



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – February 2026 Issue

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2026 Budget Adopted



The Municipality of Brockton’s 2026 Budget was deemed adopted on January 15, 2026. This year’s budget process differed from previous years due to the Province of Ontario expanding Strong Mayor Powers to the Municipality of Brockton as of May 1, 2025. As part of the Strong Mayor Powers, Mayor Chris Peabody has a duty to prepare and propose the budget before February 1st each year, and the Mayor’s Budget is subject to Council amendments, and a Mayoral veto. Following two Special Council Meetings on December 17, 2025 and January 12, 2026, including consideration of Council amendments, the 2026 budget was finalized through a collaborative and transparent process. The 2026 Municipal Budget includes a total tax rate increase of 2.64% and a total levy of \$13,624,278. On the average household assessment this results in a \$89.27 yearly increase, or a \$7.44 monthly increase. This year’s budget was developed with a focus on maintaining essential services, recognizing economic challenges facing Brockton residents, and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the growing community. Read the [Press Release on our website](#) for more information on key highlights of the 2026 budget.

New Councillor Appointed

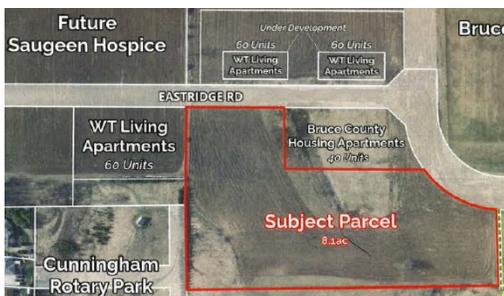
At the January 22, 2026 Special Council Meeting, Council appointed Michael Crawford to the position of Councillor for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Council Term (ending November 14, 2026). Michael Crawford swore the Oath of Office and was formally appointed by By-Law. Councillor Crawford will attend his first meeting on February 10, 2026.



Municipal Offices Closed for Family Day

Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, February 16, 2026 for Family Day and reopen on Tuesday, February 17, 2026. We encourage you to join us at the Walkerton Community Centre to celebrate Family Day on Monday, February 16, 2026.

Request for Expression of Interest - Sale & Development of Municipal Land on Eastridge Road



The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton is seeking Requests for Expressions of Interest (‘REOI’) from qualified developers for the development of a residential subdivision composed of 51 housing units on the property legally described as PART PARK LOT 48 PLAN 162 & PART LOT 32 CONCESSION 1 NORTH DURHAM ROAD BRANT, PART 3R9987, EXCEPT PART 1 3R10502 AND PART 1 3R11027; MUNICIPALITY OF BROCKTON bearing parcel identifier number 33196-0650 (LT) and referred to as “the Eastridge Subdivision”. The Municipality is inviting proposals that can help realize the potential for the Eastridge Subdivision as a new development for “missing middle” housing units.

The Municipality seeks submissions from potential developers for the development of the Eastridge Subdivision into a vibrant, sustainable, and design-forward neighbourhood that responds to the community’s housing and growth needs.

View the Request for Expression of Interest on our [Bids and Tenders webpage](#). Proposals must be submitted by **February 19, 2026 at 12:00 p.m.** in-person at the Municipality of Brockton Office (100 Scott Street, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0) or [by Email](#) to Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk).

Tax Installment Due Dates – March 31, 2026, May 29, 2026, September 30, 2026 and November 30, 2026

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 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

Please notify the tax department if you have any changes to your mailing address. Address Change Requests must be done in writing or by [email to the Tax Department](#). Your cooperation in keeping your tax records up to date ensures timely receipt of your tax and utility bills from our office.

Animal Control – Dog Tags

The Municipality of Brockton mailed dog tag invoices in January. 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 our Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer](#)

Career Opportunities

The Municipality of Brockton is currently recruiting for a Workplace Safety and Fire Services Coordinator, a Recreation Administrator (1 Year Contract), a Senior Accounting/Payroll Clerk, a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) & Operations Technician, and Heavy Equipment Operators (Winter Seasonal and Winter Weekends), and Supply/Casual Teacher with the Brockton Child Care Centre. Visit [Brockton.ca/Jobs](#) for more details.



