



### Brockton Buzz Newsletter – January 2023 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](http://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.

### 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!**

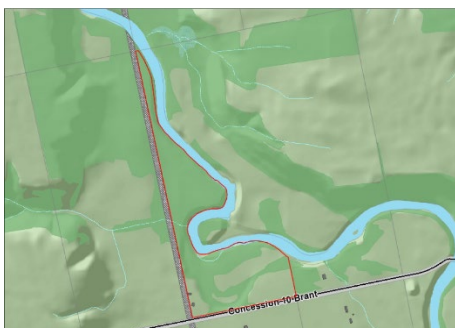
#### Recreation Master Plan Community Open House

View the draft recommendations for parks, trails, facilities and programs and share your feedback on the Brockton Recreation Master Plan! Attend the drop-in Open House on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 from 3:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Walkerton Community Centre Auditorium (above the arena) at 290 Durham Street West.

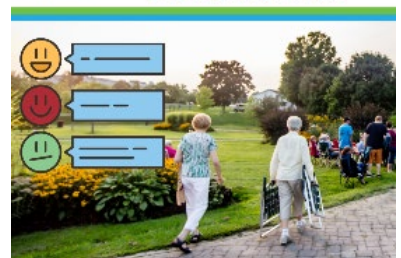
Please visit [Build Your Brockton](#) to share your ideas, provide feedback and ask questions.

### 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.



#### Recreation Master Services and Facilities Plan



## We Want to Hear from You!

### Brockton Recreation Master Plan Open House

View the draft recommendations for parks, trails, facilities and programs and share your feedback.

**When:** Wednesday, January 11th  
3:30pm - 7:30pm (drop-in)

**Where:** Walkerton Community Centre Auditorium (Above the Arena)



## 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 Monday, January 23, 2023 at 12:00 Noon.**

## 2023 Fees and Charges

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

## Animal Control – Dog Tags

As we enter 2023 residents are reminded to register their dogs for the year. Dog tags can be purchased at the Municipal Office (100 Scott St, Walkerton). The Municipality requires all dog owners to license their dogs within one week of the dog coming into their care.

The Municipality of Brockton is mailing dog tag invoices in January 2023. Invoices are based on dog owner information in our current database, and your dog will continue to wear the permanent tag you received previously. If you no longer own a dog, need a replacement tag, or need to register your dog, contact the Accounts Receivable Department by phone at 519-881-2223 Ext. 128, or [email](#) so we update our records.

### 2023 Dog Tag Fees

\$15.00 - First Dog (per household)	\$25.00 - Additional Dogs
\$150.00 - Kennel License	\$10.00 - Late Fee (after April 1)
\$200.00 - Dangerous Dogs	\$5.00 - Replacement Tag



## Online Billing Services

The Municipality of Brockton offers an e-billing service. You may opt to have your tax and water bills delivered directly to your email inbox. We will no longer be offering e-post as a delivery option. You can enroll for this service by filling out an e-billing form on our website at [Brockton.ca/Payments](#).

## 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](#).



## 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](#).



### 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. **As of February 4<sup>th</sup>, the Greenock Landfill will be open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. removing the Friday hours.** 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. Visit [our Waste Management and Recycling webpage](#) for more details.

### 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's Community Engagement Website

The Municipality of Brockton reminds you to register to get involved on our community engagement website, [buildyourbrockton.ca](http://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.



### 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! We are featuring various fitness programming including Pickleball, Kids Club Fitness, and Yoga! Visit [Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms](http://Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms), or call 519-881-0625 or [email](#) the Recreation Department for more information.

### Family Day Events

Family Day is Monday, February 20, 2023. Stay tuned for updates on our website [Brockton.ca/FamilyDay](http://Brockton.ca/FamilyDay).

Public Skating (sponsored by Nicole Schnurr and Heather Keip Realtors for eXp Realty Brokerage) is being offered between 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Family Day at the Walkerton Arena.

Walkerton Fire and the O.P.P. will be facing off at the Battle of Badges Charity Hockey Game at 12:00 pm at the Walkerton Arena.

The Walkerton Capitals Junior C will be playing against Hanover at 2:30 pm at the Walkerton Arena.

### Lobies Park Skating Oval

The 280 metre Skating Oval will soon be open at Lobies Park (20 Hannah Street, Walkerton) pending weather conditions! The Maximum Occupancy for the Skating oval will currently be capped at 25 skaters (subject to change) first come first served. The Skating Oval will operate from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Monday to Sunday (7 days a week). The hours of operation may be adjusted depending on the ice or weather conditions. The rink may be closed due to certain weather conditions, and cancellation notifications will be shared on our website [Brockton.ca/SkatingOval](http://Brockton.ca/SkatingOval) and social media.



### Cross-Country Ski Trail

The Brockton Parks and Recreation Department have collaborated with the Walkerton Rotary Club and Walkerton Volunteer Firefighters to offer a 3.5 km Cross-Country Ski Trail on portions of the Saugeen River Trail in Walkerton, including a loop through Lobies Park. Stay tuned for more details at [Brockton.ca/SkiTrail](http://Brockton.ca/SkiTrail).



### Summer Job Opportunities Coming Soon

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community? The Municipality of Brockton will begin recruiting for multiple fulfilling and rewarding positions that offer competitive wages and a variety of hours. There will be opportunities in aquatics, summer camp, visitor services, park and facility maintenance, and teaching at the Brockton Child Care Centre. The jobs will be posted in the near future. Visit our [Current Employment Opportunities webpage](#) in mid-January for details.



### Business Recognitions

Brockton Mayor Chris Peabody and economic development staff welcomed two new businesses to downtown Walkerton recently — Buddha Restaurant, serving Indian food, and For the Love of Ice, offering therapeutic ice baths. Congratulations to both businesses! Check them out next time you're downtown.



### Grey Bruce Farmer's Week

It's no secret that agriculture is the leading business in Brockton - So it's fitting that the 57th annual Farmers Week industry conference was held at the Elmwood Community Centre in early January. Experts in beef, dairy, sheep, goat, horse and crop farming shared their knowledge with dozens of local farmers, in person and virtually.



### Fire Safety During Winter Storms

Winter storms can happen almost anywhere. They can cause us problems. Know what to do before, during and after a storm. This will help keep you and your family safe from a winter fire.



- Test all smoke alarms. Do this at least once a month. This way you will know they are working. Install carbon monoxide alarms in your home. Test the alarms.
- Plan two ways out of the home in case of an emergency. Clear driveway and front walk of ice and snow. This will provide easy access to your home.
- Make sure your house number can be seen from the street. If you need help, firefighters will be able to find you.
- Be ready in case the power goes out. Have flashlights on hand. Also have battery-powered lighting and fresh batteries. Never use candles.
- Stay aware of winter weather. Listen to the television or radio for updates. Watch for bulletins online.
- Check on neighbors. Check on others who may need help.
- Generators should be used outdoors. Keep them away from windows and doors. Do not run a generator inside your garage, even if the door is open.
- Stay away from downed wires. Report any downed wires to authorities.
- Be ready if the heat stops working. Use extra layers of clothes and blankets to stay warm. If you use an emergency heat source, keep anything that can burn at least 3 feet away.
- Turn portable heaters off when you leave the room. Turn them off when you go to bed.

**Fact:** Nearly half of all space heater fires involve electric space heaters.

**Important Reminder:** There are more home fires in winter than in any other season. Half of all home heating fires happen in December, January and February. As you stay cozy and warm this winter season, be fire smart!








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We also encourage residents to follow us on social media for regular updates!

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

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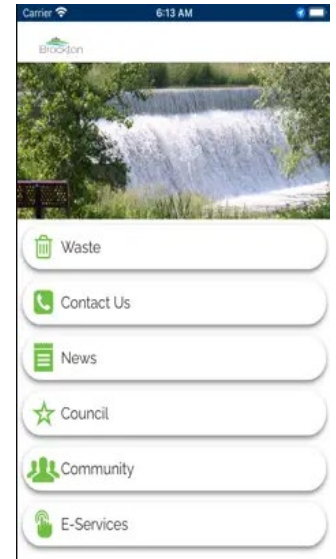
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### Add Your Events to Brockton's Community Calendar

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:

-  Visit [calendar.brockton.ca](https://calendar.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

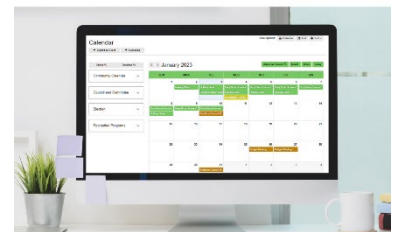
It's that simple! Each event is reviewed and approved before being added to the calendar, so it won't appear right away. Once your event is on the calendar, we may help spread the word through the Brockton Buzz newsletter, and social media.

If you're having any troubles, please let us know by calling 519-881-2223 or emailing [web@brockton.ca](mailto:web@brockton.ca).



Do you have an **upcoming event** in Brockton that you want to share?

