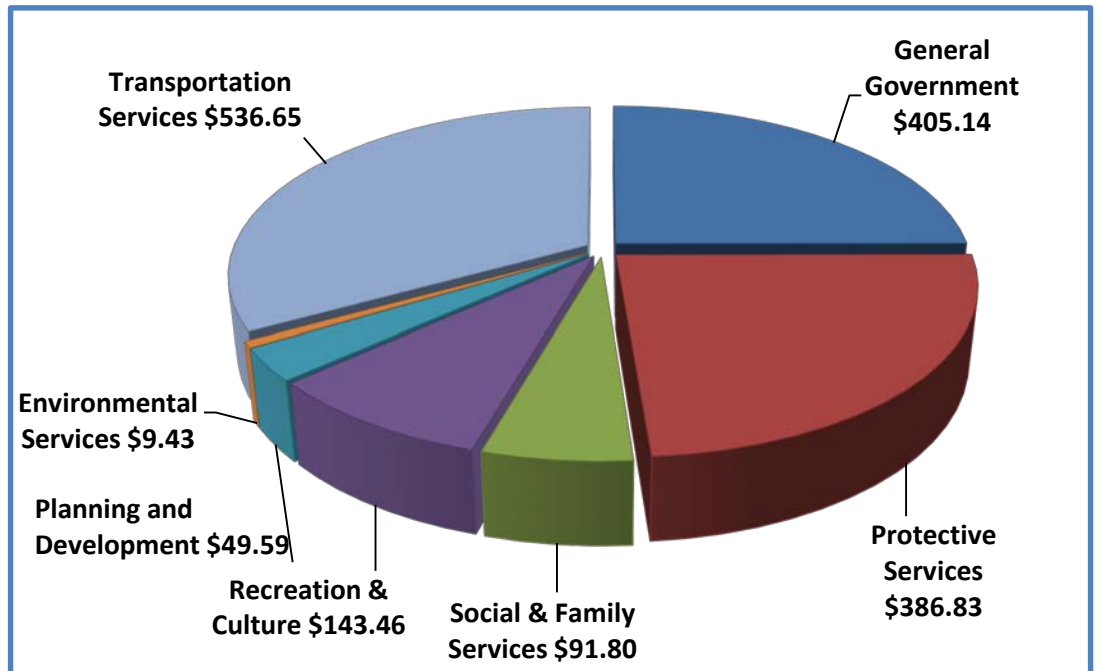




Taxes = Services

Are we getting the balance right in Brockton?

How Your Tax Dollars Were Spent in 2015



Note: These values are based on an average 2015 residential property owner owning a home with an average property assessment of \$214,624 and paying \$1,623 in property taxes.

Municipal Services Review

In April 2015, Brockton Council approved a Services Review to define core services and suggest future improvements.

Brockton's services were divided into 6 Focus Groups and from September to December 2015, 3 councillors and 10 members of a citizen Advisory Committee met in these Groups and attended Community Open Houses to review Brockton's Municipal Services. The results of their hard work are highlighted in this newsletter and in their Final Report which can be found online at www.Brockton.ca/Review.

Thank you to the Members of the Citizen Advisory Committee:

Alex Baran, Colleen Dostle, John Finlay, Darren Holm, Jenny Iserman, Barb Klages, James Lang, John McDougall, George Magwood, Hayley Murray

Thank you to the Brockton Residents who shared feedback at our Community Open Houses, submitted Comment Cards, and filled out our Survey.

Special Council Meeting - Municipal Services Review Report Presentation

Monday, February 29 at 7:00 p.m.
Brockton Council Chambers, 100 Scott Street, Walkerton



Environmental Services Focus Group



Services Reviewed

Materials Management

Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling (BASWR)
Materials Management - Brant and Greenock Landfills
Materials Management - Walkerton-Hanover Landfill
Household Waste Collection
Environmental Advisory Committee

Water and Sewer Utilities

Highlighted Recommendations

1. Review the costs and benefits of Blue Box Recycling targets to reduce landfill costs.
2. Install signs at all landfill sites showing the cost savings of waste reduction to tax payers.
3. Review and update the Walkerton-Hanover Landfill Agreement to extend the life of the landfill and ensure a fair distribution of costs to all users.

