



## Brockton Buzz Newsletter – January 2024 Issue

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### 2024 Council and Budget Meetings

The dates for the 2024 Brockton Council Meetings have been posted to our website [Brockton.ca/Council](https://Brockton.ca/Council) and our [Community Calendar](#). Council meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted), and will be held via hybrid meeting in-person at the Bruce County Council Chambers and electronically on Zoom/livestreamed on eSCRIBE. Residents will be notified of any change in meeting location.

- Tuesday, January 9, 2024
- Tuesday, January 16, 2024 (Budget Meeting) 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, January 23, 2024 (**Electronic Only**)
- Tuesday, February 6, 2024 (Budget Meeting at 1:00 p.m. in Cargill and Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.)
- Tuesday, February 20, 2024
- Tuesday, March 5, 2024
- Tuesday, March 26, 2024
- Tuesday, April 9, 2024
- Tuesday, April 23, 2024
- Tuesday, May 7, 2024
- Tuesday, May 21, 2024
- Tuesday, June 4, 2024
- Tuesday, June 18, 2024 (Cargill Community Centre)
- Tuesday, July 9, 2024
- Tuesday, August 13, 2024
- Tuesday, August 27, 2024
- Tuesday, September 10, 2024 (Elmwood Community Centre)
- Tuesday, September 24, 2024
- Tuesday, October 8, 2024
- Tuesday, October 22, 2024
- Tuesday, November 12, 2024
- Tuesday, November 26, 2024
- Tuesday, December 10, 2024

The Council of the Municipality of Brockton held the first meeting to discuss the 2024 Municipal Budget on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. at the Bruce County Council Chambers and electronically on Zoom/eSCRIBE livestream, with the next budget meeting occurring on Tuesday, February 6, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at the Cargill Community Centre and electronically on Zoom/eSCRIBE livestream.

### 2024 Fees and Charges

On September 26, 2023, Council approved the 2024 Fees and Charges which will come into effect January 1, 2024, or as otherwise stated. Visit [Brockton.ca/Fees](https://Brockton.ca/Fees) to view the 2024 Fees and Charges By-Law.

### Animal Control – Dog Tags

The Municipality of Brockton is mailing dog tag invoices in January 2024. 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](#).

#### 2024 Dog Tag Fees

- First Dog - \$20.00
- Additional Dog(s) - \$20.00
- Late Fee (after April 1st) - \$10.00/per tag
- Dangerous Dog(s) - \$200.00/per dog
- Replacement Dog Tag - \$5.00
- Kennel Licence - New or Renewal (Includes first inspection fee) \*More than 3 dogs and must meet Kennel Licence requirements - \$150.00
- Kennel Licence - Non-Compliance re-inspection of Kennel - \$50.00/per inspection
- Kennel Licence Late Payment Charge (after April 1st) - \$60.00
- Recovery of Dog(s) from the Vet Clinic (Municipal Free) + Cost Incurred for Kennel Service - \$100.00



#### Kennels

If you are registering a new kennel or renewing a kennel license, a Kennel Application and inspection is required. Kennel Applications can be found on the [Municipal website](#) or by contacting the Building/By-Law Department at 519-881-2223 ext 141 or [email the Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer](#).

### 2024 Recycling Collection Schedule

Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling have released their 2023 Recycling Collection Schedule. Download the [2024 Blue Box/Recycling Collection Schedule](#) or view the dates on our website's [Household Waste and Recycling Calendar](#).

### Winter Landfill Hours

From November 1 to March 31, the Brant Landfill 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 Landfill 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.





### 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. Any vehicles in violation may be ticketed and towed at owner's expense. A reminder that it is illegal to deposit snow on sidewalks or roads.

### Winter Fire Hydrant Access Reminder

Help our firefighters by clearing snow around fire hydrants to allow easier access in an emergency. Remove any ice and snow, clear a three foot perimeter around the hydrant, and clear a path from the hydrant to the street. By-Law 2019-118 also requires individuals to keep hydrants clear from obstructions, such that shrubs, trees, and hedges should be trimmed to allow free access to the hydrants.

### 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](#).



### Brockton's Community Engagement Website

The Municipality of Brockton reminds you to register to get involved on our community engagement website, [buildyourbrockton.ca](http://buildyourbrockton.ca)! This community engagement website invites feedback from the community on various projects such as our Water/Wastewater Master Plan, Budget Consultation 2024, Tennis Court Rehabilitation, Yonge Street Reconstruction, and more!



