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Brockton Buzz – Tax/Summer 2025 Newsletter

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Tax Installment Due Dates – September 30, 2025 and November 28, 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. Please allow 2 to 3 days for processing if you are paying through your financial institutions online banking system. Visit Brockton.ca/Taxes for more information.

Payment Options

You may use the following payment options to pay **all** municipal bills and invoices:

- In person at the Municipal Office via Debit, Cash, Cheque, or Post Dated Cheque
- Online/Telephone Banking - Allow 2 to 3 days for processing and ensure your account information is updated
- Credit/Debit Card – pay using credit or debit card through Paymentus at Brockton.ca/Payments or on the mobile app, a **2.5% service charge fee applies**

Account Type	# of Digits	Format
Property Taxes	19 Digits	41-04-000-000-00000-0000
Utilities (Water and Sewer)	14 Digits	30000000000000
Brockton Child Care Centre	14 Digits	00000000000000
Brockton General Invoices	14 Digits	00000000000000

*If we have not been set up at your financial institution as a payee please contact your branch and they will send the necessary documents to have us registered as a payee.

Address Changes

To ensure you receive your tax and utility bills without delay, please notify the Tax Department of any changes to your mailing address. Address Change Requests must be done in writing or by email to taxes@brockton.ca. Your cooperation in keeping your contact information up to date helps us serve you better.

Changing Your School Support

As a property owner in Ontario, you are required to designate support for a school system, even if you do not have children or your children are not currently attending school. By default, your school support is directed to the English Public School Board.

If your residential property is occupied by tenants, their school support preference will override yours.

It is your responsibility to ensure that your school support designation is accurate on both your property tax bill and the voters' list. This designation determines your eligibility to vote for school board trustees in the next municipal and school board elections.

The next Municipal Election will take place in October 2026.

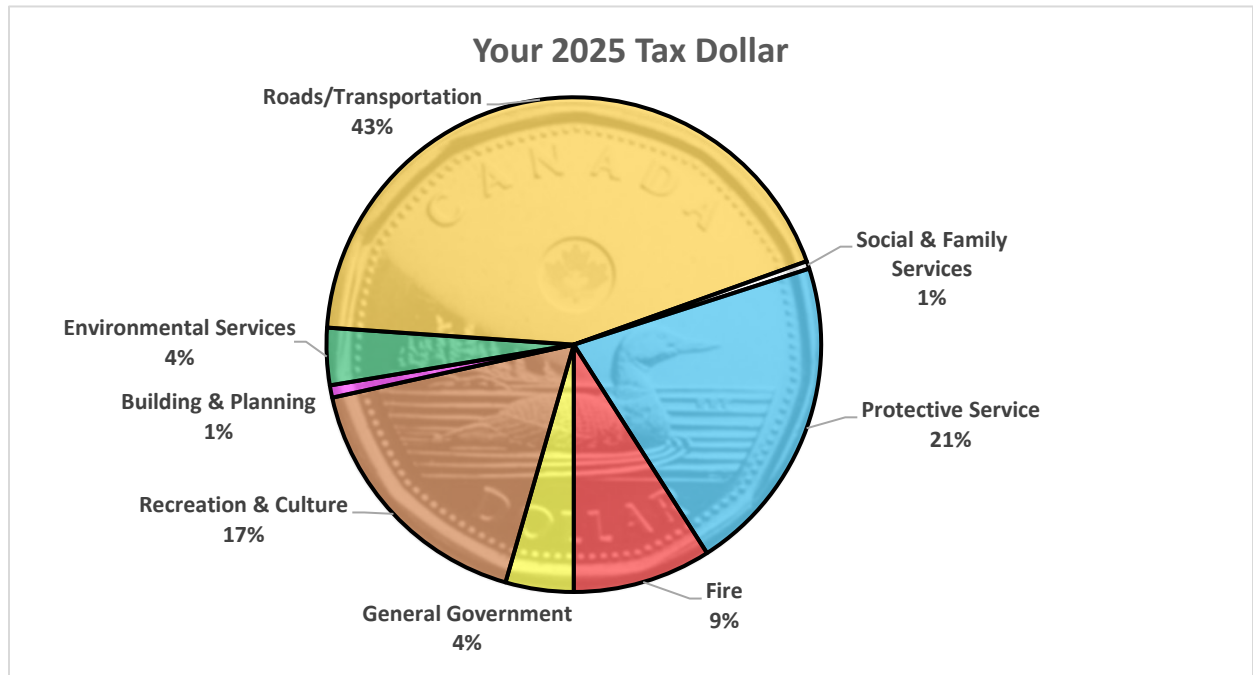
To ensure your information is up to date:

