



## Brockton Buzz – Tax/Summer 2024 Newsletter

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#### Credit Card Payment

The Municipality of Brockton offers 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](https://Brockton.ca/Payments) for forms and additional information.

#### Tax Installment Due Dates – September 30, 2024 and November 29, 2024

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](https://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
- 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

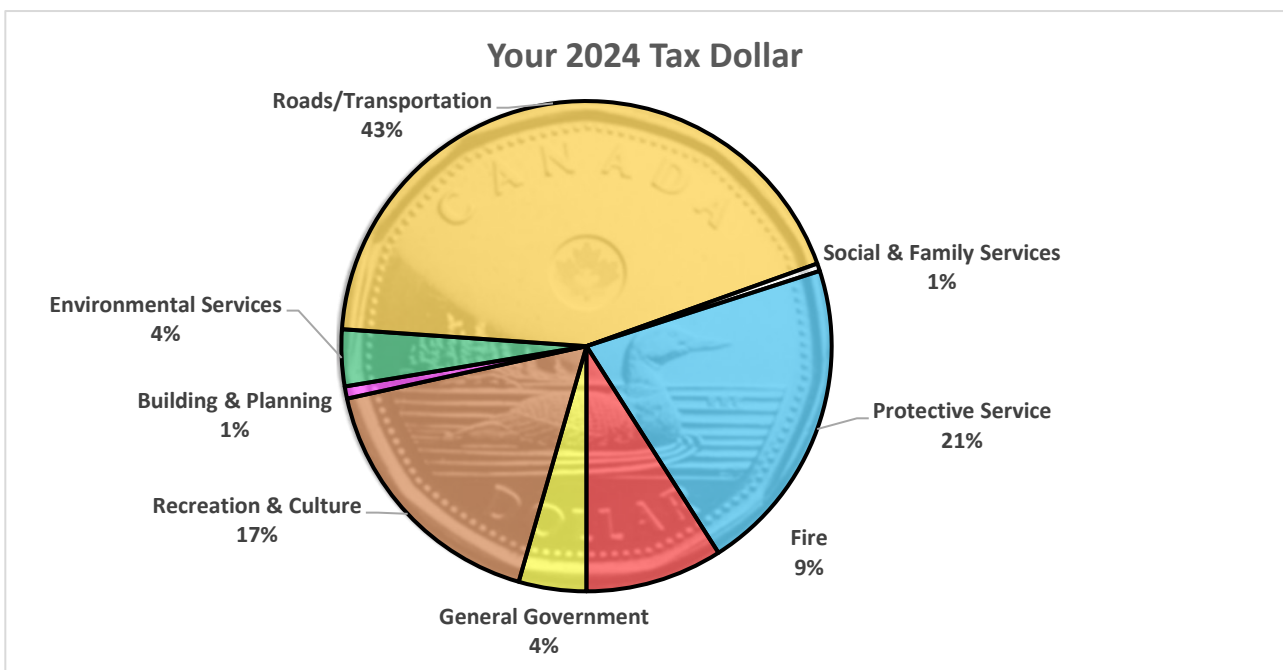
#### Address Changes

Please notify the tax department if you have any changes to your mailing address. This must be done in writing or by emailing [taxes@brockton.ca](mailto: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.

#### 2024 Municipal Budget

The 2024 budget contains \$20.5 million in operating expenditures and \$5.8 million in capital expenditures. After revenues and reserve fund transfers are applied, the Municipality must levy \$12,531,038; a 6.41% tax rate increase over 2023. 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 2024 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 2017-2024. In 2020 MPAC was due to reassess property values; however due to the COVID-19 pandemic MPAC has postponed property tax assessments until 2025. 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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### Changing Your School Support

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. 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](http://mpac.ca/schoolsupport).

### Brockton Dollars



Brockton Dollars gift certificates are redeemable at participating stores, restaurants, and other commercial establishments in denominations of \$10, \$25 and \$50. They can be purchased from the Municipal Office at 100 Scott Street from Monday to Friday, between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm, or ordered in bulk through email. Businesses may redeem Brockton Dollars at the Municipal Office. Visit [Brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars](http://Brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars) to learn more.

### Summer Streetfest

Brockton’s most popular shopping event of the summer is back! Summer Streetfest will be held Friday, July 19, 2024 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Stroll downtown Walkerton for great sidewalk specials, delicious food, free family activities in the Market Garden and more. The Family Fun Zone of activities will be located at Brockton’s Market Garden downtown starting at 10:00 am. Memory Lane (close to Tim Horton’s) will have some exciting activities as well. Many of your favourite stores and businesses will have some unbeatable sales and offerings. Don’t forget to tag #WalkertonStreetFest in your posts, for a chance to win Brockton Dollars! Visit [Brockton.ca/Streetfest](http://Brockton.ca/Streetfest) or our social media pages for updates.



### Special Summer Events and Upcoming Programs:

**Centennial Pool Schedule:** Please visit [Brockton.ca/Pool](http://Brockton.ca/Pool) for more information including Swimming Lessons, Aquafit, Lane Swim, Parent & Tot Swim, Toonie Tuesday’s, Free Swim Friday’s, a list of Sponsors, Private Rentals and more!

**Music in the Park:** Bring a chair and join us in Walkerton’s Downtown Market Garden the **last Sunday of July (28<sup>th</sup>) and August (25<sup>th</sup>)** at 7:00 p.m. for some Music in the Park! He Said She Said will be performing on July 28<sup>th</sup> and Tylor O’Neil will perform on August 25<sup>th</sup>. A concession stand is also being run by the Walkerton and District Optimist Club. Donations are appreciated.

**Summer Day Camp:** Brockton has a few spots left for weekly day camp opportunities in July and August (Ages 4-12). More information can be found online at [Brockton.ca/SummerCamp](http://Brockton.ca/SummerCamp)!

**Babysitting Course:** Friday, September 27, 2024 (PA Day) from 9:00am – 5:00pm at the Walkerton Fire Hall. This course is aimed at youth ages 11-14. Please register online at [Brockton.ca/Programs](http://Brockton.ca/Programs).

**Upcoming Fitness Programs:** Please visit [Brockton.ca/Programs](http://Brockton.ca/Programs) for details on upcoming programs including Chair Yoga, Gentle Fitness, Zumba Gold, SPIN, Total Body Sculpt and more!

Be sure to follow the Municipality of Brockton on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/municipalitybrockton) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/municipalitybrockton), for all future updates!

### Temporary Road Closure: Dinner on Durham

Durham Street in Walkerton will be closed to traffic between Jackson and Colborne Streets on Saturday, July 27 beginning at 2:00 pm. to accommodate the Kinette Club of Walkerton’s Dinner on Durham event. Sidewalks will remain open. All parked cars should be removed from this block by 2:00 pm. Following the Kinette Club’s Dinner on Durham event the street will re-open on Sunday, July 28 at 1:00 am.

### Employment Opportunities

If you are passionate about providing the very best services in a municipal environment and are looking for a place to challenge yourself and grow, we want you on our team! Visit our Careers webpage, [Brockton.ca/Jobs](http://Brockton.ca/Jobs) for current opportunities.

### Time Is The Only Thing We Can't Recycle

Remember to ask yourself, does this really belong in the garbage? Every item you recycle, or reuse contributes to extending the life of our landfills! Don't throw it away if it can be used in some other way. Visit [Brockton.ca/Waste](http://Brockton.ca/Waste) to view the landfill and Walkerton Recycling Depot hours of operation.

### 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 Dog Park Feedback, Tennis Court Rehabilitation, Development Charges Study, and more! Share your feedback and learn more about what’s happening in your community.

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