

For Immediate Release

Municipality of Brockton's Update as a Result of Province of Ontario Moving to Modified Step Two

Brockton, ON, January 4, 2022 - The Municipality of Brockton prioritizes the health and well-being of residents and businesses by following advice from the Grey Bruce Health Unit and Provincial Government. In response to the Premier's announcement on January 3rd regarding temporarily moving the province into a modified Step Two (2) of its Roadmap to Reopen, access to the public for certain municipal services will be affected as of 12:01 a.m. on January 5th until further notice.

The scheduled Grey Bruce Health Unit's **vaccination clinics at the Walkerton Community Centre** will continue to occur:

- Thursday, January 6, 2022 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Saturday, January 8, 2022 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m. (Go Vaxx Bus)
- Thursday, February 3, 2022 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 17, 2022 from 12:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Appointments can be booked by visiting: <https://covid-19.ontario.ca/book-vaccine>

Municipal services, including; fire and emergency services; road maintenance, water, wastewater, waste management and landfill operations, cemetery operations, and building inspections will continue as scheduled. For further information about municipal operations and the COVID-19 pandemic visit Brockton.ca/COVID19 or our social media accounts.

The following municipal services will be affected as of 12:01 a.m. on January 5th until further notice:

Office and Facility Closures

The Brockton Municipal Office will remain open but appointments for service are strongly encouraged. Residents are encouraged to pay bills online, or use the Drop-Off Box, which is checked regularly by staff. Lottery and Marriage Licensing services and Commissioner of Oath services are available by appointment only. Please contact the Municipal Office at 519-881-2223 to book your appointment.

Building: Residents wishing to obtain building permits can drop off documentation at the Municipal Office Drop-Off Box or, preferably, via email, and can direct all inquiries via email or telephone to Building Department staff.

Cemetery: Residents are encouraged to call the Municipal Office at 519-881-2223 for all cemetery inquiries.

Recreation: The Recreation Office at the Walkerton Community Centre is closed to the public until further notice, with the exception of drop-offs for well water samples. Well-water samples can be dropped off at the Walkerton Community Centre between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. Monday to Friday. Recreation Department inquiries can still be made by telephone 519-881-0625 or email recreation@brockton.ca.

All facility rentals, recreational and leisure programs, including private bookings have been postponed until further notice. The Elmwood Community Centre, Cargill and District Community Centre and Bradley School House Community Centre are closed to the public until further notice.

The outdoor skating oval at Lobies Park will be opened to the public (hours and dates to be determined), weather permitting, with users limited to ensure appropriate physical distancing in place.

All other Parks, Trails, Open Spaces and Amenities remain open expect those seasonally closed, where individuals must maintain a physical distance of least two metres apart from others and social gatherings are not to too exceed 10 persons.

The Brockton Child Care Centre remains open. The school-age programs are cancelled until further notice in compliance with Provincial direction. An Emergency Child Care Program will be established for children of eligible workers as identified by the Province of Ontario. Individuals wishing to participate in the Emergency Child Care Program must apply through the County of Bruce by emailing childcare@brucecounty.on.ca.

Landfill Sites

The Landfill sites remain open to accommodate residents. The Brant Landfill is open 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 Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic residents are reminded to **wear a face covering and maintain physical distancing** when attending the Landfills. A **limit of 10 vehicles at a time** remains in effect for the Brant and Greenock Landfills. We encourage residents to use curbside pickup whenever possible.

Garbage and Recycling

Household garbage and recycling pickup continues as scheduled unless otherwise advised. The Walkerton Recycling Depot (MTO Yard) remains open and cardboard recycling and styrofoam drop-off are still available if an attendant is not present.

Bag Tags

Residents are encouraged to continue using weekly curbside garbage collection. Residents are encouraged to purchase more than one tag when out getting necessities such as groceries and gas. Bag tags can be purchased for \$2.00 each at the following locations:

- Cargill Country Variety – 205 Main Street, Cargill
- Circle K – 189 10th Street, Hanover
- Circle K – 13553 Bruce Road 10, Hanover
- Paisley Freshmart – 436 Queen Street North, Paisley
- Towne Convenience – 420 Durham Street East, Walkerton
- Walkerton Foodland – 125 Durham Street East, Walkerton
- Walkerton Valu Mart – 1200 Yonge Street South, Walkerton

Council and Budget Meetings

Council of the Municipality of Brockton will continue to meet electronically as scheduled on January 11th and 25th, 2022. The 2022 Municipal Budget meetings will also occur electronically on January 25th and 26th, 2022.

Cargill and Walkerton Library Branches

The Cargill and Walkerton branches of the Bruce County Public Library remain open to the public with 50% capacity limits. Curbside pickup is also available in order to limit the number of patrons in the building. Room rentals at the Walkerton Library are postponed until further notice.

What you can do to help:

- Get vaccinated as soon as eligible and possible
- Wear a face covering (upgrade from a cloth mask)
- Avoid gatherings and close contacts with individuals outside of your immediate household
- Get a COVID-19 test at an Assessment Centre if you have symptoms of COVID-19 or are a contact of a known COVID-19 case.
- **Stay home if you are sick; and stay home if you have COVID-19 symptoms, or are waiting for test results after experiencing symptoms.**
- Maintain physical distancing as much as possible
- Complete a daily COVID screening of symptoms
- Wash hands frequently

The Municipality of Brockton urges the public to be kind and respectful of business operators and staff who are required to follow the Provincial regulations.

Residents are encouraged to continue to support local businesses and participate in alternate arrangements such as take-out services or curbside pickup where available to limit in-store capacity.

Let's work together to continue to keep our community, family, friends, and neighbours healthy.

Further Information

The Municipality of Brockton will continue to obtain information and updates from the County of Bruce, The Grey Bruce Health Unit, the Province of Ontario and other health agencies and will provide new information to residents when available. The Municipality of Brockton will continue to take all steps necessary to maintain essential services for our residents and local businesses. Please visit [Brockton.ca/COVID19](https://www.brockton.ca/COVID19) or our social media accounts for updated information, or call the Municipal Office at 519-881-2223.

For the latest announcements and additional safety measures regarding COVID-19, visit the [Province of Ontario's website](https://www.ontario.ca/covid) and the [Grey Bruce Public Health website](https://www.greybruce.ca/health).