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Accessibility Advisory Committee Member Recruitment

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 a vacancy on the Accessibility Advisory Committee. Individuals that are interested in serving this vacancy on the Accessibility Advisory Committee must have a disability.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee fulfills the requirements of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005, and is responsible for making recommendations to Council that considers the needs and rights of persons with disabilities and assures maximum integrated accessibility for all citizens. View the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Advisory Committee, and more information at Brockton.ca/CommitteeRecruitment.

If you're interested in serving on the 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 Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) Fiona Hamilton by email, 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 NOG 2VO. The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at Noon.

Tax Installment Due Date - May 30, 2025

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 <u>Brockton.ca/Taxes</u> for more information.

Payments During Postal Strike

In the event of a postal strike, the Municipality of Brockton reminds residents that you can drop off payments to our Municipal Office Drop-Off Box after-hours, pay in-person at the Municipal Office, or sign up for online payments through your banking institution. If you have an inquiry and/or change regarding your current payment plan, please contact the Municipality at 519-881-2223 for assistance.

Volunteer Recognition Award Nominations Open: Good Neighbour Award and Outstanding Youth Award The Municipality of Brockton recognizes the dedication of our community's volunteers and are pleased to announce that

nominations are open for the Good Neighbour Award and the new Outstanding Youth Award sponsored by the Walkerton and District Optimist Club. 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 who give back to their community through volunteerism, striving to make our community a better place to live and learn, outside of regular school, organized art, or sports team requirements.

Visit **Brockton.ca/VolunteerAward** to view more information about the awards and submit your nomination forms. Nominations are due May 26, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. The awards will be presented at the Municipality's Committee/Volunteer Recognition Event on June 12, 2025 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Community Centre.



Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award Accepting Student Submissions

Local students pursuing careers in environmental science or clean water management are invited to apply for this year's Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award. The successful applicant will receive a \$1,500 scholarship to support their studies at a recognized college or university, or at the Walkerton Clean Water Centre. Students may apply online at

www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com/students/applications. The deadline is May 31, 2025. If you are interested in donating to the fund, please visit www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com/donors/ or call 519-371-7203. Previous donors have included the Walkerton Rotary Club, the Walkerton Clean Water Centre, Veolia Water Canada, the Municipality, and private individuals. The money is invested in perpetuity through Community Foundation Grey Bruce, a registered charity.

Early Investment in Education and Skills Grant

The 2025 intake for the Early Investment in Education and Skills (EIES) Grant has opened! The EIES Program has funding available for:

Summer Camps (Science/Math/Environment)

Youth Robotics Teams and Classes

Continuing Education

Environmental Stewardship Summer Student/Intern

Workplace Training

Safe Food Handling Courses

Youth Enrichment Training and Workshops

Smart Serve Training

Early Childhood Educators funding assistance

The grant is available for residents and employers within the Municipality of Brockton. Applications are dependent on available funding and applications will be accepted until the end of the year or until funding runs out on a first come first serve basis. Visit **Brockton.ca/EIES** for more information, or to apply for the grant.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Dates

Bruce County's 2025 Household Hazardous Waste Collection events will be held in Walkerton on May 31, 2025 and September 20, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bruce County Transportation Yard, 94 Bruce Road 2, Walkerton. Residents of Bruce County are welcome to attend any household hazardous waste collection events. For more information, please visit www.brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste





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Spring Landfill Hours

From April 1st to October 31st, 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 <u>Brockton.ca/LandfillSites</u> for more details.

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, May and June 2025. Residents are asked to run a cold water tap after the flushing has been completed in your area to discharge any discoloured water before use. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. If you have any questions please contact Veolia Water at 519-881-1474.

Career Opportunities

If you are passionate about providing the very best services in a municipal environment and are looking for a place to challenge yourself and grow, we want you on our team! The Municipality is currently hiring for a Municipal Services Coordinator (8 month contract), Full-Time Geographic Information Systems (GIS) & Operations Technician, Permanent Part-Time Facilities and Parks Operator, Supply/Casual Teacher at the Brockton Child Care Centre, Full-Time Heavy Equipment Operator, and a Recreation Instructor. Visit our Careers webpage, <u>Brockton.ca/Jobs</u> for more details about the positions and how to apply.

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 <u>Brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars</u> to learn more. If you're a Brockton retailer, service provider, or restaurant wishing to join the program, please <u>email our Community Development Coordinator</u>.

Facility Rentals in Brockton

The Municipality of Brockton offers a variety of facilities for public rental. Whether you're looking for a place to host a wedding, a pool party, or a sports practice, we can help you find the facility that you're looking for!

- Community Centres: Bradley School House, Cargill Community Centre, Elmwood Community Centre, Walkerton Community Centre
- Libraries: Bruce County Public Library Cargill and Walkerton Branches
- Outdoor Recreation Facilities: Centennial Park/Pool in Walkerton, Baseball Diamonds in Cargill, Elmwood, and Walkerton, the Kinsmen Splash Pad in Walkerton, Tennis and Pickleball Courts in Walkerton, and the Bruce Power Regional Soccer Park in Walkerton.

If you wish to rent a Brockton Facility, please contact our Community Services Department at 519-881-0625 or email recreation@brockton.ca. We encourage you to also review our Facility Rental Guide and Facility Rental Application Form. Please note that fees will apply, and insurance is required for your facility rental.

Brockton Community Services (Parks and Recreation) Department Updates:

The **Outdoor Pickleball and Tennis Courts** are now open! Please visit **Brockton.ca/Outdoors** to purchase your seasonal membership! Drop-in passes can also be purchased online. After purchase, look for your receipt to pop up containing your access code to the courts!

Swimming Lesson Registration is now open online at Brockton.ca/Swimming! For this summer's Pool Schedule, please visit **Brockton.ca/Pool**. Centennial Park Pool will open to the public on Saturday, June 14, 2025; join us for a free public swim from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and bingo by the pool to celebrate!

Canada Day Celebrations: Please save the date, Tuesday, July 1, 2025, at Centennial Park (1 James St., Walkerton) from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.! Foam party, inflatables, magic show, food trucks, BBQ, live music, public swimming, activities and more!

Music in the Park - *New dates and times* Join us this summer in Walkerton's downtown Market Garden (312 Durham St.) on Saturday afternoons from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. on June 28, July 26, and August 30! A special Sunday evening performance is set for July 27 at 7:00 p.m. More details to be released soon!

Summer Streetfest: Save the date for Friday, July 18, 2025 in downtown Walkerton. Family friendly activities and your favourite shopping in Walkerton's downtown core!

Fitness Programs: New sessions started in May! Register online at <u>Brockton.ca/Programs</u> for programs such as Chair Yoga, Gentle Yoga, Zumba Gold, Gentle Fitness and Stroller Fitness!

Be sure to follow the Municipality of Brockton on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u> for all future updates!

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Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life. Visit <u>Brockton.ca/Events</u> to learn more about events happening in our community!

• Sing! this Spring!

Sing! Show Chorus are performing at Victoria Jubilee Hall (111 Jackson Street South, Walkerton) on Thursday, May 22nd and Friday, May 23rd at 7:30 p.m. and on Saturday, May 24th and Sunday, May 25th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20/per person and available at Victoria Jubilee Hall, A&R Music, Beautiful Beginnings, Brown's Pharmacy, Holst Office Pro and on Sing! Show Chorus' website: www.singshowchorus.ca