



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – September 2021 Issue

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COVID- 19 Updates



The Province of Ontario remains in Step 3 of the **Reopening Ontario Roadmap**.

As of September 22, 2021, Ontarians will need to be fully vaccinated and provide their **proof of vaccination** along with photo ID to access certain public settings and facilities. This approach focuses on higher-risk indoor public settings where face coverings cannot always be worn and includes:

- Restaurants and bars (excluding outdoor patios, as well as delivery and takeout);
- Nightclubs (including outdoor areas of the establishment);
- Meeting and event spaces, such as banquet halls and conference/convention centres;
- Facilities used for sports and fitness activities and personal fitness training, such as gyms, fitness and recreational facilities with the exception of youth recreational sport;
- Sporting events;
- Casinos, bingo halls and gaming establishments;
- Concerts, music festivals, theatres and cinemas;
- Racing venues (e.g., horse racing)

Vaccination receipts can be **downloaded from the Provincial website** as PDF's. A smartphone app and QR Code will be available as of October 22, 2021. Bruce County Public Libraries are also providing residents the opportunity to have their vaccination receipts printed out for free, and laminated at any library branch. We encourage residents to continue following public health measures as we continue into the fall, and children return to in-person learning at school.

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

Tax Installment Due Dates: September 30, 2021 and November 30, 2021

Municipal Taxes are due on September 30, 2021 and November 30, 2021. 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. 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.

Walkerton Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The upcoming 2021 Household Hazardous Waste Day (for Walkerton and Hanover residents) is on Saturday, September 25, 2021 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Public Works Yard, 70 14th Avenue in Hanover. This event is provided on behalf of the Walkerton/Hanover Waste Management Committee, and free to residents of Walkerton and Hanover. Visit Brockton.ca/HazardousWaste or our [Waste Calendar](#) to learn more.

Brockton Strategic Action Plan 2025

The Municipality of Brockton staff and Council would like to express their thanks for everyone who submitted comments and participated in the surveys for the Strategic Action Plan. The comments and surveys received by residents, service groups and businesses has helped shape the 2021-2025 Brockton Strategic Action Plan that will be presented to Council in September.



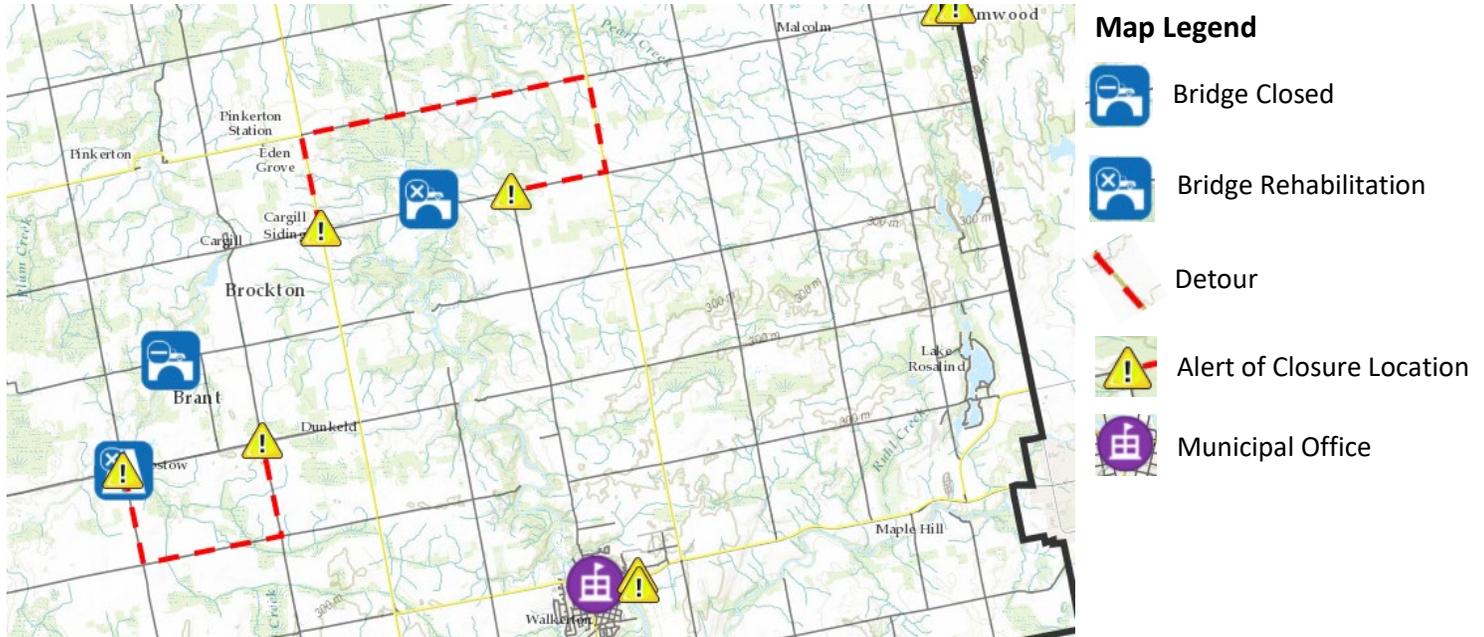
The Strategic Action Plan surveys were open for all residents from March to May to gather public input and create actions. To ensure we got it right, we had nine focus groups ranging from developers and business owners to service groups. This list of actions has been brought forward to Council to determine the priority, feasibility and any further considerations prior to implementation.

