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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 You may opt to have your taxes withdrawn automatically either monthly, based on an estimated amount, or quarterly, based on your instalment amounts. Utilities, Dog Tags, Child Care and General Receivables are withdrawn on the last business day of the month and are based on your outstanding balance as of that date.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, 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.

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 and Sewer)	14 Digits	30000000000000
Brockton Child Care Centre	14 Digits	00000000000000
Brockton General Invoices	14 Digits	00000000000000

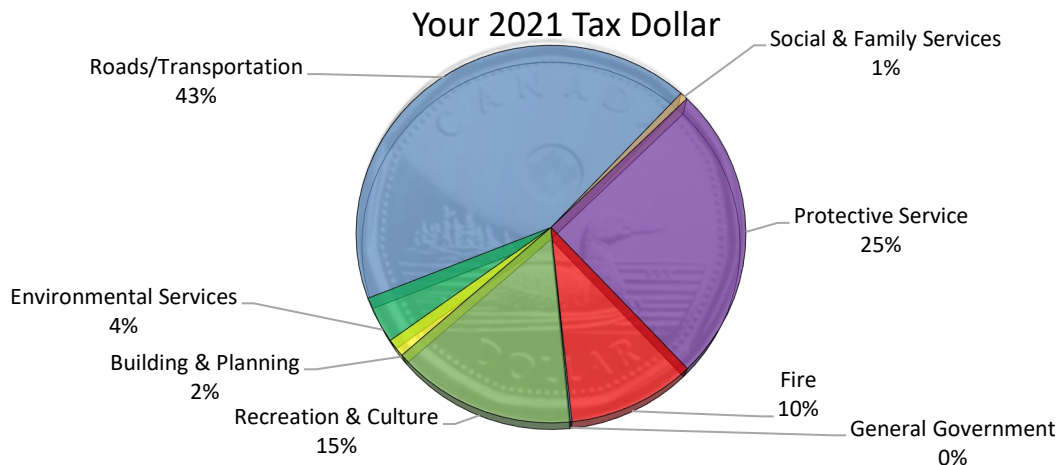
*If we have not been set up at your financial institution as a payee please contact your branch and they will send the necessary documents to have us registered as a payee.

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.

2021 Municipal Budget

The 2021 budget contains \$17.441 million in operating expenditures and \$11.819 million in capital expenditures. After revenues and reserve fund transfers are applied, the Municipality must levy \$9,855,085; a 1.62% tax rate increase over 2020. 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 2021 budget broken down into different functions.



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 assessment is postponed at this time. As a result, your 2022 property assessments for the 2022 property tax year will continue to be based on January 1, 2016 current values. Visit [MPAC's Assessment Update webpage](#) for further information on the assessment updates.

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



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Property Assessment (Continued)

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- 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](https://www.aboutmyproperty.ca) or contact MPAC Customer Care Centre at 1-866-296-6722.

Vacancy Rebate Cancellation

The Municipality of Brockton passed a by-law in June 2021 to cancel Vacancy rebate applications and payment for Commercial or Industrial Properties effective for the 2022 taxation year. Applications for the 2021 will still be received until February 28, 2022 as submitted in prior years. This decision follows the County of Bruce's decision to eliminate the Vacant and Excess Land subclasses effective for the 2022 taxation Year. Visit [Brockton.ca/Taxes](https://www.brockton.ca/Taxes) for further information or contact the Tax Collector at 519-881-2223 Ext. 123 or at taxes@brockton.ca.

COVID-19 Updates

The Province of Ontario are in Step 3 of the Reopening Roadmap, focusing 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. 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.



Public Comments on Traffic and Parking Amendment – Lake Rosalind Parking Restrictions

The Municipality is inviting the public to provide comments on the proposal to prohibit parking on the West side of Lake Rosalind Road 1 between Lake Rosalind Road 2 to Lake Rosalind Road 6. Written comments will be accepted until Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 12:00 Noon and are to be addressed to Clerk, Fiona Hamilton by email fhamilton@brockton.ca or by mail to the Municipality of Brockton, 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0. Submissions will be presented to Council at their meeting on Tuesday, August 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Fire Department Reminder: Tornado Warning vs. Tornado Watch

Know the difference between a tornado warning and a tornado watch! A **tornado warning** means a tornado is already occurring or will occur soon in your area. Evacuate if advised to do so. A **tornado watch** means a tornado is possible in your area. Stay alert for more information. If a tornado watch or warning has been issued, head to a safe location, like a basement or lower level of the building.



- Stay away from external doors, windows and walls
- Continue to listen to local news and weather reports for updates

Watch for danger signs:

- Dark, often greenish or orange-grey skies
- Large hail
- Large, dark, low-lying, rotating or funnel-shaped clouds
- Roaring noise – similar to the sound of a freight train
- Wait for the all clear before leaving your safe location.

Fall Recreation Programs and Facility Bookings

Visit our website [Brockton.ca](https://www.brockton.ca) for information about upcoming fall recreational programming, and updates on facility booking availability!

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Visit [Brockton.ca/Subscribe](https://www.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!

South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment - Stunt Driving

The South Bruce OPP is continuing to see vehicles moving at excessive speeds across the detachment area.

- Between January 1, 2021 and June 21, 2021, 487 drivers were charged with Speeding. This is a **17% increase** over 2020 where 416 drivers were charged with Speeding (Jan 1/20 – June 21/20)
- Between January 1, 2021 and June 21, 2021, 19 drivers were charged with Race a Motor Vehicle. This is a **46% increase** over 2020 where 13 drivers were charged with Race a Motor Vehicle (Jan 1/20 – June 21/20)

Motorists that choose to violate the rules of the road put themselves and other road users at unnecessary risk. Driving behaviors that constitute "Stunt Driving" are listed in the Highway Traffic Act, Section 172. There are stiff penalties for this offence (upon conviction). The Moving Ontarians More Safely (MOMS) Act received Royal Assent on June 3, 2021 which made changes to the Stunt Driving legislation including the increase in vehicle impoundment and decrease in speed threshold for Stunt Driving on Municipal roads. On roads where the speed limit is posted at less than 80 km/h, driver's caught at 40 km/h or more above the posted limit will be subject to a charge of Stunt Driving. (The threshold on posted 80 km/h or higher roads remains at 50 km/h +).

Stunt Driving is an illegal choice that is a significant threat to safety on our roads. Speeding not only increases your risk of becoming involved in a motor vehicle collision, it also increases your risk of being seriously injured in the collision. Please don't take unnecessary risks with your, or anyone else's, safety.