



## Brockton Buzz Newsletter – October 2022 Issue

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## 2022 Municipal and School Board Election

The Municipality of Brockton is conducting Municipal and School Board Elections this October by **internet and telephone vote**. The **voting period opens at 10:00 a.m. on October 17, 2022 until 8:00 p.m. on October 24, 2022**.



**Wondering if you are on the Voters List, or wanting to verify that your information is correct?** Voters may update their information, be added, or deleted from the Voter's List. Visit the Municipal Office at 100 Scott Street, Walkerton, with government issued identification to verify your property address, and personal information. The Municipality of Brockton is also offering extended office hours on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. for individuals needed to update their voting information at the Municipal Office, or any of the Voting Help Centres hours listed below.

### Voter Information Letters

All Electors have been mailed a **Voter Information Letter** with information on how they can vote by internet or telephone. If you have not received your letter by October 11, 2022, please contact the Municipal Office. If you do not receive your letter, or the information on your Voter Information letter is incorrect, please contact the Municipal Office in person at 100 Scott Street, Walkerton, call 519-881-2223 or email [election@brockton.ca](mailto:election@brockton.ca) for assistance.

### Voter Help Centres

If you require assistance voting, or wish to come to a Voter Help Centre to use a computer or telephone, Voter Help Centres are open during the following hours:

- Monday, October 17, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Municipal Office
- Tuesday, October 8, 2022 to Friday, October 21, 2022 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Municipal Office
- Saturday, October 22, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at Municipal Office
- Sunday, October 23, 2022 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Municipal Office
- Final Voting Day - Monday, October 24, 2022 until 8:00 p.m. at the Municipal Office, Cargill Community Centre (999 Greenock-Brant Townline, Cargill), and Elmwood Community Centre (38 Concession Road 10, Elmwood).

Stay tuned for more information about the 2022 Election on our website [Brockton.ca/Election](https://Brockton.ca/Election)!

## Leaf Collection

Leaf collection for Walkerton, Lake Rosalind, and Marl Lakes will be on Monday, October 31, 2022 and Monday, November 14, 2022. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable paper waste bags (plastic bags not accepted) and placed at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. for collection.



## Walkerton/Hanover Household Hazardous Waste Collection

The Walkerton/Hanover Waste Management Committee are conducting household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at 70 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Hanover for residents of Hanover and Walkerton. Waste must be received in sealed containers as there will be no onsite bulking. Packaging such as cardboard boxes and totes will be returned to residents. Empty metal paint cans are blue box recyclable. Sharps or syringes will not be accepted.

## Save the Date – Walkerton Hometown Christmas Market



Get set for the **Walkerton Hometown Christmas Market** on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 11:00 p.m. Durham Street will be closed to traffic from 2:00 p.m. onward, to make room for close to 20 crafters and artisans from around the region! Many stores will stay open late for Christmas shopping, and there will be live music and a licensed area in Durham Street Park between Colborne and Victoria streets.

## New Grants for Brockton Businesses

If you're a Brockton business looking to expand or reconfigure your space, erect a new sign, improve your façade, set up a farm gate, or make your business more accessible or eco-friendly, we may be able to help! View Brockton's new **business improvement grant programs** to learn more and find out if you're eligible. For more information, call 519-881-2223 ext. 131.

## Tax Installment Due Date – November 30, 2022

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](https://Brockton.ca/Taxes) for more information.



## Current Employment Opportunities

If you are passionate about providing the very best services in a municipal environment and are looking for a place to challenge yourself and grow, we want you on our team. Brockton currently has Full-Time, Part-Time and Seasonal positions available in the Finance, Recreation, Operations/Public Works and Child Care Departments. Please check our Current Employment Opportunities page by visiting [Brockton.ca/Jobs](https://Brockton.ca/Jobs).

## Build Your Brockton Community Engagement Website

View the Municipality's community engagement website, [Build Your Brockton](https://BuildYourBrockton.ca), which includes our various projects for community information and engagement. We thank everyone for their continued engagement and encourage you to [register](#) to the site to stay informed on what's to come!



## Brockton Dollars



Brockton Dollars gift certificates are redeemable at participating stores, restaurants, and other commercial establishments 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](#).