- Visit Elections Ontario's Voter Registration Service www.registertovoteon.ca/ to confirm or update your voter information.
- Use the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)'s School Support Tool MPAC.ca/SchoolSupport by June 1, 2026 to confirm or change your school support designation, and ensure it is correct on the voter's list.

2025 Municipal Budget

The 2025 budget contains \$21.6 million in operating expenditures and \$4.4 million in capital expenditures. After revenues and reserve fund transfers are applied, the Municipality must levy \$13,092,904.00; a 2.60% tax rate increase over 2024. This levy increase will assist the Municipality in maintaining current levels of service while planning for the future, including the increasing demands on our roads infrastructure.

Through the direction of Council, tax dollars are put into action to serve residents and help our community prosper. Have you ever wondered how each tax dollar is spent? The image below shows the 2025 budget broken down into different functions





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Help Shape the Future of Cargill, Chepstow, and Elmwood!

The Municipality of Brockton is continuing its branding project for the communities of Cargill, Chepstow, and Elmwood, including the creation of new logos. After an initial round of public input, Brockton Council has requested a second set of logo designs for further community feedback. Visit Brockton.ca/HamletLogos to participate in the second survey. We invite all residents to review the updated logo options and share your thoughts. All feedback, votes, and comments submitted by **July 31, 2025**, will be collected and presented to Council to help guide their final decision.



Committee Member Recruitment Opportunity – Accessibility Advisory Committee



Are you interested in giving back to the community and helping to shape Brockton's future? 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. Visit Brockton.ca/CommitteeRecruitment to view the Terms of Reference for the Accessibility Advisory Committee.

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 N0G 2V0. **The deadline for submissions is Tuesday, August 5, 2025 at Noon.**

Housing Needs Assessment Launched!

Brockton has initiated a Housing Needs Assessment to examine types of development that will be the most beneficial for the community. This assessment will inform staff and developers not only what kind of housing units are needed, but provide a rough idea of where and how many units are needed to fill our 'missing middle'. The study will help to gather critical housing data to guide decisions on the type and location of housing to build, as well as the infrastructure needed to support community growth. Whether you're a renter, homeowner, service provider, or simply care about housing in our area, your opinion will contribute to creating effective, inclusive housing solutions for the future. Visit Brockton.ca/HousingNeeds to find out more information and be sure to check back regularly as we will be opening a survey in the next few weeks for your input!



Notice of Upcoming Recycling Changes



Ontario municipalities will transition to a producer-led Blue Box program under the province's new Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) model. This means producers of recyclable materials will fully fund and operate the program. Until **December 31, 2025**, no changes to collection schedules or accepted materials. Starting **January 1, 2026**, blue box collection will be collected by a contractor managed by Circular Materials, a non-profit representing producers. More information can be found at Brockton.ca/Recycling.

Staff will be updating this page as information becomes available and encourage everyone to check in before the transition on January 1st, 2026. Ineligible Sources will need to make arrangements for pickup.

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 Full-Time Geographic Information Systems (GIS) & Operations Technician, Supply/Casual Teacher at the Brockton Child Care Centre, Full-Time Heavy Equipment Operator, and a Recreation Instructor. Visit our Careers webpage, Brockton.ca/Jobs for more details about the positions and how to apply.

