



## Brockton Buzz Newsletter – July 2021 Issue

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### COVID- 19 Updates

The Province of Ontario has developed a **Reopening Ontario Roadmap** to safely and cautiously reopen the province and gradually lift public health measures based on the provincewide vaccination rate and improvements in key public health and health care indicators. The Province of Ontario will enter **Step 3** of the Reopening Roadmap on **July 16, 2021**. Step 3 focuses on the resumption of additional indoor services with larger numbers of people and restrictions in place. Public health and workplace safety measures, and Orders under the *Reopening Ontario Act* still remain in effect.



The Municipal Office has reopened to the public resuming regular hours of operation on Mondays to Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Although the office will be reopened to the public, appointments are still encouraged to ensure timely service due to restrictions on the number of patrons permitted in the office at one time. The following restrictions are in effect:

- No more than **two (2) persons** are allowed in the Municipal Office at one time, and must maintain a **physical distance** of 2 metres/6 feet.
- Residents must wear a **face covering** when entering the Municipal Office.
- Residents must use **hand sanitizer** when entering and exiting the Municipal Office.

Visit our [COVID-19 Updates page](#) for information on the Municipality's response to the pandemic. 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.

### To stay safe and reduce transmission of COVID-19 follow these basics:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Watch your distance (ideally 2 m)
- Wear your face covering correctly
- Avoid Crowds
- Arrange for outdoor activities instead of indoors whenever possible

**Residents should also limit close contact to only those individuals in their household.**

### Supplementary or Omitted Tax Bills

A supplementary or omitted tax bill is a bill issued by the Municipality of Brockton and reflects any additions or improvements made to a property. Owners of new construction, residential or commercial, will receive a land only tax bill until such time as the value of the construction/addition is determined by MPAC. Following assessment, the supplementary tax bill will be issued and is effective from the date of completion.

It can take time for a property to be assessed. Supplementary billings can occur anytime during the year and taxes for the entire waiting period could be billed all within the same year and come due at the same time. For this reason, you are encouraged to start setting aside funds immediately following your construction for the future supplementary tax bills.

Supplemental and Omitted Tax Bills were issued to several Brockton residents in May 2021 with due dates of June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Tax Collector at 519-881-2223 Ext. 123.

### Traffic and Parking By-Law Enforcement Reminder

As many Brockton businesses are now able to offer in-person shopping, and/or option of curbside pickup under Step 1 and 2 of the Reopening Roadmap, our main street in Walkerton has seen an increase in traffic. We continue to encourage residents to shop local supporting all businesses in Brockton and visit downtown Walkerton. To help assist our businesses located in downtown Walkerton with the increase traffic and parking we are seeing, we encourage those parking downtown Walkerton to be respectful and mindful of the Municipality of Brockton Traffic and Parking By-Law. Individuals are only permitted to park as per official signage for a maximum of two (2) hours in designated parking spots. The Municipality encourages compliance with all official signage, and suggest parking in alternative locations (designated parking spots behind businesses, and/or Municipal parking lots) to allow for additional spaces to be available for the many patrons visiting and supporting businesses located in downtown Walkerton.

The Municipality of Brockton's By-Law Enforcement Officer will be conducting inspections in downtown Walkerton, ensuring that vehicles are complying with the Consolidated Traffic and Parking By-Law 2020-052.

We thank you for your cooperation, understanding and continued support of all businesses in Brockton.



## Service Disruptions and Road/Bridge Constructions:

Learn more about each of these projects on our [Service Disruptions page](#), including the [interactive map](#).

### Chepstow Road Concession 6 Culvert Replacement

Chepstow Road (Concession 6) is temporarily closed to traffic throughout the summer for culvert replacement. A detour is located along Concession 4.

### Concession 8 D.S. Weis Memorial Bridge Rehabilitation

Concession Road 8 D.S. Weis Memorial Bridge located between Sideroad 10 and Bruce County Road 3 is completely closed temporarily from June 21, 2021 **until at least late August 2021** for bridge repairs. A detour along Concession Road 10 remains in effect. During the lane and bridge closures, access will be maintained to all private properties located within the project limits, and to the Saugeen River Access (although parking capacity will be reduced).

### George Street, Walkerton Reconstruction

George Street between Durham Street and Orange Street in Walkerton is temporarily closed for reconstruction until September 2021. George Street is closed to through traffic for the duration of the project. No on-street or boulevard parking is permitted within the construction zone for the duration of the project. Parking is permitted on adjacent streets. Access to driveways may at times be restricted and not always available depending on the construction activity.

### Queen Street, Elmwood Reconstruction

DST is retained by Cedarwell Excavating Ltd. (Contractor) through the Municipality of Brockton to carry out a Pre-Construction Condition Survey of the buildings in the vicinity of the project, before **road construction activities commence in mid-July 2021**. The building survey is completely voluntary and at no cost to residents. View the [Notice of Pre-Construction Condition Survey](#) to learn more about the survey process. To Book an Appointment please contact Cara of DST by phone at 1-877-300-4800 ext. 278 or email [waterloo@dstgroup.com](mailto:waterloo@dstgroup.com) noting project 'Brockton, Elmwood'. **Appointments will be available from July 5 to July 16, 2021.**

### Durham Street, Walkerton Temporary Road Closure

Durham Street between Victoria Street and Jackson Street in Walkerton will be temporarily closed on Friday, July 16, 2021 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the Walkerton BIA's Business Reopening event. A detour is available along Scott Street from Jackson Street to McNab Street.

### Bruce Road 3 Road Repairs

Bruce County Transportation and Environmental Services have temporarily closed Bruce Road 3 (150m North of Cargill Road to 200m South of Chepstow Road (Dunkeld)) from June 7, 2021 until July 31, 2021 for culvert replacements and paving. The road is now single lane entry, and traffic control persons are on site to direct traffic.

### Bruce Road 4 Road Repairs

Bruce County Transportation and Environmental Services are conducting surface rehabilitation road repairs on Bruce Road 4, from Sideroad 20 to 150 metres west of Ontario Road at the east end of Walkerton, from June 2021 to August 2021. One lane remains open to traffic at all times, however traffic delays are expected. Signage is in place. Please take it slow in construction zones. Reduce your speed, pay attention, obey signs, watch for workers, and be prepared to stop and follow directions given by traffic control persons. Road maintenance crews are your family, neighbours, and friends. They make our roads safe. Pay attention and slow down.

## Brockton Strategic Action Plan 2025

The Municipality of Brockton is creating a new action plan that will solidify the Municipality's goals for the next five years and ensure projects are in line with the community's priorities.



Consultations have occurred through surveys and a number of focus groups will now review the long list of action items received as part of the consultation process. The action plan will build on the framework outlined in Brockton's strategic plan, Building a Better Brockton, yet will be updated to reflect our changing economy and local priorities.

The new action plan will translate the broad community goals and strategies from the 2013 plan into specific initiatives for the next four or five years. It will consider changes the community is experiencing, from COVID-19 and labour force challenges, to a robust housing market, aging population and opportunities to draw newcomers from urban areas to a welcoming community such as ours.

Recommendations from the input received and focus groups will be presented to Council for final consideration. Council is expected to adopt the 2021-2025 Action Plan by mid-summer.

Our online community portal, Build Your Brockton, will give the public an opportunity to contribute to the new action plan. Visit [buildyourbrockton.ca/strategic-action-plan](https://buildyourbrockton.ca/strategic-action-plan) to learn more.



## Spring Landfill Hours and Greenock Landfill Update

The Brant Landfill is open on Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **The Greenock Landfill reopened to the public on July 10, 2021.** All residents are encouraged to continue to use curbside pickup services. **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 and Greenock Landfills. For more information please visit [Brockton.ca/LandfillSites](https://Brockton.ca/LandfillSites).

## 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

The County of Bruce have released their 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule. The Hazardous Waste Schedule has been posted to our website [Brockton.ca/HazardousWaste](https://Brockton.ca/HazardousWaste) and the local dates have been added to our [Waste Calendar](#).

Sites	Location	Date	Time
Walkerton	Bruce County Highways Garage - 94 County Road 2	August 28	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

## Brockton's Community Engagement Website

The Municipality of Brockton reminds you to register to get involved on our community engagement website, [buildyourbrockton.ca](https://buildyourbrockton.ca)! This community engagement website invites feedback from the community on various projects such as Coping with COVID, Be Active Brockton, Strategic Action Plan 2025, What do you like best about Brockton?, 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 Department Activities:

There are still available spots for select Swimming Lessons at the Walkerton Centennial Pool and Day Camps! Contact Brockton Parks and Recreation at 519-881-0625 to register or obtain more information. Public Swims are available but pre-registration is required. For scheduling and admissions visit [Brockton.ca/Swimming](https://Brockton.ca/Swimming).

The Walkerton Kinsmen Splash Pad is open daily from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Only 10 people are allowed in the Splash Pad at one time. Residents are able to access the Splash Pad for 30 minutes during busy or peak times. Staff are on duty to supervise and clean the equipment and washrooms for everyone's safety.

The Brockton Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park and all Brockton ball diamonds are now open. The Walkerton Central Park (Tot Lot) frog pond and washrooms are also now open.

Community Centres will open once the Province enters Step 3 of the Reopening Roadmap.

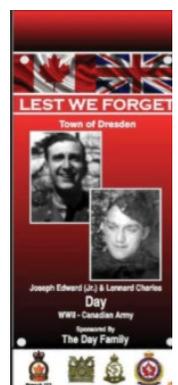
The Municipality is offering visitor services from the new campground office in Lobies Park, providing maps, guides, and up to date information about COVID-19 regulations and safe activities for residents and visitors alike. The campground is almost fully booked for the summer, with sites spaced double the usual distance apart. If your business has brochures, coupons or take-out menus that you would like to make available to campers and other visitors, please let us know.

## Natural Gas is Coming to Brockton

Natural gas connections are coming to over 500 businesses and homes in rural Brockton over the next few years, through a \$20.3-million project by EPCOR Ontario Utilities Inc. approved recently by the provincial government. Work is expected to begin in 2022. Learn more on our [Capital Projects page](#)!

## Walkerton Legion Remembrance Day Banners

The Royal Canadian Legion Branch 102 (Walkerton) are creating a Veteran Banner program this year, which was further supported by the Municipality of Brockton. The banners will be displayed on poles in downtown Walkerton before Thanksgiving and will be taken down after Remembrance Day. If your family wishes to sponsor a banner, please contact Rick Clayfield of the Walkerton Legion by phone at 519-367-3601 or [email](#) for additional information. Details must be finalized in August in order to meet timelines for installation.



