



## Brockton Buzz Newsletter – April 2026 Issue

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### Nominations Opening for Volunteer Recognition Awards

The Municipality of Brockton recognizes the dedication of our community's volunteers and are pleased to announce that nominations for our **Volunteer Recognition Awards** will be opening the week of **April 20<sup>th</sup>** for the Good Neighbour Award, the Outstanding Youth Award sponsored by the Walkerton and District Optimist Club, and the Edward J. (Ted) Cobean Heritage Conservation Award.

The **Good Neighbour Award** recognizes an individual who displays activities that embody a strong sense of values, promote the positive impact of good neighbourly deeds and contribute to the vitality and fabric of the community. The **Outstanding Youth Award** recognizes youth committed to their community and improving the world around them, demonstrating leadership, making a difference through hands-on projects, and volunteering their time to provide an inclusive environment. The new **Edward J. (Ted) Cobean Heritage Conservation Award** was created in 2025 to honour Edward J. (Ted) Cobean, former Brockton Heritage Committee Chairperson, and valuable resource for Brockton's community and visitors. This Heritage Award recognizes an individual or group who have made significant contributions to the promotion and preservation of Brockton's historical, cultural, natural, and built heritage.



Visit [Brockton.ca/VolunteerAward](http://Brockton.ca/VolunteerAward) to view more information about the awards and submit your nomination forms. Heritage Award Nominations are due Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup> at Noon. Good Neighbour and Youth Award Nominations are due Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. The awards will be presented at the Municipality's Committee/Volunteer Recognition Event on June 11, 2026 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Community Centre.

### 2026 Municipal Election Information



The upcoming Municipal Election will be held on **Monday, October 26, 2026**. The Municipality of Brockton will be using an internet and telephone voting system. You will be able to vote online or by telephone from **Monday October 19, 2026 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until Monday October 26, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. (Voting Period)**.

Ensure your mailing address is up to date! A letter with your unique Voter PIN will be mailed directly to your home address in advance of the voting period. You will require this letter and PIN to vote.

#### Are you on the Voters List?

Register to Vote is a Province-wide online tool that allows voters to register to vote in the Municipal Election. Visit [www.RegisterToVoteON.ca](http://www.RegisterToVoteON.ca) to update your information or add yourself to the Voters List by **August 12, 2026**. You can also email [info@registertovoteon.ca](mailto:info@registertovoteon.ca) or call 1-866-242-3025.



Whether you are a life-long resident, have recently moved to Brockton, live in a newer subdivision, are a tenant, or turned 18 since the 2022 Municipal Election we encourage everyone to confirm that you are on the Voters List. You will be required to provide proof of identity and residence.

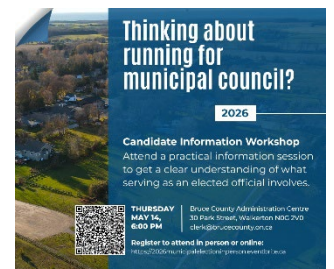
#### Confirm Your School Support

Whether you own or rent your home, your property is linked to a school board, even if you do not have children attending school. The default school board support is English-Public unless you update your designation. To ensure your correct school support designation is provided to Elections Ontario, it should be reviewed and updated **before June 1, 2026**, to vote for the applicable School Board Trustee. To learn more about school support designations or change your designation visit [www.mpac.ca/schoolsupport](http://www.mpac.ca/schoolsupport)

#### Do you want to run for Municipal Council?

Qualified persons wishing to serve on Municipal Council or School Board may file a Nomination Form with the Clerk from **Friday May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2026, until 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 21, 2026**. Information packages will be available on the Municipal website and at the Municipal Office.

Candidates wishing to run for Election are invited to attend a Candidate Information Workshop which will be held in-person at the Bruce County Office (30 Park Street, Walkerton) or virtually on **Thursday May 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, to learn more about being on Council. Visit EventBrite to register for either the [in-person](#) or [online](#) session.



