



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – January 2022 Issue

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COVID- 19 Updates

In response to the Province of Ontario moving to a **modified Step 2** of the Roadmap to Reopen, access to the public for certain municipal services is affected until further notice.



The Municipal Office remains open but **appointments for service are strongly encouraged**. Residents are encouraged to pay bills online, by Pre-Authorized Payment, or use the Drop-Off Box, which is checked regularly by staff. Staff can be contacted by email or phone 519-881-2223 to limit visits to the Municipal Office.

The **Walkerton Community Centre is closed to the public until further notice**, with the exception of drop-off's for well water samples, and vaccination clinics. The Bradley School House, Cargill Community Centre, and Elmwood Community Centre are also closed. All facility rentals, recreational and leisure programs, including private bookings have been postponed until further notice. Recreation Department inquiries can still be made by telephone 519-881-0625 or **email**.

Municipal services, including; fire and emergency services; road maintenance, water, wastewater, waste management and landfill operations, cemetery operations, and building inspections will continue as scheduled.

Keep updated on the Municipality's response to the pandemic on our **COVID-19 Updates page**.

What you can do to help:

- Get **vaccinated** as soon as eligible and possible
- Wear a face covering (upgrade from a cloth mask)
- Avoid gatherings and close contacts with individuals outside of your immediate household
- Get a COVID-19 test at an Assessment Centre if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or are a contact of a known COVID-19 case.
- Stay home if you are sick; and stay home if you have COVID-19 symptoms, or are waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms.
- Maintain physical distancing as much as possible
- Complete a daily COVID screening of symptoms
- Wash hands frequently

Residents are encouraged to continue to support local businesses and participate in alternate arrangements such as take-out services or curbside pickup where available to limit in-store capacity. Let's work together to continue to keep our community, family, friends, and neighbours healthy.

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.

2022 Council Meetings

The dates for the 2022 Brockton Council Meetings have been posted to our website Brockton.ca/Council and our **Community Calendar**. Council meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted), and will be held electronically until further notice. Residents will be notified of any change in meeting location.

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| Tuesday, January 11, 2022 | Tuesday, June 7, 2022 |
| Tuesday, January 25, 2022 (Budget Meeting 9:00 a.m. and Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.) | Tuesday, June 21, 2022 |
| Wednesday, January 26, 2022 (Budget Meeting 7:00 p.m.) | Tuesday, July 12, 2022 |
| Tuesday, February 8, 2022 | Tuesday, August 9, 2022 |
| Tuesday, February 15, 2022 (Budget Meeting 1:00 p.m.) | Tuesday, August 23, 2022 |
| Tuesday, February 22, 2022 | Tuesday, September 6, 2022 |
| Tuesday, March 8, 2022 | Tuesday, September 20, 2022 |
| Tuesday, March 22, 2022 | Tuesday, October 4, 2022 |
| Tuesday, April 12, 2022 | Tuesday, October 18, 2022 |
| Tuesday, April 26, 2022 | Tuesday, November 1, 2022 |
| Tuesday, May 10, 2022 | Tuesday, November 15, 2022 (Inaugural Council Meeting) |
| Tuesday, May 24, 2022 | Tuesday, November 22, 2022 |
| | Tuesday, December 13, 2022 |



Budget Consultation 2022 Project

The Municipality of Brockton would like to consult and engage with residents and business owners about the 2022 budget. We encourage you to visit our **Budget Consultation 2022 project** on our Community Engagement Website BuildYourBrockton.ca and fill out our **Budget Survey** to provide your feedback on the 2022 Municipal Budget.

Visit Brockton.ca/Budget for more information on the Municipality's budget.





2022 Budget Meetings

The Council of the Municipality of Brockton will hold meetings to discuss the 2022 Municipal Budget on Tuesday, January 25, 2022 at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 26, 2022 at 7:00 p.m., and Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. The meetings will be held electronically and will be livestreamed to the Municipality's Agenda Management Software, eSCRIBE. For more information on the 2022 Budget please visit our [Budget Consultation 2022 project on our Community Engagement Website, Build Your Brockton](#). The dates for the Special Council Meetings to consider the 2022 Municipal Budget have been posted to our website [Brockton.ca/Council](#) and our [Community Calendar](#).



Animal Control – Dog Tags

The Municipality of Brockton is mailing dog tag invoices in January 2022. Invoices are based on dog owner information in our current database, and your dog will continue to wear the permanent tag you received previously. If you no longer own a dog, need a replacement tag, or need to register your dog, contact the Accounts Receivable Department by phone at 519-881-2223 Ext. 128, or [email](#) so we update our records.

2022 Dog Tag Fees

\$15.00 - First Dog (per household)	\$25.00 - Additional Dogs
\$150.00 - Kennel License	\$10.00 - Late Fee (after April 1)
\$200.00 - Dangerous Dogs	\$5.00 - Replacement Tag



Online Billing Services

The Municipality of Brockton offers 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](#).

