 Ext. 124 or fhamilton@brockton.ca

Holiday Closures for Municipal Office, Recreation Office, and Child Care Centre

The Municipal Office and Recreation Administration Office will be closing on Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. for the Christmas Break. The offices will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. Council and staff wish you a safe and happy holiday! The Brockton Child Care Centre will be closing on Tuesday, December 24, 2019 at 1:00 p.m. for the Christmas Break. The Child Care Centre will be closed December 25, 2019 until January 1, 2020. The Child Care Centre will reopen on Thursday, January 2, 2020.



Public Meeting to Consider Amendment to Building Permit Fees

Brockton Council will be considering an amendment to the Building Permit Fees included in the Building By-Law to increase building permit fees. A public meeting will be held as part of the Council Meeting on Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bruce County Council Chambers (30 Park Street, Walkerton). The proposal is made in accordance with Section 3 of the Municipality's Building By-Law 2008-02 and Section 7 of the *Building Code Act, 1992, S.O. 1992, c. 23*. Once enacted by Council, the amending By-Law would increase the fees currently contained in Schedule "A" of By-Law 2011-15. The proposed change is to take effect on January 1, 2020.

Holiday Household Waste/Garbage Pickup

The Municipality of Brockton will be implementing the following schedule for household waste/garbage pickup over the Christmas holidays:

- Tuesday, December 24, 2019 – Brant and Walkerton
- Tuesday, December 31, 2019 – Brant and Walkerton



Holiday Recycling Pickup

Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling will be collecting recycling on the following days over the Christmas holidays:

- Tuesday, December 24, 2019 – Brant
- Thursday, December 26, 2019 - Walkerton
- Friday, January 3, 2020 - Greenock

Winter Landfill Hours

From November 1 to March 31, the Brant Landfill will be open on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Greenock Landfill will be open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill will be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information please visit Brockton.ca/LandfillSites.

Landfill Holiday Hours

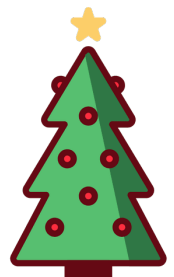
The Brant and Greenock Landfills will be open on Saturday, December 21, 2019 and Saturday, December 28, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Brant Landfill will be closed on Wednesday, December 25, 2019 and Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Regular hours will resume on January 4, 2020. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill will be open on Friday, December 27, Saturday, December 28, Tuesday, December 31, 2019 and Thursday, January 2, 2020 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill will be closed on Tuesday, December 24, Wednesday, December 25, Thursday, December 26, Monday, December 30, 2019 and Wednesday, January 1, 2020. Regular hours will resume on January 2, 2020. For more information please visit Brockton.ca/LandfillSites.

2020 Blue Box/Recycling Calendars

Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling will be mailing out the 2020 Blue Box/Recycling Calendar to Brockton households the week of December 9 to 13, 2019. The dates will be posted to our [Waste Calendar](#) once they become available.

Christmas Tree Drop Off

Natural Christmas trees can be dropped off at River Bend Park in Walkerton (199 Jackson Street North) no later than Sunday, January 12, 2020 for disposal.



Winter Fire Hydrant Access Reminder

Help our firefighters by clearing snow around fire hydrants to allow easier access in an emergency. Remove any ice and snow, clear a three foot perimeter around the hydrant, and clear a path from the hydrant to the street. By-Law 2019-118 also requires individuals to keep hydrants clear from obstructions, such that shrubs, trees, and hedges should be trimmed to allow free access to the hydrants.

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 to allow for winter maintenance.

Dog Licensing Reminder

Our Animal Control and By-Law Enforcement Officer will be completing a dog count in areas of Brockton during the month of December and into the next year. Property owners are reminded that their dogs must be licensed/registered with the Municipality, and wear a municipally-issued dog tag. Dog tags help us identify your pet for safe return. The Municipality will be mailing 2020 dog tag invoices in January.





