



### Brockton Buzz Newsletter – January 2025 Issue

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#### 2025 Budget Meetings

Brockton Council are holding Special Council Meetings to discuss the 2025 Municipal **Budget** on Monday, January 13, 2025 at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, January 24, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in-person at the Bruce County Council Chambers and electronically on Zoom/livestreamed on eSCRIBE.

#### 2025 Fees and Charges

On September 10, 2024, Council approved the 2025 Fees and Charges which will come into effect January 1, 2025, or as otherwise stated. Visit [Brockton.ca/Fees](https://Brockton.ca/Fees) to view the 2025 Fees and Charges By-Law.

#### Animal Control – Dog Tags

The Municipality of Brockton is mailing dog tag invoices in January 2025. Invoices are based on dog owner information in our current database, and your dog will continue to wear the permanent tag you received previously. If you no longer own a dog, need a replacement tag or to register a new dog, please contact the By-Law Department by phone at 519-881-2223 Ext. 141, or [email the Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer](#).

#### 2025 Dog Tag Fees

- First Dog - \$20.75
- Additional Dog(s) - \$20.75
- Late Fee (after April 1st) - \$10.50/per tag
- Dangerous Dog(s) - \$206.25/per dog
- Replacement Dog Tag - \$5.25
- Kennel Licence - New or Renewal (Includes first inspection fee) \*More than 3 dogs and must meet Kennel Licence requirements - \$154.65
- Kennel Licence - Non-Compliance re-inspection of Kennel - \$51.55/per inspection
- Kennel Licence Late Payment Charge (after April 1st) - \$61.85
- Reclaim Fee - \$105.00 Municipal Fee (not including Pound fees incurred)



**Kennels:** If you are registering a new kennel or renewing a kennel license, a Kennel Application and inspection is required. Please contact the Building/By-Law Department at 519-881-2223 Ext. 141 or [email the Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer](#) to obtain a Kennel License Application.

#### 2025 Recycling Schedule

Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling have released their 2025 Recycling Collection Schedule. Download the [2025 Blue Box/Recycling Collection Schedule](#) on our [Blue Box Recycling webpage](#)



#### Public Comments on Possible Commemoration

This spring will mark the 25th anniversary of the Walkerton e.coli outbreak, which occurred in May 2000. As we approach this date, we recognize the anniversary will bring mixed emotions for many residents. For some, this anniversary may offer a chance to reflect and remember, while others may prefer to look ahead, leaving the past behind. Residents who were impacted might find comfort in coming together with the community to honour memories and share their experiences.

In light of this, Brockton Council is seeking input from residents about a possible commemoration to take place in May 2025 at the Heritage Water Garden in Walkerton. The commemoration could provide an opportunity for the community to reflect on the past, acknowledge the progress made, and recognize ongoing efforts to ensure that Ontarians have access to safe, clean drinking water.

We invite residents to share any thoughts, ideas or concerns regarding a possible commemoration by Friday, March 7, 2025. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us determine the most meaningful and appropriate way to recognize this anniversary. We welcome all feedback, including if our community feels a commemoration is not appropriate.

Comments can be directed to Christine Brandt, Community Development Coordinator by [email](#), or by mail or in-person at the Municipal Office located at 100 Scott Street, PO Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0 or by telephone at 519-881-2223 Ext. 131. Please submit your comments by March 7, 2025.

#### Winter Parking Restrictions

In accordance with Section 8 of the Municipality of Brockton's Consolidated Traffic and Parking By-Law 2020-052, no person shall park on any highway between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. inclusive during the months of November, December, January, February, March and April.



### Fence Viewer Expression of Interest

The Municipality of Brockton is seeking five (5) individuals to serve as a Fence Viewer for the Municipality of Brockton, responsible for resolving disputes under the Line Fences Act. Individuals will be appointed as a Fence Viewer for approximately two years (2025 to 2026).

If the services of Fence Viewers are required, Fence Viewers will review the landowner's application requesting a fence viewing, survey the property with the landowners, and make a decision regarding the fence, as per their responsibilities under the Line Fences Act. Fence Viewers will receive compensation for their services. Visit our [Line Fences Act webpage](#) for additional information on the role of the Fence Viewer and the Municipality's [Fence Viewing By-Law](#).

If you are interested in serving as Fence Viewer for the Municipality, please submit a letter of interest to the Clerk's Department by [email](#), or by mail or in-person to the Municipal Office located at 100 Scott Street, PO Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0. Applications will be accepted until February 19, 2025 at Noon.

