



## Brockton Buzz Newsletter – December 2022 Issue

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### 2023 Council and Budget Meetings

The dates for the 2023 Brockton Council Meetings have been posted to our website [Brockton.ca/Council](https://Brockton.ca/Council) and our [Community Calendar](#). Council meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted), and will be held via hybrid meeting in-person at the Bruce County Council Chambers and electronically. Residents will be notified of any change in meeting location.

Tuesday, January 10, 2023

Thursday, January 26, 2023 (Budget Meeting 9:00 a.m.)

Friday, January 27, 2023 (Budget Meeting 9:00 a.m.)

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

Tuesday, February 7, 2023 (Budget Meeting 7:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

Tuesday, April 11, 2023

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Tuesday, May 23, 2023

Tuesday, June 6, 2023 (Cargill Community Centre)

Tuesday, June 20, 2023

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

Tuesday, August 29, 2023

Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 (Elmwood Community Centre)

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

Tuesday, November 28, 2023

Tuesday, December 12, 2023

The Council of the Municipality of Brockton will hold meetings to discuss the 2023 Municipal Budget on Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 9:00 a.m., Friday, January 27, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. The meetings will occur via hybrid meeting.

### Committee Member Recruitment

The Municipality of Brockton is currently recruiting for Committee members on the Accessibility Advisory Committee and Elmwood Community Centre Board! The Accessibility Advisory Committee is responsible for making recommendations to Council that considers the needs and rights of persons with disabilities and assures maximum integrated accessibility for all citizens. The Accessibility Advisory Committee will fulfill the requirements of the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005* by providing vision and advice to the Council of the Municipality of Brockton to create an accessible and inclusive community. The Municipality seeks to gather the experience of individuals with a disability as members on the Accessibility Advisory Committee. View the [Accessibility Advisory Committee Terms of Reference By-Law](#) to learn more about the committee.

The Elmwood Community Centre Board is a joint collaboration between the Municipality of Brockton and Municipality of West Grey to manage recreation programs and operations of the Elmwood Lions Hall, Elmwood Community Centre, ball diamond and adjoining park lands. The Elmwood Community Centre Board is a Recreation Advisory Committee of Brockton Council.

If you're interested in serving on either 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](#), or by mail to Municipality of Brockton 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0. **The deadline for submissions is Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 12:00 Noon.**

### Land Disposition – Concession 10 Road Allowance

The Municipality of Brockton is considering declaring a road allowance located at 934 Concession 10 Brant surplus to the needs of the Municipality. Comments can be submitted to Clerk Fiona Hamilton by [email](#), or by mail to Municipality of Brockton 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0 until January 20, 2023 at Noon. Council will consider whether to declare the property surplus at their Council Meeting on January 31, 2023. If the property is declared surplus, sealed bids for the property will be accepted.



### Holiday Office Closures

The Municipal Office, Parks and Recreation Office, and Brockton Child Care Centre will be closed from December 24, 2022 until December 30, 2022 for the holiday season. The Municipal Offices will reopen on January 2, 2023. Council and staff wish you a safe and happy holiday!



## 2023 Fees and Charges

On November 1, 2022, Council approved the 2023 fees and charges which will come into effect January 1, 2023, or as otherwise stated. Visit [Brockton.ca/Fees](https://brockton.ca/Fees) to view the 2023 Fees and Charges By-Law. **Note:** As of January 1, 2023 Bag Tags will be increased to \$2.50/each and Recycling Bins will be increased to \$20.00/each.

## 2023 Recycling Collection Schedule

Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling have released their 2023 Recycling Collection Schedule. Download the [2023 Blue Box/Recycling Collection Schedule](#) or view the dates on our website's [Household Waste and Recycling Calendar](#).

## Brockton's Community Engagement Website

The Municipality of Brockton reminds you to register to get involved on our community engagement website, [buildyourbrockton.ca](https://buildyourbrockton.ca)! This community engagement website invites feedback from the community on various projects such as our Recreation Master Plan, informational projects, and more! Share your feedback and learn more about what's happening in your community.



## Video Surveillance

The Municipality of Brockton is considering using video surveillance at the Brant, Greenock, and Hanover/Walkerton Landfills. Any comments on the proposed use can be directed to Director of Operations, Nicholas Schnurr at 519-881-2223 Ext. 134 or by [email](#). Comments will be accepted until January 4, 2023 at Noon.

## Winter Landfill Hours

From November 1 to March 31, the Brant Landfill 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 Landfill is open on Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All residents are encouraged to continue to use curbside pickup services. A limit of 10 vehicles at a time remains in effect for the Brant and Greenock Landfills. Visit [Brockton.ca/LandfillSites](https://brockton.ca/LandfillSites) for more details.

## Holiday Landfill Hours

The Brant Landfill will be closed on Saturday, December 24, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. to allow staff to celebrate Christmas with their families.



