



Brockton Buzz – September 2019 Newsletter

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Now Available – Online 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

Tax Installment Due Dates – September 30, 2019 and November 29, 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 legislation. 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 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.

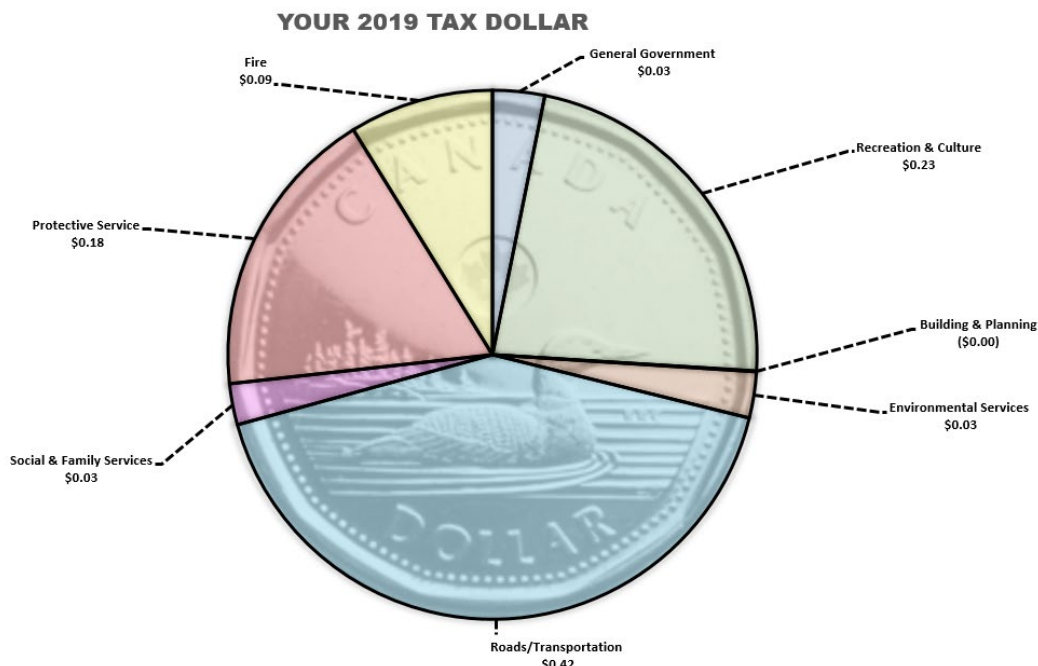
Address Changes

Please notify the tax department if you have any changes to your mailing address. Any changes must be done in writing or by email 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.

2019 Municipal Budget

The 2019 budget contains \$15.902 million in operating expenditures and \$5.394 in capital expenditures. After revenues and reserve fund transfers are applied, the Municipality must levy \$8.821 million; a 5.51% tax rate increase over 2018. This levy increase will assist the Municipality in maintaining current levels of service while planning for the future, including the increasing demands on our roads infrastructure.

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 2019 budget broken down into different functions.





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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.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The County of Bruce have released their 2019 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule. The Hazardous Waste Schedule has been posted to our website Brockton.ca/HazardousWaste and the local dates have been added to our **Waste Calendar**. The next Household Hazardous Waste Collection will be held on Saturday, September 7, 2019 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Bruce County Garage (94 Bruce Road 2, Walkerton).

Walkerton/Hanover Residents Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill Waste Management Committee have established an additional Household Hazardous Waste Collection for residents of Walkerton and Hanover on Saturday, October 19, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Recycling Depot (320 Kincardine Highway). For more information on Household Hazardous Waste visit Brockton.ca/HazardousWaste or our **Waste Calendar**.

Partial Removal of Truax Dam in Walkerton

Plans continue for the partial removal of the Truax Dam on the Saugeen River in Walkerton. The existing dam currently acts as a barrier to migration for some community fish species and the dam is in need of repair. This project is a partnership between the Municipality of Brockton and The Lake Huron Fishing Club. Funding for the partial removal of the Truax Dam has been fully supported by Bruce Power. Following a detailed consultation process and public information sessions the partial removal is planned for early to mid-August 2019 and is expected to last 4 to 6 weeks during low flow conditions. Further details on this project can be found on our website Brockton.ca/TruaxDam.

Municipal Offices Closed Labour Day – September 2, 2019

The Municipal Office, Brockton Parks and Recreation Office, and the Brockton Child Care Centre will be closed for Labour Day on Monday, September 2, 2019. Council and staff wish you a safe and happy holiday weekend!

Fall Recreation Program Registration Night – September 5, 2019

Join us Thursday, September 5, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Community Centre for Fall Registration Night for a variety of recreational programs. Call 519-881-0625 for more information.

Fire Prevention Week

On October 6th to 12th, 2019 Fire Departments across the province will be spreading the word about Fire Prevention Week. When a fire happens there is no time to think. You could have as little as one minute or less to exit a building. Waiting until an emergency to figure out the best chance for you and your family to escape could end in tragedy. Be prepared in advance with a plan that has been developed and practiced by you and your family!

To celebrate this year's Fire Prevention Week, please join us at the Walkerton Fire Department on Saturday October 12, 2019 for an Open House from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and enjoy a BBQ lunch hosted by the Walkerton Firefighter's Association. Learn more about the event on our website Brockton.ca/FirePreventionWeek

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Community Events

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

- **Brockton and Area Family Health Team Free Gardening and Cooking Workshops**
The Brockton and Area Family Health Team are hosting free Gardening and Cooking Workshops on Friday mornings at 10:00 a.m. at 21 McGivern Street West, Walkerton throughout the Summer and Fall. (The last session will be held on October 4, 2019). Learn more information about seasonal receipts, and gardening in small spaces! Contact Jenny Harrison at 519-507-2021 Ext. 24 or email jharrison@bafht.com for registration and more information.
- **Walkerton Knights of Columbus Hospice Fundraiser Dance**
Enjoy a day of music and dancing to the 50's and 60's music era while supporting the new Hospice in Southern Bruce County on Saturday, September 14, 2019 at the Knights of Columbus Hall (between Walkerton and Mildmay on Highway 9). Doors open at 4:00 p.m. 'Take One' - Dave Schmidt will perform from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sundance DJ's will perform from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for the whole day. Bring your favourite vintage vehicle, purchase tickets for draws and prizes while enjoying a snack from the BBQ/canteen and a cash bar. Donations to Fr. Cummings Council trust for the Hospice, will be given a Tax Receipt. Advance tickets at Browns Pharmacy, Cuneo's and Holst Office Supplies in Walkerton or Len Kraemer at 519-881-3456. (The Hospice facility will be accessible to people living within 40-50 minutes of Walkerton which would include residents of Southern Bruce and Grey Counties).
- **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 September 18, 2019, the first and third Wednesdays in October and November, and December 18, 2019. These events will continue into 2020 on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. 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.
- **Walkerton's 9th Annual Run4Health Event**
Walkerton's 9th Annual Run4Health, presented by Pellow Pharmasave, is Sunday, September 22, 2019. Please support the Walkerton and District Hospital Foundation by registering for either the 1k family walk/run, 5k walk, 5k run or 10k run. Visit www.run4health.ca for more information.
- **Walkerton Little Royal Fair Ambassadors**
The Walkerton Agricultural Society are looking for two individuals (Senior Ambassadors – Grades 9 to 12, and Junior Ambassadors – Grades 6 to 8) to represent the Society at the Little Royal Fair October 18 to 20, 2019. Resumes are due September 19, 2019 to the Walkerton Agricultural Society, Attention: Ambassador Program, P.O. Box 1497, Walkerton ON N0G 2V0. Contact Barb Ernest at 519-881-2481 or email bernest@live.ca for more information.