



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – December 2025 Issue

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Applications Accepted for Brockton Councillor Vacancy

A vacancy exists on the Municipality of Brockton Council for one (1) Councillor.



Council will fill this vacancy by appointment in accordance with the Council Vacancy Replacement Procedure Policy.

The term of this position is from the date of Council appointment (mid-January 2026) until the swearing in of the next Council after the 2026 Municipal and School Board Election (November 2026). To be considered for appointment, individuals must meet the following qualifications as outlined in the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended:

- Resides in, or be the owner or tenant of land in the Municipality of Brockton, or the spouse of such owner or tenant;
- Is a Canadian citizen;
- Is at least 18 years old; and
- Is not prohibited from voting under Section 17(3) of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996* or otherwise by law.

Interested individuals must complete a Council Vacancy Application Form (Nomination Form)/Declaration of Qualification, and a Freedom of Information (FOI) Release Form, and submit in person at the Clerk's Office. Nominations will be accepted by the Clerk's Office during regular business hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday) commencing at 8:30 a.m. on December 8, 2025 **until January 6, 2026 at 2:00 p.m.** A candidate may withdraw their nomination by filing a written withdrawal in-person with the Clerk's Office by 2:00 p.m. on January 7, 2026.

Candidate(s) shall also submit to the Clerk, a personal statement of qualification for consideration of Council. Personal statements will be typewritten on letter size (8 1/2" x 11") paper, shall not exceed two (2) pages (one-sided only) in length, and will include the Candidate(s) name and address. Statements that do not meet these requirements shall not be included in any Council Meeting Agenda, or be provided to Council by the Clerk.

Certified registered Candidates will be afforded the opportunity to address Council for a period of not more than ten (10) minutes and may be asked questions by Council during a Special Council Meeting to be held on either January 13, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. (if there are 5 or less applicants), or on January 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at the Bruce County Administration Building located at 30 Park Street in Walkerton, Ontario. In the event of poor weather, the January 22, 2026 meeting may be held virtually through Zoom Video Conferencing.

Visit Brockton.ca/CouncilVacancy for more information on the Council Vacancy process.

Utility (Water) Bill Installment Due Date

Utility (Water) Bill Installments are **due on December 31, 2025**. Please note that the Municipal Office will be closed for the holidays from 1:00 p.m. on December 24, 2025 until January 1, 2026, reopening on January 2, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. Residents are **encouraged to pay their bill prior to the December 24th office closure**. There are a variety of remote payment methods for utilities, such as post-dated cheques, and telephone/online banking through your financial institution. In-person payment options include cash, cheque, or debit. A secure drop-off box is located to the right of the main doors of the Municipal Office, where payments can be deposited for processing.

Hometown Holiday Hunt

Join the Hometown Holiday Hunt happening now until December 19th! Visit participating Walkerton businesses and look for the hidden Walkerton ornament in each store. When you spot it, get a stamp on your Holiday Hunt ballot. Collect 8 stamps from 8 different businesses to complete your entry. Completed ballots can be dropped off at Joy Source for Sports, Vine Eye Care, Cook's Cupboard, Beautiful Ambitions, and the Municipal Office.



Prizes (including gift cards, merchandise, and Brockton Dollars) will be drawn again on December 12th, and December 19th. Start your hunt, support your community, and you could be one of our lucky winners! Visit Brockton.ca/HolidayHunt for more details.

Municipal Offices Holiday Closures and Public Skating Over Holidays

The Municipal Office and Brockton Child Care Centre will be closed for the holidays at 1:00 p.m. on December 24, 2025 until January 1, 2026. Both offices reopen on January 2, 2026. The Community Services (Parks and Recreation) Administration Office will be closed at 1:00 p.m. on December 24, 2025, and again on December 25th, December 26th, December 31st and January 1, 2026. Council and staff wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

The Walkerton Community Centre (Arena) is open for **sponsored Public Skating** on December 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 29th, 30th and 31st and January 2nd from 12:00 to 12:50 p.m. and the following Sundays: December 21st, 28th, and January 4th from 1:00 to 1:50 p.m.



