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COVID- 19 Updates

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. 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.



A reminder that the **Municipal Office and Recreation Office are closed to the public until February 11, 2021**, but staff will continue to offer customer service virtually. We are happy to assist you via email and telephone. The Drop-Off Box is also available for residents to drop off documentation and payments at the Municipal Office, which is checked regularly by staff. Email info@brockton.ca for general inquiries or email recreation@brockton.ca for parks and recreation inquiries.

2021 Budget Meetings

The Council of the Municipality of Brockton held Special Council Meetings to consider the 2021 Municipal Budget on January 19, 2021 and January 20, 2021. The final Special Council Meeting to consider the 2021 Municipal Budget will be held on February 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. and will be broadcast on Zoom Video Conferencing and livestreamed to the Municipality’s YouTube Channel.

Tax Installment Due Dates – March 31, 2021 and May 29, 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, 2001*. Please allow 2 to 3 days for processing if you are paying through the online banking system of your financial institution. 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
- 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.

Online Billing Services

The Municipality of Brockton has started to offer 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.

Property Assessment

Every four years, the Municipal Property Association (MPAC) sends out a Property Assessment Notice to all Ontario property owners. Due to COVID-19, the Ontario Government announced that the 2020 Assessment Update would be postponed. Property assessments for the 2021 taxation year will continue to be based on the fully phased-in January 1, 2016 current values (i.e., the same valuation date in use for the 2020 taxation year). Municipalities will use your assessment to calculate your property taxes.

When you receive your Notice, review it and keep it for your records. Want to learn more? Visit mpac.ca and log onto

AboutMyProperty, www.aboutmyproperty.ca an online tool to:

- Learn how your property was assessed
- See the information MPAC has on file for your property
- Compare your assessed value to other similar properties in your area
- File a Request for Reconsideration if you disagree with your property’s assessed value

Address Changes

Please notify the tax department if you have any changes to your mailing address. Address Change Requests must be done in writing or by email to mal@brockton.ca. Your cooperation in keeping your tax records up to date ensures timely receipt of your tax and utility bills from our office.

Animal Control – Dog Tags

The Municipality of Brockton mailed 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 Junior Deputy Treasurer/Tax Collector, Jessica Reinhart at 519-881-2223 Ext. 123, or email jreinhart@brockton.ca.



2021 Dog Tag Fees

\$15.00 - First Dog (per household)
\$10.00 - Late Fee (after April 1)

\$25.00 - Additional Dogs
\$200.00 - Dangerous Dogs

\$150.00 - Kennel License
\$5.00 - Replacement Tag



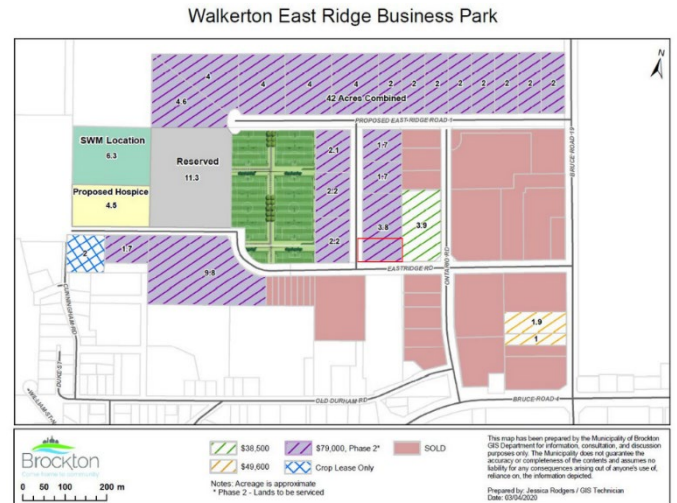
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Notice of Land Disposition

The Municipality of Brockton intends to dispose of the real property legally described as part of Part of Lot 33 and 34 Concession 1 N.D.R., Geographic Township of Brant, Municipality of Brockton, being part of parcel identifier number Part of 33196-0580 (LT) to be further identified on a reference plan, (the “Property”).

On February 9, 2021, the Council of the Municipality of Brockton will pass a By-Law declaring the Property surplus to the needs of the Municipality. The Council Meeting will be broadcast electronically through Zoom Video Conferencing and livestreamed to the Municipality of Brockton’s **YouTube Channel** at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 9, 2021.

Please contact Fiona Hamilton, Clerk at fhamilton@brockton.ca or 519-881-2223 Ext. 124 for more information, or if you would like to submit a comment in relation to the disposal of the Property.



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.

Landfill Sites Reminder

The Greenock Landfill remains closed to all residents to accommodate staff health and safety. Greenock Landfill staff have been transferred to the Brant Landfill to maintain landfill service in rural areas. Greenock residents are able to use the Brant Landfill during this temporary closure. The Brant Landfill and Walkerton/Hanover Landfills remain open. The Brant Landfill is open Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic 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. We encourage residents to use curbside pickup whenever possible.

Winter Landfill Hours

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. Once the Greenock Landfill reopens, the winter hours of operation are 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. For more information please visit Brockton.ca/LandfillSites.

Lobies Park Skating Oval

The Municipality of Brockton is pleased to announce the opening of the Lobies Park Skating Trail Oval! We recognize the importance of physical exercise and supporting mental health. Residents must register to book a timeslot to skate on the oval, and ensure COVID-19 safety protocols are followed. Call 519-881-3435, email recreation@brockton.ca, or visit Brockton.ca/SkatingOval to learn more about how to book your timeslot, and the required protocols to follow.

Things to Know About Your Smoke Alarm

- 1) Age matters! Smoke alarms may still work when you press the test button however the sensors inside can become dirty from dust and pollen in the air. For this reason manufacturers recommend that the alarm is replaced after a certain number of years. This applies to hard wired alarms as well. Make sure you know when your alarm expires according to the manufacturer’s recommendation and replace it when the time comes!
- 2) To keep your smoke alarm working at its best follow the maintenance instructions that come with the alarm!
- 3) Most smoke alarms have a button labeled “Hush”. This button can be pressed in the case of a false alarm. When pressed the hush button turns off the alarm for a short period of time and then automatically resets. You should never remove the batteries from a smoke alarm to silence the alarm. Using the hush button ensures that you will not forget to replace the batteries and keeps your alarm in working order to protect you and your family.
- 4) There are two types of smoke alarms. An ionization smoke alarm is usually more responsive to flaming fires. A photoelectric smoke alarm is usually more responsive to smouldering fires. Use the type of alarm that works best for the area being protected.
- 5) If cooking fumes are setting off nuisance alarms in your kitchen try moving the alarm further away from the cooking area or install a photoelectric type smoke alarm.

Remember that you must have an alarm on every story of your home and outside all sleeping areas. Only working smoke alarms can wake you up in the case of a fire so be sure to test your smoke alarm regularly and to change the batteries at least once a year!