



## Brockton Buzz Newsletter – March 2023 Issue

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## Tax Installment Due Dates – March 31, 2023 and May 31, 2023

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.

## After-Hours Emergency Phone Number

The Municipality of Brockton has a new after-hours emergency number. For after-hours emergencies relating to Public Works, By-Law Enforcement, Animal Control and Parks, Recreation and Trails, please call 1-833-999-4599 and follow the prompts. DO NOT dial this number for Police, Fire or EMS - For those emergencies, please call 911.

## Committee Member Recruitment

The Municipality of Brockton is currently recruiting for Committee members on the Accessibility Advisory Committee, Elmwood Community Centre Board, and Hanover/Walkerton Waste Management Committee!

The Accessibility Advisory Committee is responsible for making recommendations to Council that considers the needs and rights of persons with disabilities and assures maximum integrated accessibility for all citizens. The Accessibility Advisory Committee will fulfill the requirements of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* by providing vision and advice to the Council of the Municipality of Brockton to create an accessible and inclusive community. The Municipality seeks to gather the experience of individuals with a disability as members on the Accessibility Advisory Committee. View the [Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference By-Law](#) to learn more about the committee.

The Elmwood Community Centre Board is a joint collaboration between the Municipality of Brockton and Municipality of West Grey to manage recreation programs and operations of the Elmwood Lions Hall, Elmwood Community Centre, ball diamond and adjoining park lands. The Elmwood Community Centre Board is a Recreation Advisory Committee of Brockton Council.

The Hanover/Walkerton Waste Management Committee is an Advisory Committee of Council that provides input into the operation of the Walkerton Hanover Landfill and recommends innovative ways to divert waste from the landfill.

If you're interested in serving on either Committee, please send a letter outlining how you feel you can contribute to the Committee, including qualifications and background that would be helpful in fulfilling the Committee's mandate, along with your name and contact information, to Clerk Fiona Hamilton by [email](#), or by mail to Municipality of Brockton 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0. **The deadline for submissions is Monday, March 27, 2023 at 12:00 Noon.**

## Brockton Accepting Offers to Purchase a Lot in East Ridge Business Park, Walkerton

The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton is accepting offers to purchase a lot within the East Ridge Business Park in Walkerton, legally described as PART 10 on PLAN 3R-10640 as highlighted in the attached Reference Plan. (View the [PDF document](#) to see the full size Reference Plan and Map of the identified lot).

Offers to purchase the lot must be submitted by **12:00 Noon on Wednesday, April 5, 2023** to Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) by [email](#), by mail to the Municipality of Brockton, 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0, or in person at the Municipal Office, with full Agreements of Purchase and Sale to follow.

The Council of the Municipality of Brockton will consider the offers to purchase the lot at their Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.





### Animal Control – Dog Tags

The Municipality of Brockton is mailing dog tag invoices in January 2023. Invoices are based on dog owner information in our current database, and your dog will continue to wear the permanent tag you received previously. Dog tags can be purchased at the Municipal Office (100 Scott St, Walkerton). The Municipality requires all dog owners to license their dogs within one week of the dog coming into their care. If you no longer own a dog, need a replacement tag, or need to register your dog, contact the Municipal Office at 519-881-2223, or [email the Municipal Office](#) so we can update our records.

### 2023 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



### 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
- **\*\*NEW\*\* Credit/Debit Card** – pay using credit or debit card through Paymentus at [Brockton.ca/Payments](#) or on the mobile app, a **2.5% service charge fee applies**

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

### 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](#).



### Join Us for Women's Day

Join us for an inspiring evening with local leaders – including Mary Jane Bushell, President and CEO of Larsen & Shaw in Walkerton -- for our International Women's Day event, Inspiring Women Embracing Equality, on March 8<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Neustadt Community Centre. Sponsored by the Saugeen Connects regional economic development group, including the Municipality of Brockton. Tickets are \$25 and include dinner. [Register through Eventbrite](#).



### Want to Start your Own Business?

Women can sign up for the free Advancing Women Economically (AWE) program offered through Saugeen Connects, starting March 8<sup>th</sup>. The program consists of 10 online learning sessions offered Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., covering everything from creating a business plan to branding, marketing, and networking in a rural environment. It includes free tickets to our International Women's Day event, plus a completion bonus. For more information, email [andrea@sbdc.ca](mailto:andrea@sbdc.ca) or call 519-799-5750 Ext. 301.

### Brockton Supports for Rental Housing

Are you a commercial property owner interested in creating a new dwelling unit in a vacant or underused space, or making an existing apartment more accessible? Find out if you're eligible for a business incentive grant under our new Community Improvement Program! Call 519-881-2223 Ext. 131 for more information, or visit our [Business Improvement Grant page](#).



### 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. Visit [our Waste Management and Recycling webpage](#) 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. A reminder that it is illegal to deposit snow on sidewalks or roads.

### Brockton's Community Engagement Website

The Municipality of Brockton reminds you to register to get involved on our community engagement website, [buildyourbrockton.ca](http://buildyourbrockton.ca)! This community engagement website invites feedback from the community on various projects such as our Recreation Master Plan, Saugeen Riverbank Cliff Erosion, informational projects, and more! Share your feedback and learn more about what's happening in your community.