Brockton Parks and Recreation Programs

Holiday Programs and Events:

- **Monday, December 23, 2019** – Kids Holiday Baking All the Way (Ages 5+) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Walkerton Community Centre. Cost: \$15.00
- **Monday, December 30, 2019** – Kids Holiday Games and Play (Ages 5+) from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Community Centre. Cost: \$15.00
- **Thursday, January 2, 2020** – Dancer and Prancer Dance Time (Ages 5+) from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Community Centre. Cost: \$5.00
- **Thursday, January 2, 2020** – Holiday Dickie Bird Show at 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (Doors Open at 10:00 a.m.) at the Walkerton Community Centre. Cost: \$5.00 per person or \$20.00 per family
- **Thursday, January 2, 2020** – St. John's Ambulance Home Alone Course (Ages 10+) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Fire Hall. Cost \$55.00
- **Friday, January 3, 2020** – Lego Fun! Come Build, Play, and Explore with Lego from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Walkerton Community Centre. Cost: \$5.00 per person or \$30.00 per family

Winter Adult and Youth Program Registration is now open! Visit Brockton.ca/Registration to view the Winter Recreation Guide and Register for Programs online or by contacting the Parks and Recreation Department at 519-881-0625.

Holiday Public Skating Schedule:

- **December 23, 2019, December 27, 2019, December 30, 2019, January 2, 2020, and January 3, 2020** from Noon to 2:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Community Centre
- **December 24, 2019** from 10:00 a.m. to Noon at the Walkerton Community Centre
- **December 29, 2019** from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Community Centre
- **December 31, 2019 New Year's Eve Family Skating Party** from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Community Centre

Holiday Fire Safety

With the Christmas season quickly approaching here are some items to keep in mind this year regarding fire safety for a safe and happy holiday. Our Elmwood and Walkerton Firefighters wish you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



- 1) Keep your Tree Fire Free:
 - Buy a fresh tree and make sure the base of the tree is immersed in water at all times.
 - Keep all candles away from the Christmas tree.
 - Check all sets of lights before putting them on the tree. Discard any lights that are damaged.
- 2) Keep candles in a sturdy holder away from children, pets and combustibles. Blow them out before leaving the room. Never leave a candle unattended.
- 3) Alcohol and fire are a dangerous mix. Keep a close eye on anyone attempting to cook or smoke under the influence of alcohol.
- 4) Ensure that your smoke alarms are installed on every floor and outside all sleeping areas. Test your alarms to ensure they are working correctly, remember only a working smoke alarm can save lives.

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On behalf of the Municipality of Brockton Council and Staff we hope that you may experience lots of love, laughter, joy and activity this Christmas and we wish you a very Happy New Year!



South Bruce O.P.P. – Don't Drive on a Closed Road

Powerful winter storms occasionally pass over Southern Bruce County. The strong winds and drifting snow create pockets of poor to nil visibility which can cause the South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) officers to close area roads in the interest of public safety. Road closures can last for days depending on how long the storm lasts. This is both inconvenient and frustrating, but you need to understand that driving on a closed road is not just illegal, it's gambling with safety.

Motorists that choose to drive on a closed road are not just subjecting themselves to unnecessary risk, they are breaking the law. When their vehicle gets stuck, they are hampering the efforts of road service crews working to clear the road and get it open for everyone to use. In addition, emergency services personnel have to put themselves at risk trying to locate the stranded driver.

The penalty for driving on a closed road is a \$110 fine and 3 demerit points, but the consequences can be far worse if you become involved in a collision.

South Bruce O.P.P. – Watch for Cons and Scams Over the Holidays

The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is asking residents to be on the lookout for cons and scams. They never take a holiday and this is an especially important time of year to be vigilant. At a hectic time of year when we're scrambling to make holiday preparations; we may more vulnerable to the smooth talking con artist that wants to trick you into giving up our hard earned money. Pay close attention to any unsolicited contact – unsolicited means that you didn't ask for it. Whether it's a knock on the door, phone call, letter, fax or email – always verify the contact is legitimate before you ever consider sending money. Remember; it's your money, you work hard to earn it so work hard to protect it.

South Bruce O.P.P. – Safe Winter Driving

The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is asking drivers and vehicle owners to prepare now for safe winter driving.