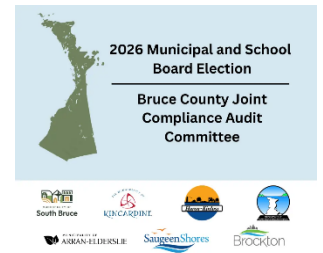
Stay tuned as more information on the Election will be released throughout the year! Learn more at [Brockton.ca/Election](http://Brockton.ca/Election)





## Recruitment for Bruce County Joint Compliance Audit Committee

Participating Municipalities in Bruce County are recruiting experienced professionals for appointment on the Bruce County Joint Compliance Audit Committee (Bruce County JCAC) for the 2026 Municipal Election. The committee reviews applications for compliance audits of campaign finances and provides an impartial, knowledgeable assessment under the Municipal Elections Act. Ideal applicants have experience in accounting, municipal administration, and/or law. Visit the [Bruce County Joint Compliance Audit Committee webpage](#) to view the online application forms and additional information. Applications are **due April 24, 2026**.



## Notice of Walkerton Watermain Flushing

As part of the ongoing maintenance of the Walkerton Water System, Veolia Water will be flushing the Walkerton distribution system throughout April and May. This is estimated to take approximately 1 ½ months to complete. Residents are asked to run a cold water tap after the flushing has been completed in their area to discharge any discoloured water before use. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. For any questions, please contact Veolia Water at 519-881-1474.

## Career Opportunities

The Municipality of Brockton is currently recruiting for a Heavy Equipment Operator, a Geographic Information Systems Technician, and Supply/Casual Teacher with the Brockton Child Care Centre. Visit [Brockton.ca/Jobs](https://Brockton.ca/Jobs) for more details.

## Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

Bruce County's 2026 Household Hazardous Waste Collection events will be held in Walkerton on May 30<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Bruce County Yard (94 Bruce Road 2). Residents of Bruce County are welcome to attend any household hazardous waste collection events. For more information, please visit [www.brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste](https://www.brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste)

## Spring Landfill Hours

From April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 Greenock Transfer Station is open on 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. All residents are encouraged to continue to use curbside pickup services. Visit [Brockton.ca/LandfillSites](https://Brockton.ca/LandfillSites) for more details.

## Summer Camp Programming Open

The Municipality is thrilled to announce that this summer we're offering **two fun-filled summer programs!** One is run by our **Recreation Department**, and the other is led by our **Childcare Centre**. Giving families more choice, flexibility, and exciting opportunities for their children. **Registration is now open** for the [Recreation Summer Day Camp](#) and the [Child Care Summer Program!](#)



Recreation Summer Day Camp



Child Care Summer Program

Recreation-based summer camps are offered for children ages 4-12. The program will run at the Walkerton Community Centre and Walkerton District Community School. New for 2026, the Brockton Child Care Centre is offering limited spaces for **summer-only Child Care** at St. Teresa Elementary School, Walkerton. Visit [Brockton.ca/SummerCamp](https://Brockton.ca/SummerCamp) to learn more about both summer program opportunities.

## Tax Installment Due Dates –May 29, 2026, September 30, 2026 and November 30, 2026

Any payment received in our office after the due date will be considered late and any outstanding taxes will be subject to penalty and interest charges as per the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Please allow 2 to 3 days for processing if you are paying through the online banking system of your financial institution. Visit [Brockton.ca/Taxes](https://Brockton.ca/Taxes) for more information.

## 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.

## Yard Impact from Winter Maintenance

Is your sod ripped up from the snowplow? We know! Our drivers feel bad about it and will fix it up with topsoil and grass seed just as soon as the weather is nice enough. Please keep in mind that it will take some time to work through town, so please be patient until our staff get to yours.



## 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](#).



## Spring Community Services (Parks and Recreation) Programs and Events:

**Summer Camps and Program Registration** is open! Visit [Brockton.ca/SummerCamp](https://Brockton.ca/SummerCamp) to learn more.

**Swimming Lesson Registration** opens April 15, 2026 at 7:00 a.m.. Stay informed by visiting [Brockton.ca/Swimming](https://Brockton.ca/Swimming).

