



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – January 2020 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
Tuesday, January 21 (Regular Council Meeting) at 7:00 p.m.	Tuesday, July 14
Monday, February 3 (Budget Meeting) at 9:00 a.m.	Tuesday, August 11
Tuesday, February 4 (Budget Meeting) at 9:00 a.m.	Tuesday, August 25
Tuesday, February 11	Tuesday, September 8 (Elmwood Community Centre)
Tuesday, February 18 (Budget Meeting) at 6:00 p.m.	Tuesday, September 22
Tuesday, March 10	Tuesday, October 13
Tuesday, March 24	Tuesday, October 27
Tuesday, April 14	Tuesday, November 10
Tuesday, April 28	Tuesday, November 24
Tuesday, May 12	Tuesday, December 8
Tuesday, May 26	

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

Brockton Launching Survey to Determine Rural Appetite for Natural Gas

The Municipality is launching a survey to determine public interest in having reliable, clean and affordable natural gas available in the rural areas of Brockton. It will be **conducted by Innovative Research Group through telephone interviews from January 13-19, 2020. Residents within the targeted sample area for the survey** will be receiving a letter in the mail the week of January 6-10, 2020. Feedback from the survey will be an important factor should natural gas providers look at partnering with Brockton to bring natural gas to our rural areas. We are initiating this survey as a planning step to determine community interest, and to have data available regarding servicing Brockton.



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 Corporate Records, Licensing and Communications Assistant, 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 Launching Community Engagement Website

The Municipality of Brockton will be launching a community engagement website, buildyourbrockton.ca, during the month of January. 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!

Animal Control – Dog Tags

The Municipality of Brockton will be mailing dog tag invoices in January 2020. 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 email kmerchant@brockton.ca.



2020 Dog Tag Fees

\$15.00 - First Dog (per household)	\$25.00 - Additional Dogs
\$150.00 - Kennel License	\$10.00 - Late Fee (after April 1)
\$200.00 - Dangerous Dogs	\$5.00 - Replacement Tag

Online Billing Services

The Municipality of Brockton offers 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.

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.

Brockton Parks and Recreation Programs

Cargill "Community" Days: The Cargill Community Centre will be open on Fridays in January and February for community programs. Pickleball courts will be open from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. An Older Adult exercise class will be held in the hall from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. followed by a card party/social time from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. From 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. the hall will be open for variety of activities for the community's enjoyment.

Save the dates: Brockton Winter Trivia Nights are schedule on Fridays - January 24, February 28 and March 27 with doors opening at 7:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Legion (505 Scott Street) and the first question beginning at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 per person.

Snow Much Fun P.D. Day Camp is planned for Friday, January 31. Registration is now open online at Brockton.ca/Registration or contact the Recreation Office 519-881-0625.

Winter Program Registration is open Adult and Youth Fitness/Leisure programs visit Brockton.ca/Programs for more details.

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

Thanks to our many Community Skating Sponsors! Community Skates are on Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Visit Brockton.ca/Skating for a full listing of skates and our amazing sponsors!



Facts about Carbon Monoxide (The Silent Killer)

Hundreds of Canadians are hospitalized every year from carbon monoxide (CO) poisoning and more than 50 people die each year from carbon monoxide poisoning in Canada. 88% of all homes have something that poses a carbon monoxide threat, so it is important for you and your family to know the facts regarding CO.

CO is an invisible, odourless gas that is produced when fuels do not burn completely. Main sources of Carbon Monoxide in the home include wood or gas burning stoves, gas appliances, gasoline engines, kerosene heaters or BBQ's being used inside. Exposure to Carbon Monoxide can cause flu-like symptoms such as headaches, nausea and dizziness, as well as confusion, drowsiness, loss of consciousness and death.

It is now law in Ontario that if your house has a fuel burning appliance or an attached garage you must install a carbon monoxide alarm outside each sleeping area in your home. Test your CO alarm regularly to ensure it is working correctly. The owner's manual should tell you how to test your alarm. Remember to check the manual for information on when to buy a new carbon monoxide alarm.

Always react to a carbon monoxide alarm that has alarmed! Get out of your home and contact your local fire department for assistance.

