

NOTE

- A Council Vacancy Application may only be filed in person; it may not be faxed or e-mailed
- It is the responsibility of the person applying to file a complete and accurate application

Council Vacancy Application

Instruction

Please print or type information (except signatures)

Applicant Full Name: Charles Frederick Nuhn		For the Office of: Councillor
Applicant's full qualifying address within the municipality		
Street Number: [REDACTED]	Street Name: [REDACTED]	
Municipality: Brockton	Province: ON	Postal Code: N0G 2V0
Applicant's full mailing address within the municipality (if different from qualifying address above)		
Street Number:	Street Name:	
Municipality:	Province:	Postal Code:

Declaration of Qualification


I Charles Frederick Nuhn the applicant mentioned in this form, declare that I am presently legally qualified or would be presently legally qualified if I were not a member of the Legislative Assembly of Ontario or the Senate House of Commons of Canada, to be elected and to hold the office for which I have applied and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

Declared before me
at the Municipality
of Brockton
in the County of Bruce
this 6th day of January, 2026.


Signature of Clerk or Commissioner, etc.

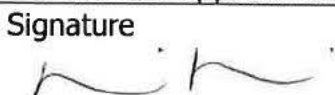

Signature of Applicant

Date Filed (yyyy/mm/dd) **2026/01/06** Time Filed **12:10 p.m.**

Signature of Clerk or Designate
 **Sarah Johnson Deputy Clerk**

Certification by Clerk or Designate

I the undersigned clerk of this municipality do hereby certify that I have examined the application of the aforesaid applicant filed with me and am satisfied that the applicant is qualified to be appointed and that the appointment complies with the Act.

Signature


Date Filed (yyyy/mm/dd)
January 8, 2026



Municipality of Brockton
Council Vacancy

Freedom of Information (FOI) Release

Municipal Elections Act, 1996

Name of Applicant: Charles Frederick Nuhn

Applicant for the Office of:



Councillor

In accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, as amended, I hereby authorize Brockton staff to include on the Municipality of Brockton's website and make available to any person the following information with respect to my candidacy for the council vacancy:

Address:

[Redacted Address]

Walkerton, Ontario, N0G 2V0

Telephone Number(s):

[Redacted Telephone Number]

E-mail address:

[Redacted E-mail Address]

[Redacted Signature]

(signature of nominated candidate)

January 6, 2026

(date)

Personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, and will be used for authorizing candidate information to be placed on the Municipality of Brockton website or made available for public inspection in office of the Clerk, Municipality of Brockton, until the next municipal election. Questions about this collection of personal information should be directed to the Clerk at 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0, 519-881-2223 Ext. 124

Charles Nuhn

Walkerton, ON

N0G 2V0

To the Members of the Municipality of Brockton Municipal Council,

My name is Charles (Chas) Nuhn and I am a 21-year-old student currently attending Carleton University in Ottawa. As someone who was born and raised in the Brockton region and who has worked, volunteered and studied alongside the people who make this community what it is, I submit my application for the vacant Brockton Council position with great respect and a genuine commitment to public service. Brockton is not simply where I am from, but it is the place that has shaped my values, my work ethic and my belief in the importance of community-focused leadership.

I am currently studying Public Affairs and Policy Management at Carleton University, with a specialization in Strategic Public Opinion. Through my academic work, I have come to truly value the importance of listening to people, understanding diverse perspectives and ensuring that decision-making reflects the real concerns of those being served. These principles are not theoretical to me, but are values I have carried since a young age through consistent involvement in my community. I volunteered for many years at Brucelea Haven, working closely with seniors and learning firsthand the importance of patience, empathy and dignity in public service. For nearly a decade, I also volunteered as a singer in the Singer Christmas Tree and for seven years I sold wreaths to members of our community, experiences that reinforced the importance of giving back and staying connected to the people around me.

I attended Sacred Heart High School from Grades 9 through 11, where I accumulated over 400 volunteer hours and was honoured with numerous volunteer awards. In 2022, I was further recognized as the Hanover Youth of the Year, an award that reflected not a single achievement, but a sustained commitment to leadership, service and community involvement. During high school, I also completed a co-operative education placement at Hedley Thompson's law office and subsequently worked as a legal assistant with Stephen Menzies, experiences that introduced me to the legal system and the role that thoughtful governance and sound policy play at a local level.

