



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – December 2023 Issue

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Master Servicing Plan

The Municipality of Brockton is undertaking a Water, Wastewater, and Stormwater Master Servicing Plan for Walkerton to establish a preferred servicing strategy that meets existing needs and supports projected growth and expansion of the community's urban boundary. Share your input and ideas regarding Walkerton's growth options and our existing water, wastewater and stormwater systems. View the [Water/Wastewater Master Plan project](#) on our community engagement website, Build Your Brockton to learn more.



A Public Information Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at the Bruce County Council Chambers (30 Park Street, Walkerton). Public consultation provides interested persons an opportunity to review the project, share information and provide comments related to the project. This first public information centre (PIC No.1), or Public Meeting is being held to present and receive feedback on the recommendations. Those in attendance are encouraged to review the Master Servicing Plan (Version 1), which is a draft for review purposes. Interested persons will have until January 8, 2024 to submit written comments.

Shop Walkerton and Win Campaign

Continue your holiday shopping in downtown Walkerton during Shop Walkerton and Win which runs until December 23rd, 2023! Weekly draw prizes are offered through participating businesses – close to 50 in all! Pick up your Shop Walkerton and Win passport at the Municipal Office at 100 Scott Street, or from A&R Music, HIS Style, Willow Home, MB Consignment or The Walkerton Toy Shoppe. Visit Brockton.ca/ShopWalkerton for more information.



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.

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 Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 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. Visit Brockton.ca/LandfillSites for more details.

Holiday Landfill Hours

The Brant Landfill and the Greenock Transfer Station will be maintaining regular hours of operations over the Christmas holidays, staying open on Saturday, December 23rd and Saturday, December 30th. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill will be closed from December 23rd to December 27th. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill will be open on Thursday, December 28th and Friday, December 29th, and closed again on Saturday, December 30th.

2024 Recycling Collection Schedule

Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling have released their 2024 Recycling Collection Schedule. Download the [2024 Blue Box/Recycling Collection Schedule](#) or view the dates on our website's [Household Waste and Recycling Calendar](#).

Winter Snow Clearing Reminder

When cleaning snow from your driveway, please be aware that snow blocking sidewalks and roadways can be dangerous to fellow residents. Please shovel snow off the sidewalks to keep the area clear and accessible.



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.

2024 Fees and Charges

On September 26, 2023, Council approved the 2024 Fees and Charges which will come into effect January 1, 2024, or as otherwise stated. Visit Brockton.ca/Fees to view the 2024 Fees and Charges By-Law.



2024 Council Meeting Schedule

The dates for the 2023 Brockton Council Meetings have been posted to our website [Brockton.ca/Council](https://www.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 on Zoom/livestreamed on eSCRIBE. Residents will be notified of any change in meeting location.

- Tuesday, January 9, 2024
- Tuesday, January 16, 2024 (Budget Meeting) 9:00 a.m.
- Wednesday, January 17, 2024 (Budget Meeting) 9:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, January 23, 2024
- Tuesday, February 6, 2024 (Budget Meeting at 1:00 p.m. and Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.)
- Tuesday, February 20, 2024
- Tuesday, March 5, 2024
- Tuesday, March 26, 2024
- Tuesday, April 9, 2024
- Tuesday, April 23, 2024
- Tuesday, May 7, 2024
- Tuesday, May 21, 2024
- Tuesday, June 4, 2024
- Tuesday, June 18, 2024 (Cargill Community Centre)
- Tuesday, July 9, 2024
- Tuesday, August 13, 2024
- Tuesday, August 27, 2024
- Tuesday, September 10, 2024 (Elmwood Community Centre)
- Tuesday, September 24, 2024
- Tuesday, October 8, 2024
- Tuesday, October 22, 2024
- Tuesday, November 12, 2024
- Tuesday, November 26, 2024
- Tuesday, December 10, 2024

The Council of the Municipality of Brockton will hold meetings to discuss the 2024 Municipal Budget on Tuesday, January 16, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, January 17, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. and Tuesday, February 6, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. The meetings will occur via hybrid meeting.

Brockton Parks and Recreation – Holiday Fun and Winter Programs!

Holiday Public Skates:

Brockton invites you to skate during the holidays at the Walkerton Community Centre. Everyone Welcome!

- December 27, 28 and 29 (11:00 am – 12:50 pm)
- Sunday December 31st (12:00 – 1:50 pm) – New Year's Eve!
- January 2, 3, 4 and 5 (11:00 am – 12:50 pm)

Drop-in Shinny (\$13 Taxes Included):

Helmets and masks are mandatory. Full equipment is recommended.

