



### Brockton Buzz Newsletter – May 2022 Issue

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### 2022 Municipal and School Board Election

The Municipality of Brockton is conducting Municipal and School Board Elections this October by internet and telephone vote. The voting period will be open from 10:00 a.m. on October 17, 2022 until 8:00 p.m. on October 24, 2022.



**Are you thinking of running for Municipal Council?** Nominations will be accepted for the offices of Mayor, Deputy Mayor, and five (5) Councillors, as well as Trustees for English Public, English Separate, and French Separate School Boards. The nomination and registration period opens on May 2, 2022 until 2:00 p.m. on August 19, 2022. Nomination papers submitted on the prescribed Form 1 must be filed with the Clerk at the Municipal Office (100 Scott Street, Walkerton). Nominations of a person for an office on Council must be endorsed by at least twenty-five (25) persons and these endorsements must be submitted on the prescribed Endorsement of Nomination - Form 2.

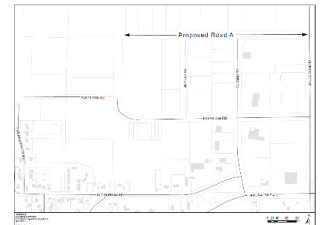
**Wondering if you are on the Voters List, or verify that your information is correct?** Visit [Voterlookup.ca](https://Voterlookup.ca), a website owned by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) responsible for identifying eligible electors, to confirm that you are on the Preliminary List of Electors.



Stay tuned for more information about the 2022 Election on our website [Brockton.ca/Election](https://Brockton.ca/Election)!

### East Ridge Business Park Road Naming

The Municipality of Brockton is seeking resident input for the naming of "Proposed Road A" in the East Ridge Business Park. This road will be constructed at the northern part of this expansion and will lead to the Bruce Power Regional Soccer Fields and to the proposed municipal complex to the west. The **deadline** for road name recommendations is **May 4, 2022**. Make a road recommendation or vote on your favourite road name here: <https://buildyourbrockton.ca/east-ridge-business-park-road-naming>.



### Early Investment in Education and Skills

The Municipality of Brockton is pleased to present the Early Investment in Education and Skills (EIES) funding program to assist Brockton residents to advance their skillset and support our businesses by providing workplace training for employees. This program is funded by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) to support education and skills training for youth, residents and businesses for 2022 and 2023. This program is intended to offer financial support to Brockton residents, who are looking to gain transferable skills, attend youth events or provide youth enrichment, provided they meet the requirements as set out by the program parameters. For more information, visit [Brockton.ca/EIES](https://Brockton.ca/EIES)

### Tax Installment Due Date – May 31, 2022

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, 2001*. Please allow 2 to 3 days for processing if you are paying through the online banking system of your financial institution. Visit [Brockton.ca/Taxes](https://Brockton.ca/Taxes) for more information.

### False Alarm By-Law

In 2020 and 2021, At Fault False Alarms were in the top ten Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) calls for service in the Municipality of Brockton. At Fault False Alarms are any alarm signal that is activated unnecessarily or improperly and results in a police response. Brockton Council passed False Alarm By-Law 2022-043 to help reduce At Fault False Alarms. The intent of this by-law is to reduce calls for service and reallocate police resources to higher priority matters in the Municipality. With reducing OPP calls for service, costs are also reduced in OPP providing police services to the Municipality. The Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer oversees administration of the False Alarm By-Law. Upon notice of an At Fault False Alarm the first step of the Officer is providing the Alarm System Owner with education of the by-law. If further At Fault False Alarms occur at the same premise the Municipality has established the following fees to offset Municipal costs for police services:

**2022 Fees for At Fault False Alarms:** First occurrence-The Municipality will provide education to Alarm System owner and may impose a \$50.00 fee; Second occurrence-\$100.00; Third occurrence-\$200.00; Fourth and subsequent At Fault False Alarm occurrences increase by \$100 per incident

Visit [Brockton.ca](https://Brockton.ca) to view the False Alarm By-law. For more details, please contact Dieter Weltz, Building and Planning Manager/ Chief Building Official by emailing [dweltz@brockton.ca](mailto:dweltz@brockton.ca) or call 519-881-2223 Ext. 127.