## Market Garden Fundraising

The Municipality of Brockton and Durham Street Park Development Committee are fundraising for the development of The Market Garden park on Durham Street in Walkerton. Please consider donating to help us fundraise for this community project! Tax receipts can be issued for the donations. Cheques are to be payable to The Municipality of Brockton. Learn more on our [Community Projects webpage](#).



## Brockton Parks and Recreation Department Activities:

Fall/Winter Programs are in full swing! Visit [Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms](https://Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms) or [PerfectMind](#) to register and learn more about the programming opportunities offered. Registration is open for Holiday and PD Day Camps! For more information call Brockton Parks and Recreation at 519-881-0625 or send an [email](#).

Public Skating is offered on Wednesdays from 3:30 -5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 -2:00 p.m.

Join us in celebrating **50 Years of the Walkerton Community Centre!** We are hosting Hockey Day in Walkerton on Saturday, October 22, 2022, featuring the following events:

- Games all Day from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Walkerton Capitals Jr. C vs. Wingham Ironmen Game from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.
- Walkerton Minor Hockey are a Hardest Shot Accuracy Test, and other skills events!
- Walkerton Capitals Jr. C Showcase! Meet the Team from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m., Wing Night from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Hockey Game vs. Wingham from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m. and a Dance with Live Band from 10:00 p.m. to 12:00 a.m.
- The Walkerton Figure Skating Club are hosting a breakfast from 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.



Breakfast - 7:30am to 11:00am  
courtesy of the Walkerton  
Figure Skating Club

## Fire Prevention Week – October 9-15, 2022

Join the Walkerton Fire Department in celebrating the 100th anniversary of Fire Prevention Week™ (FPW). Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15, 2022. This year's FPW campaign, "Fire won't wait. Plan your escape™", works to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe from home fires.

Today's homes burn faster than ever. You may have as little as two minutes (or even less time) to safely escape a home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Your ability to get out of a home during a fire depends on early warning from smoke alarms and advance planning.





Have a home fire escape plan for everyone in your home. Some people may need help waking up or getting outside. Plan for your abilities!

Fire won't wait.  
Plan your escape at [fpw.org](http://fpw.org).



## Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life.

- **Walkerton Little Royal Fair**

The Walkerton Agricultural Society are hosting the Little Royal Fair October 14-16, 2022 at the Agricultural Buildings at 206 Durham Street. Welcome Back! We are pleased to announce our return! Join us for a Midway, Chuck Wagon and Chariot Races, Saddle Club Show, Touch a Tractor, Mojo Magic Show, Field to Fork Display and Pet Show; along with numerous other displays, demonstrations, exhibits, children's entertainment, food booth, breakfast and so much more! Admission is \$5.00/student, \$8.00/day pass, \$10.00/weekend pass, and \$20.00/weekend family pass. For up coming events and more information follow our Social Media Pages (Walkerton Agricultural Society [Facebook](#), Walkerton Agricultural Society [Instagram](#)) or visit the [Walkerton Agricultural Society website](#).

- **Walkerton and District Optimist Club Halloween Drive Thru**

The Walkerton and District Optimist Club are hosting a Halloween Drive Thru on Saturday, October 29, 2022 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Walkerton Fire Hall (510 Napier St). Line up from South Street onto Robinson Street. Stay tuned for more information!

- **Walkerton Figure Skating Club Adult "Learn to Skate" Program**






The Walkerton Figure Skating Club are offering a program designed for Adults and Older Teens (16 years+) to learn how to skate in small group instruction with a certified CanSkate Coach. Participants can learn to skate or enhance existing skating skills in a fun and comfortable environment. The program runs October 15<sup>th</sup>, October 29<sup>th</sup>, November 12<sup>th</sup>, November 26<sup>th</sup>, and December 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Mildmay Arena from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. for a cost of \$100\* as well as a one-time fee of \$45.00 upon registration for Skate Canada Insurance. Learn more on the [Walkerton Figure Skating Club's website](#).

## Subscribe to Brockton News/Alerts, Follow Our Social Media, and Download our App

Visit [Brockton.ca/Subscribe](http://Brockton.ca/Subscribe) to sign up and receive Brockton News, Calendar Events, and Emergency Alerts sent directly to your email. You can also [subscribe](#) to our [Brockton Business Newsletter](#) which features bi-monthly updates from the Municipality of Brockton and our partners in community and economic development.

We also encourage residents to follow us on social media for regular updates!

You can also download the Municipal App "Municipality of Brockton" created by Apptic Studios Inc. from the app store!

-  Facebook – [BrocktonON](#)
-  Instagram – [municipalitybrockton](#)
-  Twitter – [Mun\\_Brockton](#)
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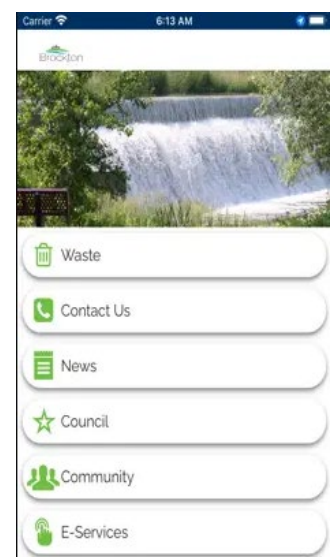
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## South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Cyber Security Awareness Month

Cybercrime occurs when technology is used to carry out criminal offences or when technology is the target of the criminal offence.

**If you're wondering why Cyber security is important, consider that 89% of Canadians have a smart phone and 71% of Canadians use online banking.**

Cyber criminals are commonly after your money and/or your personal information.

Between January 1, 2022, and July 31, 2021, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre received more than 52,700 complaints of fraud. More than 33,300 victims in that span of time have a reported dollar loss of \$284 million dollars.

Phishing -- an email or text message that appears to be from a legitimate person or organization but contains malicious links or attachments -- accounts for a majority of all reported cyber security incidents.

In our technologically-driven world, cyber security must continue to be a top priority for all internet users. Cyber security and cyber hygiene become even more important when working with personal and confidential information.

### Some quick tips to help prevent fraud:

For better online security, create stronger passwords and consider signing up for "two-factor authentication" when it's offered.

Screen calls or texts from an unknown number.

Always verify an unsolicited contact. Unsolicited means that you didn't ask for it.

### For more information on fraud:

**Get Cyber Safe** is a national, multi-jurisdiction, public awareness campaign created to educate Canadians about Internet security and the simple steps they can take to protect themselves online. Visit [getcybersafe.gc.ca/](https://getcybersafe.gc.ca/)

**Cyber Security Awareness Month toolkit** (courtesy of Public Safety Canada)

**Cyber Security Risks** (courtesy of Public Safety Canada)

**Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre**

You can find tips and useful resources for fraud on the OPP's website: [www.opp.ca](https://www.opp.ca).

## South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Halloween Safety Tips

On October 31st, area youth will be out in full force going door to door to collect Halloween treats. They will be focused on getting to as many homes as they can to fill up their loot bags. They won't be thinking about vehicles or other safety hazards, so we need to work together to keep them safe as they move from house to house. The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is offering the following tips to parents and motorists to help protect the children on Halloween night.

- Make up is preferable to a mask. If a mask is going to be worn, enlarge the eye and mouth holes for your child's safety.
- Carry a flashlight and wear reflective clothing.
- Small children should be supervised at all times.
- Stay in neighbourhoods that you know.
- Use sidewalks or the edge of the roadway.
- Don't cut across lawns; you won't see a hose or a rake in the dark.
- Walk; don't run, to houses that are lit up for Halloween.
- Don't snack on treats until they are inspected by a responsible adult.
- Ensure pumpkins lit by a candle are in a safe location.
- Trick or treating in a vehicle? Wear your seatbelt.

Parents and caregivers are asked to "Remind your youth of the consequences of being involved in mischief on Halloween night or Devil's night".

The South Bruce OPP will be closely watching vehicle speeds, seatbelt use, distracted driving and sober driving. If you are going to be driving on Halloween night you can expect to see costumed youth on or alongside the roadway. Devote your full attention to your driving so everyone can have a safe and happy Halloween.