The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill will be closed from Saturday, December 24, 2022 until Wednesday, December 28, 2022 for Christmas. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill will be open on Thursday, December 29, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Friday, December 30, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill will be closed again on Saturday, December 31, 2022.

## 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. A reminder that it is illegal to deposit snow on sidewalks or roads.

## Winter Fire Hydrant Access Reminder

Help our firefighters by clearing snow around fire hydrants to allow easier access in an emergency. Remove any ice and snow, clear a three-foot perimeter around the hydrant, and clear a path from the hydrant to the street. By-Law 2019-118 also requires individuals to keep hydrants clear from obstructions, such that shrubs, trees, and hedges should be trimmed to allow free access to the hydrants.

## 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](#).

## Market Garden Fundraising

The Municipality of Brockton are fundraising for the development of The Market Garden park on Durham Street in Walkerton. Construction scheduled to start in the Spring of 2023! Please consider donating to help us fundraise for this community project! Tax receipts can be issued for the donations. Cheques are to be payable to The Municipality of Brockton. Learn more on our [Community Projects webpage](#).





## Brockton Parks and Recreation Winter Programming

Registration is now open for Winter Programming! Visit [Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms](https://Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms), or call 519-881-0625 or [email](mailto:recreation@brockton.ca) the Recreation Department for more information.

**Public Skating** is offered on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m., and Sundays from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Additional skates are December 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. Please refer to [Brockton.ca/Skating](https://Brockton.ca/Skating) for more information.

## Brockton Recreation Master Services and Facilities Plan Update

The Municipality of Brockton understands the importance of parks, trails, open spaces, recreation programs and facilities for its community members. The Parks and Recreation Department is excited to update its Master Plan to guide the provision of recreation services over the next 10 years. This is a valuable community project in planning and providing for the future of recreation in Brockton.



Your input is a critical part of this process. We want to develop a Plan that will best serve the community, so we want to hear from **you!** Please visit [Build Your Brockton](https://Brockton.ca/BuildYourBrockton) to share your ideas, provide feedback and ask questions. A random telephone survey will be administered to 200 municipal households during the month of December, and all are welcome to complete the same survey [available online here](https://Brockton.ca/BuildYourBrockton) until December 16.






Save the date for our Community Open House at Walkerton Community Centre on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 as we share our draft recommendations and hear your thoughts!

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You can also download the Municipal App “Municipality of Brockton” created by Aptic Studios Inc. from the app store!

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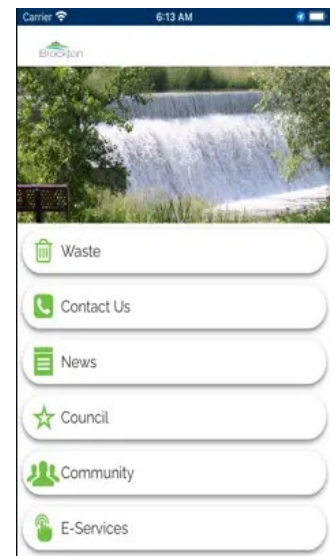
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## Community Events

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

- Cookies and Hot Chocolate with Santa at the Cargill Park**

The Cargill and District Community Foundation are hosting cookies and hot chocolate with Santa on Sunday, December 18, 2022 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Cargill Park (999 Greenock-Brant Townline). The event features outside activities, lighting of the park at 5:45 p.m., cookies and hot cocoa, and carolling. Please bring a non-perishable food item for the local foodbank.
- Saugeen Artist’s Guild Christmas Pop-Up Store**

Local artisans are featuring local art at a pop-up Christmas Store located at 167 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Hanover (across from Norm’s restaurant). The gallery is open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. until December 24, 2022. Visit [www.saugeenartistsguild.com](https://www.saugeenartistsguild.com) for more details.

## South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Festive R.I.D.E.

Festive RIDE is an annual police enforcement and education initiative aimed at taking impaired drivers off Ontario roads during the holiday season.

The South Bruce OPP reminds you that officers are equipped to deal with motorists that are driving while under the influence:

- Mandatory Alcohol Screening became law on December 18, 2018. Police officers in possession of an approved screening device who lawfully pull over a driver can demand a breath sample without having reasonable suspicion that the driver has alcohol in their body.



## South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Festive R.I.D.E. (Continued)

- In addition, officers can demand a driver to submit to a Standardized Field Sobriety Test (SFST) and a Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) Evaluation. SFST-trained officers and DREs have the expertise to detect impairment by alcohol, drugs or both in a driver.

