

New Public Space Opens in Downtown Walkerton for Shoppers, Businesses During COVID-19

Brockton, ON, July 3 2020 – The Municipality of Brockton has opened a new park in downtown Walkerton for the convenience of shoppers and local businesses – particularly restaurants -- dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The new Durham Street Park, between Walker’s Landing and the ReMax office on the north side of Durham Street, will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. daily, with social distancing protocols in place. It will offer a hand-washing station, portable toilet, and six picnic tables, appropriately distanced from each other. One table is wheelchair accessible.

The space will be limited to groups of less than 10 people, following guidelines from the Medical Officer of Health, and groups are asked to stay 6 feet apart from each other. There must not be more than six people at a table.

“Due to Covid-19, at this time our restaurants are only able to offer take-out food or outdoor dining. The Municipality wanted to create an outdoor space where shoppers could take a break and enjoy a snack or meal with the convenience of a hand-washing station and toilet nearby,” said Brockton Mayor Chris Peabody. “In addition to this, I’m delighted to say that many restaurants have expanded their patios this summer, and Council has adopted a new bylaw that allows restaurants and cafes to set up patios on Durham Street, providing certain conditions are met.”

The Municipality recently purchased the lot and was scheduled to start planning for a new downtown park space in 2021. Council approved opening it ahead of time to assist businesses impacted by the pandemic and make the downtown more comfortable for shoppers and their families.

Residents are reminded to respect social distancing guidelines within the park, and elsewhere. Facial coverings are recommended where distancing is not possible.

Walkerton is home to numerous restaurants and providers of delicious take-out food, including Walker’s Landing, Old Joe’s Restaurant, The Old Garage, Loung Sing, Tim Horton’s, Simply Deli-cious, White Rose Café, Godfather’s Pizza, the 519 Table & Pour, Walkerton Sushi, Pizza Delight, the Green Bean Pantry, Mel’s Diner and Serendipity, as well as grocery stores Foodland and Kaufman’s valu-mart.

Many of these restaurants have expanded their patio spaces to serve customers during the COVID-19 pandemic. Please remember to shop local – and eat local -- now more than ever.

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