Add your event to our website's **Community Calendar!**



## Community Events

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- **Bruce County Public Library Walkerton Branch Events**  
The Bruce County Public Library host many community events including a preschool Story Time program, after school Tween Club, Movie showings, an Adult Connect and Create program, Book Club, and more at the Walkerton Library Branch (249 Durham Street, Walkerton)! Events are included on Brockton's Community Calendar and on the [Bruce County Public Library website](#).
- **Bruce County Public Library Cargill Branch Events**  
The Bruce County Public Library host many community events including one-to-one Tech Coaching assistance, Kids Create programming, and more at the Cargill Library Branch (1012 Greenock-Brant Townline, Cargill). Events are included on Brockton's Community Calendar and on the [Bruce County Public Library website](#).
- **Midwestern Ontario Rotary Music Festival Registration – February 1, 2023**  
It is with great pleasure that we announce that the Midwestern Ontario Rotary music Festival in Walkerton is back!! Music students and teachers, school music teachers, choir and band directors, dance students and teachers: You are invited to register before February 1, 2023. For more information, syllabus and registration forms, email Yvonne Kieffer at [info@midwesternontariorotarymusicfestival.ca](mailto:info@midwesternontariorotarymusicfestival.ca). The festival will be held April 17<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023 in Walkerton. Don't miss this excellent learning experience for schools, community groups and private students.
- **Slocan Ramblers Performance at Victoria Jubilee Hall – February 3, 2023**  
The Slocan Ramblers are Canada's bluegrass band to watch, and are coming to Victoria Jubilee Hall (111 Jackson Street South, Walkerton) on February 3, 2023 at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$35.40+HST. Tickets can be purchased at [www.ticketscene.ca](https://www.ticketscene.ca) and the VJH office, or by calling 519-881-2826 or emailing [vjh@wightman.ca](mailto:vjh@wightman.ca). Follow VJH on Facebook for all up to the minute information.



### Community Events (Continued)

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- **Elmwood Wing and Movie Night – February 17, 2023**

Start your Family Day weekend with some Wings and Fries! The Elmwood Chamber of Commerce are hosting a family wing and movie night on February 17, 2023 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Elmwood Community Centre (38 Concession Road 10). A movie will be played at 7:00 p.m.

- **Walkerton Kinsmen Club Citizen of the Year Award – March 4, 2023**

The Walkerton Kinsmen Club and McIntee Real Estate are hosting the Brockton Citizen of the Year Gala on Saturday, March 4, 2023. They are seeking nominations for an individual deserving of being the “Citizen of the Year”. Submissions are due February 3, 2023. Submit your nomination to [walkertonkinsmenclub@gmail.com](mailto:walkertonkinsmenclub@gmail.com) or mail to P.O. Box 2329 Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0 or hand deliver to Grey Bruce Interiors at 345 Durham Street East, Walkerton. Stay tuned on the Kinsmen Facebook page and the local newspaper for updates! If you are a business or organization and interested in sponsoring a table at this event, please contact [Steve Travale](#).

Presented by:  **Kin Canada**  
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## Nominations Open for Brockton's Citizen of the Year!

*We are seeking nominations for an individual deserving of being the “Citizen of the Year.” Do you know someone who is generous, well-rounded and that makes a genuine, positive contribution to our community?*

**Submit a nomination today!** 

*Include your name and contact info, the nominee's name, contact info and address, headshot, list of their accomplishments and 1-2 paragraphs describing why you believe this person is deserving. All nominees must be living residents of the Municipality that do not hold elected office.*

 **Submission deadline is February 3, 2023**

Submissions can be emailed to [walkertonkinsmenclub@gmail.com](mailto:walkertonkinsmenclub@gmail.com), mailed to PO Box 2329 Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0, or hand delivered to Grey Bruce Interiors at 345 Durham St E.

### South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – January is Crime Stoppers Month

The theme for this year’s Crime Stoppers month is “Stand up, Stand Together”. There are currently 38 Crime Stoppers programs operating in Ontario. Crime Stoppers is a not-for-profit community-based charitable civilian run program where the community, the media and the police work together to combat crime. Crime Stoppers offers residents a completely anonymous opportunity to play an active role in community safety.

You can contact Crime Stoppers toll free at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) from anywhere in North America. Crime Stoppers does not have call display. Crime Stoppers tip lines are staffed by trained personnel that confidentially process the tips. You will not be asked to provide your name at any time. If you are eligible for a cash reward, the payment will be made using a confidential code. You won't be asked to provide your name

#### Statistics:

Since Crime Stoppers in Ontario formed in 1983:

- over 135,000 cases cleared
- more than 126,000 arrests
- \$8.3 million in rewards paid out
- over \$340 million worth of property recovered
- \$1.9 billion in drugs seized

Since Crime Stoppers of Grey Bruce started in 1987:

- over 2,730 cases cleared
- nearly 1,700 arrests
- more than \$286,000 in rewards approved
- \$4.6 million worth of property recovered
- \$50.1 million in drugs seized