Remember a CO alarm is a good second line of defense! It is not a substitute for the proper care and maintenance of your fuel burning appliance(s).

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South Bruce O.P.P. – Online Reporting

The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) invites citizens to consider using Online Reporting - a secure, simple and convenient tool to report minor crimes. In 2018, the OPP Provincial Communications Centres (PCC) received over two million 9-1-1, non-emergency and administrative calls. Of these, officers were dispatched to approximately 1.05 million occurrences. An increased use of Online Reporting will allow our frontline officers to focus efforts on urgent calls and crime prevention strategies within our communities.

Online Reporting is a user friendly process that can be completed from any mobile device, laptop, tablet or computer with internet access. To access the system, a user can go to opp.ca/reporting, choose their location and click on Start a Report. This will take the user to a secure link where they will be given precise instructions on how to fill out the report.

Crimes that are eligible for Online Reporting are occurrences that include:

- Theft Under \$5000;
- Mischief / Damage to Property Under \$5000;
- Mischief / Damage to Vehicle Under \$5000;
- Theft from Vehicle;
- Lost / Missing Property Under \$5000;
- Stolen License Plates; and
- Driving Complaints (after the occurrence)

South Bruce O.P.P. – Ice Safety Tips

In wintertime, many of Ontario's lakes and ponds become frozen bodies of water which offers great opportunities to do sports such as ice fishing, snowmobiling, fishing, skating and cross country skiing. The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is offering some safety tips for those that are planning to take part in activities on the ice:

- Avoid, slushy ice, thawed ice that has recently refrozen, ice near moving water.
- Go with an experienced, safety-conscious guide who is familiar with local conditions. Do not travel on ice alone.





South Bruce O.P.P. – Ice Safety Tips (Continued)

- Constantly scan the frozen terrain for signs of changing conditions, loosen buckles and undo belts on any packs or equipment you are carrying or riding on so they can easily be removed. Loosen bindings on snowshoes.
- Do not drink alcohol and travel over ice covered bodies of water. Alcohol impairs judgment and reduces your body's ability to stay warm in cold conditions.
- Carry a map and compass or a GPS system. A changing weather front can cover a lake quickly in fog or a snowstorm and leave you disoriented on a surface with no landmarks. Make sure your GPS battery is fully charged. Carry a compass as backup and know how to use it.
- Do not travel over ice-covered water in early and late winter when conditions are more likely to be dangerous.
- Consider carrying a small personal safety kit that should include items such as a lighter, waterproof matches, a magnesium fire starter, a pocket knife, and a whistle. Keep a cellular telephone in a waterproof pouch. Ice picks and a rope are also worthwhile. Carry high energy food and keep dry clothes in your vehicle.
- Most importantly, if in doubt, don't go out!

Remember, ice is never 100 percent safe as you cannot tell the strength of the ice by its appearance.

South Bruce O.P.P. – Rules for Snowmobile Operators

The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is sending snowmobile operators a reminder on some of the laws in the *Motorized Snow Vehicles Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.44*:

- 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.
- Licence, proof of registration and proof of insurance must be produced to a police officer on demand, when operating a snowmobile.
- A snowmobile driver must stop for police when signalled.
- Speed limits must be obeyed. A snowmobile driver can be charged for speeding.
- 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.
- Impaired driving laws apply to snowmobiles anywhere in Canada whether on private property or not. Don't mix alcohol and snowmobiling. The South Bruce OPP and the OFSC have a zero tolerance for impaired operation.
- Snowmobiles must not be driven on private property without the owner's permission; violators may be subject to a charge of Trespassing.
- A proper muffler and an approved, properly fit helmet are required by law.
- Drivers of a snowmobile directly or indirectly involved in a reportable collision are required to call police as soon as possible.
- A trail permit is required to use approved snowmobile trails, when they are declared open for use.
- Dress appropriately and let someone know where you plan to ride and for how long.

In addition, snowmobile owners are encouraged to check out snowmobile by-laws with the Municipality that they ride in. Snowmobiling can be an enjoyable winter activity. Follow the rules, be respectful of others and ride safely.

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. 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.