### Septic Maintenance Program

The Municipality of Brockton's Building Department will be conducting the mandatory Septic Maintenance Inspection Program in areas within municipal wellheads. Residents affected will be contacted by the Municipality to arrange times for inspections starting this spring.

### Notice of Walkerton Watermain Flushing

As part of the ongoing maintenance of the Walkerton Water System, Veolia Water are flushing the Walkerton distribution system until approximately May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Residents are asked to run a cold water tap after the flushing has been completed in your area to discharge any discoloured water before use. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. If you have any questions please contact Veolia Water at 519-881-1474.

### 2022 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule

The County of Bruce have released their 2022 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule. The Hazardous Waste Schedule has been posted to our website [Brockton.ca/HazardousWaste](https://Brockton.ca/HazardousWaste) and the local dates have been added to our **Waste Calendar**. Hazardous Waste will be collected on June 25, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Walkerton at the Bruce County Transportation Yard (94 County Road 2).

### Spring Landfill Hours

The Brant Landfill is open on Tuesdays, and 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 Transfer Station 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. Curbside collection is still encouraged. For more information please visit [Brockton.ca/LandfillSites](https://Brockton.ca/LandfillSites).

### Brockton Parks and Recreation Department Activities:

Summer Camp and Swimming Lesson registration opened April 27<sup>th</sup>! Register for our various programs, including: Adult Fitness classes on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays at varying locations, Kids Club Fitness on Thursdays at the Walkerton Community Centre, STEM on Thursdays at the Walkerton Community Centre, and Pickleball on Monday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the Cargill Community Centre. Visit [Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms](https://Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms) or [PerfectMind](https://PerfectMind.ca) to learn more about the different program opportunities offered.



### Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award Accepting Applications

The Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award is accepting applications for local students pursuing environmental science or clean water management. Applications are available at [www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com/students/applications](http://www.communityfoundationgreybruce.com/students/applications). **The deadline to apply is May 14, 2022.** The legacy fund, managed by Community Foundation Grey Bruce, was launched on the 20th anniversary of the Walkerton e-coli tragedy. It currently has over \$19,000 invested in perpetuity in a pooled endowment fund to honour those who suffered during the tragedy, and to encourage local youth to pursue careers in the protection of water and environment.

### Funding Available for Student Businesses

This year's Saugeen Student Start-up Program is up and running, giving local students in Grades 6-12 the chance to start their own businesses this summer! By submitting a simple business plan, students can receive up to \$450 to help cover their start-up costs. They will also get free online training and mentorship. The deadline to apply is May 6, 2022. Successful applicants will be notified by May 27, 2022. Details and application forms are available on [www.SaugeenConnects.com/Youth](http://www.SaugeenConnects.com/Youth). We are also looking for community sponsors. Please call 519-881-2223 ext 131 if you are interested in becoming involved.

### Brockton Dollars

The Municipality of Brockton is offering a "Brockton Dollars" program to support local businesses, replacing the former "Walkerton Dollars" and extending the program to businesses throughout Brockton. Brockton Dollars gift certificates, redeemable at participating stores, restaurants, and other commercial establishments - available in denominations of \$10, \$25 and \$50. Visit [Brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars](http://Brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars) to learn more or call 519-881-2223 Ext. 131.



### Emergency Preparedness Week 2022: Be Ready for Anything

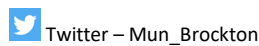
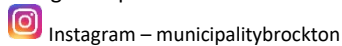
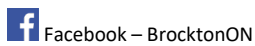
Emergency Preparedness Week is May 1 to 7, 2022 in Brockton. This year's theme "Emergency Preparedness: Be Ready for Anything" encourages Canadians to act to become better prepared for the range of emergencies they could face in their region. Know the Risks, Make a Plan, and Get an Emergency Kit! Residents are reminded to be prepared to take care of yourself and your family for a minimum of 72 hours. Visit [Brockton.ca/EmergencyPreparednessWeek](http://Brockton.ca/EmergencyPreparednessWeek) to learn more.