### Statistics:

- Between January 1, 2022, and October 31, 2022, the South Bruce OPP laid 73 impaired driving charges. This is a 13% decline compared with 84 charges laid between January 1, 2021, and October 31, 2021.
- Last year's Festive RIDE campaign ended on January 3, 2022. The South Bruce OPP charged 4 motorists with impaired driving and issued 2 driver's license suspensions for warn range results at the roadside.
- A 13% decline is a positive trend but remember that 1 impaired driver is 1 too many. It only takes 1 impaired driver to seriously injure someone that you care about.
- If you are charged with impaired driving, there will be an immediate 7-day vehicle impoundment and an immediate 90-day Administrative Driver's License Suspension (ADLS).

## South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Holiday Cons and Scams

The holidays are a hectic time of year. Getting together with friends, family, neighbors, co-workers. Theft is a crime of opportunity. When we have so much going on, there is a higher chance we will become a victim of property crime.

The South Bruce OPP is offering you some tips to help you avoid you protect your property from con artists and thieves this holiday season.

### Cons and Scams

- If it sounds too good to be true, it likely is.
- Remember that you can't win a contest that you didn't enter in the first place.
- If you have a concern about your computer, take it to a reputable repair shop for service. Do not provide remote access to a "tech" that calls you out of the blue
- Gift cards are a red flag. If someone contacts you and directs you to buy gift cards, you need to hang up the phone.
- Your best defence is to verify any unsolicited contact. Unsolicited means that you didn't ask for it.

Remember to beware of the smooth-talking con artist; it's your money, you work hard to earn it so work hard to protect it.

Anyone interested in more information on fraud can contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1 888 495 8501 or visit the [Anti Fraud Centre's website](#).

### Pocket Your Keys

Vehicle owners and operators should always follow the Auto Theft Protection Tips of the Lock it or Lose it program. This becomes especially important during the holidays which are hectic enough without becoming a victim of theft.

These tips not only help to prevent auto theft, they also help to prevent the theft of valuable objects that may be left in your vehicle:

- Always roll up the windows, lock the door and Pocket your Keys.
- If you have a garage, use it. Lock the door as well as the vehicle.
- Always park in a well-lit area.
- Never leave your vehicle running while it's unattended.
- Never leave valuable objects in plain view.
- Never leave your car keys in plain view.

Items that are typically reported stolen from a vehicle include: GPS units, laptops, tools, lap top computers, loose change and gifts that are left in plain sight.

## South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Winter Driving

Between 6:30 p.m. on November 17, 2022, and 2:05 p.m. on November 20, 2022, the South Bruce OPP responded to 36 traffic calls in addition to several other calls for service. These additional calls were a combination of motor vehicle collisions, vehicles stopped in live lanes of traffic, vehicles left on the shoulder of the road and vehicles in ditches.

A common cause of wintertime crashes is "Speed too fast for conditions". So, the first tip for safe winter driving is "If you see snow - go slow". Make sure you look far ahead when you drive so you can recognize hazards in advance and have plenty of time to respond. Modern vehicles with all-wheel drive, electronic traction control and snow tires will help you keep control of your vehicle in winter, but they are not effective unless you slow down.

Check weather and travel conditions before heading out. Don't take chances if the weather is bad. Allow yourself extra time for travel or wait until conditions improve. If you are travelling and get caught in bad weather, tune to a local radio station for road closure bulletins.



## **South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Winter Driving (Continued)**

It's best to carry a winter survival kit with you when you travel. Extra clothing, winter boots, blankets, and snack foods are recommended. Having a candle and waterproof matches can help heat the interior of your vehicle if it stalls or you become stranded. A kit list is available online at [www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/winterdrive](http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/winterdrive).

Prepare your vehicle before you travel. Clear snow and ice so it doesn't obstruct your view to the front, side or rear of the vehicle and remove excess snow. The snow will blow off as you drive, but the mini "squall" you create is a hazard for drivers behind you and could cause a serious injury crash.

"The recent storm reminded us that motorists can face rapidly changing driving conditions due to the lake effect caused by Lake Huron. Arriving safely this time of year starts with leaving extra time and reducing your speed. It's also important to think about postponing your trip. This past weekend, our officers responded to a 2-vehicle crash and two calls on vehicles that slid into the ditch on a closed highway. The highway was closed for safety do to pockets of zero visibility causing dangerous driving conditions. Three motorists were charged with driving on a closed highway, but the consequences could have been so much worse. Road safety is a shared responsibility, please do your part" – Inspector Krista Miller, Detachment Commander, South Bruce OPP.

Remember – an ordinary driver reacts to the changing road and weather conditions while a good driver anticipates problems before they occur. Slow down and give everyone a chance to arrive safely at their destination.

For more information on winter driving safety, you can visit:

<http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/winterdrive/winterdrive.shtml/>.

# Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

## HOLIDAY DECORATING

- Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Read manufacturer's instructions for number of light strands to connect.
- Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- Keep decorations away from windows and doors.



## HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



## Before Heading Out or to Bed

**Blow out** lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.

## FACTS

- ! More than **one-third** of home decoration fires are started by candles.
- ! More than **two of every five** decoration fires happen because decorations are placed too close to a heat source.



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