Summer Community Services (Parks and Recreation) Programs and Events:

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 is Open! Please visit Brockton.ca/Pool for a full schedule of public swims and more.



Summer Streetfest is on Friday July 18th in downtown Walkerton. Family friendly activities and your favourite shopping in Walkerton's downtown core!

Music in the Park - Join us this summer in Walkerton's Downtown Market Garden (312 Durham St) on Saturday afternoon's from 1:00-3:00pm on July 26th (Tylor O'Neil) and August 30th (Open Mic Afternoon to celebrate International Music on the Porch Day)! Dash's Dawgs will be there with Hot Dogs and Drinks. Thank you to The Dirt Pigs for Sponsoring these events.

Saturday August 23rd at Dusk: Movie in the Park (Market Garden, 312 Durham Street, Walkerton) in coordination with the Bruce County Library, Walkerton Branch. The movie will be family-friendly for all ages!

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

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Community Events

• Private Collectors' Garage Tour

Take a self-guided tour of eight garages and view the incredible private collections of classic automobiles, motorcycles, tractors and more on Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in Brockton and South Bruce! Bring your own classic along for VIP parking at each location. Garage tour tickets are \$25.

A roast beef dinner will also be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. hosted by the Walkerton Agricultural Society at 206 Durham St. W, Walkerton. Takeout is available. Tickets are \$25 for dinner and must be purchased in advance.

Garage tour and roast beef dinner tickets can be purchased online at walkertonhomecoming2026.ca or at Brown's Guardian Pharmacy, Holst Office Pro, Hudson's Auto Centre, and Harley's Pub and Perk. Proceeds will benefit Walkerton Homecoming 2026. For more information call 519-889-2114 or email walkertongaragetour@gmail.com



• Walkerton Car & Truck Show

The Walkerton Agricultural Society are hosting their 9th Annual Walkerton Car & Truck Show on Saturday, July 26, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at 206 Durham St. W., Walkerton. The rain day is Sunday, July 27, 2025. There is no admission charge, but food and refreshments will be available. Vendors can contact 519-881-0586 for more information.

• Panzerotti and Sunshine Musical Duo at Bruce County Public Library Walkerton Branch

Folk music duo Panzerotti and Sunshine bring a fun, musical, Story Time that helps bring literacy to life through song. Preschool children can attend on Wednesday, August 6, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. at the Walkerton Branch of the Bruce County Public Library. Please register with the Bruce County Public Library through their website: <https://library.brucecounty.on.ca/what-s-happening/events-calendar>

Emergency Preparedness: Summer Heat

Summer's beautiful weather is here, but with it comes the risk of dangerous heat. The Municipality of Brockton would like to remind you to stay safe when temperatures soar.

Recognize Heat-Related Illness

Extreme heat can quickly become a medical emergency. Watch for these warning signs:

- High body temperature
- Confusion and poor coordination
- Dizziness or fainting
- Very hot or red skin

When Someone Needs Help

If you see these symptoms, call 911 immediately. While waiting for help, cool the person down as much as possible.

Check on vulnerable family members, neighbours and friends in person, as heat illness signs may not be obvious over the phone.

"Simple preparation, like checking the forecast and knowing where you can go to cool down, can make the difference between a great summer day and a dangerous situation", says Ray Lux, Bruce County's Emergency Management Coordinator.

Stay Cool and Prepared

- Check weather forecasts before heading out.
- Have a plan to stay cool during extreme heat.
- Keep appropriate clothing handy (hats, UV-protective gear).

At Home

- Ensure your air conditioner works properly.
- Identify backup cooling locations if you don't have AC.
- Visit public places like libraries and community centres for relief from heat.
- Stock plenty of water. At least 1 liter per person per day (consider more during extreme heat)

Preparation is your best defense against heat-related illness. Stay informed, stay hydrated and look out for one another.

For more emergency preparedness information, visit www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared.