



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – February 2020 Issue

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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.

Council Appointment

The Municipality of Brockton is pleased to announce that following the Special Council Meeting on January 21, 2020, Council appointed Tim Elphick as the new Councillor. The Municipality of Brockton had declared a seat on Council vacant following the resignation of Chris Oberle on November 26, 2019. The Municipality had advertised for candidates to fill the vacant office of Councillor, which closed on January 15, 2020. On January 21, 2020, Council voted in a meeting open to the public for the new appointee. Tim Elphick was appointed to the position, and swore the declaration of office immediately following. Council and staff welcome Councillor Elphick to the role, and look forward to working with him throughout the remainder of his three year term. Councillor Elphick's biography is listed on our [Meet Your Councillors page](#) on the website.



Brockton Launches Community Engagement Website

The Municipality of Brockton is excited to announce the launch of our community engagement website, buildyourbrockton.ca! This community engagement website invites feedback from the community on various projects such as the 2020 Budget, Walkerton 2020 Commemoration, 'What do you like best about Brockton?', and photo submissions! More projects will be added as they become available. We are excited to offer this service to our residents and continue to look for improved communication methods to service members of our community!



Job Opportunities

The Municipality of Brockton is recruiting qualified candidates for Summer 2020 positions in the following areas:

- Parks and Facilities Staff
- Aquatics - Supervisor
- Aquatics - Head Instructors / Lifeguards
- Aquatics - Instructors/Lifeguards
- Aquatics - Youth Volunteers – Leader in Training
- Summer Fun/Tween Day Camp Supervisor
- Summer Fun/Tween Day Camp Leaders
- Summer Fun/Tween Day Camp Youth Volunteer – Leader in Training
- Heritage Research Assistant



These jobs will **close on February 14, 2020**. Please visit Brockton.ca/CurrentOpportunities for the detailed job posting.

Public Comments on Consolidated Traffic and Parking By-Law

The Municipality is in the process of consolidating our Traffic and Parking By-Law. The Municipality is inviting the public to provide comments on the proposal to prohibit parking at Lake Rosalind, and the change to Winter Parking Restrictions, to prohibit parking on all highways in Brockton from 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m. during the months of November, December, January, February, March, and April. **Written comments will be accepted until March 2, 2020 at 12:00 Noon** and are to be addressed to Junior Deputy Clerk, Sarah Johnson by email at sjohnson@brockton.ca or by mail to the Municipality of Brockton, 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0. Submissions will be presented to Council at the March 10, 2020 Council Meeting.

Brockton Municipal Office, Recreation Office, and Child Care Centre Closed for Family Day

The Municipal Office, Recreation Office, and Brockton Child Care Centre will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2020 for Family Day. The Recreation Department will be hosting family friendly activities at the Walkerton Community Centre throughout the day! Stay tuned at Brockton.ca/FamilyDay.



Community Safety and Well-Being Plan Engagement Survey

The Municipality of Brockton has joined forces with fifteen other lower-tier municipalities, Bruce and Grey Counties, eight police services, and more than 30 education, health and social service organizations across Bruce and Grey to prepare a Community Safety and Well-Being Plan (CSWBP). This approach to community safety and well-being planning is extremely collaborative and focuses on addressing the risks in our communities that can lead to crime. The process includes: identification of programs and services in existence that already support community safety and well-being, broad community engagement to identify the risks that exist in communities across Bruce and Grey, and then action planning to address the priority risks for each municipality, as well as Bruce and Grey as a whole.



**BRUCE AND GREY
COMMUNITY SAFETY AND
WELL-BEING PLANNING**

The first phase of community engagement includes a survey. A paper survey will be available at the Municipal Office (100 Scott Street, Walkerton), Walkerton Library (253 Durham Street East) and Cargill Library (1012 Greenock-Brant Townline, Cargill). Visit www.cswbp-brucegrey.ca or www.buildyourbrockton.ca/community-safety-and-well-being-plan for more information and to see how you can participate! The survey will be available until midnight on March 22, 2020.

Community engagement sessions for Brockton will be held between March and April 2020. Watch the website for more information.

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.

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. This allows snow plow drivers to better access the roadways.

Brockton Parks and Recreation Programs

Community Sponsored Skates continue in February on Wednesdays 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Thank you to our wonderful community service clubs and businesses that make the free skates available for our community members! Visit Brockton.ca/Skating for a full listing of skates and our amazing sponsors!

Older Adult Exercise programs continue in February: Tuesday and Thursday morning at 10:00 a.m. at the Elmwood Community Centre, Fridays mornings at 10:00 a.m. at the Walkerton Community Centre and Fridays at 12:00 p.m. at the Cargill Community Centre.

Trivia Nights are expanding to Cargill this month. Trivia night will be held at the Cargill Community Centre on Friday February 7 with doors opening at 7:00 p.m. with the first question given at 7:30 p.m. Trivia night will also be held Friday February 28 at the Walkerton Legion with the first question at 7:30 p.m.

Everyone is welcome at the Valentines Social at the Cargill Community Centre on Friday February 14, where Late Nite Radio will provide entertainment beginning at 2:00 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. with admission is by donation and refreshments are available!

Spring program registration will begin February 18, 2020 for Fitness, March Break and 3-3 Hockey. Register online at Brockton.ca/Registration

Mark Family Day of PLAY on your calendar –Monday, February 17, 2020 at the Walkerton Community Centre – Community Breakfast, Outdoor fun, Family Skating and more! Visit Brockton.ca/FamilyDay for updated events!

