



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – September 2023 Issue

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2024 Municipal Budget



Budget Consultation 2024 – Share Your Input on the 2024 Municipal Budget

Are you interested in sharing your input on next year's budget? Visit our [Budget Consultation 2024 project](#) on our Community Engagement Website, Build Your Brockton to participate in our [anonymous budget survey](#), learn more about the budget process, and how your tax dollars are spent. Your input will be considered during the development of the 2024 municipal budget. **The 2024 Budget Survey will close on September 18, 2023 at Noon.**

Committee Recruitment: Business Viability Committee – Durham Street Bridge

The Municipality of Brockton is currently recruiting for Committee members on the Business Viability Committee – Durham Street Bridge to serve as a resident of Brockton, a business community representative, and an industrial business representative. The Business Viability Committee -Durham Street Bridge will facilitate the creation and implementation of a Business Viability Action Plan in an effort to offset economic challenges for Brockton businesses, industry and residents during the bridge construction period. The Business Viability Action Plan will be developed and implemented with input from businesses, industry and resident representatives, with support and regular communication inputs from the County of Bruce. The Committee will foster community support and investigate funding opportunities to support Walkerton's business community as the bridge is rehabilitated. View the [Business Viability Committee – Durham Street Bridge Terms of Reference By-Law](#) to learn more about the Committee or visit Brockton.ca/CommitteeRecruitment.



If you're interested in serving on the Committee, please send a letter outlining how you feel you can contribute to the Committee, including qualifications and background that would be helpful in fulfilling the Committee's mandate, along with your name and contact information, to Clerk Fiona Hamilton by [email](#), drop off a letter to the Municipal Office, or send a letter by mail to Municipality of Brockton 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0. **The deadline for submissions is September 28, 2023 at 12:00 Noon.**

Fall Recreation Programs

Registration for Fall 2023 Recreation Programs opened September 1, 2023! Brockton believes in the power of Community, Health and Wellness and ultimately enhancing the Quality of Life through leisure activities. We are looking forward to seeing your involvement in our upcoming recreational opportunities! Programs include but are not limited to:

- Little Chefs
- Little Ballet Dancers
- Stemotics (Lego and Robotics)
- PIYO (Pilates Yoga)
- Chair Yoga
- Gentle Fitness
- Pound and Zumba
- Pickleball
- Dodgeball
- and many more to come!



Visit Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms to learn more about the programs being offered for both adults, and youth!

Bruce County Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Bruce County has released its [2023 Bruce County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule](#). Residents of Bruce County are welcome to attend any of the locations to drop off household hazardous waste. Household Hazardous Waste will be collected in Brockton on September 23, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bruce County Transportation Yard – 94 Bruce Road 2, Walkerton.

Tax Installment Due Dates – September 29, 2023 and November 30, 2023

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.



Brockton's Community Engagement Website

The Municipality of Brockton reminds you to register to get involved on our community engagement website, buildyourbrockton.ca! This community engagement website invites feedback from the community on various projects such as Budget Consultation 2024, Tennis Court Rehabilitation, Yonge Street Reconstruction, and more!



Brockton Dollars








Brockton Dollars gift certificates are redeemable at participating stores, restaurants, and other commercial establishments in denominations of \$10, \$25 and \$50. Brockton Dollars can be purchased as gifts for friends and family, or be offered as acknowledgements to employees, while also supporting local businesses. 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. If you're a Brockton retailer, service provider, or restaurant wishing to join the program, please [email our Community Development Coordinator](#).



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We also encourage residents to follow us on social media for regular updates! You can also download the new Municipal App "Municipality of Brockton" created by Apptic Studios Inc. from the app store!