## Walkerton Business Improvement Area Business Reopening Event

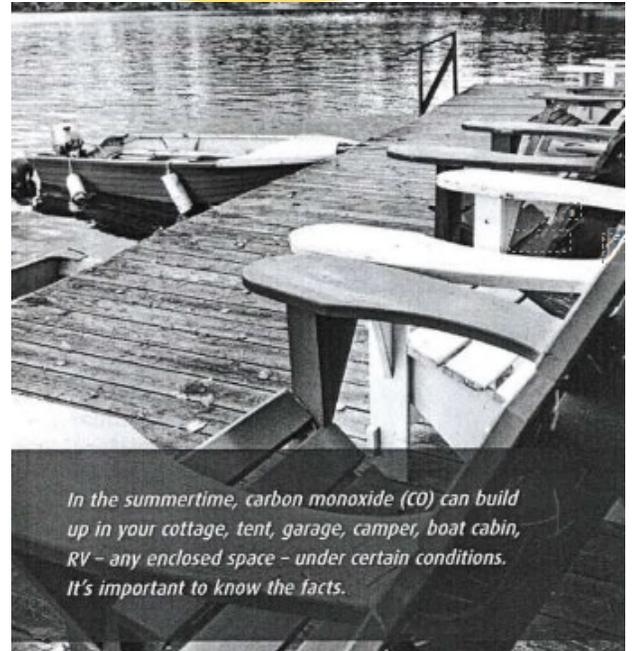
Head to downtown Walkerton on Friday, July 16, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. to join in our re-opening celebration! Durham Street will be closed to traffic from Victoria to Jackson Street so you can participate in sidewalk sales, enjoy lunch, and cast a ballot for your chance to win Walkerton Dollars. This event is brought to you by the Walkerton BIA, with support from the Municipality of Brockton. Save the date and we'll see you there!



## Fire Department: Carbon Monoxide Safety

To keep your home safe from CO hazards, follow these four steps:

1. **Be aware of the hazard.** Carbon monoxide (CO) is an invisible, odourless and poisonous gas produced by common household appliances such as your furnace, fireplace, gas stove, propane heater, kerosene lantern or any other fuel-burning equipment.
2. **Eliminate CO at the source.** Get your home's fuel-burning appliances and equipment inspected by a certified technician who works for a TSSA-registered heating contractor. To find a TSSA-registered contractor in your area, visit [COSafety.ca](http://COSafety.ca).
3. **Install certified CO alarms.** They will warn you of rising CO levels, giving you time to take potentially life-saving action. For proper installation locations, follow manufacturer's instructions or ask your local fire department.
4. **Know the symptoms of CO poisoning.** They are similar to the flu - nausea, headache, burning eyes, confusion and drowsiness - except there is no fever. If they appear, immediately get everyone, including pets, outside to fresh air and call 911 and/or your local fire department.



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

Visit [Brockton.ca/Subscribe](http://Brockton.ca/Subscribe) to sign up and receive Brockton News, Calendar Events, and Emergency Alerts sent directly to your email.



We also encourage residents to follow us on social media for regular updates!

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 Twitter – [Mun\\_Brockton](https://twitter.com/Mun_Brockton)

 LinkedIn – [Municipality of Brockton](https://www.linkedin.com/company/municipality-of-brockton)

 YouTube – [Municipality of Brockton](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

## 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](http://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.

## South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Fraud Prevention

The South Bruce OPP takes part in Fraud Prevention month in March. This campaign is a good opportunity to raise awareness on fraud and provide some fraud prevention tips, although fraud can occur year-round. From March 31, 2021 to June 29, 2021, South Bruce OPP received 36 reports of fraud. In 16 of these reported cases, money or personal information was shared with a con artist. With this in mind, we are sharing some tips to help you avoid becoming a victim of fraud:

- Cons and scams are attempted daily by phone, social media, email, text, fax, mail or door to door.
- Understand that con artists are real and that we are all potential targets.
- Tech-savvy scammers use technology to create very convincing schemes to trick you into sending them money.
- They will often use the name of an established company, pretend to be someone you know or even impersonate a branch of the government.
- Remember that you can't win a contest that you didn't enter in the first place.
- If something seems too good to be true, it most likely is.
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- Fraud is going to continue as long as the scammers make money.
- Your best defense is to verify an unsolicited contact. Unsolicited means that you didn't ask for it.





## South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Fraud Prevention (Continued)

- Be very cautious with wire transfer requests, overpayment offers, spelling mistakes and requests for personal and/or banking information.