2026 Recycling Changes

As per Provincial Legislation enacted across the Province, residents of Brockton will be moving to the Producer Responsibility Model starting January 1, 2026. Important information for residents to know:

- Recycling collection days are expected to remain the same!
- Currently, no large rolling bins will be implemented as part of this program, however this may change in the future. Residents are encouraged to use the same Blue Bins in the new year.
- Recycling Bins at the Walkerton Recycling Depot, Brant Landfill and Greenock Transfer Station will be closed starting December 30th at 2:00 p.m.
- Accepted items have expanded and now include flattened Cardboard!

Businesses of Brockton will be responsible for their own collection beginning January 1, 2026 under the new program. Recycling is undergoing a legislated shift to a full producer responsibility model under the Resource Recovery and Circular Economy Act, 2016 and Ontario Regulation 391/21. This transition is being managed by Circular Materials Ontario, a Producer Responsibility Organization (PRO). Ineligible sources are defined as any entities not an Eligible Source and under the legislation and regulation, any ineligible source must make private arrangements for recycling collection.

For more information, visit [Circular Materials' webpage](#) or visit [Brockton.ca/Recycling](#).

Recycling Depot Closure and Winter/Holiday Landfill Hours

The Walkerton Recycling Depot will be closed as of December 30, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. Recycling will then be collected curbside in accordance with the 2026 Provincial Recycling Changes.

From November 1 to March 31, the Brant Landfill (57 Concession 8, Elmwood) 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 Transfer Station (564 Concession 10, Chepstow) is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill (868 Bruce Road 4, Walkerton) 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](#) for more details.

Holiday Closures: The Brant Landfill will be closed on December 24th at 1:00 p.m. and on December 31st at 1:00 p.m. The Brant Landfill and Greenock Transfer Station will both be open on December 27, 2025 and January 3, 2026.

Dog Licencing Reminder

If you have had any changes to your dog licencing account (example: owning a new dog, loss of a dog, or change in address) please inform our Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer by email <https://form.brockton.ca/Municipal-Forms/Contact-By-Law> or call 519-881-2223 Ext. 141. Dog Tag Invoices will be sent out in January. We encourage residents to consider signing up for online billing services by the end of the year. Please contact the Municipal Office at 519-881-2223 if you are interested in signing up for online billing.

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.



Winter Snow Clearing Reminder

When cleaning snow from your driveway, please be aware that snow blocking sidewalks and roadways can be dangerous to fellow residents. Please shovel snow off the sidewalks to keep the area clear and accessible.

2026 Fees and Charges

On August 26, 2025, Council approved the 2026 Fees and Charges which will come into effect January 1, 2026, or as otherwise stated. Visit [Brockton.ca/Fees](#) to view the 2026 Fees and Charges By-Law.

Career Opportunities

If you are passionate about providing exceptional 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 Lead Hand (Public Works), multiple Heavy Equipment Operator positions (full-time, winter seasonal, and weekend-only roles), an Early Childhood Education Teacher (8 Month Contract), and a Supply/Casual Teacher at the Brockton Child Care Centre. Visit [Brockton.ca/Jobs](#) for more details on our career opportunities, including 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 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](#).



Winter Recreation Programs and Events:

Paint Night Social – Join us **Thursday December 11, 2025 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.** at the Walkerton Community Centre (290 Durham St. W.) for a **Paint Night Social** with Artist Cara Vandermey! Create your own cozy winter scene using acrylics while learning fun, beginner-friendly techniques. No experience needed — just bring your holiday spirit! Enjoy a relaxing evening with friends as you paint, sip refreshments, and get creative. All supplies are included for a cost of \$65.00 + HST. Spots are limited — grab some friends and join the fun this holiday season!



Winter Recreation and Fitness Programs - Find programs like Tai Chi, Zumba, Gentle Fitness, Chair Yoga, Total Body Fitness, and more at Brockton.ca/Programs

Winter PD Day Camps - Need child care this school year? Winter PD Day Camps are now available at Brockton.ca/Camps – Register early as spots fill fast! March Break Camp planning is in full swing – stay tuned!

Public Skating is open at the Walkerton Community Centre - Visit Brockton.ca/Skating for schedules and updates.

Sponsorship Opportunities - Support your community! Email recreation@brockton.ca to learn about sponsorship options in Brockton. Come Home to Community!

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

Carbon Monoxide Alarm Reminder

The new Fire Code requirements coming into effect on January 1, 2026 will expand Carbon Monoxide (CO) alarm installation in:

- **Existing Homes:** Alarms will now be required on **every storey**, not just near sleeping areas;
- **Multi-Unit Residential Buildings:** CO alarms must be installed in **all suites** meeting certain conditions, **service rooms**, and, in some cases, public corridors.



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 YouTube – **Municipality of Brockton**



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 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.



Do you have an [upcoming event](#) in Brockton that you want to share?



Add your event to our website's [Community Calendar](#)!



Community Events

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

- **Breakfast with Santa**

Join the Walkerton and District Optimist Club for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 6th from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Walkerton Legion (505 Scott Street). Admission by donation. Bring your letters for Santa!

- **Brunch with Santa**

Join the Cargill and District Community Foundation for Brunch with Santa on December 7th from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Cargill Community Centre (999 Greenock-Brant Townline)! Tickets: \$12/Adults and \$6/Kids (over aged 5).

- **Chepstow Lion's Club Wing Night**

Join the Chepstow Lion's Club for Wing Night on Friday, December 12, 2025 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Community Hall (445 Chepstow Road). Contact Mike and Holly Lang at 519-378-3272 for details.

- **Saugeen Artists Guild Christmas Store**

The Saugeen Artists Guild, featuring various local artists, have their Christmas Store open at 12 Jackson St. South, Walkerton up until December 23rd Hours of Operation are Mondays to Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Support local artists while finding the perfect gift this holiday season!

- **Bruce County Public Library Family Movie Matinees at Walkerton Branch**

Visit the Walkerton Branch of the Bruce County Public Library at 253 Durham Street, Walkerton on Tuesday, December 23rd at 2:00 p.m. to watch the movie 'Home Alone', and on Tuesday, December 30th at 2:00 p.m. to watch the movie 'Ice Age Meltdown' Families are asked to please register with the Library before attending. View the [Library Events Calendar](#) for more information.

Bruce County Media Release - Travel Smart This Winter: Pack Your Emergency Kits

Winter weather is here, and Bruce County reminds residents to prepare for winter storms by keeping emergency kits in both your home and vehicle.

"Preparation doesn't stop at home. It's just as important when you're on the road," says Ray Lux, Bruce County's emergency management coordinator. "First responders may face delays due to high call volumes or severe conditions. Make sure you can keep yourself and your family safe and warm until help arrives."

Motorists should carry a vehicle emergency kit with essentials to stay comfortable and safe if stranded by road closures or while waiting for assistance. Recommended items include:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blanket and warm clothing (hats, gloves, scarf) • Snacks and water • Flashlight with extra batteries • Whistle 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cell phone charger • Portable snow shovel and ice scraper • Basic first aid supplies
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Additional Helpful Items:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Booster cables • High-visibility vest 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reflective safety triangle • Tow rope
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Before heading out, even for short trips, dress for the weather or bring winter gear with you. If you prefer not to wear a heavy jacket or boots while you drive, pack them in your vehicle. Having them on hand can make a big difference in an emergency.

You can purchase ready-made vehicle emergency kits at local stores or online or build your own.

Learn more about emergency preparedness at www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared.