

For Immediate Release

Municipality of Brockton COVID-19 Update: Burn Ban Remains in Effect Until Further Notice

Brockton, ON, May 6, 2020 – The Municipality of Brockton continues to remain vigilant in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic. **The Municipality reminds all Brockton residents that the burn ban issued by Brockton’s Chief Fire Official on March 31, 2020 remains in effect until further notice. This burn ban applies to both agricultural and recreational fires.**

The burn ban has been put in place to limit firefighter exposure to the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure enough firefighters are available for emergencies. This burn ban prevents our first responders from having to travel close together, further risking their exposure to COVID-19.

Despite the burn ban, to support our agricultural sector, residents with agriculturally zoned properties that require a burn permit to support farming operations for planting and/or food production may contact the Chief Fire Official at 519-881-2223 Ext. 300 who will consider exemptions to the burn ban on a case-by-case basis.

Please note that a \$500.00 fine may be issued if a resident does not comply with Brockton's Burn Ban. Residents can report any infractions of our Open Air Burn By-Law 2017-034 to Brockton’s By-Law Enforcement Officer at 519-881-2223 Ext. 141 or Brockton’s Fire Chief at 519-881-2223 Ext. 300.

We appreciate your continued patience and cooperation.

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) for updated 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.