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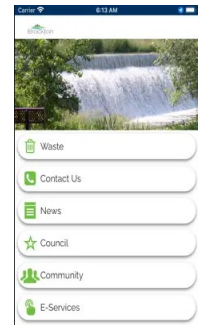
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Add Your Events to Brockton's Community Calendar

Make sure your 2023 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:

- [31]** Visit calendar.brockton.ca and click on [Submit an Event](#).
- [31]** Login if you have an account, or create one if it's your first time adding an event.
- [31]** Add in your events, edit, and update your events from there

It's that simple! 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 web@brockton.ca.



Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life.

- **Run4Health**

The 13th Annual Run4Health will occur on Sunday, September 24, 2023 at the Walkerton Agricultural Society Building and will feature events for people of all ages and fitness levels! View more information on [Run4Health's website](#) or contact the Walkerton and District Hospital Foundation at 519-881-0441 or by [email](#).

- **National Day for Truth and Reconciliation**

Truth and Reconciliation Brockton are hosting an event to recognize National Day for Truth and Reconciliation on Saturday, September 30th, 2023 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Market Garden park (312 Durham St, Walkerton). Join in for an afternoon of family friendly activities for all ages to mark this year's Orange Shirt Day. Various booths will be set up with crafts, activities, and educational resources related to truth and reconciliation. Dorothy Ladd, a local indigenous author, will be doing a reading of her new book 'Memengwaa - The Monarch Butterfly'. Learn about the lifecycle of the butterfly as well as it's importance in Ojibwe culture. More information to come! Check [Truth and Reconciliation Brockton's Facebook](#), or the [Municipal website](#) or social media for further details.

- **Fairytale Feast**

The Kinette Club of Walkerton is hosting an Alice in Wonderland themed tea party at this year's Fairytale Feast on September 30, 2023 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Cargill Community Centre. Mini sandwiches, a variety of drinks, and desserts, will be served.

South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Back to School Safety

Children across the South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment area have returned to school. Some will be walking, some will be riding bikes and many others will be riding on school buses to get to and from school. The return of school buses and student pedestrians means the roads will be busier. Give yourself extra time to get where you're going and help keep out students safe. The South Bruce OPP is asking all drivers to be extra careful and observant for children on or near roadways, particularly near school zones. Keep your speed down and watch for students that try to cross the road in an unexpected location.

Crossing Guards:

Did you know that it's against the law to ignore a school crossing guard? According to Section 176 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA), your vehicle must be stopped until the crosswalk is clear.

- Where a school crossing guard displays a school crossing stop sign as provided in subsection (2), the driver of any vehicle or street car approaching the school crossing guard shall stop before reaching the crossing and shall remain stopped until all persons, including the school crossing guard, have cleared the roadway and it is safe to proceed.

Motorists that fail to stop for a school crossing guard stop sign face a fine of \$365 and 4 demerit points upon conviction.

School buses:

The South Bruce OPP is reminding drivers to watch for school buses stopped on the roadway with alternating red lights flashing. Under Section 175 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA), drivers meeting a stopped school bus and drivers approaching a stopped school bus must stop:

- Every driver or street car operator, when meeting on a highway, other than a highway with a median strip, a stopped school bus that has its overhead red signal-lights flashing, shall stop before reaching the bus and not proceed until the bus moves or the overhead lights have stopped flashing.
- When approaching a school bus from the rear that has its overhead signal-lights flashing shall stop at least 20 meters before reaching the bus and not proceed until the bus moves or the overhead lights have stopped flashing.

Motorists that fail to stop for a stopped school bus face stiff penalties upon conviction. First offence, the maximum fine is \$2,000 and 6 demerit points. For each subsequent offence, the maximum fine is \$4,000, or imprisonment, or both, and 6 demerit points.

If the driver can't be identified, the registered owner of the vehicle observed in violation of the law may be charged with failing to stop for a stopped school bus.

The South Bruce OPP encourages all parents and caregivers to take some time this weekend to talk to their children on the importance of being safe when travelling to and from school.

For more information on school buses and school crossings, please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/document/official-mto-drivers-handbook/stopping>.