



## Brockton Buzz Newsletter – Tax/February 2022 Issue

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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 **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. Staff can be contacted by email or phone 519-881-2223 to limit visits to the Municipal Office. **The Walkerton Community Centre, Cargill Community Centre, and Elmwood Community Centre have reopened** in a manner consistent with current provincial regulations that meets health and safety protocols and that follows the advice of the Grey Bruce Health Unit. Appointments to meet with staff are encouraged by calling 519-881-0625 or emailing [recreation@brockton.ca](mailto:recreation@brockton.ca). Keep updated on the Municipality's response to the pandemic on our COVID-19 Updates page [Brockton.ca/COVID19](http://Brockton.ca/COVID19).

### 2022 Budget Meetings

The Council of the Municipality of Brockton held electronic Special Council Meetings to consider the 2022 Municipal Budget on January 25, 2022 and January 26, 2022. Additional Special Council Meetings to consider the 2022 Municipal Budget will be held on February 15, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. and February 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. The instructions on how to view the video livestream and/or recordings are available on our Current Council Meeting Agenda webpage [Brockton.ca/CouncilAgenda](http://Brockton.ca/CouncilAgenda).



### 2022 Municipal and School Board Election

The Municipality of Brockton is conducting Municipal and School Board Elections with voting open from 10:00 a.m. on October 17th until 8:00 p.m. on October 24th using internet or telephone voting, or by visiting the Municipal Office. on October 24, 2022. The 2022 Election will occur by internet and telephone vote. The new Council will be sworn in on November 15, 2022. Visit [Brockton.ca/Election](http://Brockton.ca/Election) to learn more about how to be a candidate, or for information on how to vote for the people who make a difference in your community. Check if you're on the Voters' List by visiting [Voterlookup.ca](http://Voterlookup.ca), a website owned by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) responsible for identifying eligible electors.

### Tax Installment Due Dates – March 31, 2022 and May 31, 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](http://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. You can enroll for this service by filling out an e-billing form on our website at [Brockton.ca/Payments](http://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 Assessment Update would be postponed. Property assessments for the 2022 taxation year will continue to be based on the fully phased-in January 1, 2016 current values (the same valuation date in use for the 2020 taxation year). Municipalities use your assessment to calculate your property taxes. When you receive your Notice, review it and keep it for your records. Visit [mpac.ca](http://mpac.ca) and log onto [aboutmyproperty.ca](http://aboutmyproperty.ca) an online tool to:

- Learn how your property was assessed
- Compare your assessed value to other similar properties in your area
- See the information MPAC has on file for your property
- 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](mailto: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 2022. 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 Jane Schiestel, Senior Accounting/Payroll Clerk at 519-881-2223 Ext. 128, or email [jschiestel@brockton.ca](mailto:jschiestel@brockton.ca).



\$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

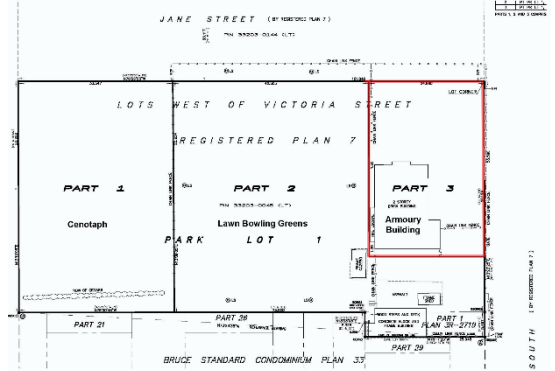


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### Notice of Land Disposition – Armoury Building (215 Jane Street, Walkerton)

Council of the Municipality of Brockton will consider the disposal of real property legally described as PT 3 Plan 3R-10543 and deposited at the Bruce County Land Registry Office on January 5, 2022, known municipally as the “Armoury Building” located at 215 Jane St. Walkerton (the “Property”).

On April 12, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Brockton will consider whether to declare the property surplus to the needs of the Municipality, and at that meeting will also consider proposals to purchase the property. The 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting will be broadcast electronically and livestreamed to the Municipality of Brockton’s Agenda Management Software, eSCRIBE. Please contact Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) by email [fhamilton@brockton.ca](mailto:fhamilton@brockton.ca) or call 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.



### Septic Maintenance Program

The Municipality of Brockton’s Building Department will be conducting the Mandatory Septic Maintenance Inspection Program in areas within municipal wellheads. Residents affected will be contacted by the Municipality to arrange times for inspections starting this spring.

### 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.

### 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. For more information please visit [Brockton.ca/LandfillSites](http://Brockton.ca/LandfillSites).

### 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. Visit [Brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars](http://Brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars) to learn more or call 519-881-2223 Ext. 131.



### Lobies Park Skating Oval

The Lobies Parking Skating Oval is open for the season 7 days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.!) The Maximum Occupancy for the Skating oval is currently capped at 25 skaters (subject to change) first come first served. 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/SkatingOval](http://Brockton.ca/SkatingOval) and social media.

### Carbon Monoxide Safety

Although the popularity of carbon monoxide (CO) alarms has been growing in recent years, it cannot be assumed that everyone is familiar with the hazards of carbon monoxide poisoning in the home. Often called the invisible killer, carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas created when fuels (such as gasoline, wood, coal, natural gas, propane, oil, and methane) burn incompletely. In the home, heating and cooking equipment that burn fuel are potential sources of carbon monoxide. Vehicles or generators running in an attached garage can also produce dangerous levels of carbon monoxide. The dangers of CO exposure depend on a number of variables, including the victim's health and activity level. Infants, pregnant women, and people with physical conditions that limit their body's ability to use oxygen (i.e. emphysema, asthma, heart disease) can be more severely affected by lower concentrations of CO than healthy adults would be.

#### Safety tips

- CO alarms should be installed in a central location outside each sleeping area and on every level of the home and in other locations where required by applicable laws, codes or standards. For the best protection, interconnect all CO alarms throughout the home. When one sounds, they all sound.
- Follow the manufacturer’s instructions for placement and mounting height.
- Choose a CO alarm that has the label of a recognized testing laboratory.
- Test CO alarms at least once a month; replace them according to the manufacturer’s instructions.
- If the audible trouble signal sounds, check for low batteries. If the battery is low, replace it. If it still sounds, **call 9.1.1.**
- If the CO alarm sounds, immediately move to a fresh air location outdoors or by an open window or door. Make sure everyone inside the home is accounted for. Call for help from a fresh air location and stay there until emergency personnel.
- If you need to warm a vehicle, remove it from the garage immediately after starting it. Do not run a vehicle or other fueled engine or motor indoors, even if garage doors are open. Make sure the exhaust pipe of a running vehicle is not covered with snow.
- During and after a snowstorm, make sure vents for the dryer, furnace, stove, and fireplace are clear of snow build-up.
- A generator should be used in a well-ventilated location outdoors away from windows, doors and vent openings.
- Gas or charcoal grills can produce CO — only use outside.