

For Immediate Release

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

**Brockton, ON, June 9, 2021** - The Municipality of Brockton's original State of Emergency due to the COVID-19 pandemic remains in effect. The Province of Ontario released a [Roadmap to Reopening Ontario](#), announcing that **Step 1 of the Reopening Roadmap begins Friday, June 11, 2021**. The Province will remain in Step 1 for at least 21 days to evaluate any impacts on key public health and health system indicators. Public health and workplace safety measures, and Orders under the *Reopening Ontario Act* still remain in effect.

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. With the announcement of entering into Step 1 of the Reopening Roadmap, the following Municipal facilities and operations are impacted in the following ways:

### **Municipal Office:**

The Municipal Office will **reopen to the public on Monday, June 14, 2021** resuming regular hours of operation on Mondays to Fridays 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Although the office will be reopened to the public, appointments are still encouraged to ensure timely service due to restrictions on the number of patrons permitted in the office at one time. The following restrictions are in effect:

- No more than **two (2) persons** are allowed in the Municipal Office at one time, and must maintain a **physical distance** of 2 metres/6 feet.
- Residents must wear a **face covering** when entering the Municipal Office.
- Residents must use **hand sanitizer** when entering and exiting the Municipal Office.

Marriage licences, lottery licences, and Commissioner of Oaths services will require an appointment.

Residents can also continue to make payments online, by Pre-Authorized Payment, or contact staff via email or phone 519-881-2223 to limit visits to the Municipal Office.

### **Landfill Operations:**

The Brant and Hanover/Walkerton Landfills remain open. **The Greenock Landfill will reopen to the public on July 10, 2021**. During the remainder of the Greenock Landfill temporary closure, residents can continue to attend the Brant Landfill. All residents are encouraged to continue to use curbside pickup services.

### **Municipal Facilities that Remain Closed Until Further Notice:**

- Bradley School House/Community Centre
- Cargill and District Community Centre
- Elmwood Community Centre
- Walkerton Community Centre (With the exception of well water sample drop-offs)
- Walkerton and Elmwood Fire Halls

### **Parks and Recreation:**

The Recreation Office at the Walkerton Community Centre remains closed to the public until further notice. However, appointments can be booked for entry to the Recreation Office if required by contacting staff by [email](#) or calling 519-881-0625. Residents can also continue to contact staff via [email](#) or phone 519-881-0625 during the office closure.

There also is the exception to drop-off well water samples between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 1:40 p.m. Monday to Friday.

### **Outdoor Amenities that Remain Open:**

- Greenspaces, Trails, Parks (Including playground structures at parks)
- Basketball Courts and Tennis Courts
- Sports Fields – Soccer Fields and Baseball Diamonds (for casual use and training/practicing only – not for games or scrimmages at Step 1) **\*Physical distancing of 3 metres from other persons is required for the use of sports fields\***
- Walkerton Kinsmen Club Splash Pad (Open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)

**Note:** Any person who uses any of the amenities that have remained open, shall maintain a physical distance of at least 2 metres/6 feet from any other person using the amenity, other than a person who is a member of the same household/a member of one other household who lives alone/or a caregiver for any member of either household.

**\*Under Step 1 of the Reopening Roadmap, a maximum of 10 people are allowed outdoors at recreational amenities.**

### Lobies Park Campground Operations:

Lobies Park Campground will reopen at half capacity June 11, 2021. Reservations must be booked in advance with Recreation Staff via [email](#) or by calling 519-881-0625. Campers must maintain a physical distance of 2metres/6 feet from other residents accessing the park.

### Walkerton Centennial Pool Operations:

The Walkerton Centennial Pool will open on June 26, 2021. Swimming lesson registration is now available – Please [register online](#) or contact staff by [email](#) or call 519-881-0625 for additional information about swimming registration.

### Summer Day Camp Operations:

Summer Day Camps will open in July 5, 2021. Please [register online](#) or contact staff by [email](#) or call 519-881-0625 for additional information about Day Camp registration.

### Facility Rentals/Programming at Community Centres:

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.

### **Support Local Business Through their Reopening:**

As of June 11, 2021 local Brockton businesses can reopen under Step 1 of the Reopening Roadmap, including:

- Essential retail at 25% capacity and discount and big box stores can sell all goods
- Non-essential retail at 15% capacity and can sell all goods
- Outdoor dining up to four (4) people per table
- Overnight camping at campgrounds and campsites, including Ontario Parks

We encourage residents to show our local businesses your support by shopping in-store while obeying public health measures, continuing to participate in curbside pickup, ordering products online, or by phone!

The Municipality recognizes the resilience of our local business owners, and thanks everyone for continuing to be patient and persevere through this next phase of the pandemic.

### **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.