



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – January 2021 Issue

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COVID- 19 Updates

On December 21, 2020, the Province of Ontario announced that Ontario would enter into a Provincial-wide lockdown effective 12:01 a.m. on December 26, 2020 for a period of 28 days. The Municipality of Brockton continues to prioritize the health and well-being of residents and businesses by following advice from the Grey Bruce Health Unit and Provincial Government. **As a result of the lockdown, the Municipal Office is closed to the public until January 25, 2021.** The Drop-Off Box will be available for residents to drop off documentation and payments, which is checked regularly by staff. Residents can contact staff by phone at 519-881-2223, email, or mail. The Municipality is providing alternate methods of service during the lockdown. Please review our [December 21, 2020 Information Bulletin](#) for full details.



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.

Mayor's Message: Looking Back on 2020 Video

2020 was an extraordinary year as we rose to the challenges of COVID-19 and pulled together as a community. Despite the pandemic, we accomplished much in Brockton and have much to celebrate, including:

- 10 new businesses opening in Walkerton, and others celebrating anniversary milestones
- Expansion of the Brockton Child Care Centre
- Opening of the Durham Street Park in downtown Walkerton
- A successful new event, the Hometown Christmas Market
- Close to 200 building permits approved, for 70 new homes.
- Five housing developments under construction, representing about 300 new units to help meet the growing demand.
- A record number of Walkerton Dollars issued by the Walkerton BIA (over \$100,000), which will support local businesses
- The long-term lease of the former Energizer plant
- Continued growth in the East Ridge Business Park
- The arrival of high-speed Internet to rural Brockton
- Partial removal of the Truax Dam
- Launch of the Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Fund, which will assist local students pursuing careers in environmental studies and clean water management.
- Natural gas: now more than just a pipedream, as we await word from the Ontario Energy Board on applications to make it available in Brockton.



View the [Mayor's Message of December 2020 Video](#) to hear more about these achievements.

2021 Council Meetings

The dates for the Brockton Council 2021 Meetings have been posted to our website Brockton.ca/Council and our [Community Calendar](#). Council meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted), and will be held electronically until April 2021, and residents will be notified as to the location of the meetings once 2021 Budget Deliberations are complete.

Tuesday, January 12, 2021,

Tuesday, January 19, 2021 (Budget Meeting) 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 20, 2021 (Budget Meeting) 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

Tuesday, February 9, 2021 (Budget Meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.) Tuesday, March 9, 2021

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

Tuesday, April 13, 2021

Tuesday, April 27, 2021

Tuesday, May 11, 2021

Tuesday, May 25, 2021

Tuesday, June 8, 2021

Tuesday, June 22, 2021

Tuesday, July 13, 2021

Tuesday, August 10, 2021

Tuesday, August 24, 2021

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

Tuesday, September 28, 2021

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

Tuesday, November 9, 2021

Tuesday, November 23, 2021

Tuesday, December 14, 2021



2021 Budget Meetings

The Council of the Municipality of Brockton will hold meetings to discuss the 2021 Municipal Budget on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 and Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 9:00 a.m., and Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. The meetings will be held electronically on Zoom Video Conferencing and will be livestreamed to the Municipality's YouTube Channel. For more information on the 2021 Budget please visit our [Budget Consultation 2021 project on our Community Engagement Website, Build Your Brockton](#). The dates for the Public Meetings to consider the 2021 Municipal Budget have been posted to our website [Brockton.ca/Council](#) and our [Community Calendar](#).

Budget Consultation 2021 Project

The Municipality of Brockton would like to consult and engage with residents and business owners about the 2021 budget. We encourage you to visit our [Budget Consultation 2021 project](#) on our Community Engagement Website [BuildYourBrockton.ca](#) and fill out our [Budget Survey](#) to provide your feedback on the 2021 Municipal Budget.

Visit [Brockton.ca/Budget](#) for more information on the Municipality's budget.

Animal Control – Dog Tags

The Municipality of Brockton will be mailing dog tag invoices in January 2021. 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.

2021 Dog Tag Fees

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| \$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 and Greenock Landfill Temporary Closure

From November 1 to March 31, the Brant Landfill is 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 is temporarily closed until further notice. Residents are encouraged to continue using curbside collection, and are also able to use the Brant Landfill during the closure. **Residents are reminded to wear a face covering and maintain physical distancing when attending the Landfills.** A limit of 10 vehicles at a time remains in effect for the Brant Landfill. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Curbside collection is still encouraged. For more information please visit [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.

Brockton Parks and Recreation

The Recreation Office at the Walkerton Community Centre is closed to the public until further notice, with the exception of drop-offs for well water samples. Well-water samples can be dropped off at the Walkerton Community Centre between the hours of 8:30-4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. Recreation Department inquiries can still be made by telephone 519-881-0625 or email recreation@brockton.ca. All facility rentals, recreational and leisure programs, including private bookings have been postponed until further notice. The Elmwood Community Centre, Cargill and District Community Centre and Bradley School House Community Centre are closed to the public until further notice.



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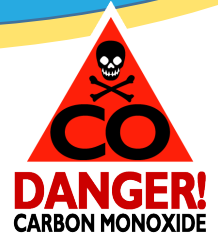
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Facts about Carbon Monoxide (The Silent Killer)

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)