**Lobies Campground Reservations** are now open! Visit [Brockton.ca/Lobies](https://Brockton.ca/Lobies) to register your campsite.

**Recreation and Fitness Programs:** Find programs like Tai Chi, Zumba, Gentle Fitness, Chair Yoga and more at [Brockton.ca/Programs](https://Brockton.ca/Programs)

**Public Skating at the Walkerton Community Centre until mid-May!** Visit [Brockton.ca/Skating](https://Brockton.ca/Skating) for schedules and updates.

**Sponsorship Opportunities:** Support your community! Contact us at [recreation@brockton.ca](mailto:recreation@brockton.ca) to learn about sponsorship options in Brockton. Come Home to Community!





**Upcoming Special Events** in Brockton: Visit [Brockton.ca/Events](https://Brockton.ca/Events) for a listing of upcoming events!

**Save the Date** for Canada Day Celebrations at Walkerton's Centennial Park on July 1<sup>st</sup>! More details to come.



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

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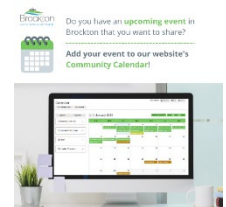
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## Add Your Events to Brockton's Community Calendar

Feature your 2026 events 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:

-  Visit [events.brockton.ca](https://events.brockton.ca) and click on [Submit an Event](#).
-  Login if you have an account, or create one if it's your first time adding an event.
-  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.

## 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 Wills and Power of Attorney Sessions

The Bruce County Public Library Walkerton Branch are offering informative Wills and Power of Attorney Sessions on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. run by Angela Yenssen, Staff Lawyer from Grey-Bruce Community Legal Clinic, to teach about the importance of wills and powers of attorney. Covering the topics around financial and care considerations, what to do if you are without a will, and how and when to pick a power of attorney. Registration is required for each session. Visit the [Library's website](#) to learn more and register.

### • County Towne Players "Exit Laughing" Play

County Towne Players in association with the Rotary Club of Walkerton are pleased to present "Exit Laughing", a play by Paul Elliott to be performed at Victoria Jubilee Hall (111 Jackson St. S, Walkerton) on April 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 18<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$20 each. Visit the [County Towne Players website](#), or their [Facebook page](#) for more information.





### Community Events (Continued)

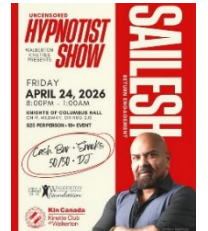
#### • **Midwestern Ontario Rotary Music Festival**

Support the arts in our community by attending the Midwestern Ontario Rotary Festival from April 13<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. to April 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:00 a.m. to Noon. Over the course of the festival, hear and see brilliant performances by music, dance and drama students as well as bands and choirs. These performances are adjudicated by professional adjudicators in a friendly and supportive competition. Competitions are held at various venues in Walkerton. Buy a programme for schedule and venue information, available at Holst's office supplies or A&R Music. Visit [Midwestern Ontario Rotary Music Festival's website](#) for more information.



#### • **Kinette Club of Walkerton Present Uncensored Hypnotist Show**

Get ready for a night of outrageous fun, big laughs, and unforgettable moments as Sailesh brings his Uncensored Hypnotist Show back to Walkerton on Friday, April 24, 2026 from 8:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Tickets are \$25/person and available to purchase from Kinette Club Members or by emailing [walkertonkinettes@gmail.com](mailto:walkertonkinettes@gmail.com)



#### • **International Plowing Match Golf Tournament**

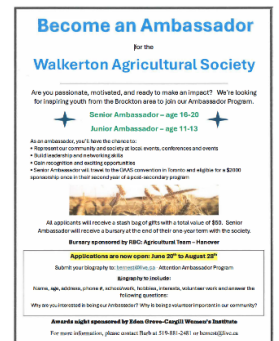
Join the International Plowing Match on Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Golf and Curling Club and SouthPort Gold Course for a fantastic day on the course in support of the International Plowing Match & Rural Expo coming to Bruce County! The tournament includes 18 holes of golf with cart, light lunch at courses and hot dinner at Cargill Community Centre, live auction, and optional transportation between Walkerton, SouthPort, and Cargill. Enter for \$600/Foursome (Limited to 36 teams). Hole Sponsors are also welcome at \$250/hole and can [email Steven Travale](mailto:Steven Travale) with their interest. Visit the [Registration website](#) to register your team!



