

For Immediate Release

## **Municipality of Brockton's Updated Response to COVID-19**

**Brockton, ON**, February 16, 2021 – Effective February 16, 2021 at 12:01 a.m. the Grey Bruce Health Unit was moved into the Yellow “Protect” Level as part of the [Provincial COVID-19 Response Framework](#). The Municipality of Brockton has continued to serve residents by electronic, telephone and remote working arrangements throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. We are pleased to move forward with re-opening plans with additional restrictions in accordance with the Provincial Government and the Grey Bruce Health Unit to continue prevention of COVID-19 spread in Bruce and Grey Counties.

### **Municipal Office Services:**

Residents are encouraged to continue to limit unnecessary contact by making electronic payments, using the drop box at the Municipal Office and sending inquiries through [email](#) or by phone 519-881-2223. The Municipality of Brockton will resume in-person services on Monday, February 22, 2021 at the Municipal Office located at 100 Scott Street with regular hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.. Members of the public are required to complete a COVID-19 Screening Protocol if they are interacting with staff. Members of the public entering a municipal facility must wear a face covering, sanitize their hands, and obey physical distancing requirements.

### **Bill Payments:**

Individuals will be able to pay Tax Bills and Utility Bills via Debit, Cash, or Cheque at the Municipal Office as of February 22, 2021; however, residents are encouraged to pay bills, including the upcoming tax bill (due March 31, 2021) by online or telephone banking. Visit our [Payments page](#) for further information on how to pay your bill.

### **Licensing and Commissioner of Oaths:**

Marriage Licenses and Lottery Licenses will be provided by appointment only at the Municipal Office, along with the witnessing of documents requiring a Commissioner of Oaths. Please [email](#) or call the Municipal Office at 519-881-2223 to make an appointment or for general inquiries about all types of municipal licensing.

### **Building Permits:**

Residents are encouraged to submit Building Permit Applications and general inquiries by email to the [Building and Planning Manager/Chief Building Official](#) or [Building Inspector](#) or call the Municipal Office at 519-881-2223 Ext 127 or 130. Building Permit applications will also continue to be accepted through the drop box at the Municipal Office.

### **Recreational Facilities and Bookings:**

Effective February 20, 2021 the Walkerton Community Centre welcomes back ice users (including hockey groups, figure skating etc.) All ice rentals must be booked in advance. Ice rentals and/or organizations require a Return to Play Plan to be submitted and approved by the Municipality. This plan applies to both in-town and out-of-town rentals of any kind. All users will be required to sign a waiver. All users will also be required to complete COVID-19 screening when entering the facility.

The Parks and Recreation Office at the Walkerton Community Centre will reopen on February 22, 2021 with regular hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. In-person inquiries are by appointment only. Please [email Brockton Parks and Recreation](#) or call 519-881-0625 to book your appointment. Drop-in use of facilities is prohibited at this time. 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.

The Cargill, Bradley School House and Elmwood Community Centres remain closed at this time. Reopening plans are being drafted and reviewed and re-opening will be advertised as soon as practical.

At this time, recreational programming, facility and event bookings, including hall rentals are postponed to provide staff the opportunity to refine the reopening procedures for each facility.

The Lobies Park Skating Oval is open to the public Monday to Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. as weather permits. Residents must book a timeslot to skate, wear a face covering, and follow physical distancing protocols, with no more than 15 users at a time on the oval. Call 519-881-3435 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. or [email Brockton Parks and Recreation](#) to book your timeslot. Staff will respond to all inquiries in order as soon as possible based on the volume of calls.

**Landfill Sites and Bag Tag Reminder:**

The Greenock Landfill remains closed to all residents to accommodate staff health and safety. Greenock Landfill staff have been transferred to the Brant Landfill to maintain landfill service in rural areas. Greenock residents are able to use the Brant Landfill during this temporary closure. The Brant Landfill and Walkerton/Hanover Landfills remain open. The Brant Landfill is open Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday 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 Landfill. We encourage residents to use curbside pickup whenever possible; however, bag tags can be purchased for \$2.00 each at grocery and convenience stores. Visit our [Household Waste page](#) for the full list of retailers selling Bag Tags.

**Committees and Local Boards of Council Meeting Reminder:**

Committees and or Local Boards of Council continue to meet as required by electronic meeting on Zoom Video Conferencing. If the majority of committee or board members are unable to participate in Zoom meetings, they are to contact Clerk, Fiona Hamilton by [email](#) or phone at 519-881-2223 Ext. 124 to arrange alternative solutions.

**COVID-19 Vaccinations:**

The Provincial COVID-19 vaccine roll-out has started in Grey Bruce, including vaccinations for all long-term care home residents. The Grey Bruce Vaccine Task Force is assisting with the local distribution of the vaccine once it becomes available. Visit the [Grey Bruce Health Unit's website](#) for more information about the vaccine distribution plan.

**Further Information:**

The Municipality of Brockton will continue to obtain information and updates from The Grey Bruce Health Unit 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. Visit [www.Brockton.ca/COVID19](http://www.Brockton.ca/COVID19) for updated information regarding the Municipality's response to the pandemic.