



Water Lines Freezing

Water service lines are susceptible to freezing with the extremely cold weather we are experiencing this winter. The Municipality is suggesting that until further notice, all residents on a municipal system run a cold water tap continuously at a steady stream the width of the lead in a pencil to help prevent freezing. Letting water run as suggested will increase water consumption and the decision to do so rests with the property owner. If you have a frozen line please contact the Municipal Office at 519-881-2223 or Veolia Water at 519-881-1474

2014 Municipal Budget

Each year Brockton Council reviews what funds it needs to operate the municipality. This budget process yields a total dollar figure to operate the municipality for that year. The municipality then applies any grant funding it anticipates receiving from the province, the federal government or other sources against the budget figure. It also applies any non-tax revenues (fees and charges) it expects to raise for the upcoming year against the budget figure. The end result once all of these revenues have been used to help fund the budget figure, is the amount that needs to be raised through the municipal taxes, this is called the tax levy.

The amount that each property contributes to the tax levy is dependent on the assessment of the property. Property assessment values are calculated by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) which is an independent body formed by the provincial government. The municipality calculates a number (tax rate) that when multiplied against the assessment provides the

Table 1: 2014 Municipal Expenditures

Expenditure	Amount
General Government	\$3,044,592
Protection Services	\$4,172,543
Transportation Services	\$3,966,326
Environmental Services	\$1,039,399
Health Services	\$98,716
Social & Family Services	\$715,258
Recreation & Cultural Services	\$1,481,670
Planning & Development	\$432,496
Total	\$14,951,000

dollars (tax levy) needed to operate the municipality for the year. There are several different tax rates used for different classes of property such as residential, commercial/industrial and farm. The municipality uses the assessments for each property class and calculates a tax rate specific to that class.

For 2014, municipal expenditures total \$14,951,000 and the non-tax revenues total \$8,131,970 leaving a difference to be raised by taxation (tax levy) of \$6,819,030. Table 1 illustrates where the \$14,951,000 in expenditures is applied to fund various municipal operations. According to the Ministry of Municipal

Affairs, a common practice used by the majority of municipalities in Ontario is to use increases in their assessment from one year to the next to offset their levy increases and thereby stabilize their tax rates. The Municipality of Brockton has utilized this rate stabilization practice over the last several years as shown in Table 2.

Table 2: Tax Rate

Year	Percentage Change	Increase or Decrease
2005	4.67 %	Increase
2006	10.82 %	Decrease
2007	2.25 %	Increase
2008	4.43 %	Increase
2009	2.15 %	Increase
2010	4.68 %	Decrease
2011	0.00 %	No Change
2012	1.00 %	Increase
2013	0.00 %	No Change
2014	0.00 %	No Change

Following this rate stabilization practice for 2014 means that by using increases in assessment from 2013, Brockton Council can keep the 2014 municipal tax rate increase to zero. This means if the assessment on a property remains unchanged from 2013 to 2014 the municipal taxes for 2014 will be the same as 2013. Ratepayers should keep in mind that Brockton tax bills contain charges for the County of Bruce and the School Board. The County and School Boards do not have the power to directly tax ratepayers themselves so their levy is included on the municipal tax bill. Roughly 54% of taxes collected by Brockton in 2014 are used for municipal purposes, 25% are directed to Bruce County and 20% are directed to school boards.

If you have any questions regarding the Brockton budget process or taxation, please contact municipal staff for more information.



Reminder! Tax installments are due March 31, 2014 and May 30, 2014.

Please note: Post-dated cheques, Telephone Banking payments and PC Banking Payments are accepted for payment of taxes as well as cash, cheque or debit. There will be a \$10.00 fee for a Tax Statement or re-print of a previous year's tax bill.





Reminder! Clocks go ahead 1 hour on Sunday March 9th @ 2:00 a.m





Household Hazardous and Special Waste Collection Schedule 2014

When in doubt, don't throw it out! Help keep environmental contaminants out of our landfills and waterways. You can clean out your house, garage and basement and remove hazardous and special waste materials and dispose of them in an environmentally safe manner at **NO COST** with Bruce County's Household Hazardous and Special Waste Collection. Household hazardous and special waste includes, but is not limited to, the following products:

Corrosive	Toxic	Flammable	Reactive
			
Batteries, Drain Openers, Oven Cleaners	Pesticides, Pharmaceuticals, Cleaners	Gasoline, Antifreeze, Paint, Oil, Solvents, Propane Tanks	Aerosols, Pool chemicals, Ammonia, Bleach, Fluorescent bulbs and tubes

The County of Bruce will be conducting 2014 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Events throughout the County. The 2014 locations in or around Brockton include:

Sites	Location	Date	Time
Walkerton	Bruce County Highways Garage - 94 County Rd 2	May 24	9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Paisley	Bruce County Highways Garage - 242 Canrobert Street	August 9	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Walkerton	Bruce County Highways Garage - 94 County Road 2	September 13	1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Please Note: Commercial, Agricultural, Industrial Wastes, PCB's, Infectious or Radioactive Wastes will NOT be accepted. For complete information about Bruce County's Household Hazardous and Special Waste Collection program visit www.BruceCounty.on.ca and search for 'Waste Management'.

Animal Control: Dog Tags

In January 2014, the Municipality mailed dog tag(s) along with an invoice to all registered dog owners. If you have not received your tag, or if you have a new dog, please purchase a tag at the Municipal Office. A \$10 late fee applies to tags purchased after April 1, 2014. If you no longer own a dog, please contact the Municipal Office so we can update our records. For more information about animal licensing and control visit www.Brockton.ca/AnimalControl.

Municipal Office Automated Answering Service

We are using an automated telephone system in the Municipal Office. To reach staff directly call 519-881-2223, and then dial the extension of the person you wish to reach. For a complete staff and council list visit www.Brockton.ca/ContactUs.

Municipal Office Extension Numbers

39	Alex Flanagan, GIS Technician	26	Debra Roth, Clerk
33	Anne Graf, Building / Utilities Clerk	25	John Strader, Works Superintendent
23	Anne Zettler, Accounting Clerk	21	Marilyn Al, Clerical Assistant
22	Becky Belfour, Tax Collector / Deputy Treasurer	28	Mark Gaynor, Chief Financial Officer
35	Betty Diebold, Clerical Assistant	30	Ray Holliday, Building Inspector / Property Standards Officer
24	Brandy Patterson, Deputy Clerk / Exec. Assist.	31	Richard Radford, CAO
34	Colin Saunders, Utilities Manager	32	Sheila Barber, Tax / Cemetery Clerk
29	David Inglis, Mayor	27	Terry Tuck, Chief Building Official

New Brockton Website: Your Source for Up-to-the-Minute Cancellations and Closures

With the recent inclement weather Brockton has had many scheduling changes, facility closures and road closures. To stay up-to-date on what's happening visit www.Brockton.ca/Subscribe and sign up to have our [news alerts](#) sent to you directly by email, or visit us on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#) for updates.

Bulletin Board

March Break Programs at the Walkerton Community Centre, Monday, March 10 to Friday, March 14. Dickie Bird Show Wednesday, March 12, Skiing and Tubing Day Trips and more! Visit www.Brockton.ca/MarchBreak for more info or call 519-881-0625 to register.

Spring Ice is available at the Walkerton Community Centre from March 30 to May 16, 2014. You can check availability at www.Brockton.ca/IceTime/ or call 519-881-0625.

Brockton Municipal Office

100 Scott Street, Box 68 Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0; Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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