



### Brockton Buzz Newsletter – March 2025 Issue

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### Public Comments on Possible Commemoration

This spring will mark the 25th anniversary of the Walkerton e.coli outbreak, which occurred in May 2000. As we approach this date, we recognize the anniversary will bring mixed emotions for many residents. For some, this anniversary may offer a chance to reflect and remember, while others may prefer to look ahead, leaving the past behind. Residents who were impacted might find comfort in coming together with the community to honour memories and share their experiences.

In light of this, Brockton Council is seeking input from residents about a possible commemoration to take place in May 2025 at the Heritage Water Garden in Walkerton. The commemoration could provide an opportunity for the community to reflect on the past, acknowledge the progress made, and recognize ongoing efforts to ensure that Ontarians have access to safe, clean drinking water.

We invite residents to share any thoughts, ideas or concerns regarding a possible commemoration by Friday, March 7, 2025. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us determine the most meaningful and appropriate way to recognize this anniversary. We welcome all feedback, including if our community feels a commemoration is not appropriate.

Comments can be directed to Christine Brandt, Community Development Coordinator by [email](#), or by mail or in-person at the Municipal Office located at 100 Scott Street, PO Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0 or by telephone at 519-881-2223 Ext. 131. Please submit your comments by March 7, 2025.

### 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.

### Business Grants Available

The Municipality of Brockton is excited to announce its 2025 [Community Improvement Plan](#) grant program is now accepting applications. Bruce County's [Spruce the Bruce program](#) also launched, resulting in several different opportunities for eligible business and property owners to enhance their spaces.



In Brockton, there are six financial assistance programs available: building facades, signage improvements, accessibility improvements, energy efficiencies, conversion or expansion of vacant or underutilized spaces, and farm gates.

Spruce the Bruce has 10 grants applications available: facade improvements, fascia signage, perpendicular signage, awnings, patio installations, community marketing, agri-food innovation, business accessibility, produce and experience development, and residential improvement.

Both the municipal and county programs supports a maximum of 50 per cent of eligible costs, excluding taxes, up to a set maximum per grant. Funding for each is available on a first-come, first-serve basis to eligible businesses and property owners, and both can be applied to for the same project in the same calendar year.

For more information on either the Brockton or Spruce the Bruce grant programs please contact Community Development Coordinator Christine Brandt by [email](#), or call 519-881-2223 Ext. 131.

### 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.

### Winter Landfill Hours

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. The Walkerton Recycling Depot (320 Kincardine Highway) is open on Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All residents are encouraged to continue to use curbside pickup services. Visit [Brockton.ca/LandfillSites](https://Brockton.ca/LandfillSites) 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](https://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 a Early Childhood Education Teacher at the Brockton Child Care Centre. Visit [Brockton.ca/Jobs](https://Brockton.ca/Jobs) for more details.

### Brockton Parks and Recreation Programs

**Adult Programs:** Please visit [Brockton.ca/Programs](https://Brockton.ca/Programs) for details on programs including:

- Chair Yoga, Gentle Yoga, Zumba Gold, SPIN, Total Body Sculpt, Baby and Mom Fitness, Huff and Puff Hockey, Indoor Pickleball in Cargill, Indoor Walking Program

**Seniors Drop-in Opportunities:** Free until the end of March 2025 thanks to the New Horizons for Seniors Grant! Join us to socialize and play cards, crokinole and more!



**A ONE TIME OPPORTUNITY | FREE UNTIL END OF MARCH 2025**

## Seniors Drop-In Opportunities

Including games and refreshments!

Government of Canada  
Thanks to the New Horizon's Seniors Grant!

WALKERTON	ELMWOOD	CARGILL
Bruce County Library	Elmwood Community Centre	Cargill Community Centre
Tuesday's 1:30 - 4:00 pm	Tuesday's 1:30 - 4:00 pm	Thursday's 1:00 - 4:00 pm
<b>DROP-IN SOCIALS</b>	<b>DROP-IN SOCIALS</b>	<b>DROP-IN SOCIALS</b>
<i>Cards, Crokinole and more!</i>	<i>Cards, Crokinole and more!</i>	<i>Cards, Crokinole and more!</i>
Every Tuesday Starting Jan 14 - Mar 25, 2025!	Every Tuesday Starting Jan 21 - Mar 25, 2025!	Every Thursday Starting Dec 12, 2024 - Mar 27, 2025! <small>*No Drop-In Dec 26 and Jan 2*</small>

An opportunity to socialize, enjoy refreshments, play games and have fun!  
Please note, these drop-ins are self-governed by those in attendance.

519-881-0625 x 2 | [recreation@brockton.com](mailto:recreation@brockton.com) | [www.brockton.ca/programs](https://www.brockton.ca/programs)

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

- **Babysitting Courses:** Friday, April 11 (PA Day) from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Bruce County Library (Walkerton). This course is aimed at ages 11-14.
- **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

**Lobies Campground Reservations** open at 8:00 a.m. on March 12, 2025! Visit [Brockton.ca/Lobies](https://Brockton.ca/Lobies) for more information.



