



2014 INTERIM TAX NOTICE

Due Dates: March 31st, 2014 & May 30th, 2014

2014 Interim Taxes are 50% of the 2013 Annualized Taxes

At the Municipality of Brockton we've teamed with **epost**, the digital mailbox from Canada Post that makes it easy for you to receive, manage and store your bills and other important documents online.

Sign up today at **epost.ca** to have your Municipal Tax and Water bills, delivered to your own safe, secure **epost** digital mailbox.

Register two bills and you could win \$1000 in Canada Post's ongoing monthly contest. And, each additional bill you register gives you an extra contest entry.

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Payment Options: Interac, Cash, Cheques, Post-dated cheques, Online/Telephone Banking. For complete details visit www.brockton.ca/payments.

ADDRESS CHANGES

Please notify the tax department if you have any changes to your mailing address. This can be done in person, in writing, or by e-mail (sbarber@brockton.ca). Your co-operation in this matter ensures a timely receipt of your tax and utility bills from our office.

TAX STATEMENT CHARGE

There is a \$10.00 fee for a tax statement or a re-print of your tax bill.

Your **final tax bill** shows total taxes billed for the current year and this is the information required by the lawyer (if selling) or for income tax purposes. If you wish your tax bill stamped paid please send it in with your payment along with a self-addressed stamped envelope or bring it in at the time of payment.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT

You should have received notification from the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) in the fall of 2012 of your assessment for the 2013-2016 years. If you do not agree with your tax assessment, you can submit a Request for Reconsideration of your Assessment to the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), at no charge to you. This form is available at the municipal office or contact MPAC at 1-866-296-6722 or Fax to 1-866-297-6703 or you can go online at www.mpac.ca go under Property Owners to Forms and the Request for Reconsideration Form for 2014 will be there. Deadline to file is March 31, 2014.



COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL PROPERTIES

Property tax relief for vacant commercial and industrial buildings will be provided to property owners through rebates that are issued by municipalities. A whole commercial or industrial building will be eligible for a rebate if the entire building was unused for **at least 90** consecutive days. Partial vacancies are also eligible if the criterion is met. The deadline for submitting applications to the municipality is February 28 of the following year; therefore in order to be eligible for a rebate for your 2013 taxes, an application form must be received by February 28, 2014.

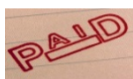


PENALTY & INTEREST CHARGES – ON TAXES

Any payment **RECEIVED IN OUR OFFICE AFTER THE DUE DATE WILL BE CONSIDERED LATE** and as such the outstanding taxes will be subject to the penalty and interest charges as per the Municipal Act. In accordance with Section 347 of the new Municipal Act, where any payment is received on account of taxes the payment shall first be applied against late payment charges owing in respect of those taxes according to the length of time the charges have been owing, with charges imposed earlier being discharged before charges imposed later. In summary, **all years penalties are cleared FIRST before the taxes are paid.**



PRE-AUTHORIZED PAYMENTS



Many taxpayers are taking advantage of the monthly and due date withdrawal systems and avoiding any unnecessary penalty and interest charges.

If you are on either the Pre-Authorized Monthly Plan and/or the Due Date Plan, your taxes are being paid automatically from your bank account.

If on the monthly plan, you will notice in the Previous Due/Credit section that you will have credits shown for the withdrawals that have been processed to date. As for those ratepayers on the pre-authorized plan for due dates, the withdrawals will be as shown on your stubs for March 31, 2014 and May 30, 2014.

If you wish to enroll in either of the pre-authorized payment plans, please contact our office at 1-877-885-8084 or (519) 881-2223 extension 32. The monthly plan has withdrawals on the 15th of each month, and the due dates are withdrawn on the actual due dates. The Pre-Authorized Form is also available on the municipality’s website at www.brockton.ca/taxforms

Animal Control: Dog Tags

The Municipality of Brockton has mailed dog tag(s) along with an invoice to all dog owners currently registered in our database. We would like to remind you that these tags will be **PERMANENT** tags and beginning January 2015, you will receive an annual invoice only. If you no longer own a dog, please contact the Municipal Office so we can update our records. Please call: 519-881-2223 Ext. 32. Toll free 1-877-885-8084 or email info@brockton.ca.

2014 Dog Licencing Fees:

\$15.00 – First Dog (per household) **\$ 25.00** – Additional Dogs **\$100.00** - Kennel License (more than 3 dogs)
\$10.00 Late Fee – (after Apr.1st) **\$150.00** – Dangerous Dogs **\$5.00** – Replacement Tag

Persons with lost dogs are requested to contact the Walkerton-Hanover Vet Clinic (519-881-2090) or the Animal Control Officer, Rick Parker (519-373-5037) to check if these animals are at the municipal pound.

Municipal Office Automated Answering Service

The Brockton Municipal Office has been using an automated telephone system since the end of October 2013 and each staff member in the municipal office has been assigned a specific extension number that allows callers direct access to staff.

Visit www.brockton.ca/contactus for a complete staff and council contact list.



Brockton Municipal Office