Read all of the Environmental Services recommendations in the Final Report at www.Brockton.ca/Review

Protection Services Focus Group



Services Reviewed

Animal Control
By-Law Enforcement
Building Department
Emergency Management and Planning
Fire Protection

Health and Safety
Police Protection Services (Ontario Provincial Police, OPP)
Police Services Board
Property Standards

Highlighted Recommendations

1. Brockton's policing costs are too high. The OPP receives a lot of calls they are not best suited to handle (i.e. dogs at large). Reduce OPP calls for service by 15 percent to save Brockton \$120,000 a year.
2. Fire protection costs are too high. Review our mutual aid contracts with bordering fire departments, and full-time staffing to reduce costs.
3. Reorganize animal control, by-law enforcement, and property standards functions under one department to increase efficiencies and improve service levels.

Read all of the Protection Services recommendations in the Final Report at www.Brockton.ca/Review

Social, Family, Health, & General Government Services Focus Group



Services Reviewed

Brockton Child Care Centre
Cemeteries
Municipal Administration

Municipal Council
Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee

Highlighted Recommendations

1. Reorganize or reduce Council Committees to improve accountability.
2. Rewrite the mandate of the Brockton Area Physician Recruitment & Retention Committee to include a focus on wider local health system issues.
3. Turn Brockton Child Care Centre over to non-profit or cooperative board.

Read all of the Social, Family, Health, and General Government recommendations in the Final Report at www.Brockton.ca/Review

Planning and Development Services Focus Group



Services Reviewed

Development Services

Walkerton Business Improvement Area (BIA)
Community Improvement Committee (CIC)
Economic Development Committee (EDC)
East Ridge Business Park (ERBP)
Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority (SVCA)
Visitor Information Centre (VIC)

Planning Services

Municipal Drains
Planning Services

Highlighted Recommendations

1. Develop a plan and provide resources to build, retain, and create business and jobs in Brockton.
2. Review the Walkerton Business Improvement Area (BIA) to determine the impact of reducing the BIA budget to the member levy.
3. Improve communication between Municipal planning / building department, the County and SVCA to streamline / ease permitting requirements.

Read all of the Planning and Development recommendations in the Final Report at www.Brockton.ca/Review

Recreation and Culture Services Focus Group



Services Reviewed

Culture Services

Heritage Committee
Libraries - Walkerton and Cargill Buildings

Recreation Services

Administration, Centennial Park Swimming Pool, Community Centres, Lobies Park Campground, Parks and Playgrounds, Recreation Programs

Highlighted Recommendations

1. Be more inclusive. Bring our recreation committees together under a new Brockton Recreation Committee.
2. Plan now for future replacement of our recreation assets like the arena and pool.
3. Support recreation staff in improving efficiencies so they can continue to focus on providing high quality recreation programs in Brockton.

Read all of the Recreation & Culture Services recommendations in the Final Report at www.Brockton.ca/Review

Transportation Services Focus Group



Services Reviewed

Saugeen Mobility and Regional Transit (SMART)
Saugeen Municipal Airport (SMA)
Streets and Roads

Streetlights
Winter Control

Highlighted Recommendations

1. Create long term Roads and Streets Plan.
2. Carry out complete Roads Department review.
3. Determine how Saugeen Municipal Airport benefits Brockton

Read all of the Transportation Services recommendations in the Final Report at www.Brockton.ca/Review

Have Your Say! Share your feedback and ideas about the Services Review!
Visit the Municipal Office at 100 Scott Street, Walkerton to fill out a Comment Card
or visit www.Brockton.ca/HaveYourSay to fill out our online Feedback Form.