Brockton Dollars

The Municipality of Brockton is offering a new "Brockton Dollars" program to support local businesses, replacing the former "Walkerton Dollars" and extending the program to businesses throughout Brockton. Brockton Dollars gift certificates, redeemable at participating stores, restaurants, and other commercial establishments - available in denominations of \$10, \$25 and \$50. Brockton Dollars can be purchased as gifts for friends and family, or be offered as acknowledgements to employees, while also supporting local businesses. They can be purchased from the Municipal Office at 100 Scott Street from Monday to Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or ordered in bulk through email. Businesses may redeem Brockton Dollars at the Municipal Office. If you're a Brockton retailer, service provider, or restaurant wishing to join the program, please [email our Community Development Coordinator](#).



Christmas Tree Recycling

Brockton residents can dispose of their Christmas trees at the North end of Jackson Street, Walkerton at the River Bend Park parking lot. This service will be available until January 16, 2022. For more information, please contact Brockton Parks and Recreation at 519-881-0625.



2022 Recycling Collection Schedule

Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling have released their 2022 Recycling Collection Schedule. Download the [2022 Blue Box/Recycling Collection Schedule](#) or view the dates on our website's [Household Waste and Recycling Calendar](#).

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. 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. Visit [Brockton.ca/LandfillSites](#) for more details.

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.

Winter Fire Hydrant Access Reminder

Help our firefighters by clearing snow around fire hydrants to allow easier access in an emergency. Remove any ice and snow, clear a three foot perimeter around the hydrant, and clear a path from the hydrant to the street. By-Law 2019-118 also requires individuals to keep hydrants clear from obstructions, such that shrubs, trees, and hedges should be trimmed to allow free access to the hydrants.



Lobies Park Skating Oval

The 280 metre Skating Oval will soon be open at Lobies Park (20 Hannah Street, Walkerton)! The Maximum Occupancy for the Skating oval will currently be capped at 25 skaters (subject to change) first come first served. The Skating Oval will operate from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday to Sunday (7 days a week). The hours of operation may be adjusted depending on the ice or weather conditions. The rink may be closed due to certain weather conditions, and cancellation notifications will be shared on our website [Brockton.ca/Skating Oval](https://Brockton.ca/SkatingOval) and social media.



New Cross-Country Ski Trail

The Brockton Parks and Recreation Department have collaborated with the Walkerton Rotary Club and Walkerton Volunteer Firefighters to offer a 3.5 km Cross-Country Ski Trail on portions of the Saugeen River Trail in Walkerton, including a loop through Lobies Park. Stay tuned for more details at Brockton.ca/SkiTrail including the grand opening coming soon!

Summer Job Opportunities Coming Soon

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community? The Municipality of Brockton will begin recruiting for multiple fulfilling and rewarding positions that offer competitive wages and a variety of hours. There will be opportunities in aquatics, summer camp, park and facility maintenance and teaching at the Brockton Child Care Centre.

The jobs will be posted in the near future. Visit our [Current Employment Opportunities webpage](https://Brockton.ca/CurrentEmploymentOpportunities) in mid-January for details.



Fire Safety During Winter Storms

Winter storms can happen almost anywhere. They can cause us problems. Know what to do before, during and after a storm. This will help keep you and your family safe from a winter fire.



- Test all smoke alarms. Do this at least once a month. This way you will know they are working. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Test the alarms.
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Also have battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries. Never use candles.
- Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates. Watch for bulletins online.
- Check on neighbors. Check on others who may need help.
- Generators should be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- Stay away from downed wires. Report any downed wires to authorities.
- Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Turn them off when you go to bed.


Fact: Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.

Important Reminder: There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!



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South Bruce O.P.P. – Snowmobile Safety

Snow has returned to Southern Bruce County. The South Bruce OPP is offering the following tips for anyone planning to ride a Motorized Snow Vehicle (MSV):

- Snowmobile drivers must carry their driver's licence or snowmobile operator's card when they ride. If your licence is under suspension, you can't drive a snowmobile either.
- Carry your licence, vehicle registration and proof of insurance when you ride. These documents must be produced to a police officer on demand.
- A snowmobile driver must stop for police when signalled.
- A snowmobile must not be driven along the serviced portion of the roadway, except to cross at a right angle. This includes the shoulder of the road.
- A proper muffler and an approved, properly fit helmet are required by law.
- Snowmobiles must not be driven on private property without the owner's permission; violators may be subject to a charge of Trespassing.
- Speed limits **must** be obeyed - a snowmobile operator can be charged for speeding.
- Drivers of a snowmobile directly or indirectly involved in a reportable collision are required to call police as soon as possible. A reportable collision involves injury or damage over \$2,000.
- Impaired driving laws apply to snowmobiles anywhere in Canada whether on private property or not. Don't mix alcohol and/or drugs with snowmobiling. The South Bruce OPP has a zero tolerance for impaired operation.
- Snowmobile owners are encouraged to check out snowmobile by-laws with the Municipality that they ride in.
- A trail permit is required to use approved snowmobile trails, when they are declared open for use. Check online at: <https://www.ofsc.on.ca/> for more information on trails or permits.
- A pre-trip inspection is recommended. Check the fluids, belts and ensure the gas tank is full.
- Dress appropriately and let someone know where you plan to ride and for how long. The OPP takes Search and Rescue very seriously. If someone knows your planned route, rescuers can find you more quickly. Time is a critical factor when someone is missing – particularly in winter months.

