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View this issue and past issues of the Brockton Buzz Monthly Newsletter on our website at Brockton.ca/Buzz. All COVID-19 updates are available on our website Brockton.ca/COVID19. The Municipality of Brockton continues to **encourage residents to stay safe at home, self-isolate and practice physical/social distancing** throughout this COVID-19 pandemic.

The Municipality of Brockton **declared a State of Emergency on March 23, 2020** allowing the Municipality to make use of all tools at its disposal to protect the health and well-being of all residents and businesses, including accessing any provincial funding that may become available in the future.

Community Information Sheet

If you need assistance dealing with COVID-19, a [Community Information Sheet](#) has been created with information on available services, health questions, assistance for seniors or people with compromised immune systems, and our local pharmacies, grocery stores, and restaurants who are offering home delivery or take-out services.

Waiver of Penalty and Interest Charges on Tax Bills Until June 2020

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Municipality of Brockton has announced financial measures to help ease the economic impact to taxpayers for the March 31, 2020 and May 29, 2020 tax bills. The Municipality of Brockton will waive penalty and interest charges incurring on unpaid balances for April, May and June for the two interim property tax payments. The Municipality will continue to provide regular billings and the original due dates of March 31st and May 29th apply. If a resident chooses to not pay their tax bill due to financial hardship, no penalty or interest will be charged from March 31st to June 30th, 2020.

Utility Billing

All water bills will continue based on individual consumption and By-Law 2020-018 – Water Service Rates and Charges. The due date for water bills remains unchanged (March 31, 2020 for the West side of Walkerton and Chepstow and April 30, 2020 for the East side of Walkerton and Lake Rosalind).

Recycling Collection

As of March 30, 2020 the Municipality of Brockton has made arrangements for curbside recycling services to resume for all residents as per the usual schedule starting March 31, 2020 and for the material to be recycled and not landfilled. Staff and Council thank residents for holding on to their recyclables until a safe and responsible solution was found by the Municipality of Brockton.

The Walkerton Recycling Report (MTO Yard) will be closed to the public, however, cardboard recycling and styrofoam drop-off are still available.

Garbage Collection

Garbage/household waste collection will continue as normal.

Landfill Sites

The Greenock Landfill is closed to all residents. This has been done to accommodate staff health and safety. Greenock Landfill staff have been transferred to the Brant Landfill. This transfer was made to maintain a landfill service in the rural areas. The Brant Landfill and Walkerton/Hanover Landfills remain open. As of April 1, 2020 the Brant Landfill is open on Tuesdays, and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and 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.



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Bag Tags

Bag tags are required for curbside garbage recycling. 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:

- Brant Landfill Site – 57 Concession 8, Elmwood
- Cargill Country Variety – 205 Main St, Cargill
- Junction 4 & 19 – 1584 Bruce Road 4, Walkerton
- Circle K – 189 10th St, Hanover
- Circle K – 13553 Bruce Road 10, Hanover
- Paisley Freshmart – 436 Queen St N, Paisley
- Towne Convenience – 420 Durham St E, Walkerton
- Walkerton Valu Mart – 1200 Yonge St S, Walkerton
- Walkerton Foodland – 125 Durham St E, Walkerton

Burn (Fire) Permits

The Municipality of Brockton is asking residents to refrain from having recreational or agricultural fires until April 10, 2020 or pending further notice. The Municipality has declared a state of emergency. We request residents do their part to reduce the number of calls that our firefighters respond to. This will limit the exposure of our volunteers so they are available for emergencies. Contact Brockton's Fire Chief at 519-881-2223 Ext. 300 for any further clarification.

Office and Facility Closures

The Brockton Municipal Office is closed to the public until further notice. The Drop-Off Box will be available for residents to drop off documentation and payments. The Drop-Off Box is checked regularly by staff. Residents wishing to obtain building permits can drop off documentation at the Municipal Office Drop-Off Box, or email or call Building Department staff. Lottery licensing services are currently suspended. Marriage licensing is postponed, but will be reviewed by staff on a case-by-case basis. Commissioner of Oath services are currently suspended.

The Brockton Child Care Centre is closed to the public until further notice.

The Recreation Office is closed to the public until further notice. All outdoor recreational amenities, including playgrounds, sports fields, basketball and tennis courts, picnic areas, outdoor community gardens, park shelters and facilities are also closed until further notice. Greenspaces in parks and trails would remain open for walkthrough access but individuals must maintain the safe physical distance of at least two metres apart from others. All recreational and leisure programs, including private bookings have been postponed until further notice.

The Walkerton Business Improvement Area and the Brockton Visitor Information Centre are closed to the public until further notice.

The Bruce County Public Library has closed the Walkerton and Cargill Library Branches until further notice.

Notice of Special Council Meeting

The Council of the Municipality of Brockton will hold a Special Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of establishing electronic meeting procedures and amending the Procedural By-Law, ratifying decisions related to the COVID-19 pandemic and other urgent business. This meeting will be conducted electronically, and livestreamed to the Municipality's [YouTube Channel](#).

