



## Brockton Buzz Newsletter – April 2025 Issue

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### Livestock Evaluator Expression of Interest

The Municipality of Brockton is seeking individuals to serve as a Livestock Evaluator for the Municipality of Brockton, responsible under the [Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program](#) to conduct a thorough investigation within 72 hours of being notified of livestock, poultry, and/or honey bees that have been damaged or killed by wildlife. The Evaluator/investigator must ensure all relevant evidence is documented through detailed colour photos and a complete application form. Livestock Evaluators are required on an infrequent basis throughout the year, and the Evaluator will receive compensation for their services. Individuals will be appointed as a Livestock Evaluator for approximately two years (2025 to 2026). Visit our [Wildlife/Livestock Damage Claims webpage](#) for additional information on the role of the Livestock Evaluator and the Ontario Wildlife Damage Compensation Program.



If you are interested in serving as a Livestock Evaluator for the Municipality, please submit a letter of interest to the Clerk's Department by [email](#), or by mail or in-person to the Municipal Office located at 100 Scott Street, PO Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0. Applications will be accepted until April 14, 2025 at Noon.

### Proposal to Add Additional Accessible Parking Space on Jane Street, Walkerton

The Accessibility Advisory Committee and Municipality are seeking the public's feedback on a proposal to amend the Traffic and Parking By-Law to add another accessible parking space along Jane Street, Walkerton, beside Sacred Heart Parish to accommodate persons with disabilities. There are currently two (2) existing accessible parking spaces on Jane Street beside Sacred Heart Parish.

Comments can be submitted to Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) by [email](#), or by mail to Municipality of Brockton 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0 until May 1, 2025 at Noon. Council will consider comments on this proposal to amend the Traffic and Parking By-Law at their Council Meeting on May 13, 2025.



### Traffic and Parking By-Law - No Parking Restrictions

Council approved [By-Law 2025-025](#) amending the Traffic and Parking By-Law restricting parking on Yonge Street South, Walkerton. **There is no parking permitted on both sides of Yonge Street in Walkerton.** Visit our [By-Laws page](#) to view all Traffic and Parking By-Law amendments, including a list of all streets with parking restrictions. Remember to check for signage before parking to avoid penalties.

### 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 [Brockton.ca/Taxes](https://Brockton.ca/Taxes) for more information.

### 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.

### Load Restriction

During the Spring thaw (typically from March 1 to April 30) the Municipality enforces a reduced load season to protect roads from damage caused by heavy vehicles. Some Municipal Roads may become too soft and unstable to withstand the weight of a fully loaded truck, regardless of the axles. In an effort to reduce damage to the roads, the Municipality restricts vehicles to half loads (5 tonnes per axle) on all roads within the Municipality.

### Spring Shopping Event – April 17, 2025

Businesses in downtown Walkerton are staying open late for a spring shopping event on Thursday, April 17, 2025. Please come out and see what our local stores, restaurants and service providers have to offer! Watch for a full list of participating businesses to be shared on social media. Any business wishing to take part is asked to [email Brian Currie](#).





## 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](http://www.brucecounty.on.ca/hazardouswaste)

## Spring Landfill Hours

From April 1<sup>st</sup> to October 31<sup>st</sup>, 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 [Brockton.ca/LandfillSites](http://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.

## Yard Impact from Winter Maintenance

Is your sod ripped up from the snowplow? We know! Our drivers feel bad about it and will fix it up with topsoil and grass seed just as soon as the weather is nice enough. Please keep in mind that it will take some time to work through town, so please be patient until our staff get to yours.

## Dog Etiquette and Leashing Reminder

Our By-Law Enforcement Department reminds residents about poop and scoop etiquette, and leashing dogs.

A friendly reminder that dog owners and walkers are responsible for picking up after their pet. Please carry a bag when walking your dog off your property. Owners who fail to remove dog excrement can be fined \$150.00.

When dogs are not leashed and off their property they are considered Running at Large. No owner shall permit their dog to Run at Large within the Municipality of Brockton. Allowing your dog to Run at Large may result in a fine of \$100.00.

## 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](http://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](mailto:communitydevelopment@brockton.ca).



## Job Opportunities

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community? The Municipality of Brockton is currently recruiting for a full-time Heavy Equipment Operator, a Recreation Instructor, and an Early Childhood Education Teacher at the Brockton Child Care Centre. Visit [Brockton.ca/Jobs](http://Brockton.ca/Jobs) for more details.

## Brockton Parks and Recreation Programs

**Fitness Programs:** New sessions have started! Please visit [Brockton.ca/Programs](http://Brockton.ca/Programs) to register for programs including:

- Chair Yoga, Gentle Yoga, Zumba Gold, SPIN, Total Body Sculpt, Baby and Mom Fitness, Huff and Puff Hockey, Indoor Pickleball and more!

**Youth Programs:** Please register online at [Brockton.ca/Programs](http://Brockton.ca/Programs).

- **Drop-in Basketball** and **Drop-in Dodgeball** – Tuesday evenings at Walkerton District Community School – No need to register as this is a drop-in program

**Summer Camp Registration is now Open!** Visit [Brockton.ca/SummerCamp](http://Brockton.ca/SummerCamp) to register and learn more about what's being featured, including Swim Camps, Sports Camps, Art Camps, Travel Camps and more! Swimming daily with loads of outdoor fun planned!

**Swimming Lesson Registration** opens at 7:00 a.m. on April 16, 2025! Join us at Centennial Park Pool this summer. Visit [Brockton.ca/Swimming](http://Brockton.ca/Swimming) to learn more.

**Public Skating Opportunities:** Please visit [Brockton.ca/Skating](http://Brockton.ca/Skating) for information on skating opportunities into May, ice rentals, and more!

**Canada Day Celebrations:** Save the date, July 1, 2025 at Centennial Park in Walkerton for Canada Day events!

Be sure to follow the Municipality of Brockton on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/brockton) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/brockton) for all future updates!



### AccessNow

The Brockton Accessibility Advisory Committee would like to share information about AccessNow, both a [website](#), and mobile app providing resources for accessibility information, identifying businesses, places, and locations within communities on a [map](#), identifying their levels of accessibility. The Accessibility Advisory Committee may pursue adding local places and businesses to Brockton's map in the future.

### Subscribe to Brockton News/Alerts, Follow Our Social Media, and Download our App

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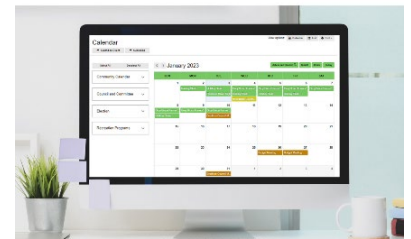
### Add Your Events to Brockton's Community Calendar

Make sure your 2025 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 [events.brockton.ca](https://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

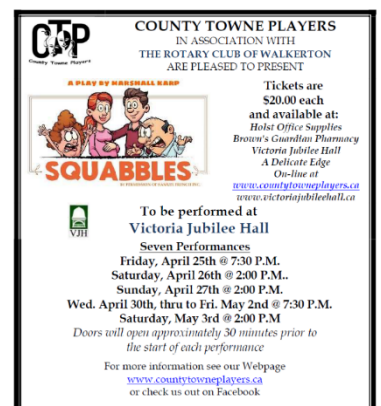
Each event is reviewed and approved before being added to the calendar, so it won't appear right away. Once your event is on the calendar, we may help spread the word through the Brockton Buzz newsletter, and social media. If you're having any troubles, please let us know by calling 519-881-2223 or emailing [Website Support](#).



### Community Events

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

- **Bruce County Public Library** - Canadian National Film Day – Adults can drop-in at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 16, 2025 to the Walkerton Branch to watch the film, Peace by Chocolate. View other events visit the [Bruce County Public Library Events webpage](#).
- **Walkerton and District Optimist Club Easter Bazaar** – Celebrate Easter on Saturday, April 12, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Sacred Heart High School gymnasium (950 Robinson St, Walkerton). Free admission. Play games, collect prizes, make crafts, and get a picture with the easter bunny!
- **Sacred Heart Parish Good Friday Walk of Witness** – Join Sacred Heart Parish on an ecumenical journey of witness, prayer, and meditation on the last words of Jesus from the cross on Friday, April 18, 2025 beginning at 9:30 a.m. Please see the poster at the end of the newsletter for additional details.
- **Elmwood Easter Egg Hunt** – Join the Elmwood Community Service Association for the annual Easter Egg Hunt hosted with the Emke family on Saturday, April 19, 2025 with activities starting at 10:00 a.m. and the Hunt at 10:30 a.m. at the Elmwood Community Centre (38 Concession 10). Items will be collected for the food bank.
- **Elmwood Park Clean Up** – Join the Elmwood Community Service Association for a clean up of the Elmwood Community Centre Park (38 Concession 10) and the Lion's Park (12 Dirstein St. S.) on Saturday, April 26, 2025 at 9:30 a.m. Volunteer hour opportunity for high school students.
- **Midwestern Ontario Rotary Music Festival** – The Midwestern Ontario Rotary Music Festival is April 21-29, 2025 in Walkerton, with a Highlights Concert tentatively planned for Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Come out and support students, musicians, choirs, dance groups, pianists, vocalists, and instrumentalists who share their passion for music during this event! Learn more by visiting the [Midwestern Ontario Rotary Music Festival website](#).
- **County Towne Players "Squabbles" Play** – The County Towne Players in association with the Rotary Club of Walkerton are pleased to present "Squabbles", a play by Marshall Karp to be performed at Victoria Jubilee Hall (111 Jackson St. S, Walkerton) on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> and on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Tickets are \$20 each. Visit the [County Towne Players website](#), or their [Facebook page](#) for more information.
- **Elmwood Kids Fishing Derby** – The Elmwood Firefighters Association and Elmwood Community Service Association are hosting a Kids Fishing Derby on Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> starting at 8:00 a.m. at the Elmwood Community Centre pond.