#### • **Become an Ambassador for the Walkerton Agricultural Society**

Are you passionate, motivated and ready to make an impact? The Walkerton Agricultural Society are looking for inspiring youth from the Brockton area to join their Ambassador Program (Senior Ambassadors Ages 16-20 and Junior Ambassadors Ages 11-13).

Applications are open from June 20<sup>th</sup> to August 28<sup>th</sup>. Submit your biography to Barb Ernest by [email](mailto:barb.ernest@walkertonagri.ca) – Attention Ambassador Program. Biographies should include your name, age, address, phone number, school/work, hobbies, interests, volunteer work, and answer the following questions: Why are you interested in being our Ambassador? Why is being a volunteer important in our community? For more information contact Barb at 519-881-2481 or by [email](mailto:barb.ernest@walkertonagri.ca).



### Bruce County Media Release – Don't Forget About Livestock When Planning for Emergencies

Emergencies like tornadoes, floods, wildfires or extended power outages can have serious impacts. Not only on people, but on livestock too. That's why having a clear emergency plan for farms is essential.

When building your plan, think through three key scenarios: sheltering in place, evacuating with animals and evacuating without animals. Each situation comes with its own considerations, and planning ahead can make all the difference when time is tight and stress is high.

**Sheltering in Place** - If you're staying on your property during an emergency, decide in advance whether it's safer to confine your animals in a shelter or leave them outdoors. Animals will need access to plenty of food and water wherever they are located. Water access should not rely on electricity, as power outages are common during emergencies. Installing a hand pump can help ensure water remains available. Take time to look around your property and identify potential hazards. Be mindful of nearby hydro poles, loose debris that could become dangerous in high winds and whether animals have enough space to move away from flying debris.

**Evacuation With Animals** - In some situations, evacuating animals may be the safest option. If this is part of your plan, it's best to have arrangements in place before an emergency occurs. Identify a place for relocation of animals and ensure you have enough food, water and medical supplies to last several days. Suitable and safe transportation is essential. Some situations may also require additional equipment, such as corrals or generators. Animals should have proper identification ahead of time, and make sure your records are up to date. Before leaving the property, remember to turn off electricity and water to outbuildings.

**Evacuation Without Animals** - There may be circumstances where your family needs to evacuate, but animals must remain on your farm. If this happens, animals should have a minimum of three days' worth of food and water that does not rely on power. Consider opening gates, removing barriers or rerouting fencing so animals can move freely and unrestricted.

"Farmers take pride in caring for their animals every day, underscoring the importance of extending that same commitment into thoughtful emergency planning. Having a well-thought-out plan in place helps you make clear decisions under pressure and protects both your animals and your livelihood," says Ray Lux, Bruce County's emergency management coordinator.

#### More information, tools and resources:

- Government of Canada Emergency Management: [www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca)
- Ontario Emergency Management: [www.ontario.ca/page/be-prepared-emergency](http://www.ontario.ca/page/be-prepared-emergency)
- Bruce County Emergency Management: [www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared](http://www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared)
- Ontario Federation of Agriculture: <https://ofa.on.ca/resources/emergency-preparedness-for-farm-animals>
- Ontario Sheep Farmers: <https://www.ontariosheep.org/farmer-resources/farm-resources/emergency-preparedness>
- Poultry Industry Council: <https://emergency.poultryindustrycouncil.ca/emergency-planning>
- Canadian Agricultural Safety Association: <https://casa-acsa.ca/en/emergency-preparedness-hub>