### Market Garden Fundraising

The Municipality of Brockton are fundraising for the development of The Market Garden park on Durham Street in Walkerton. Construction scheduled to start in the Spring of 2023! 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 Programming






Registration is opening March 21<sup>st</sup> for Summer Camps! Visit [Brockton.ca/SummerCamp](http://Brockton.ca/SummerCamp), or call 519-881-0625 or [email](#) the Recreation Department for more information.

### 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 Aptic Studios Inc. from the app store!

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-  Instagram – [municipalitybrockton](#)
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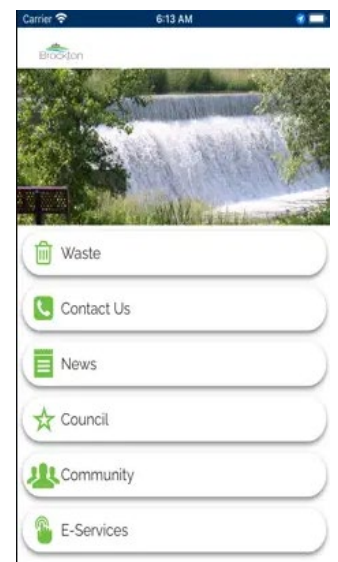
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### Add Your Events to Brockton's Community Calendar

Make sure your 2023 events are featured on Brockton's free Community Calendar! Your event must be organized by a non-profit, or community organization and be held within Brockton.

The steps to adding your event are simple:

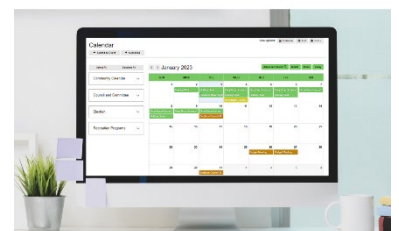
- [31]** Visit [calendar.brockton.ca](http://calendar.brockton.ca) and click on [Submit an Event](#).
- [31]** Login if you have an account, or create one if it's your first time adding an event.
- [31]** Add in your events, edit, and update your events from there

It's that simple! Each event is reviewed and approved before being added to the calendar, so it won't appear right away. Once your event is on the calendar, we may help spread the word through the Brockton Buzz newsletter, and social media.



Do you have an **upcoming event** in Brockton that you want to share?

Add your event to our website's **Community Calendar!**



If you're having any troubles, please let us know by calling 519-881-2223 or emailing [web@brockton.ca](mailto:web@brockton.ca).



## Community Events

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

- **St. Patrick's Party at Walkerton Legion - March 18, 2023**

The Walkerton Legion are hosting a St. Patrick's Party on Saturday, March 18, 2023 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at 505 Scott Street, Walkerton featuring After Midnight Classic Rock Band. Tickets \$10.00 each Advanced Tickets are available at the Legion.

- **Meadow Ridge Maplefest – April 1, 2023**

Tap into Spring at Meadow Ridge Maplefest! There will be a delicious pancake and sausage breakfast with real maple syrup on Saturday, April 1st from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (by donation) including live music, demonstrations, children activities, tranquil self guided nature walk. Fun for the whole family! The Sugar Camp Facilities and Maple Bush will be open Saturday till 4:00 p.m. and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Proudly supported by the Walkerton & District Optimist Club. Facilities are fully accessible and with wheelchair access. Amber and Dark maple syrup will be available to purchase. Wear your boots and dress warmly!

- **Midwestern Ontario Rotary Music Festival Registration – April 17-26, 2023**

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the Midwestern Ontario Rotary Music Festival in Walkerton is back April 17 to 26, 2023! For more information, syllabus and registration forms, email Yvonne Kieffer at [info@midwesternontariorotarymusicfestival.ca](mailto:info@midwesternontariorotarymusicfestival.ca). Don't miss this excellent learning experience for schools, community groups and private students.

- **Sip, Sparkle & Spence – An Evening with Lynn Spence – April 22, 2023**

The Kinette Club of Walkerton are hosting Sip, Sparkle & Spence on April 22, 2023 at Best Western Plus in Walkerton! The evening will include appetizers and champagne, live and silent auctions, and a fashion show commentated by Lynn Spence of CityTV's CityLine. Fashions from A Delicate Edge and Amazing Assets will be featured! Tickets are now available. General admission tickets are \$70 each. Tickets can be purchased at A Delicate Edge or Amazing Assets Walkerton, or by contacting any Kinette.

## South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – March is Fraud Prevention Month

Each year, the South Bruce OPP participates in Fraud Prevention Month in an effort to help raise awareness on fraud. Remember that the goal is to get your money. The scammer will try to confuse you, intimidate you, feign affection for you, all in an effort to take your money. There is really no limit to the type of cons and scams a Tech-savvy con artist can create, so the South Bruce OPP is asking you to be mindful of fraud every day, as there are millions of cons and scams are attempted **every day**. With that in mind, here is some information on 2 common types of scams: the Emergency scam and the Romance scam.

