



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – August 2023 Issue

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Proposal to Amend Traffic and Parking By-Law to Relocate Accessible Parking Spaces at Walkerton Post Office

The Municipality of Brockton is seeking public comments on the proposal to amend the Traffic and Parking By-Law in order to relocate accessible parking spaces along Scott Street, in front of the Walkerton Post Office. The current accessible parking space would be removed and relocated to allow for up to three (3) spaces designated for persons with disabilities, including a larger parking space to accommodate a van (for those persons using wheelchairs/scooters). These three (3) accessible parking spaces would be located in the middle of the sidewalk, where the curb slopes down to the road, which would allow persons with a disability to access the sloped sidewalk and have improved access to the front door of the Post Office.

Comments can be submitted to Clerk, Fiona Hamilton by [email](#), or by mail to Municipality of Brockton 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0 until August 23, 2023 at Noon. Council will consider comments on this proposal to amend the Traffic and Parking By-Law at their Council Meeting on August 29, 2023.



Tennis Court Rehabilitation Progress

The Municipality of Brockton is rehabilitating the tennis courts at Centennial Park in Walkerton. Upgrades to the tennis courts include new fencing, lighting, resurfacing, and the addition of pickleball courts! The construction began July 10, 2023 and is expected to be completed by the end of September 2023. View information on and photos of the rehabilitation project, and donations that have been received so far on our [Tennis Court Rehabilitation project page](#) on our Community Engagement Website, Build Your Brockton.



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 Tennis Court Rehabilitation, Yonge Street Reconstruction, Saugeen Riverbank Cliff Erosion, informational projects, and more! Share your feedback and learn more about what's happening in your community.



Bruce County Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Bruce County has released their [2023 Bruce County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule](#). Residents of Bruce County are welcome to attend any of the locations to drop off household hazardous waste. Household Hazardous Waste will be collected in Brockton on September 23, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bruce County Transportation Yard – 94 Bruce Road 2, Walkerton.

Employment Opportunities

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community? The Municipality of Brockton has rewarding positions that offer competitive wages and a variety of hours including Heavy Equipment Operation (Full-Time and Seasonal), Seasonal/Part-Time Facilities Maintainer, Seasonal/Part-Time Food Booth Attendant, Casual/Part-Time Child Care Cook, and Part-Time/Contract Recreation Instructor. Visit our [Current Employment Opportunities page](#) to learn more about each position.

Brockton Heritage Committee Installs Commemorative Plaques

The Brockton Heritage Committee installed a plaque along the lookout point at the Saugeen River in Walkerton commemorating the Truax Dam. The plaque features photos illustrating the history of the land, and the erection of former sawmill and dam which was later renamed the Truax Dam in honor of Reuben Truax. The Brockton Heritage Committee also installed a plaque commemorating the former Bridge 11 (Greenock) located south of Paisley (Bruce Road 3) along Concession 20/Concession 2A (between Baseline North and Greenock-Elderslie Road), just East of Bruce Road 1.





Fall Recreation Programming

Stay tuned on our [website](#) and social media for Fall 2023 Recreation Programming!

 Facebook – [BrocktonON](#)

 Instagram – [municipalitybrockton](#)



2023 Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award Winner Announced

Congratulations to this year's winner of the Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award, Katelynn Lavergne, who's studying environmental sciences at the University of Guelph. The Owen Sound resident toured the Walkerton Clean Water Centre after accepting her award in July. The award commemorates those who suffered during the Walkerton water crisis, and celebrates students in Grey and Bruce pursuing careers in environmental studies or clean water management.

Market Garden Grand Opening

The Market Garden (park located on Durham Street, Walkerton) officially opened in July. View the [Press Release](#) issued on July 12, 2023 regarding the opening of the Market Garden and view the [Grand Opening video](#) filmed by Wightman. We thank everyone who donated towards this community project! Learn more at [Brockton.ca/MarketGarden](#)



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](#).

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We also encourage residents to follow us on social media for regular updates!

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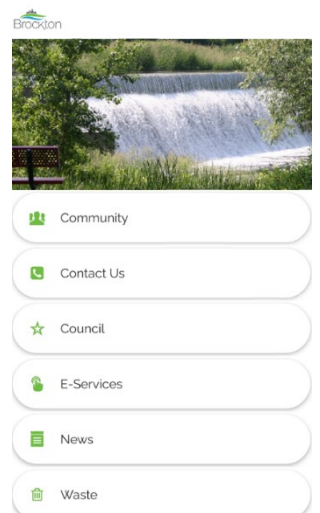
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Download our Municipal App

You can also download the Municipal App "Municipality of Brockton" created by Apptic Studios Inc. from [Android](#) or [Apple](#) app stores! The App features our top searched content divided into categories: Community, Contact Us, Council, E-Services, News, Waste, readily available on your cellphone!



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:

[31] Visit [calendar.brockton.ca](#) and click on [Submit an Event](#).

[31] Login if you have an account, or create one if it's your first time adding an event.

[31] 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.



Community Events

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

- **Pigstock – Baseball Tournament and Dance**

The Dirtpigs Foundation are proud to host their annual Slo-Pitch baseball tournament August 17-20, 2023! Pigstock features baseball, refreshments, dance on Saturday, August 19th from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. featuring live music, breakfast on Saturday, August 19th and Sunday, August 20th and Sunday Family Day including children's programs! Visit dirtpigs.com to learn more.

- **Kids Fly at Saugeen Municipal Airport**

Come to the Saugeen Municipal Airport for Kids Fly on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.! Located at 34 Saugeen Airport Rd R.R.1, Walkerton, children ages 8-17 have the opportunity to fly for free over Grey Bruce! Come see what Grey Bruce looks like from above and later get a free hamburger or hot dog from Fired Up Grilled in Action Food Truck!

- **Music in the Park**

Join us at Music in the Park at the Market Garden in downtown Walkerton! See PJ Mack perform on Sunday, August 27, 2023 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.! Bring your own blanket or lawn chair. Everyone is welcome!

South Bruce O.P.P. – What3Words App Reminder

The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) reminds you about a mobile app that will help first responders locate you when you need us. The OPP uses the mobile application what3words in its Provincial Communications Centres (PCCs). In an emergency situation, if a caller contacts an OPP PCC and doesn't know where they are, the app will help call-takers pinpoint the caller's location so that OPP officers can quickly respond and more accurately know where to find the person(s) in need.

Use of the app benefits both frontline OPP officers and PCC staff. Through its global mapping system, the app labels every three squared metres with a unique three-word location tag. The PCC call taker is able to enter the three words into the system, which converts the tag into latitudinal and longitudinal coordinates. With the proper coordinates in hand, the PCC can direct officers to the precise location of the person in need.

When a member of the public contacts an OPP PCC, the call-taker will ask them if they are familiar with the app and if they have it downloaded onto their device. If they don't have the app already downloaded on their phone, the call-taker can send callers a link that will automatically show them their three-word location tag. This process requires minimal cellular and data signals for the caller's phone to first receive the link and then for them to open and load their location tag from it. If a caller already has the app downloaded on their device, it works without internet or data, so they can still provide the PCC with their location code even in locations without a cellular signal.

This assists OPP officers in locating parties in remote and forested areas where signal is limited and on vast waterways. The use of technology can offer many benefits and the OPP is proud to incorporate progressive tools such as this one to assist with its goal of a safer Ontario for everyone. The OPP is encouraging members of the public to download the free app in case of emergency.

South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Bicycle Safety Tips

The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is offering the following tips to help protect bicycle riders:

- **Stay alert.** Cyclists must follow the rules of the road and always watch out for vehicles; assume that drivers don't see you. Motorists need to recognize that bikes are smaller, lighter and more maneuverable. Slow down and give yourself time to react to a cyclist.
- **Buckle the helmet.** Riders under 18 years are required to wear a properly fit, CSA approved bike helmet. Safe Kids Canada estimates a bike helmet reduces the risk of serious head injury by 85%.
- **Ride during daylight.** Biking at night is not recommended. The safest way to get your bike home after dark is to walk it. If you have to bike at night, install a light, reflectors on the bike and wear reflective clothing.
- **Ride with traffic.** Cyclists should travel as far to the right as possible in the same direction as traffic. Always ride single file, use appropriate hand signals to indicate turns and don't carry passengers if you don't have extra seats.
- **Regular maintenance.** Monitor brakes, tire pressure, chain, gear selector, derailer, seat height and handle bar height. Especially before the first ride after winter. A bike that's too big, too small or in bad repair isn't safe.
- **Sound device.** All bikes must have a sound signaling device like a horn or a bell for safety. Ride with both hands on the handlebars unless signaling a turn or a problem.
- **One Meter Passing Law.** Drivers are required to leave a minimum of 1 metre distance when overtaking a cyclist.

For more information on bicycle safety, you can visit the MTO website at:

<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/bicycle-safety.html>





South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Bicycle Safety Tips (Continued)

Riding a bike is a fun activity that gives you a chance to exercise and travel without polluting the environment. When riding on a hot day consider sunglasses, sunscreen and carry some water. When you feel thirsty, you've already lost too much water. Stay alert, stay safe and enjoy your bike ride.

South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Boat Safety Tips

The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Marine Unit is finding some vessels lacking the required safety equipment this season. Vessel owners/operators are asked to ensure they are properly equipped **before** you leave the dock.

- **Life jackets.** A proper sized life jacket is required for each person on board.
- **Competent operator.** It is a requirement to take a boating safety course and always carry your operator card with you.
- **Check and monitor the Marine Weather Forecast.** Conditions can change quickly particularly on larger bodies of water.
- **Sail plan.** Let someone know your planned route and estimated time of return. Time is of the essence in an emergency, it can make the difference between a rescue and a recovery.
- **Safety Equipment.** Required by law, requirements vary by type of vessel and size. Ensure you have the proper equipment on board each time you sail; it won't help you if it's left on the dock.
- **Charts and compass.** Be aware of local hazards, water levels, tides and know where you are at all times.
- **Fuel tank.** 1/3 to go, 1/3 to return, 1/3 in reserve.
- **Boat condition.** Check the hull, hoses, lines, clamps and the battery. Regular maintenance reduces the risk of a break down on the water.
- **Leave the beer on the pier.** Boaters caught drinking and boating in Ontario face similar consequences to drinking and driving on dry land. This includes power boats, canoes, stand-up paddle boards, kayaks, sail boats and personal watercraft.
- **Paddleboards are considered watercraft under the Canada Shipping Act.** A personal floatation device (PFD) or life jacket, sound signaling device and a light are required by regulation.
- **Ensure your life jackets and all safety equipment is readily accessible.** Not locked in cabinets or otherwise stowed away. When you need emergency equipment, you need it quickly.
- For more information on boating safety, check online at <http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca>.

Having the required safety equipment on board can make the difference between a rescue and a recovery. If you're going to be on the water please think safety first.