2026 Municipal Election Information



The upcoming Municipal Election will be held on **Monday, October 26, 2026**. The Municipality of Brockton will be using an internet and telephone voting system. You will be able to vote online or by telephone from **Monday October 19, 2026 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until Monday October 26, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. (Voting Period)**.

Ensure your mailing address is up to date! A letter with your unique Voter PIN will be mailed directly to your home address in advance of the voting period. You will require this letter and PIN to vote.

Are you on the Voters List?



Register to Vote is a Province-wide online tool that allows voters to register to vote in the Municipal Election. Visit [www.RegisterToVoteON.ca](#) to update your information or add yourself to the Voters List by **August 12, 2026**. You can also email [info@registertovoteon.ca](#) or call 1-866-242-3025.

If you have recently moved to the Municipality of Brockton, live in a newer subdivision, are a tenant, or have turned 18 since the last Municipal Election, you may need to add your name to the Voters List.

You will be required to provide proof of identity and residence.

School Support

To ensure your correct school support designation is provided to Elections Ontario, it should be reviewed and updated before **June 1, 2026**, to vote for the applicable School Board (English-Public, etc.). Whether you own or rent your home, your property is linked to a school board, even if you do not have children attending school. The default school board support is English-Public unless you update your designation. To learn more about school support designations visit [www.mpac.ca/schoolsupport](#)

Do you want to run for Municipal Council?

Qualified persons wishing to serve on Municipal Council or School Board may file a Nomination Form with the Clerk from **Friday May 1st, 2026, until 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 21, 2026**. Information packages will be available on the Municipal website and at the Municipal Office.

Candidates wishing to run for Election are invited to attend a Candidate Information Session which will be held at the Bruce County Office, located at 30 Park Street, Walkerton, Ontario on **Thursday May 14, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.**, to learn more about being on Council.

Prospective Candidates can also register for the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)'s free Healthy Democracy Leadership Series: Stronger Leaders, Stronger Communities workshops. These workshops are designed to equip candidates with the tools, resilience, and confidence to meet the challenges of the political landscape head-on. There are two streams: first time candidates, and those considering re-election in 2026. Visit [AMO's website](#) for full details and registration information.

Stay tuned as more information on the Election will be released throughout the year! Learn more at [Brockton.ca/Election](#)





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.

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 Community Services (Parks and Recreation) Programs and Events:

Summer Day Camp registration opens March 11th at 7:00 a.m.! Brockton.ca/Camps

Family Day Fun! Save the date, **Monday February 16th** 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, Battle of the Badges (OPP vs. Walkerton Fire) at 12:00 p.m. and more!



Monday February 16, 2026

Family Day Fun in Brockton

Location: Walkerton Community Centre: 290 Durham St. W, Walkerton ON

9-11am | Grab N' Go Breakfast
Hosted by *The Optimist Club of Walkerton*, **By Donation**.
Grab a table to eat while enjoying some entertainment!

9am-12pm | Indoor Activities
Cookie Decorating, Crafts, Face Painting, Spin Wheel, Temp Tattoos, Balloon Twisting and more! Thank you to our multiple sponsors including **Premiere Mortgage Centre**, **Kaufman's Independent** and **Dirt Pigs**.

9am | Figure Skating Showcase
Thank you to the **Walkerton Figure Skating Club**.

9am-12pm | Sleigh Rides
Hop on with family and friends behind the arena!
Sponsored by **The Rotary Club of Walkerton**.

9am-12pm | Outdoor Activities
Outdoor photos with **The Kirstine-Ellis Group**.
Hot Chocolate Sponsored by **Tim Horton's** and **Community Living**; **Touch-a-Truck** and more!

9:30-11:30am | Live Coffee House Music
Enjoy some live music by *He Said She Said!*
Sponsored by **In Line Family Chiropractic**.