### By the numbers

In 2022, the CAFC received fraud reports totalling a staggering **\$530** million in victim losses. This was nearly a 40 per cent increase from the 2021 unprecedented **\$380** million in losses.

### Emergency Scam

Fraudster's target anyone and everyone, particularly the vulnerable and seniors. In 2022, more than **\$9.2** million was reported lost to emergency scams, according to the CAFC. This was a drastic increase from **\$2.4** million in 2021.

### What is an emergency scam?

Emergency scams, including variations called "grandparent scams", use urgency and the manipulation of emotions to extort money from victims. In these scams, fraudsters cold call seniors, on landline phones, claiming to be a grandchild, family member, law enforcement officer or lawyer calling on behalf of their loved one. They'll say that the person's loved one was involved in an emergency, such as a collision, charged by law enforcement, legal peril, being sick or injured, etc. They demand the senior provide payment immediately for supposed bail, legal fees, fines or other amounts "owed" to stop the family member from going to jail or to get them released from custody. This is a scam.

The fraudsters isolate the victims by informing them that there is a court-imposed gag order, and they're forbidden from discussing the matter. The victims are directed to attend their financial institution to withdraw the requested amount in cash. The fraudsters will then send someone to pick it up from the victim's home or have the victim send the money via courier services. There have also been reports of victims paying with cryptocurrency.

### Romance Scam

According to the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC), Canadian romance fraud victims reported losing over **\$59** million to fraudsters in 2022. Ontario victims represented over **\$20** million of those losses.

### What is a romance scam?

Romance fraudsters prey on victims looking for a partner, companion or love interest. In this digital world, scammers use technology to convince victims to enter into a virtual or online relationship, to gain a victims' trust and affection. This can occur through: e-mail messages, popular encrypted chat applications, online chat groups, fake profiles on social media, dating sites or even through online platforms where likeminded people hangout online.





## South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – March is Fraud Prevention Month (Continued)

A new trend has the fraudsters sending random text messages to victims. The messages often read "where are you?", "where have you been?" or something similar. Once the victim responds, a conversation is started, and the fraudster attempts to build a relationship with the victim.

Eventually the scammer asks for money for travel, a medical emergency or assistance with a family emergency or convince the victim to invest into a fraudulent cryptocurrency platform. Remember...there is always urgency and associated drama like an old soap opera. The scammers might also ask you to receive money and transfer the funds elsewhere, or purchase items and send them to foreign countries. The scammer always makes excuses for not being able to meet in person, travel to see you, or use video conferencing to talk. Remember if it seems too good to be true, it often is!

### How to protect yourself?

- Don't give out your personal information (name, address, DOB, SIN, banking credentials).
- Don't accept friend requests from people you do not know.
- Don't invest your money in platforms provided by people you don't know.
- Be careful who you share images with. Suspects will often use explicit pictures to extort victims into sending more money.
- Protect your online accounts.
- Never send money to someone you haven't met.
- Don't respond to text messages from phone numbers you do not recognize.
- Always verify an unsolicited contact before you consider responding.

If you fall victim to a fraud or know someone who has, contact your local police service to report the crime and report it to the CAFC at **1-888-495-8501** or online on the [Fraud Reporting System \(FRS\)](#), even if a financial loss did not occur.

# E-Bike and E-Scooter Safety

The popularity of electric bikes and electric scooters (e-bikes and e-scooters) has taken off over the past few years. Lithium-ion batteries are usually the source of power for both, and if not used correctly, or if damaged, those batteries can catch on fire or explode. Whether you use e-bikes or e-scooters as your main way of getting around, or just for fun, there are important safety tips to keep in mind when charging or storing these devices.

## The Problem

- Damaged or defective batteries can over-heat, catch fire, or explode.
- Lithium-ion battery fires give off toxic gases and they burn extremely hot.

## Safety Tips

- Only purchase and use devices, batteries, and charging equipment that are listed by a nationally recognized testing lab and labeled accordingly.
- Always follow the instructions from the manufacturer.
- Only use the battery and the charger that were designed for, and came with, the device.
- Do not keep charging the device or device battery after it is fully charged.
- Only charge one device or device battery at a time to prevent overloading the circuit.
- Keep batteries at room temperature when possible. Do not charge them at temperatures below 32°F (0°C) or above 105°F (40°C).
- Do not store batteries in direct sunlight or inside hot vehicles, and keep them away from children and liquids.

- Store e-bikes, e-scooters, and batteries away from exit doors and anything that can get hot or catch fire.
- Only have device repairs performed by a qualified professional.
- Do not put lithium-ion batteries in the trash. Recycling is always the best option. Take the batteries to a battery recycling location or contact your local waste department for disposal instructions.

## Signs of a Problem

Stop using the e-bike or e-scooter if you notice any of these problems with the battery: unusual odor, change in color, too much heat, change in shape, leaking, smoking, or not keeping a charge.



If you see a fire ...



Leave the building immediately.



Don't try to fight the fire.



Call 911.

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