### Brockton Parks and Recreation Updates and Upcoming Programs

Be sure to follow our Social Media Pages on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) for the most up-to-date information!

#### Family Day Fun on Monday February 19, 2024 at the Walkerton Community Centre – Save the Date!

- Grab n' Go Breakfast from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. hosted by the Optimist Club of Walkerton, by donation
- Figure Skating Showcase at 9:00 a.m. – Thank you to the Walkerton Figure Skating Club!
- Sleigh Rides from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. sponsored by the Rotary Club of Walkerton
- Outdoor Family Activities from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (outdoor fire by the Walkerton Fire Department, hot chocolate sponsored by Walkerton Community Living, snow painting, crafts, activities and more! Touch a Truck at 10:00 a.m.)
- Free Public Skate from 10:00 – 11:50 a.m. sponsored by Ground Effects Landscapes
- Battle of the Badges (Walkerton Fire Department vs. South Bruce O.P.P. at 12:00 p.m. – Sponsored by Ground Effects Landscapes, Admission by donation to the Walkerton and District Hospital Foundation
- Walkerton Capitals vs. Hanover Barons at 2:00 p.m. – Sponsored by D's Construction, regular admission rates apply.

**Skating:** Check out the weekly Skating Schedule online at [Brockton.ca/Programs](http://Brockton.ca/Programs). Thank you to our Sponsors, for supporting many of these skating opportunities!

#### PA Day Camp on Friday February 2, 2024

In need of childcare for upcoming PA Days? Brockton has you covered! For more information or to register, please visit our website or contact our office at 519-881-0625

Please visit [Brockton.ca/Programs](http://Brockton.ca/Programs) for a full list of new programs, special events, and updates on everything Recreation!

#### Upcoming Programs for Adults:

- Paint Night Event in February - More details coming to Social Media soon!
- The Indoor Walking Program (Must pick up a pass at the Walkerton Community Centre)
- Intro to Art Program for Adults
- Chair Yoga, Pilates Yoga and Restorative Yoga
- Zumba Gold, and Adult Pound/Zumba
- Pickleball at the Cargill Community Centre
- Spin Classes or Total Body Sculpt, Monday and Wednesday evenings



### Upcoming Programs for Children and Youth:

- Stemotics (Lego and Robotics)
- Drop-in Dodgeball and Open Gym, Wednesday evenings
- Drop-in Basketball... Coming Soon (Thursday Nights)
- Little and Junior Dancers programs
- Intro to Art Programs for Youth
- Little Chefs Program (Starting February)
- Generation Pound and Zumba for Kids on Saturday Mornings
- PA Day Programs and watch for upcoming March Break Camp Opportunities!

### Skating Loop and Cross-County Ski Trails

The skating loop/oval has moved from Lobies Park to the ball diamonds at the Walkerton Community Centre (290 Durham Street West)! The hours of operation are 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. weather permitting. Please put on your skates at the Ball Diamond 1 dug out before heading onto the ice! Any closures will be communicated through social media and signage posted at the skating loop entrance.

Residents can also cross-country ski on two (2) trails in Walkerton: the Walkerton Community Centre (290 Durham Street West), and along the Saugeen River Trail between Tim Hortons and West River Road.



### Summer Job Opportunities

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community? The Municipality of Brockton will begin recruiting for multiple fulfilling and rewarding positions that offer competitive wages and a variety of hours. There will be opportunities in aquatics, summer camp, visitor services, park and facility maintenance, and teaching at the Brockton Child Care Centre. Visit our [Current Employment Opportunities webpage](#) for more details.



### Fire Safety During Winter Storms

Winter storms can happen almost anywhere. They can cause us problems. Know what to do before, during and after a storm. This will help keep you and your family safe from a winter fire.

- Test all smoke alarms. Do this at least once a month. This way you will know they are working. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Test the alarms.
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Also have battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries. Never use candles.
- Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates. Watch for bulletins online.
- Check on neighbors. Check on others who may need help.
- Generators should be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- Stay away from downed wires. Report any downed wires to authorities.
- Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Turn them off when you go to bed.



**Fact:** Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.

**Important Reminder:** There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!










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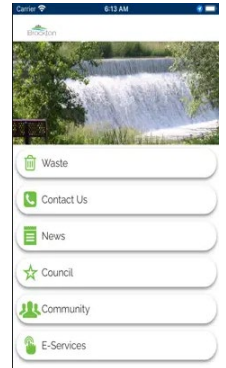
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### Add Your Events to Brockton's Community Calendar

Make sure your 2024 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:

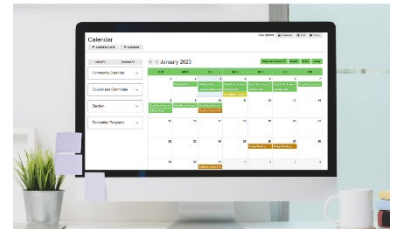
-  Visit [calendar.brockton.ca](https://calendar.brockton.ca) and click on [Submit an Event](#).
-  Login if you have an account, or create one if it's your first time adding an event.
-  Add in your events, edit, and update your events from there

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.



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

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



If you're having any troubles, please let us know by calling 519-881-2223 or emailing [web@brockton.ca](mailto:web@brockton.ca).

### South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Safe Winter Driving

The South Bruce OPP wants you to prepare for safe winter driving as we've received significant snowfall this January!

High winds combined with snowfall causes serious visibility issues for drivers along the Lake Huron shoreline. Each winter, Bruce County residents and visitors face some of the toughest driving conditions around.

Here are some tips to help you prepare:

- Hard packed snow and ice reduce traction. Blowing snow affects your visibility. Leave yourself more time to reach your destination in winter.
- Snow tires are marked with a peaked mountain and snowflake to show they meet specific snow traction performance requirements. Improved traction = improved safety.
- Carry a snow brush/ice scraper in your vehicle. The law provides a \$110 fine for the driver not having a clear view, but the consequences can be far worse if you hit someone.
- Use your vehicle's full lighting system if have to travel in a winter storm.
- Drivers are encouraged to check road and weather conditions before they travel. Road information can be found by calling 511 or you can check online at <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/traveller/trip/help.shtml>.
- You can find more information online at: <https://www.ontario.ca/winterdriving>.

Always adjust your driving to the changing road and weather conditions; an ordinary driver reacts to road situations while a good driver anticipates and avoids a crisis on the roads.

Modern vehicles with electronic traction control and anti-lock brakes will help you keep control, but your best defense is to reduce your speed. Slow down, stay alert, stay in control and arrive safely at your destination.



## South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Motorized Snow Vehicle Safety Tips

The South Bruce OPP is offering the following tips for anyone planning to ride a Motorized Snow Vehicle (MSV):

- Snowmobile drivers must carry their driver's licence or snowmobile operator's card when they ride. If your licence is under suspension, you can't drive a snowmobile either.
- Carry your licence, vehicle registration and proof of insurance when you ride. These documents must be produced to a police officer on demand.
- A snowmobile driver must stop for police when signalled.
- A snowmobile must not be driven along the serviced portion of the roadway, except to cross at a right angle. This includes the shoulder of the road.
- A proper muffler and an approved, properly fit helmet are required by law.
- Snowmobiles must not be driven on private property without the owner's permission; violators may be subject to a charge of Trespassing.
- Speed limits must be obeyed - a snowmobile operator can be charged for speeding.
- Drivers of a snowmobile directly or indirectly involved in a reportable collision are required to call police as soon as possible. A reportable collision involves injury or damage over \$2,000.
- Impaired driving laws apply to snowmobiles anywhere in Canada whether on private property or not. Don't mix alcohol and/or drugs with snowmobiling. The South Bruce OPP has a zero tolerance for impaired operation.
- Snowmobile owners are encouraged to check out snowmobile by-laws with the Municipality that they ride in.
- A trail permit is required to use approved snowmobile trails, when they are declared open for use. Check online at: <https://www.ofsc.on.ca/> for more information on trails or permits.
- A pre-trip inspection is recommended. Check the fluids, belts and ensure the gas tank is full.
- Dress appropriately and let someone know where you plan to ride and for how long. The OPP takes Search and Rescue very seriously. If someone knows your planned route, rescuers can find you more quickly. Time is a critical factor when someone is missing – particularly in winter months.

### Quick Facts

- No ice is safe ice – remember you can't tell the strength of ice by its appearance. Best advice is to avoid a frozen waterway.
- 45% of snowmobile fatal crashes in the last 10 years involve riders that have taken alcohol or drugs.
- Excessive speed is the leading contributing factor in motorized snow vehicle deaths.