Further Information

The Municipality will continue to obtain updates from the County of Bruce, Grey Bruce Health Unit, Province of Ontario and other health agencies and will provide new information to residents. The Municipality will continue to take all steps necessary to maintain essential services for our residents and businesses. Visit [Brockton.ca/COVID19](https://www.brockton.ca/COVID19) for information for residents and [Brockton.ca/BusinessRecovery](https://www.brockton.ca/BusinessRecovery) for updated information about businesses, or call the municipal office at 519-881-2223.

Do You Need Help Dealing with COVID-19?

Call 211 to speak to a person about issues you are facing regarding food, housing, transportation, mental health, or other concerns.

If you have a computer, you can access 211 online at <https://brucegrey.cioc.ca/>.

Services

Walkerton Food Bank

Open Thursdays. Delivery available if you are self-isolating
Call 519-881-0168 or email walkertonfoodbank@gmail.com

Home and Community Support Services Grey Bruce:

This agency offers the Meals on Wheels program.
Call 519-372-2091 or email mow@hcssgreybruce.com

Wes for Youth:

Counselling for youth
Call 519-507-3737 or email office@wesforyouthonline.ca.

CMHA Grey Bruce:

Mental Health and Addiction Services.
Call 1-877-470-5200.

Bruce County Human Services

Call 519-881-0431 or email info@brucecounty.on.ca

Health Questions

Telehealth Ontario

Call 1-866-797-0000

Grey Bruce Health Unit

Call 519-376-9420 and press 3000 if you're experiencing symptoms of COVID- 19, which include:

- Difficulty Breathing
- Fever
- Persistent Cough

There are COVID-19 assessment centers at the Hanover Hospital and Kincardine Hospital, but please DO NOT visit the centres unless you have been referred by a health care professional.

DO NOT call 911 unless it is an emergency.

Ontario Government Information

www.ontario.ca/page/2019-novel-coronavirus


Seniors and People with Compromised Immune Systems

All persons over 70 years of age and individuals who are immunocompromised are advised to self-isolate until further notice.

Where possible, you should seek services over the phone or Internet or ask for help from friends, family or neighbours with essential errands.

Volunteers are also able to help. See reverse for Local volunteers. Sign up on the United Way website www.thedo.com if you are needing one-on-one assistance.

Walkerton grocery stores, pharmacies and many restaurants are offering take out or delivery services during this time.

See reverse for details. 

Travellers

If you have travelled outside Canada, including the United States, you MUST isolate yourself from others for 14 days.

Home Delivery Services in the Brockton Area

During the COVID-19 crisis, the following grocery stores, pharmacies and restaurants are offering home delivery services or take-out to help maintain social distancing. Please note that this list may change as conditions evolve.

Pharmacies

Pellow's Pharmasave: 519-881-0151
Brown's Guardian Pharmacy: 519-881-2420

Grocery Stores and Fresh Produce:

Valu-Mart: 519-881-2280 or visit www.valumart.ca
Walkerton Foodland: 519-881-1021 or email jeff.golding@sobeys.com
Ralph Pitt Produce: 519-881-2944 or email ralphpitt@bellnet.ca
The Produce Club: <https://www.facebook.com/produceclub/>
For The Health Of It: 519-881-0522 or email shawndachambers@gmail.com

Restaurants

The Old Garage Wood Fired Pizza	519-881-0111 or visit www.theoldgaragewfp.com
Walkerton Sushi	519-507-6789
TK's Deli & Pizzeria	519-881-1055
Pizza Delight	519-507-0707 or visit www.pizzadelight.ca
Godfathers Pizza	519-881-3093 or visit www.godfatherspizza.ca
Dairy Queen Grill & Chill	519-507-3742 or walkertondq@wightman.ca
Tim Hortons	519-881-2749
Subway Walkerton	519-881-2537 or www.subway.com
White Rose Coffeehouse, Health Food Store & Peace Cafe	519-889-0181 or visit https://www.facebook.com/whiterosecoffee/
Loung Sing Chinese Restaurant	519-881-1888
Sunnyside Grill Walkerton	519-507-1171 or visit https://www.facebook.com/sunnysidegrillwalkerton/

Community Support Volunteers. The following groups have volunteers able to assist with certain activities, such as deliveries from local grocery stores, pharmacies and the Food Bank. No cash will change hands, and following social distancing protocol, volunteers cannot be in direct contact with those they are helping. Priority will be given to seniors, the disabled, and people who are self-isolating. Please call the numbers below, or send an email, to reach a representative.

Kinsmen Club of Walkerton: 519-507-6655 or email kinsmenofwalkerton@gmail.com
Walkerton and District Optimist Club: 519-881-3538 wpoechman@gmail.com
Walkerton Legion: 519-881-7304
Rotary Club of Walkerton: 519-881-7564 or email walkertonrotary@gmail.com
Brockton Community Church: 226-527-1555 or email brocktoncommunitychurch@gmail.com

For More Information:

Call the Municipality of Brockton at 519-881-2223 or visit the municipality's COVID-19 web page at www.brockton.ca/COVID19. Follow us on social media as well for regular updates:



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