



Brockton Buzz Newsletter –Tax Buzz/Summer 2023 Issue

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Now Available – Credit Card Payment

The Municipality of Brockton has started to offer credit card payments for all accounts receivable, utility and tax accounts. You may pay an invoice or tax bill through <https://secure1.paymentus.com/rotp/broc>. Select the payment type and enter your account number as shown on your invoice or tax bill. Please enter your Postal Code under Zip Code, exactly as it is shown on your invoice. You have the option to pay several accounts at once. Follow the prompts to enter your account information as well as your payment information. Please be advised that an additional fee will be charged to use this service, which will be calculated for you prior to completing your payment. Visit Brockton.ca/Payments for forms and additional information.

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. Please allow 2 to 3 days for processing if you are paying through your financial institutions online banking system. 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
- Pre-Authorized Payment Withdrawals
- ***NEW*** Credit Card Payments – available online, over the phone, or in person
- Online/Telephone Banking - Allow 2 to 3 days for processing and ensure your account information is updated

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

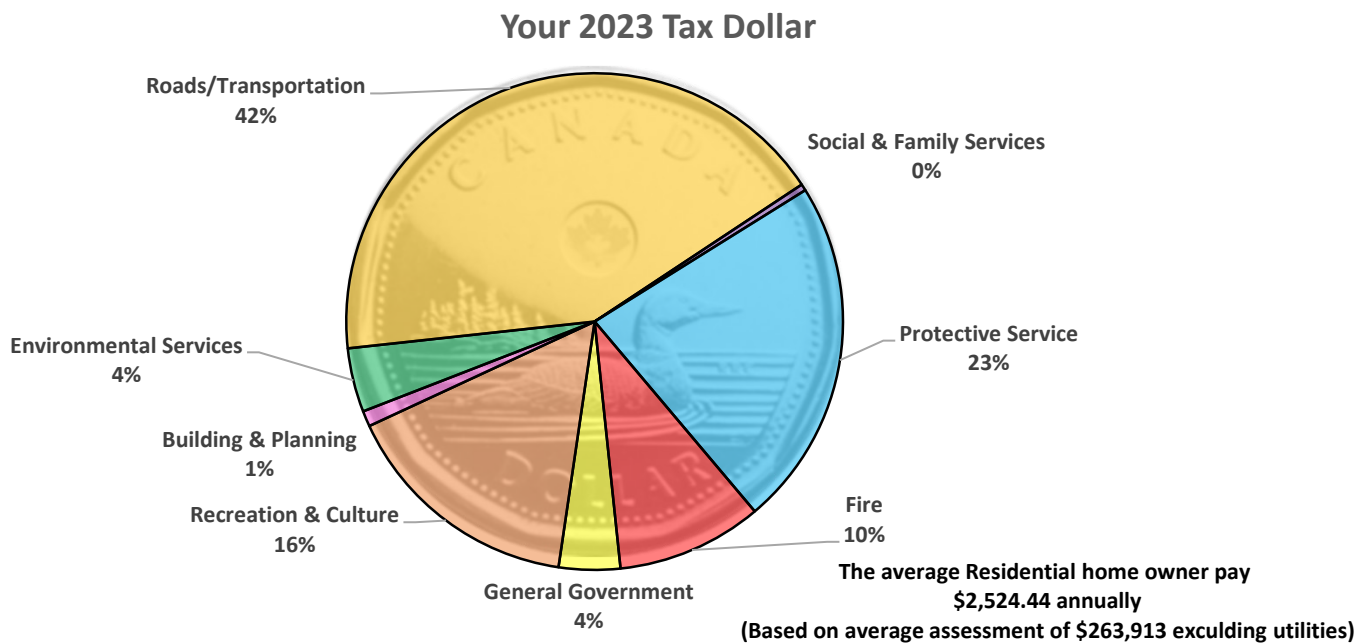
Address Changes

Please notify the tax department if you have any changes to your mailing address. This must be done in writing or by email taxes@brockton.ca. Your cooperation in keeping your tax records up to date ensures timely receipt of your tax and utility bills from our office.

2023 Municipal Budget

The 2023 budget contains \$20.8 million in operating expenditures and \$6.9 million in capital expenditures. After revenues and reserve fund transfers are applied, the Municipality must levy \$11,483,398; a 7.43% tax rate increase over 2022. This levy increase will assist the Municipality in maintaining current levels of service while planning for the future, including the increasing demands on our roads infrastructure.

Through the direction of Council, tax dollars are put into action to serve residents and help our community prosper. Have you ever wondered how each tax dollar is spent? The image below shows the 2023 budget broken down into different functions. As you will see, there is a lot more to the budget than just roads and bridges.