This community has made me who I am today. It has opened doors to opportunities that I may never have accessed without the guidance of individuals who were willing to invest their time in me. Those opportunities have continued beyond high school, allowing me to work at Hicks & Hicks Law Firm in Hanover and this past fall, serving as a legal assistant with the legal team at Payments Canada, the organization responsible for operating Canada's core payment systems and clearing and settling over \$10 trillion in transactions annually. These roles strengthened my attention to detail, my respect for accountability and my understanding of how institutions serve the public interest.

In addition to my academic and professional experiences, I have consistently remained connected to Brockton through work and service. I worked at the Brockton and Hanover public pools and I spent two and a half years working at the local Tim Hortons throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. This experience in particular underscored for me the importance of reliability, teamwork and supporting one another during times of uncertainty. Through the Ontario Huron County Summer Company Program, I officially launched a professional video editing business in Brockton, which has since helped YouTube and film creators around the world connect with over 50 million viewers. While this work extended beyond our community, it was rooted in skills and confidence I first developed here.

At Carleton University, I previously served as the Vice President Communications for my faculty, which was a role that required clear communication, collaboration and responsiveness to student concerns. I also led an entire campaign for the Carleton University Students' Association Presidency last year, which further developed my leadership, public relations and leadership skills. While I have spent significant time in Ottawa over the past three and a half years, including for an upcoming internship with Environment and Climate Change Canada researching microplastics, I have always made a point of returning to Walkerton to spend time with my family and remain grounded in the community I call home. Like Councillor Travale before me, I have had to balance my studies in Ottawa while maintaining a strong commitment to Brockton. This year I intend to return frequently to engage directly with residents.

When people I meet in larger cities ask where I am from, Walkerton is too often remembered solely for the E. coli outbreak of 25 years ago. While that chapter is part of our history, it does not define us. Brockton is a resilient, compassionate and forward-looking community that deserves to be known for far more than a single moment in time. My grandfather calls this part of Canada "God's Land" and I could not agree more. I believe it is important that our local leadership continues to tell Brockton's full story, one rooted in strength, accountability and pride.

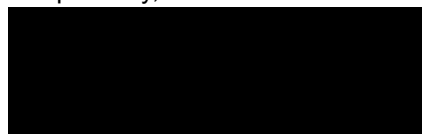
I believe I can offer stability at a time when our community is seeking reassurance and continuity, particularly with only one year remaining before the next municipal election. Residents want a solid budget, thoughtful decision-making and leaders they can rely on. I bring a collaborative approach to leadership and an openness to learning from others. During my first year in residence at Carleton, I befriended Aidan Kaillionen, who was elected in 2022 as the Town Councillor for Espanola and became the youngest councillor in Canada. Through our friendship, I have learned a great deal about municipal governance, what residents care about most and how to bring people together around shared goals.

Looking ahead, I have applied to four law schools—McGill University, the University of Ottawa, the University of Windsor and Queen's University—and I hope to attend either one of them this upcoming fall. Once I become a lawyer and determine the area of law in which I wish to practice, I hope to pursue a long-term career in politics to help improve the lives of Canadians and, most importantly, my constituents. At this stage in my life, I am at an age where I have gained meaningful insight through my work and academic experiences, while still being able to connect with younger residents and understand what they hope to see from governments at all levels.

I am not seeking this role out of entitlement, but out of a sincere desire to serve and contribute. I want to work with others, listen carefully and help Brockton continue moving forward. One initiative I would be interested in exploring is "Support Local Saturdays," an idea initially introduced by my friend Aidan Kaillionen, which highlights a different local business each week through various communication channels to showcase its uniqueness and value. Perhaps the town could host a community summer barbecue? Small efforts like this can strengthen community pride and support local economic growth.

Thank you for considering my application. I would be honoured to serve the Municipality of Brockton and to give back to the community that has given me so much.

Respectfully,



Charles (Chas) Nuhn