

For Immediate Release

Municipality of Brockton's Updated Response to COVID-19

Brockton, ON, April 1, 2021 - The Municipality of Brockton's State of Emergency originally issued on March 23, 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic remains in effect. This afternoon, the Province of Ontario announced that Ontario will enter into a [Province-wide Emergency Brake Shutdown](#) effective **12:01 a.m. on Saturday, April 3, 2021 for a period of at least four (4) weeks**. The Municipality of Brockton continues to prioritize the health and well-being of residents and businesses by following advice from the Grey Bruce Health Unit and Provincial Government. In response to the Provincial lockdown announcement, the following measures have been taken:

Office and Facility Closures

The Brockton Municipal Office will be closed to the public from Monday, April 5, 2021 until further notice. The Drop-Off Box will be available for residents to drop off documentation and payments, which is checked regularly by staff. Lottery Licensing, Marriage Licensing and Commissioner of Oath services are available by appointment only. Please contact the Municipal Office at 519-881-2223 to book an appointment.

Building: Residents wishing to obtain building permits can drop off documentation at the Municipal Office Drop-Off Box or, preferably, via email, and can direct all inquiries via email or telephone to Building Department staff.

Cemetery: Residents are encouraged to call the Municipal Office at 519-881-2223 for all cemetery inquiries.

Tax Bill Payments: The upcoming tax due date of May 31, 2021 is still in effect. Residents can drop off payment by cheque or cash to the Municipal Office Drop-Off Box, or sign up for online payments through their banking institution. Visit Brockton.ca/Payments for further instructions on e-Billing services.

Recreation: The Recreation Office at the Walkerton Community Centre is closed to the public until further notice, with the exception of drop-offs for well water samples. Well-water samples can be dropped off at the Walkerton Community Centre between the hours of 8:30-1:40 p.m. Monday to Friday. Recreation Department inquiries can still be made by telephone 519-881-0625 or [email](#).

All facility rentals, recreational and leisure programs, including private bookings have been postponed until further notice. The Elmwood Community Centre, Cargill and District Community Centre and Bradley School House Community Centre are closed to the public until further notice.

Camp in a Box Program materials can still be picked up at the Walkerton Community Centre on April 8, 2021 between 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Residents must park in designated parking spots, and Recreation staff will bring Camp in a Box materials to your vehicle.

All other Parks, Trails, Open Spaces and Amenities remain open except for those seasonally closed. Individuals must maintain a physical distance of least two metres apart and groups are not to too exceed **5** persons in accordance with the restrictions set by the Province of Ontario.

The Brockton Child Care Centre remains open at this time. Any additional information will be provided when available.

Walkerton Business Improvement Area: The Walkerton Business Improvement Area is closed to the public until further notice, but available to member businesses by appointment only.

Landfill Sites

The Greenock Landfill will be closed immediately 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. As of April 1, 2021, 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.

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 and Greenock Landfills. We encourage residents to use curbside pickup whenever possible.

Bag Tags

Residents are encouraged to continue using weekly curbside garbage collection, but are able to purchase bag tags when out getting necessities such as groceries and gas. Bag tags can be purchased for \$2.00 each at the following locations:

- Cargill Country Variety – 205 Main Street, Cargill
- Circle K – 189 10th Street, Hanover
- Circle K – 13553 Bruce Road 10, Hanover
- Paisley Freshmart – 436 Queen Street North, Paisley
- Towne Convenience – 420 Durham Street East, Walkerton
- Walkerton Foodland – 125 Durham Street East, Walkerton
- Walkerton Valu Mart – 1200 Yonge Street South, Walkerton

Garbage and Recycling

Household garbage and recycling pickup will continue as scheduled unless otherwise advised. The Walkerton Recycling Depot (MTO Yard) will be closed to the public, however, cardboard recycling and styrofoam drop-off are still available.

Council and Committee Meetings

The Council of the Municipality of Brockton and Committees and/or Local Boards of Council will continue to meet electronically through Zoom Video Conferencing as required. If the majority of committee or board members are unable to participate in Zoom meetings, they are to contact Clerk, Fiona Hamilton at 519-881-2223 Ext. 124 or by [email](#) to arrange alternative solutions for those Committees or Local Boards.

Recommendations

To stay safe and reduce transmission of COVID-19 follow these basics:

- Wash your hands frequently
- Watch your distance (ideally 2 m)
- Wear your face covering correctly
- Avoid Crowds
- Arrange for outdoor activities instead of indoors whenever possible

Residents should also limit close contact to only those individuals in their household.

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.