Property Assessment

In 2016, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) updated the assessed values of every property in Ontario. All properties have a legislated valuation date of January 1, 2016. These values were used by the Municipality of Brockton to calculate your property taxes from 2017-2020. In 2020 MPAC was due to reassess property values; however due to the COVID-19 pandemic MPAC has postponed property tax assessments until 2024. To learn more about your assessed value visit About My Property or contact MPAC at: 945 3rd Ave E, St. 212, Owen Sound, ON N4K 2K8, Phone: 1-866-296-6722



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Brockton Dollars

The Municipality of Brockton offers Brockton Dollars in denominations of \$10, \$25 and \$50. They can be used at most local shops, restaurants, spas, boutiques, and even for professional services. Brockton Dollars are available at the Municipal Office from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday in person, over the phone, or by email. Visit Brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars for a list of participating businesses and more information.

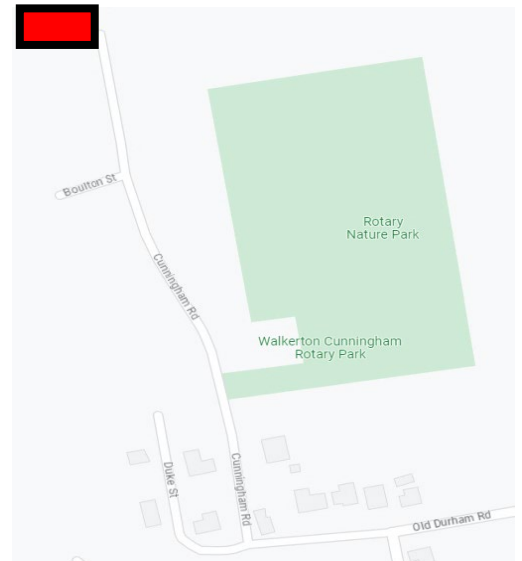
Changing Your School Support New Online Portal

Property owners in Ontario are required to support a school board, even if they do not have children or their children are not currently attending school. In the case of a residential property occupied by tenants, the tenants can direct the school support for that property. By default, school support is directed to your municipality’s English Public School Board.

The Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) is legislatively required to collect school support information and provide it in the assessment roll to every municipality and school board. By ensuring that you are supporting the school board of your choosing, you will be able to vote in the next municipal and school board election for trustees in that school board. Property owners, occupants, and tenants can update their school support designation online at mpac.ca/schoolsupport.

Land Disposition – Property Along Cunningham Road, Walkerton

The Municipality of Brockton is considering declaring a portion of land adjacent to the water tower on Cunningham Road in Walkerton surplus to the needs of the Municipality, to be used by a public utility. Comments can be submitted to Clerk, Fiona Hamilton by [email](mailto:fh@brockton.ca), or by mail to Municipality of Brockton 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0 until August 2, 2023 at Noon. Council will consider whether to declare the property surplus at their Council Meeting on August 8, 2023.



Proposal to Amend Traffic and Parking By-Law to Relocate Accessible Parking Spaces at Walkerton Post Office

The Municipality of Brockton is seeking public comments on the proposal to amend the Traffic and Parking By-Law in order to relocate accessible parking spaces along Scott Street, in front of the Walkerton Post Office. The current accessible parking space would be removed and relocated to allow for up to three (3) spaces designated for persons with disabilities, including a larger parking space to accommodate a van (for those persons using wheelchairs/scooters). These three (3) accessible parking spaces would be located in the middle of the sidewalk, where the curb slopes down to the road, which would allow persons with a disability to access the sloped sidewalk and have improved access to the front door of the Post Office.

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Grill Safety Reminder



Community Events

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

- **Walkerton Lawn Bowling Club Update**

The Walkerton Lawn Bowling Club is having an excellent first season with an increase of new members. We will be starting the second season on July 24th and accepting new member registration until July 17th. No experience necessary to join. If you are interested, contact Tom Garland 519-889-2353 or Richard Osborne 519-901-3219.

We have 3 upcoming tournaments at the club in Walkerton on the following dates July 12, August 10 and September 9 all at 10am. If any OLBA members are interested in playing in the tournament, contact Tom or Richard at the numbers above.

Everyone is invited to come by the club on Monday and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. to watch the action and learn more about this fun and social game. Lawn bowling is a combination of curling and bocce ball. Check us out! Our club is located right in the heart of Walkerton on 207 Jane Street.

- **Cargill Lawn Bowling**

Join Cargill Lawn Bowling Club! Ages 18 to 80+ Every Monday at 7:00 p.m. until early September. Full membership \$80, Spare membership \$50. Call Linda Folmer 519-507-2377 or Michelle Napper 519-881-8306 to learn more.

- **Walkerton Car and Truck Show**

The Walkerton Agricultural Society are hosting their annual Car and Truck Show at 206 Durham Street West, Walkerton on Saturday, July 29, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. No admission charge for spectators and vehicles.