



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – June 2020 Issue

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COVID-19 Updates

The Municipality of Brockton encourages residents to stay safe at home, self-isolate and practice physical distancing throughout this COVID-19 pandemic. A **Special COVID-19 Issue of the Brockton Buzz** was mailed to all Brockton households in March 2020. The Municipality continues to provide updates to both residents and businesses on our response to COVID-19 on our **COVID-19 Updates page** and **Business Recovery and Support page** on our website. If you have concerns related to gatherings that are occurring and not complying with Provincial orders, call the non-emergency O.P.P. number at 1-888-310-1122.

June 2020 Council Meeting Rescheduled Dates

On May 26th, the Council of the Municipality of Brockton approved rescheduling the June 2020 Council Meeting dates to ratify decisions in a timely manner and conform with the usual meeting schedule outlined in the Procedural By-law. **The June 2020 Council Meetings have been rescheduled to June 9th and June 23rd.** Therefore Council will no longer meet on June 16th or June 30th as originally scheduled. **A revised Council Meeting Calendar** has been updated on our **Council and Committee Meetings webpage** and on our website's **Community Calendar**.

Reminder: Waiver of Penalty and Interest Charges on Tax Bill Until June 2020

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Municipality of Brockton announced financial measures to help ease the economic impact to taxpayers for the **May 29, 2020 tax bill**. The Municipality will waive penalty and interest charges incurring on unpaid balances for April, May and June for the two interim property tax payments. The Municipality will continue to provide regular billings and the original due date of May 29th applies. If a resident chooses to not pay their tax bill due to financial hardship, no penalty or interest will be charged from March 31st to June 30th, 2020.

Waste Management Updates

Walkerton Recycling Depot: At this time the collection of e-waste, batteries, clothing and scrap metal has been suspended at the Walkerton Recycling Depot on Highway 9 until further notice. If residents need to dispose of those items, residents of Brant and Greenock are encouraged to visit the Brant Landfill and Walkerton residents are to take them to the Hanover/Walkerton Landfill. Currently only cardboard, box board and clean Styrofoam is being accepted at the Recycling Centre. Residents are encouraged to use curbside pickup whenever possible.

Brant Landfill: Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic and recommendations from the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit, staff are only allowing 10 vehicles onsite at a time and only 2 vehicles are allowed to be at the tipping face at a time. We ask that patrons be patient when visiting the Brant Landfill. Residents are encouraged to use curbside pickup whenever possible.

Greenock Landfill: The Greenock Landfill remains closed until further notice. A re-opening date has not yet been established. Residents are encouraged to use curbside pickup whenever possible.

Bag Tags: The Bag Tag program continues as usual. A full list of Bag Tag retailers is available on our website. Bags without bag tags, or tags from another Municipality will **not** be picked up by the curbside collection company.

Garbage Bags: Residents are reminded that **only clear garbage bags** will be picked up our curbside collection contractor, or dropped off at any Brockton owned and operated Landfills. **Black garbage bags are not allowed** as per Brockton By-Law 2010-33.

Clothing Donations: Clothing donation receptacles/bins at each of the landfills and the Walkerton Recycling Depot are temporarily closed. Please do not drop off any items off in front of these bins as they will not be donated and will instead be transported to the landfill.

Riversdale Bridge Closure

The Riversdale Bridge on Sideroad 20 South, will be closed to all vehicular traffic as of June 1st, 2020. At this time no remedial work is planned for 2020 however a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment is underway. Residents are encouraged to review the **Closure of Riversdale Bridge Report** which was approved by Council on **May 12, 2020**. Please continue to track future Council Agendas for project updates and presentations. Emergency Services have been notified. View more information at Brockton.ca/ServiceDisruptions.

Lobies Bridge Rehabilitation

Lobies Bridge will be under construction beginning mid-June and the work is anticipated to take approximately 2 months. During this time one lane will remain open for traffic and pedestrian traffic will be restricted. Emergency Services have been notified. View more information at Brockton.ca/ServiceDisruptions.

Notice of Walkerton Watermain Flushing

As part of the ongoing maintenance of the Walkerton Water System, Veolia Water has begun flushing the Walkerton distribution system which will continue in June. Residents are asked to run a cold water tap after the flushing has been completed in their area to discharge any discoloured water before use. The water quality will not be impacted by this maintenance. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Contact Veolia Water at 519-881-1474 with inquiries.





Brockton Business Recovery Town Hall

The Municipality of Brockton and Walkerton BIA hosted an economic recovery Town Hall with MPP's Lisa Thompson and Prabmeet Sarkaria, Associate Minister of Small Business in May. The discussion touched on a range of topics, including: childcare, reopening of cultural facilities, summer camps, restaurants and tourism operations, rebuilding consumer confidence, sourcing PPE and government supports, online shopping, and rural broadband internet. Watch the [full recording of the Town Hall](#) on the Municipality's [YouTube Channel](#).

Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Scholarship Fund

Brockton Council has created a new scholarship fund to support local students interested in careers in environmental science or clean water management. A legacy of the water tragedy of 20 years ago, the [Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Scholarship](#) was to be unveiled at a commemoration event, which was cancelled because of the pandemic. Brockton Council has committed \$2,500 to the fund. The Walkerton Clean Water Centre is also contributing. The scholarship fund will be administered by [Community Foundation Grey Bruce](#), a registered charity. If you wish to contribute, please email ppeirol@brockton.ca. Donations are tax deductible.

Brockton's Community Engagement Website

The Municipality of Brockton reminds you to register to get involved on our community engagement website, buildyourbrockton.ca! This community engagement website invites feedback from the community on various projects such as 'What do you like best about Brockton?', the Community Safety and Well-Being Plan, 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 receive input from members of our community!



Brockton Parks and Recreation Programs:

Congratulations to the April and May CDCF Cash Calendar Winners!

April Winners	May Winners
April 2 - Margaret Zettler	May 2 – RJ Wilson
April 4 – Chris Reinhart	May 7 – Brad Dietrich
April 9 – David Webb	May 9 – Joan Teeple
April 11 - Cherylene Cameron	May 10 – Jacinda Prentice
April 12 – Colleen and Tony Regier	May 14 – Mike and Sherry McBurney
April 16 –Victoria Ross	May 16 – Audrey Grubb
April 18 –David and Katrina Forester	May 18 – Kevin Richardson
April 24 – Doug Thompson	May 21 - Clint Holliday
April 25 – Frank Edgar	May 23- Jim Gutscher
April 30 – Katrina (Baldwin) Elmes	May 28 – Katelyn Schnurr
	May 30 – Mike Uhrig

June is Recreation and Parks Month

June is Recreation and Parks Month (JRPM), a time when communities come together to celebrate the benefits and beauty of parks, recreation and green spaces. Parks are a fundamental human desire for connection to community and nature. Although due to COVID-19, this year's JRPM will look different, we still want to celebrate the beauty in every neighbourhood! Brockton Parks and Recreation Department encourages you to remain active while staying at home, and practicing physical distancing.

Celebrate Canada Day Virtually with our Community Video!

The Municipality will be hosting a virtual Canada Day Celebration this year to connect and celebrate within our community! We need your help! We encourage you and your family to submit a photo(s) or video clips to create our community video. Please **submit any of the following** to recreation@brockton.ca by **June 17, 2020** in order to be considered for inclusion in the video: wish Canada a personalized birthday greeting with your family's name and feature red and white items from your home; send in a 1-2 minute video of yourself or family member(s) sharing a Canadian themed reading/poem or a fun activity or talent; or share your past Canada Day photos! Please note that by emailing your submission to the Municipality, you are granting permission for the Municipality to use your photo or video in our publications without payment or other consideration. Stay tuned for more details on our website Brockton.ca/CanadaDay and our social media.





Canada Day Virtual Fireworks!

While we're apart, let's celebrate together! Join neighbours in Brockton and across Canada for an exciting staged fireworks display in augmented reality. Download the [snapd HUB app](#) to your mobile device to access our local virtual Canada Day program and view the fireworks to commemorate the holiday.



We will be striving to provide an amazing virtual experience for our community! Stay tuned for more details on our website Brockton.ca/CanadaDay and our social media.

Campfire Safety

As the summer quickly approaches and the fire ban has been lifted the Municipality of Brockton would like to remind our residents to be safe when having recreational campfires. Fires should be built on bare soil or on exposed rock. Remove leaves and twigs from around the fire to keep it from spreading. Always keep a bucket of water, sand, or even a shovel close by and supervise the fire at all times. A fire can spread quickly and should never be left unattended. Remember all recreational fires must comply with the [Municipality of Brockton Open Air Burn By-Law 2017-034](#). Have a safe and happy summer!

South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Boat Safety

The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is asking you to review these safety tips **before** you leave the dock:

- Life jackets. A proper sized life jacket is required for each person on board.
- Competent operator. It is a requirement to take a boating safety course and always carry your operator card with you.
- Check and monitor the Marine Weather Forecast. Conditions can change quickly particularly on larger bodies of water.
- Sail plan. Let someone know your planned route and estimated time of return. Time is of the essence in an emergency, it can make the difference between a rescue and a recovery.
- Safety Equipment. Required by law, requirements vary by type of vessel and size. Ensure you have the proper equipment on board each time you sail; it won't help you if it's left on the dock.
- Charts and compass. Be aware of local hazards, water levels, and tides and know where you are at all times.
- Fuel tank. 1/3 to go, 1/3 to return, 1/3 in reserve.
- Boat condition. Check the hull, hoses, lines, clamps and the battery. Regular maintenance reduces the risk of a break down on the water.
- Leave the beer on the pier. Boaters caught drinking and boating in Ontario face similar consequences to drinking and driving on dry land. This includes power boats, canoes, stand-up paddle boards, kayaks, sail boats and personal watercraft.

For more information on boating safety, check online at www.boatingsafety.gc.ca. Having the required safety equipment on board can make the difference between a rescue and a recovery. If you're going to be on the water please think safety first.

South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Motorcycle Safety

With warmer weather forecast for Southern Bruce County, the South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) expects to see motorcycle enthusiasts taking advantage. All drivers must share the roadway and drive courteously to avoid potentially dangerous incidents. The following tips are offered to help avoid collisions involving a motorcycle:

- Be sure that you are safe to proceed before doing so; check your mirrors and all around your car
- Over 1/3 of all crashes with motorcycles are intersection related. Slow down as you come to an intersection and look carefully for traffic, traffic control signals, cyclists, pedestrians.
- Be extra cautious when turning left in front of a motorcycle. It's difficult to judge their speed and the turn signal may unintentionally be on as some models don't shut off automatically.
- Watch for signs, such as shoulder checking or leaning, that indicate the rider is going to change lanes.
- A motorcycle is more difficult to see than other vehicles and its profile is smaller from most angles.
- Drivers can easily misjudge a motorcycle's speed or distance.
- Make sure you don't pull out in front of, or cut off, a motorcycle.
- Speed and other aggressive tactics such as tailgating can be more dangerous to the motorcyclist who has less protection on a smaller open vehicle.
- Give other drivers space to change lanes, avoid cutting them off, signal your turns and lane changes properly.

The South Bruce OPP asks you to watch for motorcycle riders, they have a much greater risk of serious injury if they become involved in a collision.



South Bruce O.P.P. Reminder to be Bear Wise as Warm Weather Arrives

The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reminding residents to take simple precautions this spring to prevent attracting black bears as they come out of hibernation. The hungry bears will be seeking sources of food that can include garbage or bird feed.

The potential for human-bear conflict increases when there is little natural food available for bears. If this happens, black bears will search for other food sources, such as garbage and bird feed, which can draw bears to populated areas.

Follow these instructions to minimize the chances of attracting bears:

- Store garbage in waste containers with tight-fitting lids.
- Put out garbage only on the morning of pickup.
- Put away bird feeders. Seed, suet and nectar attract bears.
- Pick fruits and berries as they ripen. Don't let them rot on the ground.
- Clean outdoor barbecue grills after each use, including the grease trap underneath. Bears will be drawn by smells from great distances, including grease and food residue on grills.
- Keep dogs on leash; sometimes bears will follow off-leash dogs back to you.

If a bear is posing an immediate threat to public safety by exhibiting threatening or aggressive behavior, call 911 or your local police. The police may request support from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to respond to emergency situations, on a case-by-case basis.

For non-emergencies, the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry operates the toll-free, 24/7 Bear Reporting Line (1-866-514-2327) and the [Bear Wise website](#) to provide the public with information and advice.

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