### Development Charges Update

In 2024, the Municipality of Brockton, with support from B.M. Ross & Associates, began a comprehensive Development Charges Background Study which examined Brockton's growth projections, the infrastructure required to support it, and the capital costs involved, while exploring how Development Charges (DCs) can help fund these needs. Feedback from the public, stakeholders, and the development community was collected and presented to Council.

At the December 10, 2024, Council Meeting, Brockton Council approved proceeding with Development Charges, granting both the first and second readings to the Development Charges By-Law. The decision marks an important step in the development process for the community. The Development Charges By-Law was posted for further public comment.

Final consideration of the By-Law will occur at the January 14, 2025 Council Meeting. Once the By-Law is passed, Development Charges will be in effect with various exemptions related to affordable and attainable housing operations, and East Ridge Business Park developments.

### Winter Landfill Hours

From November 1 to March 31, the Brant Landfill (57 Concession 8, Elmwood) is open on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Greenock Transfer Station (564 Concession 10, Chepstow) is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill (868 Bruce Road 4, Walkerton) is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Walkerton Recycling Depot (320 Kincardine Highway) is open on Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All residents are encouraged to continue to use curbside pickup services. Visit [Brockton.ca/LandfillSites](https://Brockton.ca/LandfillSites) for more details.

### Brockton Dollars

Brockton Dollars gift certificates are redeemable at participating stores, restaurants, and other commercial establishments in denominations of \$10, \$25 and \$50. 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. Visit [Brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars](https://Brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars) to learn more. If you're a Brockton retailer, service provider, or restaurant wishing to join the program, please [email our Community Development Coordinator](#).



### Summer Job Opportunities



Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community? The Municipality of Brockton is recruiting for multiple fulfilling and rewarding positions that offer competitive wages and a variety of hours. There will be opportunities in aquatics, summer camp, administration, park and facility maintenance, and teaching at the Brockton Child Care Centre. Visit [Brockton.ca/Jobs](https://Brockton.ca/Jobs) in mid-January for more details.

### Brockton Parks and Recreation Programs and Events

Save the Date! Family Day Fun in Brockton is happening Monday, February 17, 2025 at the Walkerton Community Centre! Visit [Brockton.ca/FamilyDay](https://Brockton.ca/FamilyDay) or check out our social media for more details.

**Adult Programs:** Please visit [Brockton.ca/Programs](https://Brockton.ca/Programs) for details on programs including:

- Chair Yoga, Gentle Yoga, Zumba Gold, SPIN, Total Body Sculpt, Baby and Mom Fitness, Huff and Puff Hockey, Indoor Pickleball in Cargill, Indoor Walking Program
- **Daytime Indoor Pickleball** at the Cargill Community Centre every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This is a Drop-in program; registration is not required, and please bring cash.
- **Evening Indoor Pickleball** on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Blackout dates can be found on our website [Brockton.ca/Programs](https://Brockton.ca/Programs)



### Brockton Parks and Recreation Programs (Continued)



A ONE TIME OPPORTUNITY | FREE UNTIL END OF MARCH 2025

**Seniors Drop-In Opportunities**  
Including games and refreshments!

Government of Canada  
Thanks to the New Horizon's Seniors Grant!

**WALKERTON**  
Bruce County Library  
Tuesday's 1:30 - 4:00 pm

**DROP-IN SOCIALS**

Cards, Crokinole and more!

Every Tuesday Starting  
Jan 14 - Mar 25, 2025!

**ELMWOOD**  
Elmwood Community Centre  
Tuesday's 1:30 - 4:00 pm

**DROP-IN SOCIALS**

Cards, Crokinole and more!

Every Tuesday Starting  
Jan 21 - Mar 25, 2025!

**CARGILL**  
Cargill Community Centre  
Thursday's 1:00 - 4:00 pm

**DROP-IN SOCIALS**

Cards, Crokinole and more!

Every Thursday Starting  
Dec 12, 2024 - Mar 27, 2025!  
*\*No Drop-In Dec 26 and Jan 2\**

An opportunity to socialize, enjoy refreshments, play games and have fun!  
Please note, these drop-ins are self-governed by those in attendance.

519-881-0625 x 2 | recreation@brockton.com | brockton.ca/programs

**Youth Programs:** Please register online at [Brockton.ca/Programs](http://Brockton.ca/Programs).

- **Home Alone Course:** Friday, January 31 (PA Day) at the Walkerton Community Centre for ages 9-12.
- **Babysitting Courses:** Friday January 31 (PA Day) and Friday April 11 (PA Day) at the Bruce County Library (Walkerton). This course is aimed at ages 11-14.
- **Little Chef's:** - Mondays from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. for ages 6-9
- **Drop-in Basketball and Drop-in Dodgeball** – Tuesday evenings at Walkerton District Community School

**PA Day and Holiday Camps:** Brockton has you covered with a line-up of exciting camps to be offered this Winter and Spring! Please register online at [Brockton.ca/Programs](http://Brockton.ca/Programs), Youth Programs (limited space available).