**CTP**  
County Towne Players

COUNTY TOWNE PLAYERS  
IN ASSOCIATION WITH  
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ARE PLEASED TO PRESENT

A PLAY BY MARSHALL KARP

**SQUABBLES**

Tickets are \$20.00 each and available at:  
Host Office Supplies  
Brown's Guardian Pharmacy  
Victoria Jubilee Hall  
A Delicate Edge  
On-line at [www.countytowneplayers.ca](http://www.countytowneplayers.ca)  
[www.victoriajubileehall.ca](http://www.victoriajubileehall.ca)

To be performed at  
Victoria Jubilee Hall  
Seven Performances  
Friday, April 25th @ 7:30 P.M.  
Saturday, April 26th @ 2:00 P.M.  
Sunday, April 27th @ 2:00 P.M.  
Wed. April 30th, thru to Fri. May 2nd @ 7:30 P.M.  
Saturday, May 3rd @ 2:00 P.M.  
Doors will open approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of each performance

For more information see our Webpage  
[www.countytowneplayers.ca](http://www.countytowneplayers.ca)  
or check us out on Facebook



### Fire Prevention Spring Cleaning Tips

While you're completing your Spring cleaning, keep in mind these tips of how you can prevent fires in your home:

- 1) Clean dust and grime around appliances – Build up can be a potential fire hazard. Remember to clean your fridge's condenser coils.
- 2) Clean around your dryer and stovetop – Clear the area of things that can burn, such as cleaning supplies, clothing, or boxes.
- 3) Clean your dryer vents – Lint can build up in vents and create blockages.
- 4) Check electrical cord placement – Make sure cords are not running across doorways or under carpets, which can overheat.
- 5) Replace damaged cords
- 6) Properly store combustibles – Keep combustibles like gas and aerosol in a cool, dry place, out of reach for children and pets.
- 7) Clear excessive clutter – Large quantities of items can be a potential fire hazard, especially if they block your home's exit points like doors or windows.
- 8) Clear dead vegetation – Rake or remove flammable vegetation such as leaves, dead limbs, and twigs around or under structures.
- 9) Gently clean smoke alarms – Help reduce false alarms created by dust! Follow your manufacturer's recommendations for routine cleanings.

### Spring into Preparedness: Refresh Your Emergency Kit This Season

With spring just around the corner, many households are getting ready for their annual spring cleaning. This year, why not use the opportunity to review and update your home's Emergency Preparedness Kit?

"We always encourage our Bruce County residents to ensure their families are prepared for emergencies. Creating and maintaining an Emergency Preparedness Kit is a simple but effective way to gain peace of mind, knowing you can remain self-sufficient for a few days if needed," says Ray Lux, County Emergency Management Coordinator. "Being prepared allows emergency services to focus on the areas and individuals who need them most."

Every household should have an easily accessible Emergency Preparedness Kit in case you are required to shelter in place during an emergency. A well-stocked kit takes some planning and should be reviewed at least once a year to ensure it's ready when you need it most. Here are a few helpful tips to guide your spring refresh:

- **Replenish your water supply** to meet your family's drinking needs for at least three days.
- **Check expiry dates** on non-perishable food items and replace as needed.
- **Inspect battery-powered items**, such as radios and flashlights, and ensure you have fresh batteries on hand.
- **Review your Family Emergency Plan** and update emergency contact information if anything has changed.
- **Print hard copies** of important documents, such as insurance policies, wills, and medication prescriptions.

Don't have an Emergency Kit or Plan in place yet? Spring is the perfect time to get started! For guidance on building your own kit, visit: [Get an Emergency Kit - Canadian Red Cross Emergency Kits](#) or visit [Canada's emergency kits guide](#).



# Good Friday



## Walk of Witness

Please Join us on this Ecumenical  
Journey of Witness, Prayer and  
Meditation on the Last Words of Jesus  
from the Cross.

**Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Starting at 9:30 am at  
The Walkerton Pentecostal  
Church, and onto  
10:00 am Trinity Lutheran Church,  
10:20 am St. Thomas Anglican  
Church, 10:40 am  
St. Paul's United Church, 11:00 am  
Knox Presbyterian Church, and  
ending up at 11:20 am at  
Sacred Heart Church.