



Brockton's Community Engagement Website

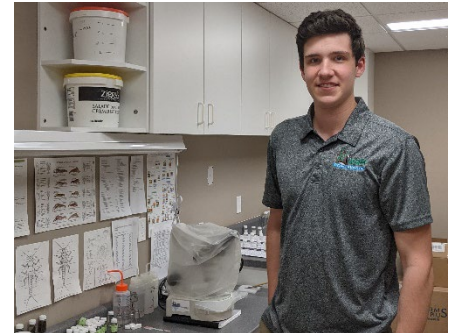
The Municipality of Brockton reminds you to register to get involved on our community engagement website, buildyourbrockton.ca! This community engagement website invites feedback from the community on various projects such as Coping with COVID, Be Active Brockton, Strategic Action Plan 2025, What do 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 Names First Recipient of Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award

The Municipality of Brockton is pleased to announce the first winner of the Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award, Connor Maxwell of Durham, ON., who will receive \$1,000 towards his studies in environmental engineering at the University of Guelph.

Connor graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Walkerton, earning the environmental high skills major distinction. He's competed nationally in several Canada-wide science fairs, winning medals for his research in water resources. This summer, he'll be working for the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority in water resources management.



The award panel, which included Walkerton Clean Water Centre CEO Carl Kuhnke, Brockton Councillor Tim Elphick and municipal staff, was impressed with Connor's deep interest in water and environmental issues, and involvement with them from a young age.

Connor lives on the Rocky Saugeen River with his family in Durham and is entering his second year of studies in environmental engineering, learning design skills to minimize and prevent the impact of human activities on water, soil and air systems. "I am very grateful to get this award. Every bit helps," he said.

The Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Fund was established last May, on the 20th anniversary of the Walkerton e-coli water tragedy, and honours those who suffered, while supporting the next generation of students embracing environmental stewardship and the protection of clean water. It is managed by Community Foundation Grey Bruce, a registered charity.

Fund donors include the Walkerton Clean Water Centre, Walkerton Rotary Club, Veolia Water Canada, Councillor Dan Gieruszak and his wife Elizabeth, and Gary and Peggy Munro. The Municipality of Brockton is also a contributor.

"We are delighted that this award has generated great interest from donors and applicants," said Community Foundation Grey Bruce CEO Stuart Reid. "Congratulations, Connor Maxwell."

Brockton Mayor Chris Peabody echoed his comments and thanked the many students who applied.

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Show Your Support for Our Local Businesses!

Restaurants, retailers and service providers in Brockton need your support now more than ever before! As of June 11, 2021 local Brockton businesses can reopen under Step 1 of the Reopening Roadmap, including:

- Essential retail at 25% capacity and discount and big box stores can sell all goods
- Non-essential retail at 15% capacity and can sell all goods
- Outdoor dining up to four (4) people per table
- Overnight camping at campgrounds and campsites, including Ontario Parks

The Municipality recognizes the resilience of our local business owners, and thanks everyone for continuing to be patient and persevere through this next phase of the pandemic. Show your support through some of the following ways:

- Book an appointment at your favourite salon or spa, if they are able to take advance bookings, or buy a gift certificate for a friend or family member to enjoy later
- Order takeout from one of our many restaurants, then post a review on their Facebook page, Trip Advisor, Yelp or elsewhere. This support makes a difference!
- Follow your favourite retailers on social media and purchase items online, where possible. Some can arrange private appointments; all will bend over backwards to accommodate you.
- Spend your Walkerton dollars! While you may prefer to keep them for a “rainy day,” we guarantee Walkerton business owners will appreciate them now.



Think local, love local, shop local, and be thankful we have local stores to shop at!