Heating Safety

With the cold weather we have been experiencing it is important to take steps to ensure heating safety:

- 1) Have your heating system or fireplace and chimney inspected annually by a qualified technician.
- 2) Give space heaters plenty of space (at least 3 feet) away from anything that can burn, including curtains, upholstery and clothing.
- 3) Allow the ashes from your woodstove or fireplace to cool before emptying them into a metal container with a tight fitting lid. Keep the container outside, away from the house.
- 4) Install a CO alarm near the bedroom areas to alert you to the presence of deadly carbon monoxide gas.
- 5) Remember to keep snow from accumulating around any vents coming from your house as well as around fire hydrants that may be adjacent to your property.





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South Bruce O.P.P. Submission – Ride to Survive

Check the trail status before you decide to ride. The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) has an interactive trail map available at: www.ofsc.on.ca

- Snowmobile drivers must carry their driver's licence or snowmobile operator's card when they ride. If your licence is under suspension, you can't drive a snowmobile either.
- Carry your licence, vehicle registration and proof of insurance when you ride. These documents must be produced to a police officer on demand.
- A snowmobile driver must stop for police when signalled.
- A snowmobile must not be driven along the serviced portion of the roadway, except to cross at a right angle. This includes the shoulder of the road.
- A proper muffler and an approved, properly fit helmet are required by law.
- Snowmobiles must not be driven on private property without the owner's permission; violators may be subject to a charge of Trespassing.
- Speed limits must be obeyed - a snowmobile operator can be charged for speeding. Excessive speed is the leading contributing factor in motorized snow vehicle deaths.
- Drivers of a snowmobile directly or indirectly involved in a reportable collision are required to call police as soon as possible. A reportable collision involves injury or damage over \$2,000.
- Impaired driving laws apply to snowmobiles anywhere in Canada whether on private property or not. Don't mix alcohol and/or drugs with snowmobiling. The South Bruce OPP has a zero tolerance for impaired operation.
- 45% of snowmobile fatal crashes in the last 10 years involve riders that have taken alcohol or drugs.
- Snowmobile owners are encouraged to check out snowmobile by-laws with the Municipality that they ride in.
- A trail permit is required to use approved snowmobile trails.
- A pre-trip inspection is recommended. Check the fluids, belts and ensure the gas tank is full.
- Dress appropriately and let someone know where you plan to ride and for how long. The OPP takes Search and Rescue very seriously. If someone knows your planned route, rescuers can find you more quickly. Time is a critical factor when someone is missing – particularly in winter months.
- No ice is safe ice – remember you can't tell the strength of ice by its appearance. The best advice for snowmobile operators is to avoid a frozen waterway.

Snowmobiling can be an enjoyable winter activity. Follow the rules, be respectful of others and ride to survive.

Community Events

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

- **Walkerton Trinity Lutheran Church Wednesday Soup "Hug in a Bowl"**
The Trinity Lutheran Church in Walkerton are continuing their Wednesday Soup "Hug in a Bowl" fellowship and conversation events from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in 2020 on the first and third Wednesday 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.
- **Cargill Valentine's Day Social**
Everyone is welcome at the Valentines Social at the Cargill Community Centre (999 Greenock-Brant Townline) on Friday, February 14, 2020 where Late Nite Radio will provide entertainment beginning at 2:00 p.m. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. with admission is by donation and refreshments are available!
- **Walkerton Minor Hockey Valentine's Student Dance**
Walkerton Minor Hockey is hosting a Valentine's Student Dance on Friday, February 14, 2020 at the Walkerton Community Centre Auditorium. Grades 2-4 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and Grades 5-8 from 8:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 and students must sign in and out. Snacks and drinks will be available for purchase.





Community Events (Continued)

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- **Dirt Pigs Valentine's Dance**
The Dirt Pigs are hosting a Valentine's Dance on Saturday, February 15, 2020 from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Walkerton Community Centre. Music will be provided by Bonez of Contention. Admission is \$25.00 per couple. Proceeds will be donated to the Residential Hospice Grey-Bruce.
- **Mission Zimbabwe Valentine Concert**
Local performers in support of the children of Zimbabwe are performing a Valentine Concert on Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at Victoria Jubilee Hall (111 Jackson Street, Walkerton). Tickets are \$20.00 and are available at Victoria Jubilee Hall, Brown's Pharmacy, and Holst Office Supply.
- **Family Day of PLAY**
Celebrate Family Day with Brockton Parks and Recreation on Monday, February 17, 2020 at the Walkerton Community Centre. There will be a community breakfast, outdoor fun, family skating and more! Visit Brockton.ca/FamilyDay for updated events!
- **Human Trafficking Community Awareness Sessions**
The Brockton, Huron-Kinloss, and Kincardine Police Services Board are hosting Human Trafficking Community Awareness Sessions in partnership with Victim Services Bruce Grey Perth, Violence Prevention Grey Bruce, South Bruce O.P.P. and Women's House Serving Bruce and Grey. Register online at EventBrite.ca for the event on Thursday, February 20, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Clean Water Centre. Door prizes and a lunch will be provided. Another session will be held on March 5, 2020 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Kincardine Davidson Centre. Contact Jenna Leifso at jleifso@kincardine.ca or 519-396-3468 Ext. 7116 for more details.
- **Coco Love Alcorn Performance at Victoria Jubilee Hall**
Coco Love Alcorn is performing at Victoria Jubilee Hall (111 Jackson Street, Walkerton) on Saturday, February 29, 2020 from 7:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tickets are available online at TicketScene.ca or through vjhall.on.ca.
- **County Towne Players "Four Weddings and an Elvis" Performance**
The County Towne Players are performing "Four Weddings and an Elvis" at Victoria Jubilee Hall (111 Jackson Street, Walkerton) on Friday, March 27, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, March 28, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, March 29, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 3, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., and Saturday, April 4, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 and available at Victoria Jubilee Hall.