10-11:30am | Free Public Skate Party
Sponsored by **The Kinsmen Club of Walkerton**.

12pm | Battle of the Badges
Walkerton Fire VS. South Bruce OPP
Sponsored by **Hudson's Auto Centre**.
Admission by Donation.

Thank You to our sponsors!












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Winter Recreation and Fitness Programs

- Find programs like Tai Chi, Zumba, Gentle Fitness, Chair Yoga and more at Brockton.ca/Programs
- Little Chefs (Ages 4 – 9) begins on February 19th! Please register online 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 Community Services (Parks and Recreation) Programs and Events (Continued)

Winter Day Camps

Need childcare over March Break? Day Camp registration can be found at [Brockton.ca/Camps](https://brockton.ca/Camps) – register early as spots are filling up!

Public Skating at the Walkerton Community Centre - Visit [Brockton.ca/Skating](https://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](https://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!



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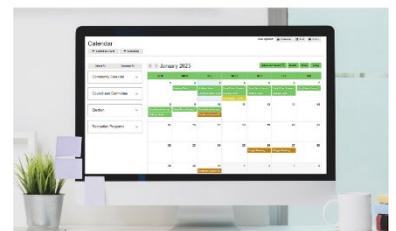
Add Your Events to Brockton’s Community Calendar

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.



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!

- **Chepstow Lion’s Club Wing Night**
Join the Chepstow Lion’s Club for Wing Night on Friday, February 6th and Friday, February 20th 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.
- **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 Public Library Walkerton Branch Event**
Join the Bruce County Public Library for Picture and Video Basics for Seniors on Tuesday, March 3, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. at the Walkerton Branch. Please visit [Bruce County Public Library’s website](#) to register, or call the Walkerton Branch directly at 519-881-3240 to learn more.



Bruce County Media Release – Time to Refresh Your Family's Emergency Preparedness Plan



Bruce County is reminding residents that now is the perfect time to refresh – or create – a Family Emergency Preparedness Plan.

From sudden summer tornadoes to multi-day winter storms, rising floodwaters, and even cyber incidents that can disrupt daily life, emergencies can unfold quickly and without warning. Taking time now to plan can make all the difference when seconds count.

“Ensuring that you and your family are prepared for a possible emergency is one of the most important steps you can take,” says Ray Lux, Bruce County’s emergency management coordinator. “Take the time to know your risks and make a plan. You may never have to use it, but if you do, you’ll be glad you made the effort.”

Give yourself peace of mind by reviewing or creating your Emergency Preparedness Plan:

Step 1 – Know the Risks

Every community faces different hazards. Locally, risks that residents may encounter include:

- **Severe winter weather**, bringing blizzard conditions and prolonged power outages.
- **Flooding**, particularly during spring melt or after heavy rain.
- **Tornadoes**, which can develop with little warning.
- **Cyber incidents**, which can affect communications, utilities and essential services.

Learn more about local risks on our website at www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared, and discuss with your family how each might affect your home, workplace and daily routines.

Step 2 – Make a Home Emergency Preparedness Plan

Your Emergency Preparedness Plan should outline how your family will stay safe and support one another during an emergency.

- Plan for how you will care for your family for several days if there’s a delay or excessive demand for emergency services.
- Decide on meeting places to reunite with family or roommates.
- Review your children’s school emergency procedures.
- Include places for your pet to stay.
- Decide on contact people close-by and out-of-town.

You can use a [fill-in-the-blank template](#) from Canadian Red Cross or use the Government of Canada’s website to [make an Emergency Preparedness Plan](#) to print out. Keep your complete Emergency Preparedness Plan with your Emergency Kit, so you know exactly where to find it.

More information, tools and resources:

- Government of Canada Emergency Management: www.getprepared.gc.ca
- Ontario Emergency Management: www.ontario.ca/page/be-prepared-emergency
- Bruce County Emergency Management: www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared