



## Brockton Buzz – November 2020 Newsletter

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### COVID-19 Updates

The Municipality of Brockton encourages residents to continue to follow public health guidelines by practicing physical distancing, wearing face coverings, sanitizing or washing hands, and following gathering restrictions throughout this COVID-19 pandemic. 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.



### Tax Installment Due Date – November 30, 2020

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 Municipal Act, 2001. Please allow 2 to 3 days for processing if you are paying through the online banking system of your financial institution. Visit [Brockton.ca/Taxes](https://Brockton.ca/Taxes) for more information.

### Leaf Collection – November 9, 2020

Leaf collection for Walkerton, Lake Rosalind, and Marl Lakes will be on **Monday, November 9, 2020**. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable kraft paper waste bags (plastic bags not accepted) and placed at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. for collection.



### Riversdale Bridge Closure

In order to complete the Riversdale Municipal Class Environmental Assessment, the Municipality of Brockton, along with GM BluePlan, wish to invite residents to learn more at a Public Information Center on Monday, November 9, 2020 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. via Zoom Video Conferencing. There will be a brief presentation followed by an opportunity to ask questions. Pre-registration by November 5, 2020 is required if a resident wishes to speak. You may register to participate (ask a question) in advance using the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/Bridge2-PIC> or call 519-881-2223 Ext. 140. Registered participants will receive an e-mail with further instructions and a link to join the Zoom meeting. The Public Information Centre Meeting will be recorded. Visit [Brockton.ca/RiversdaleBridge](https://Brockton.ca/RiversdaleBridge) for more information.

**Comments:** Written comments can also be submitted and will be received until November 23, 2020. This Notice of Project Initiation and Invitation to the Virtual Information Session is advertised in the Hanover Post and the Walkerton Herald-Times and is also posted on the Municipality's website, where additional information is provided.

### Greenock Bridge Structure No. 0006 Closure

The Greenock Bridge Structure No.0006 on Concession 8 will be closed as of Monday, November 16, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. Upon review of the bridge superstructure by the Municipality's Consulting Engineers, GM BluePlan, the bridge was found to have deteriorated quicker than anticipated. A further Load Evaluation was performed that required the closure of the bridge before winter. Brockton Council accepted the recommendation of GM BluePlan at their Tuesday, October 13, 2020 Municipal Council Meeting.

### McGivern Street Construction

McGivern Street in Walkerton continues to be under road construction from Yonge Street to the boundary of Brucelea Haven until Mid-November 2020. Construction will be completed in sections to allow access for residents, and visitors to Brucelea Haven and the South Bruce Grey Health Centre. The work being done includes updates to the road, sanitary sewer main, water main and the stormwater sewer infrastructure. McGivern Street will be open for local traffic and ambulance use only. A detour is in place for all other traffic. Visit [Brockton.ca/ServiceDisruptions](https://Brockton.ca/ServiceDisruptions) for more details.

### Durham Street Temporary Road Closure

The Walkerton BIA are hosting a downtown Walkerton Hometown Christmas Marketplace on November 13, 2020 and November 14, 2020 which will temporarily close Durham Street from Jackson Street to Victoria Street on November 13, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. If you have additional questions, please contact Walkerton BIA 519-881-3413.

### Durham Street Park Closure

Outdoor washrooms and seating areas at the Durham Street Park, located between Walker's Landing and Remax Land Exchange have been removed for the winter season. The park can be used for walkthrough access, but will be closed for the season as of November 15, 2020. If you have any questions, please call Brockton Parks and Recreation at 519-881-0625 or email [recreation@brockton.ca](mailto:recreation@brockton.ca)

### Brockton Parks and Recreation Seasonal Public Washroom Closures

The Brockton Parks and Recreation staff have been working hard to winterize the public washrooms within Walkerton's Parks and Trails. Outdoor washrooms will be closed by the end of this week with the exception of the portable washrooms at the Walkerton Community Centre. If you have any questions, please call Brockton Parks and Recreation at 519-881-0625 or email [recreation@brockton.ca](mailto:recreation@brockton.ca)



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### Fall/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](https://www.brockton.ca/LandfillSites).

### Winter Parking Restrictions

In accordance with Section 8 of the Municipality of Brockton's Consolidated Traffic and Parking By-Law 2020-052, no person shall park on any highway between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. inclusive during the months of November, December, January, February, March and April.

### Winter Fire Hydrant Access Reminder

Help our firefighters by clearing snow around fire hydrants to allow easier access in an emergency. Remove any ice and snow, clear a three foot perimeter around the hydrant, and clear a path from the hydrant to the street. By-Law 2019-118 also requires individuals to keep hydrants clear from obstructions, such that shrubs, trees, and hedges should be trimmed to allow free access to the hydrants.

### Build Your Brockton Community Engagement Website

The Municipality of Brockton reminds you to register to get involved on our community engagement website, [buildyourbrockton.ca](https://www.buildyourbrockton.ca)! This website invites feedback from the community on various projects such as 'What do you like best about Brockton?' and photo submissions! Register today and have your say!



### South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Pocket Your Keys Campaign

OPP #PocketYourKeys Auto Theft prevention tips to help reduce the number of stolen vehicles and protect you as the vehicle owner:

1. Never leave your keys in your vehicle.
2. Never leave your vehicle running when it's unoccupied.
3. Always lock your vehicle and park it in a well-lit area.
4. Treat your keys like cash – Don't leave keys in places where they are easy to steal such as a gym locker, on your desk at work, in an open purse or unattended in a shopping cart.
5. Never leave anything in your vehicle in plain view such as loose change, cell phones, cameras, clothing, gifts, cigarettes, medication, firearms or any other valuables.
6. Install a remote car starter - Remote starters are designed to shut off if anyone attempts to drive the vehicle without a key. This will allow you to warm up your car without risk of theft.

A stolen vehicle can be used to transport illicit drugs, transport stolen property or can potentially become involved in a serious traffic collision. It's not only about vehicle theft, it's about our responsibilities to community safety and well-being by taking some simple preventative measures to protect both property and people. Remember - theft is a crime of opportunity that you can help control so #PocketYourKeys

### Brockton News, Calendar Events, and Emergency Alerts

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### Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life. Although the COVID-19 pandemic puts restrictions on our usual lifestyle, the community is offering some altered events this month:

- **Walkerton Hometown Christmas Market – November 13 and 14, 2020**

The Walkerton Business Improvement Area (BIA) are hosting a Hometown Christmas Market on Friday, November 13, 2020 from 4:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 14, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in downtown Walkerton. Durham Street Park will be transformed into a marketplace setting featuring various businesses, and vendors offering a unique selection of items. Residents are also invited to stroll through downtown shops and take advantage of store hours and special promotions! Visit Walkerton BIA's Facebook page to learn more: <https://www.facebook.com/walkertonBIA>

- **Great Grey Bruce Virtual Garage Sale**

Fall has arrived and it is the perfect time to clean out your closets, garages and attics. For the entire month of October The Great Grey Bruce Virtual Garage Sale is your opportunity to turn your unwanted new or gently used items into a donation in support of the hospice palliative care provided at Chapman House! The effects of Covid-19 have hit our organization hard. One of the large unexpected expenses we are facing is the replacement of the soft furnishings in our shared spaces. The residential style furnishings need to be replaced with medical grade furniture which can withstand the necessary cleaning protocols. Help to raise funds needed for new furnishings with the Great Grey Bruce Virtual Garage Sale!

<https://www.greybrucehospice.com/the-great-grey-bruce-virtual-garage-sale>