



## Brockton Buzz Newsletter – October 2023 Issue

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### Committee Recruitment: Business Viability Committee – Durham Street Bridge, Project Management Committee and Property Standards Committee

Are you interested in giving back to the community and helping to shape Brockton's future? Come help by providing your input and expertise on one of our Committees! The Municipality of Brockton is currently recruiting for members on three Committees: the Business Viability Committee – Durham Street Bridge, the Project Management Committee, and the Property Standards Committee.

**Business Viability Committee – Durham Street Bridge:** Share your feedback during the creation of a Business Viability Plan to offset challenges for Brockton businesses, industries, and residents during the reconstruction of the Durham Street Bridge in Walkerton. Be part of the communication team with the Municipality, County of Bruce, business representatives, and residents as we foster community support, and investigate funding opportunities during the bridge rehabilitation.

**Project Management Committee:** Help shape the future related to new or reconstructed municipal facilities in Brockton! As we plan for the future, we need to maintain, update, and renew our facilities. The Project Management Committee will provide input into asset management of Municipal facilities, including studies, or agreements entered into by the Municipality.

**Property Standards Committee:** We need an individual to fill a vacancy on our Property Standards Committee who can offer their expertise on decisions related to the maintenance and upkeep of properties in our community. The Property Standards Committee hear appeals of owners/occupants served with an Order under the Municipality's Property Standards By-Law. The Committee is governed under Section 15 of the Building Code Act, S.O. 1992, c.23.

View the Terms of Reference for all three Committees, and more information at [Brockton.ca/CommitteeRecruitment](https://Brockton.ca/CommitteeRecruitment).

If you're interested in serving on either Committee, please send a letter outlining how you feel you can contribute to the Committee, including qualifications and background that would be helpful in fulfilling the Committee's mandate, along with your name and contact information, to Clerk Fiona Hamilton by [email](mailto:), drop off a letter to the Municipal Office, or send a letter by mail to Municipality of Brockton 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0. **The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at Noon.**

### Leaf Collection

Leaf collection for Walkerton, Lake Rosalind, and Marl Lakes will be on Monday, October 16, 2023 and Monday, October 30, 2023. Leaves must be placed in biodegradable paper waste bags (plastic bags not accepted) and placed at the curbside by 7:00 a.m. for collection.

### Operations Department Updates

The Operations Department remains busy in 2023 with major projects including the Maple Hill Bridge rehabilitation, Traynor Bridge rehabilitation, Brockton Standpipe refurbishment, Concession 6 culvert reconstruction, Durham Street water trunk main replacement and Yonge Street reconstruction, all in varying stages of completion. View photos of the [Yonge Street Reconstruction project](#) on our community engagement website, Build Your Brockton.

The first of two new snow plows have arrived, with the second slated to be here and in operation by the Fall, and two new One Ton Trucks are on route.

The north water tower is getting a fresh look as part of the health and safety upgrades which should be wrapping up in the coming weeks.

### Recreation Department Fall Activities:

Fall cleanup and closures are underway in the Recreation Department, including:

- Bruce Power Regional Soccer Fields closed for the season on September 30
- Lobies Campground closes on October 9
- Public Washrooms close on October 10

Thank you to everyone who has made this a successful season!

Fall programming is well underway! We still have some spots in programs so register today. Visit [Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms](https://Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms) to register and learn more.

Registration is open for our PD Day Camps on October 27 and November 24.





Indoor Pickleball is happening in Cargill. Find our schedule on our [Adult Programs webpage](#).

Tennis and Pickleball Courts construction is progressing, and we hope to get in a couple games this season, weather dependent. Stay updated on our [Tennis Court Rehabilitation project](#) on Build Your Brockton.



Public Skates are offered 6 days a week. Check out our [Skating Schedule](#) to find one that works for you! Call the Walkerton Community Centre for ticket ice availability.

### Brockton's Community Engagement Website

The Municipality of Brockton reminds you to register to get involved on our community engagement website, [buildyourbrockton.ca](#)! This community engagement website invites feedback from the community on various projects such as Walkerton Hometown Christmas Market 2023, Budget Consultation 2024, Tennis Court Rehabilitation, Yonge Street Reconstruction, and more!



### Walkerton Hometown Christmas Market Vendor Applications

The Municipality is busy planning for this year's Hometown Christmas Market on Thursday, November 16, 2023 and inviting local artisans and crafters to take part! If you're interested in being a vendor, visit our [Walkerton Hometown Christmas Market 2023 project](#) on Build Your Brockton and complete a [registration form](#).



### Shop Walkerton and Win Christmas Campaign

If you're a business owner wanting to participate in our Shop Walkerton and Win Christmas campaign, the deadline to register is October 12, 2023. Visit [Brockton.ca/ShopWalkerton](#) to learn more and complete the [registration form](#).



### Brockton Dollars








Brockton Dollars gift certificates are redeemable at participating stores, restaurants, and other commercial establishments in denominations of \$10, \$25 and \$50. Brockton Dollars can be purchased as gifts for friends and family, or be offered as acknowledgements to employees, while also supporting local businesses. They can be purchased from the Municipal Office at 100 Scott Street from Monday to Friday, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or ordered in bulk through email. Businesses may redeem Brockton Dollars at the Municipal Office. If you're a Brockton retailer, service provider, or restaurant wishing to join the program, please [email our Community Development Coordinator](#).

### Subscribe to Brockton News/Alerts, Follow Our Social Media, and Download our App

Visit [Brockton.ca/Subscribe](#) to sign up and receive Brockton News, Calendar Events, and Emergency Alerts sent directly to your email. You can also [subscribe](#) to our [Brockton Business Newsletter](#) which features bi-monthly updates from the Municipality of Brockton and our partners in community and economic development.

We also encourage residents to follow us on social media for regular updates! You can also download the Municipal App "Municipality of Brockton" created by Apptic Studios Inc. from the app store!

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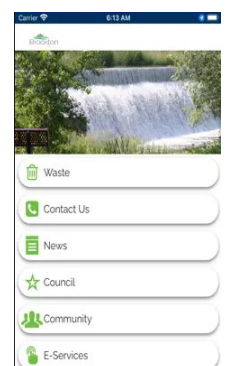
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## Add Your Events to Brockton's Community Calendar

Make sure your 2023 events are featured on Brockton's free Community Calendar! Your event must be organized by a non-profit, or community organization and be held within Brockton.

The steps to adding your event are simple:

1. Visit [calendar.brockton.ca](https://calendar.brockton.ca) and click on **Submit an Event**.
2. Login if you have an account, or create one if it's your first time adding an event.
3. Add in your events, edit, and update your events from there

It's that simple! Each event is reviewed and approved before being added to the calendar, so it won't appear right away. Once your event is on the calendar, we may help spread the word through the Brockton Buzz newsletter, and social media. If you're having any troubles, please let us know by calling 519-881-2223 or emailing [web@brockton.ca](mailto:web@brockton.ca).

## Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life.

### Regional Job Fair

The Municipality of Brockton is hosting a Regional Job Fair on Wednesday, October 18, 2023 in Walkerton, in partnership with Walkerton District Community School, the County of Bruce, VPI Employment Services, and YMCA Employment Services. Students are welcome to attend beginning at 1:00 p.m. and it will be open to all other job seekers from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. Visit [Brockton.ca/JobFair](https://Brockton.ca/JobFair) for more information.

### Walkerton Little Royal Fair

The Walkerton Agricultural Society are hosting the Little Royal Fair October 12-15, 2023 at 206 Durham Street West, Walkerton. General exhibits and events open to the public on Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m., the Midway opens at 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Additional events are occurring on Saturday, including the midway, kids scavenger hunt, face painting, magic show and more! Join in for breakfast and more entertainment on Sunday! Admission is \$5 for students, \$8 for a Day Pass, \$10 for a Weekend Pass, or \$20 for a Weekend Family Pass. Visit the [Walkerton Agricultural Society's website](#) for more information, including the Fair Book.



## South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Share the Road at Harvest Time

An increasing number of farmers are operating from more than one site, which increases the amount of time that farm vehicles are on the road. The number of licensed drivers is also increasing each year which means there are more vehicles on the road. As harvest season gets into full swing, you can expect to see farm vehicles operating on area roads.

The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) would like to offer motorists some safety tips on sharing the road with farm equipment:

- Recognize slow moving vehicles by the orange triangle and use caution.
- Realize that farm vehicles travel around 35 km/h. Slow down when you see farm equipment on the road and be prepared to stop.
- Watch for left turns. Not all farm vehicles have turn signals – watch for farmer's signaling a turn using the same hand signals as a bicycle rider.
- Be aware that farmers with long or broad equipment sometimes need to make a wide turn. If a tractor swings right, be careful, it may be starting a left turn.
- The farmer may be unable to pull off the road due to equipment weight or shoulder issues. Wait for a safe opportunity to pass.
- Leave a wide berth when passing. Some farm equipment takes up more than one lane and some pieces of equipment have pieces protruding that can be hard to see.
- When finished passing, don't stop or slow down in front of the farm vehicle. Large equipment can't brake as quickly as a car.

Be courteous with farm vehicle operators; treat them as you would any other vehicle driver on the road.





## South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment - Halloween Safety

On October 31st, area youth will be out in full force going door to door to collect Halloween treats. They will be focused on getting to as many homes as they can to fill up their loot bags. They won't be thinking about vehicles or other safety hazards, so we need to work together to keep them safe as they move from house to house. The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is offering the following tips to parents and motorists to help protect the children on Halloween night.

- Make up is preferable to a mask. If a mask is going to be worn, enlarge the eye and mouth holes for your child's safety.
- Carry a flashlight and wear reflective clothing.
- Small children should be supervised at all times.
- Stay in neighbourhood's that you know.
- Use sidewalks or the edge of the roadway.
- Don't cut across lawns; you won't see a hose or a rake in the dark.
- Walk; don't run, to houses that are lit up for Halloween.
- Don't snack on treats until they are inspected by a responsible adult.
- Ensure pumpkins lit by a candle are in a safe location.
- Trick or treating in a vehicle? Wear your seatbelt.

Parents and caregivers are asked to "Remind your youth of the consequences of being involved in mischief on Halloween night or Devil's night".

The South Bruce OPP will be closely watching vehicle speeds, seatbelt use, distracted driving and sober driving. If you are going to be driving on Halloween night you can expect to see costumed youth on or alongside the roadway. Devote your full attention to your driving so everyone can have a safe and happy Halloween.