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 Instagram – [municipalitybrockton](https://www.instagram.com/municipalitybrockton)

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South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment - Share the Road with Farm Equipment

An increasing number of farmers are operating from more than one site, which increases the amount of time that farm vehicles are on the road. The number of licenced drivers is also increasing each year which means there are more vehicles on the road. The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to offer motorists some safety tips on sharing the road with farm equipment:

- Recognize slow moving vehicles by the orange triangle and use caution.
- Realize that farm vehicles travel around 35 km/h. Slow down when you see farm equipment on the road and be prepared to stop.
- Watch for left turns. Not all farm vehicles have turn signals – watch for farmer’s signaling a turn using the same hand signals as a bicycle rider.
- Be aware that farmers with long or broad equipment sometimes need to make a wide turn. If a tractor swings right, be careful, it may be starting a left turn.
- The farmer may be unable to pull off the road due to equipment weight or shoulder issues. Wait for a safe opportunity to pass.



South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment - Share the Road with Farm Equipment (Continued)

- Leave a wide berth when passing. Some farm equipment takes up more than one lane and some pieces of equipment have pieces protruding that can be hard to see.
- When finished passing, don't stop or slow down in front of the farm vehicle. Large equipment can't brake as quickly as a car.

Be courteous with farm vehicle operators; treat them as you would any other vehicle driver on the road.

South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment - Boat Safety

If you're going to be on the water think safety first! The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is asking you to review these safety tips before you leave the dock:

- Life jackets. A proper sized life jacket is required for each person on board.
- Competent operator. It is a requirement to take a boating safety course and always carry your operator card with you.
- Check and monitor the Marine Weather Forecast. Conditions can change quickly particularly on larger bodies of water.
- Sail plan. Let someone know your planned route and estimated time of return. Time is of the essence in an emergency, it can make the difference between a rescue and a recovery.
- Safety Equipment. Required by law, requirements vary by type of vessel and size. Ensure you have the proper equipment on board each time you sail; it won't help you if it's left on the dock.
- Charts and compass. Be aware of local hazards, water levels, tides and know where you are at all times.
- Fuel tank. 1/3 to go, 1/3 to return, 1/3 in reserve.
- Boat condition. Check the hull, hoses, lines, clamps and the battery. Regular maintenance reduces the risk of a break down on the water.
- Leave the beer on the pier. Boaters caught drinking and boating in Ontario face similar consequences to drinking and driving on dry land. This includes power boats, canoes, stand-up paddle boards, kayaks, sail boats and personal watercraft.
- Paddleboards are considered watercraft under the Canada Shipping Act. A personal floatation device (PFD) or life jacket, sound signaling device and a light are required by regulation.
- Ensure your life jackets and all safety equipment is readily accessible. Not locked in cabinets or otherwise stowed away. When you need emergency equipment, you need it quickly.
- For more information on boating safety, check online at www.boatingsafety.gc.ca.

Having the required safety equipment on board can make the difference between a rescue and a recovery. If you're going to be on the water please think safety first.

South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment - Motorcycle Safety Tips

The warm weather is here and the South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) expects to see motorcycle enthusiasts taking advantage. All drivers must share the roadway and drive courteously to avoid potentially dangerous incidents. The following tips are offered to help avoid colliding with a motorcycle:

- Be sure that you are safe to proceed before doing so; check your mirrors and all around your car
- Over 1/3 of all crashes with motorcycles are intersection related. Slow down as you come to an intersection and look carefully for traffic, traffic control signals, cyclists, pedestrians.
- Be extra cautious when turning left in front of a motorcycle. It's difficult to judge their speed and the turn signal may unintentionally be on as some models don't shut off automatically.
- Watch for signs, such as shoulder checking or leaning, that indicate the rider is going to change lanes.
- A motorcycle is more difficult to see than other vehicles and its profile is smaller from most angles.
- Drivers can easily misjudge a motorcycle's speed or distance.
- Make sure you don't pull out in front of, or cut off, a motorcycle.
- Speed and other aggressive tactics such as tailgating can be more dangerous to the motorcyclist who has less protection on a smaller open vehicle.
- Give other drivers space to change lanes, avoid cutting them off, signal your turns and lane changes properly.