### Brockton Parks and Recreation Programs (Continued)

**Summer Camp Registration** opens at 7:00 a.m. on March 19, 2025! Visit [Brockton.ca/SummerCamp](https://Brockton.ca/SummerCamp) to learn more. Swim camps, sports camps, art camps, travel camps and more will be offered! Swimming daily with loads of outdoor fun planned! The waitlist works – Don't forget about Brockton's payment plan options!

**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](https://Brockton.ca/Swimming) to learn more.

**Public Skating Opportunities:** Please visit [Brockton.ca/Skating](https://Brockton.ca/Skating) for general information regarding Brockton's Public Skating, Descriptions, Sponsorship and more!

Be sure to follow the Municipality of Brockton on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) 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.

**Remember to check your smoke and carbon monoxide alarms!**



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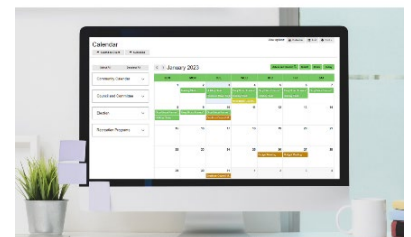
### Add Your Events to Brockton's Community Calendar

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!

#### • Chepstow Lions Club Wing Night

The Chepstow Lions Club are hosting a Wing Night on March 14, 2025 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Chepstow Lion's Park, 445 Chepstow Road. 15 wings - \$20; 12 wings w/fries - \$20; fries - \$5 - Dine in or Take-out available. Contact Bill Clancy at 519-889-2344 for more information.





## Community Events (Continued)

- **Bruce County Public Library – Scam and Fraud Prevention Event**

The Walkerton Branch of the Bruce County Public Library are hosting a Scam and Fraud Prevention event on Thursday, March 20, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. Please register to attend the event, Join us to hear from a representative of Meridian Credit Union and South Bruce O.P.P. about fraud and how to protect yourself. To register, and to view other events visit the [Bruce County Public Library Events webpage](#).

- **Kinette Club of Walkerton Dress Resale**

The Kinette Club of Walkerton are hosting their 16th annual Prom Dress Resale at Walkerton District Community School (1320 Yonge Street, Walkerton) on Friday, March 28, 2025 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 29, 2025 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Dresses will be available for all occasions, including graduation, prom, semi-formal, weddings and more! Everyone is welcome. Dresses starting at \$10. No dress over \$50. First come basis, Cash only.

- **Elmwood Starz April Workshop**

The Elmwood Starz are hosting a Paint and Sip Night with Janel Liesemer on April 4, 2025 Contact Elmwood Starz [by email](#) for more information and to register.

- **Leadership Training Opportunity**

Are you looking to strengthen leadership communication and stress management skills for yourself or your team? We are working to bring a Dale Carnegie course to Walkerton, offering valuable training for professionals transitioning into leadership roles. The kickoff meeting will be April 28, with meetings 1-8 to be held Mondays from May 5-June 23 from 6:00 to 9:30 pm. For more information or to register please email [ttreleven@dalecarnegie.ca](mailto:ttreleven@dalecarnegie.ca) or call 905-928-1034.

## Are You Prepared for Communications in an Emergency?

**Bruce County, Ontario:** When we think of emergencies, we often picture tornadoes, floods, or power outages. But what if the crisis impacted something we rely on daily—our ability to communicate? In an increasingly connected world, a failure of phone networks or internet services can leave families struggling to reach one another. That's why including a communications plan in your emergency preparedness strategy is crucial.

Cell phone networks and internet services can go down due to severe weather, cyberattacks, or infrastructure failures. Having a plan in place can ensure you and your loved ones stay connected when it matters most.

### How to Prepare for a Communications Failure:

- ✓ **Keep a landline phone at home.** Ensure it will still work during a power outage and consider having a battery backup.
- ✓ **Use a generator wisely.** If you have one, test it before an emergency to understand how many devices it can support. Unplug non-essential appliances to extend its capacity.
- ✓ **Have a hard copy of key contacts.** Store written phone numbers for family, emergency services, and medical providers in case your phone battery dies, or digital records are inaccessible.
- ✓ **Set a family meeting location.** If phone contact isn't possible, agree in advance on a place to reunite.
- ✓ **Know your child's school emergency plan.** Schools have procedures in place for communication failures—ensure your family's plan aligns with theirs.
- ✓ **Back up essential documents.** Print copies of medical records, insurance information, and emergency plans. Store them in a waterproof container and keep digital backups on an external drive or in the cloud.
- ✓ **Prepare for recovery.** Regularly back up important computer files so you can quickly regain access to critical information after an outage.

"We rely so heavily on our phones and computers that a communications failure can cause significant stress," says Ray Lux, Bruce County Emergency Management Coordinator. "Having a backup plan will help keep your loved ones safe and ensure you can stay connected when it matters most. Talk to your family now, so you're prepared before an emergency happens."

For more information on emergency preparedness, visit [www.brucecounty.on.ca/living/public-safety](http://www.brucecounty.on.ca/living/public-safety)