



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – January 2026 Issue

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2026 Budget Meetings

The 2026 Budget process began late December when Council held a Special Council Meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. at the Bruce County Council Chambers to consider the 2026 Mayor's Budget. View the [December 17, 2025 Special Council Agenda](#).



Council met again on Monday, January 12, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bruce County Council Chambers to consider amendments to the 2026 Mayor's Budget. View the [January 12, 2026 Special Council Agenda](#).

Visit the [Mayor's Budget webpage](#) to learn more information on the new budget process and view the 2026 [Budget](#) in the near future.

2026 Council Meetings

The dates for the 2026 Brockton Council Meetings have been posted to our website Brockton.ca/Council and our Community Calendar. Council Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. via hybrid meeting in-person at the Bruce County Council Chambers and electronically on Zoom/livestreamed on eScribe (unless otherwise noted). Residents will be notified of any change in meeting location.

- Monday, January 12, 2026 (Budget Meeting) 6:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, January 13, 2026
- Tuesday, January 27, 2026
- Tuesday, February 10, 2026
- Tuesday, February 24, 2026
- Tuesday, March 10, 2026
- Tuesday, March 24, 2026
- Tuesday, April 14, 2026
- Tuesday, April 28, 2026
- Tuesday, May 12, 2026
- Tuesday, May 26, 2026
- Tuesday, June 9, 2026
- Tuesday, June 23, 2026 (Cargill Community Centre)
- Tuesday, July 14, 2026
- Tuesday, August 11, 2026
- Tuesday, August 25, 2026
- Tuesday, September 8, 2026
- Tuesday, September 29, 2026
- Tuesday, October 13, 2026
- Tuesday, November 3, 2025
- Tuesday, November 17, 2026 (Inaugural Council Meeting)
- Tuesday, December 8, 2026
- Wednesday, December 16, 2026 (2027 Budget Meeting) 10:00 a.m.

Special Council Meeting to Appoint New Councillor

Council will hold a Special Council Meeting on Thursday, January 22, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Bruce County Council Chambers to appoint an individual to fill the vacant Councillor seat.



Each of the seven (7) candidates that applied for the Council Vacancy position will present to Council, and then Council will proceed to vote on the individual they wish to appoint as the new Councillor. Visit [Brockton.ca/CouncilVacancy](#) for more information on the Council Vacancy process.

Recycling Changes Started January 1, 2026

Residents of Brockton have moved to the Producer Responsibility Model, important information for residents to know:

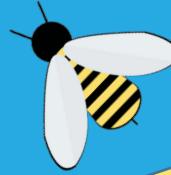
- Recycling collection days are remaining the same!
- All Recycling Bins at the Walkerton Recycling Depot, Brant Landfill and Greenock Transfer Station are closed to collection.
- Accepted items have expanded and now include flattened Cardboard!

Reminder that 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. 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](#). For Collection comments and questions, contact Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling at info@brucerecycling.com or call 1-800-794-9770.

2026 Fees and Charges

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



Animal Control – Dog Tags

The Municipality of Brockton is mailing dog tag invoices in January 2026. Invoices are based on dog owner information in our current database, and your dog will continue to wear the permanent tag you received previously. If you no longer own a dog, need a replacement tag or to register a new dog, please contact the By-Law Department by phone at 519-881-2223 Ext. 141, or [email the Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer](#).



2026 Dog Tag Fees

- First Dog - \$21.00
- Additional Dog(s) - \$21.00
- Late Fee (after April 1st) - \$10.50/per tag
- Dangerous Dog(s) - \$210.50/per dog
- Replacement Dog Tag - \$5.50
- Kennel Licence - New or Renewal (Includes first inspection fee) *More than 3 dogs and must meet Kennel Licence requirements - \$157.50
- Kennel Licence - Non-Compliance re-inspection of Kennel - \$52.50/per inspection
- Kennel Licence Late Payment Charge (after April 1st) - \$63.00
- Reclaim Fee - \$107.00 Municipal Fee (not including Pound fees incurred)

Kennels: If you are registering a new kennel or renewing a kennel license, a Kennel Application and inspection is required. Please contact the Building/By-Law Department at 519-881-2223 Ext. 141 or [email the Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer](#) to obtain a Kennel License Application.

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.

Summer Job Opportunities

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community? The Municipality of Brockton is recruiting for multiple fulfilling and rewarding positions that offer competitive wages and a variety of hours. There are opportunities in aquatics, summer camp, administration, park and facility maintenance, and teaching at the Brockton Child Care Centre. Visit [Brockton.ca/Jobs](#) for more details.



