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

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Municipality of Brockton has announced financial measures to help ease the economic impact to taxpayers for the **May 29, 2020 tax bill**. The Municipality of Brockton 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.

COVID-19 Information

The Municipal Office, Brockton Parks and Recreation Office, and Brockton Child Care Centre continue to be closed until further notice due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We obtain updates from the County of Bruce, Grey Bruce Health Unit, Province of Ontario and other health agencies and provide new information to residents. The Municipality will continue to take all steps necessary to maintain essential services for our residents and businesses. Visit Brockton.ca/COVID19 for information for residents and Brockton.ca/BusinessRecovery for updated information about businesses, or call the municipal office at 519-881-2223.

Notice of Impending Lane Closures - Lobies Bridge Repairs

This notice is being issued to advise residents and local business owners of impending lane restrictions on Yonge Street North to facilitate repairs to Lobies Bridge, which spans the Saugeen River in the community of Walkerton.

It is anticipated that the lane restrictions will occur between June and November, 2020 and extend for a period of approximately 2 months. One lane will remain open for vehicle access at all times. Access to the Saugeen River Trail, which is located at the south end of the bridge, may be restricted during some components of the bridge work.

Pedestrian access over the bridge may be restricted during the first 5 weeks of the construction period, however the Municipality is investigating options to provide additional pedestrian options. This notice has been posted to our [Service Disruptions webpage](#) and included in our online [Road Closures Map](#). Signage will also be posted at Lobies Bridge.

For further information on this project, please contact the project engineers:

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Stay Home Shop Local Campaign

If you're keen on supporting local businesses during the coronavirus pandemic but not sure what's open or where to start, head to our Stay Home and Shop Local online guide, available at Brockton.ca/StayHomeShopLocal.

It lists over 80 Brockton businesses now offering home delivery, curbside pick-ups, gift certificates or mail order by phone or Internet. Please take advantage of this resource and buy local whenever possible.

These are the same businesses that support our service clubs, schools, sports teams and community activities in good times. Stand by them so they can be there for you when the pandemic ends.





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Smoke Alarms Are Even More Important Than Ever!

With many adults and kids at home in response to COVID-19, it is especially important to prevent fires. Statistics show that a significant amount of annual fire losses occur in May and this year that threat increases with people spending increased time at home. Top ignition sources causing fires in the home include careless cooking, smoking, and faulty heating equipment. Please remember the importance of installing working smoke and carbon monoxide alarms, and of the importance of home fire escape planning. It could save your life or the life of a loved one. Check and replace batteries regularly!

1. Cooking left unattended is a leading cause of home fire in Ontario. **Always** stay in the kitchen while cooking. If you must leave, turn off the stove. Keep anything that burns—oven mitts, cooking utensils, dish cloths, paper towels and pot holders a safe distance from the stove.
2. Smoking is the #1 cause of fatal home fires in Ontario. Use large deep ashtrays that cannot be knocked over. Empty ashes into a metal container—not the garbage can—and put it outside or encourage smokers to smoke outside. **Never** smoke in bed.
3. By Law you must have working smoke alarms on every floor and outside all sleeping areas in your home. You must have a carbon monoxide alarm outside all sleeping areas if you have an attached garage or burn any type of fuel to heat your home. **The purpose of these alarms is to wake you up in an emergency** so make sure you test your alarms regularly.
4. Prepare and **Practise** your fire escape plan! With the kids being home from school now is the perfect time to practise a fire drill. Ensure that everyone in your home knows what your home alarms sound like and what to do when they hear them. Ensure they leave the home when they hear the alarm and that everyone in the family goes to the assigned meeting place. Make sure that your plan includes family members who will need assistance to get out of the home in an emergency.

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Considering Some Watercourse Works, Draining or Grading on Your Property?

Please be sure to contact Saugeen Conservation if your proposal is located near rivers, shorelines, wetlands or valleys. If this is the case, you may be in a regulated area. Conservation staff will work with you to make sure your plans are in a safe location away from possible flooding or natural hazards. Remember that the Conservation’s primary concern is the safety of you and your property. Feel free to contact them for more information at 519-367-3040, or email planning@svca.on.ca



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