- Draw a map of your home. Show all doors and windows.
- Visit each room. Find two ways out.
- All windows and doors should open easily. You should be able to use them to get outside.
- Make sure your home has smoke alarms. Push the test button to make sure each alarm is working.
- Pick a meeting place outside. It should be in front of your home. Everyone will meet at the meeting place.
- Make sure your house or building number can be seen from the street.
- Talk about your plan with everyone in your home.
- Learn the emergency phone number for your fire department.
- Practice your home fire drill!
- Make your own home fire escape plan

### Subscribe to Brockton News, Calendar Events, and Emergency Alerts

Visit [Brockton.ca/Subscribe](http://Brockton.ca/Subscribe) to sign up and receive Brockton News, Calendar Events, and Emergency Alerts sent directly to your email. You can also **subscribe** to our **Brockton Business Newsletter** which features bi-monthly updates from the Municipality of Brockton and our partners in community and economic development. We also encourage residents to follow us on social media for regular updates!



### South Bruce O.P.P. – Boat Safety

The return of the nice weather means the pleasure crafts are returning to area waterways. The South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police is asking vessel owners to review these safety tips before leaving the dock:

- Life jackets. A proper sized life jacket is required for each person on board.
- Competent operator. It is a requirement to take a boating safety course and always carry your operator card with you.
- Check and monitor the Marine Weather Forecast. Conditions can change quickly particularly on larger bodies of water.
- Sail plan. Let someone know your planned route and estimated time of return. Time is of the essence in an emergency, it can make the difference between a rescue and a recovery.
- Safety Equipment. Required by law, requirements vary by type of vessel and size. Ensure you have the proper equipment on board each time you sail; it won't help you if it's left on the dock.
- Charts and compass. Be aware of local hazards, water levels, tides and know where you are at all times.
- Fuel tank. 1/3 to go, 1/3 to return, 1/3 in reserve.
- Boat condition. Check the hull, hoses, lines, clamps and the battery. Regular maintenance reduces the risk of a break down on the water.
- Leave the beer on the pier. Boaters caught drinking and boating in Ontario face similar consequences to drinking and driving on dry land. This includes power boats, canoes, stand-up paddle boards, kayaks, sail boats and personal watercraft.

For more information on boating safety, check online at [www.boatingsafety.gc.ca](http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca). Working together, we can all have a safe boating season.

### Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life. Please remember to follow all public health measures if participating in community events to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

#### • Four Weddings and an Elvis Performance

The County Towne Players are performing Four Weddings and an Elvis at the Victoria Jubilee Hall in association with the Rotary Club of Walkerton. Doors will open approximately 30 minutes prior to the start of each performance. Performances are scheduled for Friday, April 29, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, April 30, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 4, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, May 6, 2022 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20/per person and are available at the following locations (\*2020 Tickets can be exchanged for new tickets): Brown's Guardian Pharmacy, Holst Office Supplies, Victoria Jubilee Hall, A Delicate Edge. For more information visit the [County Towne Players website](http://County Towne Players website).



#### • "What Goes Around Comes Around" Fundraiser Event at the Community Garden - May 15, 2022

Equestrian Centre will be donating a trailer load of well-composted chemical-free horse manure for area resident gardens on Sunday, May 15, 2022 at the Walkerton Community Garden (located on the East end of Jane Street behind the Walkerton Fire Hall). "Free" with a donation to the Food Bank. Don't forget to bring your food item at time of pick up along with a bag or container. Walkerton District Community School student volunteers will be present to help you bag and lift. The event starts at 11:00 am and we will keep shoveling until it's gone!

River Ridge

#### • Chepstow Lions Community Yard Sale and Vendor Fair – May 21, 2022

The Chepstow Lions Club are hosting a Community Yard Sale and Vendor Fair on Saturday, May 21, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Chepstow Lions Park (444 Chepstow Road). Hot dogs, fries and refreshments available. To register text or call 905-376-2882.



#### • Elmwood Firefighters Association Breakfast – June 4, 2022

The Elmwood Firefighters Association are hosting a breakfast on Saturday, June 4, 2022 from 7:30 to 11:00 a.m. at the Elmwood Fire Hall (just off County Road 10) featuring sausage, bacon, eggs, homefries, toast, coffee, and juice. Tickets are available at the door and meals are available to-go. \$15.00 for Adults and \$10.00 for Kids. For more information call 519-363-2302.