- Wednesday December 27th 2:00 – 2:50 pm (Grades 7 – 9)
- Thursday December 28th 1:00 – 1:50 pm (Grades 4 – 6)
- Friday December 29th 2:00 – 2:50 pm (Grades 7 – 9)
- Tuesday January 2nd 2:00 – 2:50 pm (Grades 7 – 9)
- Wednesday January 3rd 1:00 – 1:50 pm (Grades 4 – 6)
- Thursday January 4th 2:00 – 2:50 pm (Grades 7 – 9)
- Friday January 5th 1:00 – 1:50 pm (Grades 4 – 6)

Drop-In Figure Skating (\$13 Taxes Included):

- Wednesday December 27th 1:00 – 1:50 pm
- Thursday December 28th 2:00 – 2:50 pm
- Friday December 29th 1:00 – 1:50 pm
- Tuesday January 2nd 1:00 – 1:50 pm
- Wednesday January 3rd 2:00 – 2:50 pm
- Thursday January 4th 1:00 – 1:50 pm
- Friday January 5th 2:00 – 2:50 pm

In need of childcare? See below for **Holiday Camps** at the Walkerton Community Centre, with the option for daily registration!

- Tuesday January 2, 2024: PJ DAY! Campers will enjoy a walk to The Walkerton Library.
- Wednesday January 3, 2024: Campers will have the opportunity to participate in a Generation Pound class!
- Thursday January 4, 2024: Campers will enjoy a series of outdoor games, along with some cozy Hot Chocolate.
- Friday January 5, 2024: Campers will enjoy a walk to The Walkerton Library and a Pizza Lunch Day!

Please visit [Brockton.ca/Programs](https://www.brockton.ca/Programs) for a full list of new programs, special events, and updates on everything Recreation in your area!





Brockton Parks and Recreation – Holiday Fun and Winter Programs!

Upcoming Programs for Adults:

- Paint Social Event at the Walkerton Library: December 17th 2pm
- FREE Total Body Sculpt class with Barb Abell on December 28th at The Walkerton Community Centre (Time to be determined)
- The Indoor Walking Program (Must pick up a pass at the Walkerton Community Centre)
- Intro to Art 4 Week Program at The Walkerton Library
- Chair Yoga, Pilates Yoga and Restorative Yoga
- Zumba Gold, and Adult Pound/Zumba
- Pickleball at the Cargill Community Centre
- Spin Class or Total Body Sculpt with Barb Abell, Monday and Wednesday evenings



Upcoming Programs for Children and Youth:

- Stemotics (Lego and Robotics)
- Little and Junior Dancers programs
- Intro to Art for Youth, 4 Week Program
- Little Chefs Program
- Generation Pound and Zumba for Kids on Saturday mornings

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 Water/Wastewater Master Plan, 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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Winter Holiday Safety Tips

View tips from the National Fire Protection Association of how to keep you, your family, and friends safe during the winter holidays on the last page of the Brockton Buzz!






Municipal Office Closed for Holiday Season

The Municipal Office will be closed for the holiday season from December 25, 2023 until January 1, 2024. The office reopens on Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Council and staff wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

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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 Apptic Studios Inc. from the app store!

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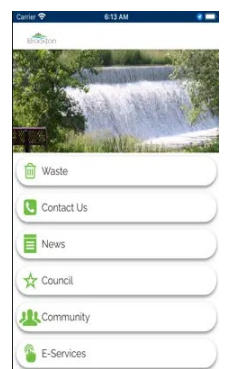


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Add Your Events to Brockton's Community Calendar

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:



Visit 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.

South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment - Holiday Cons

This is 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 check online at <http://www.antifraudcentre.ca/>.

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.

Porch Pirates

If you prefer to shop online and have packages delivered to your door, the South Bruce OPP is offering these tips to ensure you receive your package:

- Request a signature on delivery
- Ship the package to a trusted neighbor who will be home
- Have the package delivered to your workplace
- Track your delivery online. Know when it arrives and arrange to be there or have someone pick it up on your behalf for safekeeping
- Install video cameras and post signage to advise the video surveillance is in place

Community Events

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

• Cookies With Santa

The Cargill District Community Foundation are hosting Cookies with Santa on December 17, 2023 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Cargill Community Centre (999 Greenock-Brant Townline, Cargill). Enjoy hot chocolate, and cookies with Santa and Mrs. Claus! The park will be lit up at 5:35 p.m.

• New Year's Levee

Celebrate the New Year with Mayor Chris Peabody at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 102 (505 Scott Street, Walkerton) on January 1, 2024 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be provided.



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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