

For Immediate Release

## **Municipality of Brockton COVID-19 Update: Recreation Programs and Facilities**

**Brockton, ON**, June 17, 2020 – The Municipality of Brockton continues to remain vigilant in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic as we enter Phase 2. On June 16, 2020 the Council of the Municipality of Brockton discussed the future of the Recreation Summer Day Camp Program, Walkerton Kinsmen Club Splash Pad and Lobies Park Campground.

### **Summer Day Camp Program:**

The Council of the Municipality of Brockton, after careful consideration of the guidelines and recommendations from the Government of Ontario and the Grey Bruce Health Unit, sadly decided on June 16, 2020 to cancel the Brockton Summer Day Camp Program. This was a very difficult decision for everyone involved. The Municipality's priority is ensuring the health and safety of our campers and staff.

Staff are researching options to run alternative summer programming to support Brockton families. The Municipality will announce any additional measures in the coming weeks in order to offer a safe and quality program for children.

The Municipality sympathizes and understands the impact of this cancellation on our families who rely on childcare during the summer. Due to the risk, liability, and responsibility involved with screening, health and safety protocols, program operation details, financial implications, and safely operating the camp it was determined that Brockton could not operate the Summer Day Camp for 2020.

### **Walkerton Kinsmen Club Splash Pad:**

The Walkerton Kinsmen Splash Pad will be opened as of Friday, June 26, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. seven (7) days a week.

The Splash Pad will be fenced in and supervised by staff as required by the applicable provincial guidelines. Only ten (10) people will be allowed in the Splash Pad at one time. Residents will be able to access the Splash Pad for a period of 30 minutes during busy or peak times.

There will be a "first come first serve" rule to allow residents equal time at the Splash Pad. Any child who exits/leaves the Splash Pad will be required to re-join the line and wait until another child leaves the Splash Pad before they are able to re-enter the facility.

### **Lobies Park Campground:**

Lobies Park Campground will be opened as of Friday, June 26, 2020. The Campground will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. seven (7) days a week. Reservations will be accepted as of June 19, 2020.

Campers can only access every other campsite to allow for appropriate physical distancing.

The single use washrooms will be open, and staff will clean and disinfect the washrooms twice a day. The communal washrooms will not be opened.

### **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.