- **Friday, January 31:** Celebrate Love
- **March Break Camps:** To be released in the near future!

**Public Skating Opportunities:** Please visit [Brockton.ca/Skating](http://Brockton.ca/Skating) for general information regarding Brockton's Public Skating, Descriptions, Sponsorship and more!




Be sure to follow the Municipality of Brockton on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for all future updates!

## Space Heater Safety

Home fires occur more in the winter months than any other time of year!!

- Maintain heating equipment and chimneys by having them cleaned/inspected annually
- Place space heater on a level, hard surface
- Keep anything flammable at least 3 feet away from heating source
- Turn space heater OFF when leaving the room or going to bed
- Never plug a space heater in a power strip



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 YouTube – [Municipality of Brockton](#)



### Add Your Events to Brockton's Community Calendar

Make sure your 2025 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:

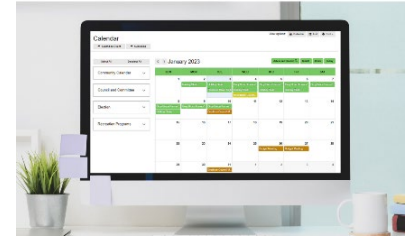
1. Visit [events.brockton.ca](https://events.brockton.ca) and click on **Submit an Event**.
2. Login if you have an account, or create one if it's your first time adding an event.
3. Add in your events, edit, and update your events from there

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 [Website Support](#).



Do you have an **upcoming event** in Brockton that you want to share?

Add your event to our website's **Community Calendar!**



### Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life. Visit [Brockton.ca/Events](https://Brockton.ca/Events) to learn more about events happening in our community!

#### • Bruce County Public Library Events

- Wednesday, January 22, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. – Movie screening of 'Hidden Figures' at the Walkerton Library Branch
- Friday, January 24, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. – Story Time Adventures with EarlyON at the Walkerton Community Centre
- Friday, January 31, 2025 - P.A. Day Valentines for Seniors at 10:30 a.m. in the Cargill Library Branch, and at 2:30 p.m. in the Walkerton Library Branch. To register, call your local branch, and for other events visit the [Bruce County Public Library Events webpage](#).

#### • Learn to Curl for All Ages

Join the Walkerton Golf and Curling Club (164 Bruce Road 2, Walkerton) for their Learn to Curl program open to all ages. This 5-week session runs from January 12 – February 9, 2025 on Sundays from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. \$75/per person. Equipment is provided. Please bring clean, indoor running shoes. Call the Curling Club at 519-881-0709 to register.

#### • Family Day Curling Bonspiel

Celebrate Family Day on Monday, February 17, 2025 at the Walkerton Curling Club for a Curling Bonspiel, open to all ages! Please arrive early and be prepared to start curling at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Equipment is provided. Curlers must have clean, indoor running shoes. The Family Day Curling Bonspiel includes two 6-end games and a pizza lunch for \$20/person. Sign up as a team of four, or single curlers may be able to join a team. Call the Curling Club at 519-881-0709 to register.

### Winter Home Emergency Kit

Winter is back and Bruce County has already experienced some significant snow and winter weather events. We all know that we should have an Emergency Preparedness Kit at home to ensure that you and your family can remain safe for several days in the event of an emergency. You should refresh that kit a couple of times a year and for the winter months we should ensure that we have items that will keep our families comfortable and warm. Heavy snow and and/or freezing rain can often cause downed power lines resulting in power failures. Make sure that your kit has the items you need to sustain your household in the event of a power outage.

Here are some recommendations for winter home emergency kit:

- Having a backup generator is ideal to help with lights and heat for your home during an outage.
- If having a generator is not an option, consider the use of candles but make sure they are in a safe location to avoid a fire hazard. Identify a room that can be kept contained to retain as much heat as possible.
- Warm blankets or thermal blankets, wool socks and extra mitts and hats should also be available in your kit even in your home.
- At least one flashlight with batteries will assist once it gets dark.
- Non-perishable food and water are also key items all year round.

More tips for how to build a home emergency kit can be found on the [Government of Canada's Emergency Preparedness webpage](#) or [Province of Ontario's Emergency Preparedness webpage](#).

Extra consideration should be given for your home emergency kit during the winter months. Power outages can have more implications for your family with cold weather. Make sure your kit has the appropriate supplies to help keep your family safe and warm in the event of a power failure during a winter storm. Raymond Lux, Community Emergency Management Coordinator