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Now Available – Pre-Authorized Payment

The Municipality of Brockton has started to offer pre-authorized payments for all accounts receivable and tax accounts. You may opt to have your taxes withdrawn automatically either monthly, based on an estimated amount, or quarterly, based on your instalment amounts. Utilities, Dog Tags, Child Care and General Receivables are withdrawn on the last business day of the month and are based on your outstanding balance as of that date. Visit Brockton.ca/Payments for forms and additional information.

Tax Installment Due Dates – September 30, 2020 and 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 your financial institutions online banking system. Visit Brockton.ca/Taxes for more information.

Payment Options

You may use the following payment options to pay **all** municipal bills and invoices:

- In person at the Municipal Office via Debit, Cash, Cheque, or Post Dated Cheque
- Pre-Authorized Payment Withdrawals
- Online/Telephone Banking - Allow 2 to 3 days for processing and ensure your account information is updated

Account Type	# of Digits	Format
Property Taxes	19 Digits	41-04-000-000-00000-0000
Utilities (Water & Sewer)	14 Digits	30000000000000
Brockton Child Care Centre	14 Digits	00000000000000
Brockton General Invoices	14 Digits	00000000000000

*If we have not been set up at your financial institution as a payee please contact your branch and they will send the necessary documents to have us registered as a payee.

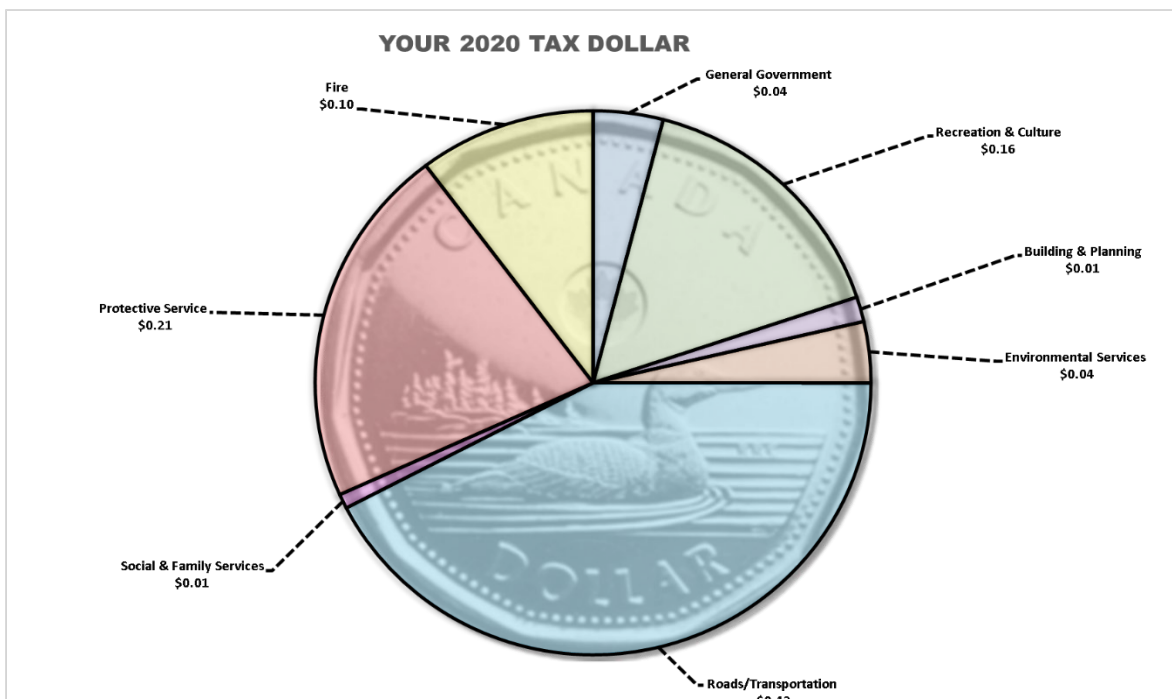
Address Changes

Please notify the tax department if you have any changes to your mailing address. This must be done in writing or by email taxes@brockton.ca. Your cooperation in keeping your tax records up to date ensures timely receipt of your tax and utility bills from our office.

2020 Municipal Budget

The 2020 budget contains \$16.987 million in operating expenditures and \$7.675 million in capital expenditures. After revenues and reserve fund transfers are applied, the Municipality must levy \$9,683,265; a 3.95% tax rate increase over 2019. This levy increase will assist the Municipality in maintaining current levels of service while planning for the future, including the increasing demands on our roads infrastructure.

Through the direction of Council, tax dollars are put into action to serve residents and help our community prosper. Have you ever wondered how each tax dollar is spent? The image below shows the 2020 budget broken down into different functions. As you will see, there is a lot more to the budget than just roads and bridges.