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:

Winter Recreation and Fitness Programs

- Find programs like Tai Chi, Zumba, Gentle Fitness, Chair Yoga and more at [Brockton.ca/Programs](#)
- Indoor Pickleball at the Cargill Community Centre every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Just drop-in for \$3 and be sure to join the email communication list for updates and cancellations. Contact us at recreation@brockton.ca to join.

Winter PD Day Camps - Need child care on PD Days and over March Break? Day Camp registration can be found at [Brockton.ca/Camps](#) – Register early as spots fill fast!



Public Skating at the Walkerton Community Centre - Visit [Brockton.ca/Skating](#) for schedules and updates.



Information on the **Cross County Ski Trails** and the **Skating Loop** can be found online at [Brockton.ca/Outdoors](#)

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

Family Day Fun! - Save the date, **Monday February 16, 2026** at the Walkerton Community Centre starting at 9:00 a.m.! Enjoy a Figure Skating Showcase, Breakfast (by donation), Coffee House Live Music, indoor and outdoor activities including sleigh rides, Free Public Skating and more!



Carbon Monoxide Alarm Reminder

The new Fire Code requirements came into effect on January 1, 2026, expanding 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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Add Your Events to Brockton's Community Calendar

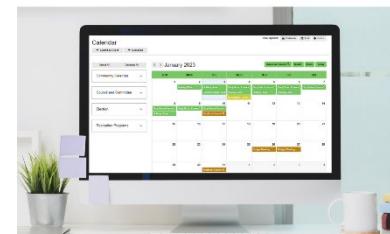
Feature your 2026 events on Brockton's free Community Calendar! Your event must be organized by a non-profit, or community organization and be held within Brockton.

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!

• **Chepstow Lion's Club Wing Night**

Join the Chepstow Lion's Club for Wing Night on Friday, January 23, 2026, and Friday, February 6, 2026 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.

• **Dreamer “The Supertramp Experience”**

Dreamer, the authentic recreation of the legendary '70's rock band Supertramp, is performing at Victoria Jubilee Hall (111 Jackson St. S, Walkerton) on Saturday, January 24, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. Tickets are approximately \$55.00/person and available to [purchase online](#) or in-person at Victoria Jubilee Hall, Brown's Guardian Pharmacy, or Holst Office Pro.

• **Bruce County Public Library Walkerton Branch Event**

Create with Cricut on Tuesday, February 3, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. at the Bruce County Public Library, Walkerton Branch. Join us to learn all about our Cricut machines and make a project just in time for Valentine's Day. Please visit [Bruce County Public Library's website](#) to register, or call the Walkerton Branch directly at 519-881-3240 to learn more.

• **Knights of Columbus Breakfast**

Join the Knights of Columbus for their monthly buffet breakfast on Sunday, February 8, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall (1658 Highway 9, Mildmay). Tickets are \$15/Adults, \$12/Children Age 5-12, and Free for Children under Age 4.



Bruce County Media Release – Winter Doesn't Wait for You to Be Ready

Bruce County has already experienced significant snow and winter weather this season. And if history has taught us anything, it's that the next storm isn't a matter of *if*—it's *when*.

Heavy snow and ice storms don't just create pretty winter scenes; they can snap power lines and leave you in the dark.

Is your emergency kit stocked with what you and your family may need?

It's important to refresh your emergency kit for winter with items able to keep you safe, warm and calm while the storm passes for a minimum of 72 hours, keeping in mind it could be even longer in some situations.

"Extra consideration should be taken for your home emergency kit during the winter months," says Ray Lux, Bruce County's emergency management coordinator. "Power outages can have more implications with cold weather. Make sure your kit has the supplies to help keep you safe and warm in the event of a power failure during a winter storm."

Your winter emergency kit should include:

- **Cold-weather gear for indoor use** – Warm blankets, thermal blankets, wool socks, extra mitts and hats.
- **Flashlights with fresh batteries** – Rather than using your phone as a flashlight, reserve its power and use a flashlight. Darkness comes early in winter.
- **Non-perishable food and water** – Essential year-round, but critical when you can't cook or access clean water.
- **A backup generator** – Ideal for maintaining lights and heat during outages in Bruce County.
- **A designated warm room** – If a generator isn't possible, choose one room you can seal off to trap heat. Keep those doors closed.

Ready to build your kit? Get guidance at:

- Canada.ca Emergency Preparedness: www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/emergency-preparedness/making-an-emergency-kit
- Ontario Emergency Preparedness: www.ontario.ca/page/be-prepared-emergency
- Bruce County Emergency Preparedness: www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared

Prepare for power outages:

- Visit Hydro One's website at www.hydroone.com/power-outages-and-safety
- [Download the Hydro One app](#) to report outages and access the outage map