Once again, thank you to all residents, businesses and service members who participated in this process.



Service Disruptions and Road/Bridge Constructions:

Construction is occurring on several roads, and bridges in Brockton, including the Chepstow Road/Concession 6, Concession 8 D.S. Weis Memorial Bridge in Cargill, Concession 10/Queen Street in Elmwood, and George Street in Walkerton. Learn more about each of these projects on our [Service Disruptions page](#), including the [interactive map](#).



Landfill Hours Reminder

Until October 31st, 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 Greenock Landfill is open on 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.

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.

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 Walkerton BIA Future Vision, Coping with COVID, Be Active Brockton, Strategic Action Plan 2025, What do you like best about Brockton?, and photo submissions! 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:

As of September 28, 2021, pickleball is back at the Cargill Community Centre (999 Greenock-Brant Townline) on Tuesdays from 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Pre-registration is required!

Fall into Fun! Fall program information is on its way, registration will open on Wednesday, October 6, 2021.

For more information call 519-881-0625, [email](mailto:info@brockton.ca) the Recreation Department, or visit Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms.

Fire Department: Back to School Fire Safety

Back-to-school is right around the corner and for many students that means moving away from home and into a new apartment, house or dorm. Whether leaving home for the first time or returning to school, these fire safety and prevention tips could save your life.

- **Pay attention while cooking** – Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires in Ontario. More than 1,190 cooking-related fires happen annually (Ontario 2015-2019). When preparing food, never leave anything you're cooking unattended. If you're sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.
- **Be extra careful with candles** – Candles are a major cause of fires. For a safer option, use battery operated candles. They look and smell just as nice without the risk. If you burn candles, keep them away from anything flammable. Never leave a lit candle unattended and put it out before you leave a room or go to bed.
- **Know the tools that keep you safe** – Make sure you have a working smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm. Only 45 per cent of residential fires from 2010-2019 had functioning smoke alarms. If you live in a dorm, make sure you know the location of the closest fire alarm pull station and the nearest emergency exit from your floor.



- **Have a plan** – 40 years ago, you had 17 minutes to escape a fire. Today, you have less than three. ([CloseYourDoor.org](https://www.closeyourdoor.org)). Fire spreads faster than ever before because of synthetic materials, furniture and construction. Make sure to plan and practice your fire escape plan. Know what to do and where to go during an emergency.

Fire Safety is for everyone! These tips can help all residents – not just those heading to school, so please share with your students, family and friends.

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South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Back to School Safety

On September 7, 2021, children across the South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment area went back to school. Some will be walking, some will be riding bikes and many others will be riding on school buses to get to and from school. The return of school buses and student pedestrians means the roads will be busier. Give yourself extra time to get where you're going and help keep our students safe. The South Bruce OPP is asking all drivers to be extra careful and observant for children on or near roadways, particularly near school zones. Keep your speed down and watch for students that try to cross the road in an unexpected location.

Crossing Guards:

Did you know that it's against the law to ignore a school crossing guard? According to Section 176 of the HTA, your vehicle must be stopped until the crosswalk is clear.

- Where a school crossing guard displays a school crossing stop sign as provided in subsection (2), the driver of any vehicle or street car approaching the school crossing guard shall stop before reaching the crossing and shall remain stopped until all persons, including the school crossing guard, have cleared the roadway and it is safe to proceed.

Motorists that fail to stop for a school crossing guard stop sign face a fine of \$365 and 4 demerit points upon conviction.

School buses:

The South Bruce OPP is reminding drivers to watch for school buses stopped on the roadway with alternating red lights flashing. Under Section 175 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA), drivers meeting a stopped school bus and drivers approaching a stopped school bus must stop:

- Every driver or street car operator, when meeting on a highway, other than a highway with a median strip, a stopped school bus that has its overhead red signal-lights flashing, shall stop before reaching the bus and not proceed until the bus moves or the overhead lights have stopped flashing.
- When approaching a school bus from the rear that has its overhead signal-lights flashing shall stop at least 20 meters before reaching the bus and not proceed until the bus moves or the overhead lights have stopped flashing.

Motorists that fail to stop for a stopped school bus face stiff penalties upon conviction. First offence, the maximum fine is \$2,000 and 6 demerit points. For each subsequent offence, the maximum fine is \$4,000, or imprisonment, or both, and 6 demerit points.

If the driver can't be identified, the registered owner of the vehicle observed in violation of the law may be charged with failing to stop for a stopped school bus.

The South Bruce OPP encourages all parents and caregivers to take some time this weekend to talk to their children on the importance of being safe when travelling to and from school.

For more information on school buses and school crossings, please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/document/official-mto-drivers-handbook/stopping>.