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Property Assessment

In 2016, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) mailed a Property Assessment Notice to every property owner in the province. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the next province-wide Assessment Update of all properties will take place in 2021. MPAC continues to review properties during non-assessment update years, residents may receive Amended Assessment Notices. These notices may have been issued for one of the following reasons:

- Change in property ownership, legal description, or school support
- Change to the property's value resulting from a Request for Reconsideration, an Assessment Review Board Decision, or ongoing property reviews
- Property value increases/decreases reflecting a change to the property; for example, a new structure, addition, or removal of an old structure
- Change in the classification or tax liability of the property

If you have questions about your property assessment visit aboutmyproperty.ca or contact MPAC Customer Care Centre at 1-866-296-6722.

Bruce Road 4 Construction to Sideroad 20 Walkerton

The County of Bruce Transportation and Environmental Services Department is completing surface rehabilitation on Bruce Road 4 from 850m west of Sideroad 20 to Sideroad 20 at the east end of Walkerton. The work should be completed by late September 2020. One lane will remain open to traffic at all times however traffic delays are expected. The Department apologizes for any inconvenience this road work may cause. This notice has been posted on the Municipality of Brockton's website Brockton.ca/ServiceDisruptions and our [Interactive Map](#). For further information, please contact the Transportation and Environmental Services Department: Nicholas Schnurr, Engineering Technologist, 30 Park Street, P.O. Box 398 Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0 or email nschnurr@brucecounty.on.ca or call 1-519-881-2400.

Brockton Parks and Recreation

Brockton Parks and Recreation Department is working with various organizations on Return to Play plans. Please visit our website Brockton.ca for the most current information available for programs and facility information.

Congratulations to the **August CDCF Cash Calendar Winners**: August 1 – Amanda Whytock, August 3 – Dan Davey, August 6 – Ben and Laurel Abell, August 8 – Jim and Brenda Galbraith, August 13 – Katrina Day, August 15 – Clayton Lee, August 20 – Francis Hundt, August 22 – Agnes Hallahan, August 27 – Bill Lorentz Sr., and August 29 – Shirley Thompson.

Cottage Fire Safety

With the province moving towards opening back up many people are heading to the cottage or trailer to enjoy the warm weather. Here are some items to keep in mind this year regarding fire safety at your home away from home.

- 1) Just like your home, your cottage, cabin or trailer must have a working smoke alarm on every storey and outside sleeping areas. Smoke alarms are needed to give you and your family early warning to exit the cottage in an emergency. Be sure to pack a smoke alarm with fresh batteries before heading out. Remember to check the date on your alarms and replace the alarm if it is more than 10 years old.
- 2) Ensure the entrance to the property has a clearly visible sign indicating the property number.
- 3) Many cottages or cabins are heated by wood stoves. Ensure your chimneys are cleaned and inspected annually. Remember to allow ashes from your wood stove or fireplace to cool before emptying them into a metal container with a tight fitting lid. Store your ashes container outside, away from the cottage or any sheds.
- 4) Check with the local municipal office or the Ministry of Natural Resources for burning restrictions or bylaws. Be sure to know when your area is under fire ban and how those restrictions apply to recreational fires.

South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Reporting Reminder

Brockton residents are reminded to notify the O.P.P. if they notice suspicious behaviour, or wish to report an incident or crime. If residents witness damage, vandalism, or mischief while occurring, please call 911 to notify the O.P.P. If residents wish to notify the O.P.P. of an incident that has already occurred, they can call the O.P.P. non-emergency number at 1-888-310-1122. The O.P.P. also have an online reporting tool available on their website www.opp.ca which allows residents to report minor occurrences such as theft, mischief to property, lost property and driving complaints that occur in areas policed by the O.P.P.



Come home to community

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Community Events:

- Victoria Jubilee Hall presents Songs by the Gazebo on Sunday, September 13, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Come together for a free outdoor concert by local musicians:
 - Byron and Maria Ballagh
 - The Dan Fogelberg Crisis
 - P.J. Mack and Debbie Davidson
 - The Fender Benders

For everyone's safety please wear a mask and practise physical distancing. Scott Street will be temporarily closed for the event. The event will be capped at a maximum of 100 people. Bring your own lawn chair. Contact Victoria Jubilee Hall at 519-881-2826 or email **Victoria Jubilee Hall** for more information.

Temporary Road Closure: Scott Street from Peter Street to Jackson Street in Walkerton will be temporarily closed on Sunday, September 13, 2020 from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 p.m. for this event. View the closure on our **Service Disruptions webpage** and our **Interactive Map**.