Anyone interested in more information on fraud can contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1 888 495 8501 or visit their [Anti-Fraud Centre website](#). We can beat Fraud by working together. **Recognize, Reject, Report Fraud.**

## South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Bicycle Safety Tips

The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is offering the following tips to help prevent crashes involving bicycle riders:

- **Stay alert.** Cyclists must follow the rules of the road and always watch out for vehicles; assume that drivers don't see you. Motorists need to recognize that bikes are smaller, lighter and more maneuverable. Slow down and give yourself time to react to a cyclist.
- **Buckle the helmet.** Riders under 18 years are required to wear a properly fit, CSA approved bike helmet. Safe Kids Canada estimates a bike helmet reduces the risk of serious head injury by 85%.
- **Ride during daylight.** Biking at night is not recommended. The safest way to get your bike home after dark is to walk it. If you have to bike at night, install a light, reflectors on the bike and wear reflective clothing.
- **Ride with traffic.** Cyclists should travel as far to the right as possible in the same direction as traffic. Always ride single file, use appropriate hand signals to indicate turns and don't carry passengers if you don't have extra seats.
- **Regular maintenance.** Monitor brakes, tire pressure, chain, gear selector, derailleur, seat height and handle bar height. Especially before the first ride after winter. A bike that's too big, too small or in bad repair isn't safe.
- **Sound device.** All bikes must have a sound signaling device like a horn or a bell for safety. Ride with both hands on the handlebars unless signaling a turn or a problem.
- **One Meter Passing Law.** Drivers are required to leave a minimum of 1 metre distance when overtaking a cyclist.

For more information on bicycle safety, you can visit the [Ministry of Transportation's website](#).

Riding a bike is a fun activity that gives you a chance to exercise and travel without polluting the environment. When riding on a hot day consider sunglasses, sunscreen and carry some water. When you feel thirsty, you've already lost too much water. Stay alert, stay safe and enjoy your bike ride.

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## Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life. Please remember to follow all public health measures if participating in community events to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- **Elmwood Chamber of Commerce Take-Out Roast Beef Dinner**  
The Elmwood Chamber of Commerce are hosting a Take-Out Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, July 17, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Pickup at the Elmwood Community Centre. Tickets are \$20.00 per Adult, \$14.00 for Children ages 6-12, and free for Children ages 5 and under. Please pre-order by calling or texting 519-901-0600.
- **Walkerton Knights of Columbus Drive-Thru Take-Out Breakfast**  
The Walkerton Knights of Columbus are hosting a Drive-Thru Take-Out Breakfast on Sunday, July 25, 2021 at the K of C Hall on Highway 9. Pickup times are available from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 each and available at Holst Office Supplies, Brown's Guardian Pharmacy, or by calling Len at 510-881-3456 or Wayne at 519-881-3342.
- **Elmwood Chamber of Commerce Take-Out Wing Night**  
The Elmwood Chamber of Commerce are hosting a Take-Out Wing Night on Friday, July 30, 2021 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Elmwood Community Centre. Wings and Fries are available for take-out. Walk-up orders are welcome, or pre-order is available by texting or calling 519-901-0600 by July 29, 2021. Wings - \$1.25 per wing, Regular Fries - \$4.00, Family Fries - \$8.00, Sauces served on the side: Honey garlic, Sweet chili, BBQ, or Sweet and sour.
- **Visit our Local Ontario Produce Markets**  
Brockton is fortunate to have three local produce markets in our community. We encourage you to support each of our markets and enjoy fresh Ontario grown produce!

**Cormack Corner Market** - Fresh local fruit and vegetables, cut flowers, outdoor plants and home preserves are available outside of the Walkerton Library located at 249 Durham Street, Walkerton this summer on Thursdays and Fridays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Granny's Garden Produce** - A vegetable produce stand is available at the driveway of 1107 Concession 8 Brant Township. Contact 519-366-2343 for information. **\*Please Note:** Due to the D.S. Weis Bridge Reconstruction, access to the garden is available via County Road 3 but there is no through access due to the temporary road closure.

**Voisin's Family Produce** - Fresh fruit and vegetables are available this summer at the Walkerton Community Centre Parking Lot Mondays from 12:00 to 5:00 p.m. and Fridays 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.