



Brockton Buzz – March 2019 Newsletter

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2019 Municipal Budget

Brockton Council will hold Special Council Meetings on February 20, 2019, February 21, 2019, and March 7, 2019 (as required) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Walkerton Clean Water Centre (20 Ontario Road) to discuss the 2019 Municipal Budget. The March 6, 2019 Special Council Meeting was cancelled.

Tax Installment Due Dates – March 31, 2019 and May 31, 2019

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, 2001*. Please allow 2 to 3 days for processing if you are paying through the online banking system of your financial institution. 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 and 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.

Online Billing Services

The Municipality of Brockton has started to offer 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. You can enroll for this service by filling out an e-billing form on our website at Brockton.ca/Payments.

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. Address Change Requests must be done in writing or by email to mal@brockton.ca. Your cooperation in keeping your tax records up to date ensures timely receipt of your tax and utility bills from our office.

Animal Control – Dog Tags

The Municipality of Brockton mailed dog tag invoices in January 2019. Invoices are based on dog owner information in our current database, and your dog will continue to wear the permanent tag you received in 2014. If you no longer own a dog, or need to register your dog, contact Katie Merchant at 519-881-2223 Ext. 132, or kmerchant@brockton.ca. A dog tag helps ensure your dog gets home safely.

\$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

Public Comments Regarding Speed Limit on Thomas and Ridout Street, Walkerton

The Municipality has received a letter from a resident concerned with the speeding on Thomas and Ridout Streets in Walkerton. The Municipality is inviting the public to provide comments on the proposal to change the speed limit on Thomas and Ridout Streets from 50km/hr to 40 km/hr. Comments will be accepted until Friday, March 15, 2019 at 12:00 Noon and are to be addressed to the Municipality of Brockton, 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0.



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Brockton Parks and Recreation Programs

Mass Spring Registration Night is Thursday, March 7, 2019 at the Walkerton Community Centre Auditorium from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Registration includes Walkerton Minor Ball, Special Olympics, and Brockton Recreation Programs! Walkerton Minor Ball will have another registration on Saturday, March 23, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until Noon at the Walkerton Community Centre.

Register Online for Adult and Youth Spring Programs! Visit Brockton.ca/Registration to register or visit Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms for more details about the programs we offer.

March Break “PLAYcation” is back! Monday, March 11, 2019 to Friday, March 15, 2019. Pre-register your child for a day full of activities including skating, crafts, games and outdoor fun!

March Break Free **Public Skating** is available Monday to Friday from Noon to 2:00 p.m. and Saturday from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thank you to our Public Skating sponsors this season!

Don't put your hockey equipment away yet! **3 on 3 Hockey** starts Sundays from March 24, 2019 until May 12, 2019. 3 on 3 Hockey is cancelled April 7, 2019 and April 21, 2019.

Book **Lobies Park Campground** reservations online! Booking opens Monday, March 4, 2019. If you wish to book weekly or monthly campsites please contact the Brockton Parks and Recreation Department directly at 519-881-0625.

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.

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South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Pocket Your Keys Reminder:

The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P.) states that 81 motor vehicles were reported stolen in the South Bruce area in 2018. Theft is a crime of opportunity that you can help control. Pocket your keys and protect yourself and your community.

Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life.

- **Canada's Largest Travelling Barn Dance Show**
Cargill's Pickin' by the Pond Committee and Cargill District Community Fund present Canada's Largest Travelling Barn Dance Show at the Cargill Community Centre on Sunday, April 14, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Doors open at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$30.00 available at the Walkerton Meat Market, Mildmay Tire Craft, Cargill Variety and Paisley Hair Garage. Call Cyndy Abel at 519-366-2317 for more information. Proceeds from the event will go towards the Cargill Community Centre Entrance Renovation Project.