- Hard packed snow and ice reduce traction. Blowing snow affects your visibility. Leave yourself more time to reach your destination in winter.
- Snow tires are marked with a peaked mountain and snowflake to show they meet specific snow traction performance requirements. Improved traction = improved safety.
- Carry a snow brush/ice scraper in your vehicle. The law provides a \$110 fine for the driver not having a clear view, but the consequences can be far worse if you hit someone.
- Does your vehicle have a survival kit if you get stranded? A kit list is available online at www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/winterdrive.
- Drivers are encouraged to check road and weather conditions before they travel. Road information is available online at www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/traveller/trip or by calling 1 800 268 4686.

Always adjust your driving to the changing road and weather conditions; an ordinary driver reacts to road situations while a good driver anticipates and avoids a crisis on the roads.

Modern vehicles with electronic traction control and anti-lock brakes will help you keep control, but your best defense is to reduce your speed. Slow down, stay alert, stay in control and arrive safely at your destination.

South Bruce O.P.P. – Festive RIDE

Festive RIDE campaign runs November 23, 2019 to January 2, 2020. The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) understands this is a hectic time of year. Visiting with friends, family, attending office parties and sometimes travelling a long distance for these get-togethers, this time of year keeps us very busy. That being said, road safety can't take a holiday, because the risk to you – or someone you care about – is very real.

If your plans include drinking alcohol or using marijuana, then your plans MUST include a safe ride home. An impaired driver represents an unacceptable and completely preventable threat to your safety on the roads.

The South Bruce OPP will be conducting RIDE every shift, but road safety is a shared responsibility; we must all do our part to help everyone get to their destination safely.



Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life. Check out the following Community Events happening this month!

- **Walkerton Food Bank and CKNX Relief Truck**

Help your neighbours in need! The Walkerton and District Food Bank has partnered with CKNX for its first-ever Relief Truck in our area. From Friday, November 29 to Friday, December 5, 2019, volunteers will receive your food and monetary donations at Kaufman's ValuMart, with satellite trucks stationed at Walkerton Foodland and Mildmay Freshmart. Without donations, people in need would not be able to receive the gift of food. In 2018 there were 247 households, with 374 adults and 206 children, who used the Walkerton & District Food Bank. Eighty seven of these households used the Foodbank for the first time, 20 more than the previous year. In addition, 143 households registered for Christmas hampers. The Food Bank operates entirely on volunteers and charitable tax receipts are issued for all monetary donations.

- **Walkerton and District Optimist Club Breakfast with Santa**

The Walkerton and District Optimist Club are hosting Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. upstairs at the Walkerton Community Centre. Donations will be accepted at the door.

- **Sing! This Christmas at Victoria Jubilee Hall**

Celebrate the Christmas Season with Sing! Show Chorus as they delight you with beautiful harmonies, toe-tapping favourites, Christmas standards and more! There will be a full two hour show to help get you in the spirit of the season on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and available at Victoria Jubilee Hall, Brown's Pharmacy, Holst Office Supply, or A&R Music. Visit Victoria Jubilee Hall's website www.vjhall.on.ca or www.singshowshorus.ca for more information.

- **Walkerton Trinity Lutheran Church Wednesday Soup "Hug in a Bowl"**

The Trinity Lutheran Church in Walkerton are hosting Wednesday Soup "Hug in a Bowl" fellowship and conversation events from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on December 4, and December 18, 2019. Trinity Lutheran will be continuing their Wednesday Soup events in 2020 on the first and third Wednesday of each month. The 2020 events begin on Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments and lunch will be available. Discussions, games, and guest speakers may be invited to these luncheons. A freewill donation basket will also be available for communities in need.

- **Cargill Ladies Christmas Social**

The Cargill and District Community Fund are hosting a Ladies Christmas Social on Friday, December 13, 2019 at the Cargill Community Centre (999 Greenock-Brant Townline). Doors Open at 6:13 p.m., and the event starts at 7:33 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 per person, and includes appetizers, door prizes, Christmas Card, treats, auction, and more! All proceeds will be donated to the Cargill Community Centre Entranceway Project. Advanced tickets are available from Vickie Zettel at 519-881-8270, or at the Cargill Variety Store, or Walkerton Meat Market.

- **Walkerton Knights of Columbus Christmas Bazaar**

The Walkerton Knights of Columbus are hosting a Christmas Bazaar at 1658 Highway 9, Mildmay on Saturday, December 21, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There will be a wide range of vendors including baked goods, clothing, jewelry, home decore, and more! Please bring a donation to the Food Bank.

