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## Brockton Buzz – Tax/February 2025 Newsletter

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### Tax Installment Due Dates – March 31, 2025, May 31, 2025, September 30, 2025 and November 28, 2025

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](http://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
- Online/Telephone Banking - Allow 2 to 3 days for processing and ensure your account information is updated
- Credit/Debit Card – pay using credit or debit card through Paymentus at [Brockton.ca/Payments](http://Brockton.ca/Payments) or on the mobile app, a **2.5% service charge fee applies**

| 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           |

\*If we have not been set up at your financial institution as a payee please contact your branch and they will send the necessary documents to have us registered as a payee.

### Address Changes

Please notify the tax department if you have any changes to your mailing address. Address Change Requests must be done in writing or by **email to the Tax Department**. Your cooperation in keeping your tax records up to date ensures timely receipt of your tax and utility bills from our office.

### Asset Management Plan Survey

The Municipality of Brockton is committed to providing a high quality of life and exceptional services for our residents. As our community evolves, we must invest your tax dollars wisely to maintain and improve our infrastructure, including roads, bridges, water systems, parks, and municipal services. Your input is crucial for strategic planning and asset management. We invite residents to complete our Asset Management Plan Public Engagement Survey on our website at [Brockton.ca/AssetManagement](http://Brockton.ca/AssetManagement). This anonymous survey provides you with an opportunity to share your thoughts on our strengths and areas for improvement, as well as your feedback on our priorities for the coming years. The information gathered will be used to develop the forward-looking proposed levels of service for the 2025 Municipality of Brockton Asset Management Plan, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 588/17, which mandates municipalities to establish a strategic asset management policy and maintain an asset management plan for core and non-core municipal infrastructure assets. The survey will close at the end of February. We thank you in advance for your participation. Stay tuned for more information about the updated Brockton Asset Management Plan!

### Animal Control – Dog Tags

The Municipality of Brockton mailed dog tag invoices in January 2025. 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 to register a new dog, please contact the By-Law Department by phone at 519-881-2223 Ext. 141, or **email our Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer**

### Public Comments on Possible Commemoration

This spring will mark the 25th anniversary of the Walkerton e.coli outbreak, which occurred in May 2000. As we approach this date, we recognize the anniversary will bring mixed emotions for many residents. For some, this anniversary may offer a chance to reflect and remember, while others may prefer to look ahead, leaving the past behind. Residents who were impacted might find comfort in coming together with the community to honour memories and share their experiences.

In light of this, Brockton Council is seeking input from residents about a possible commemoration to take place in May 2025 at the Heritage Water Garden in Walkerton. The commemoration could provide an opportunity for the community to reflect on the past, acknowledge the progress made, and recognize ongoing efforts to ensure that Ontarians have access to safe, clean drinking water.

We invite residents to share any thoughts, ideas or concerns regarding a possible commemoration by Friday, March 7, 2025. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us determine the most meaningful and appropriate way to recognize this anniversary. We welcome all feedback, including if our community feels a commemoration is not appropriate. Comments can be directed to Christine Brandt, Community Development Coordinator by **email**, or by mail or in-person at the Municipal Office located at 100 Scott Street, PO Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0 or by telephone at 519-881-2223 Ext. 131. Please submit your comments by March 7, 2025.

### Fence Viewer Expression of Interest

The Municipality of Brockton is seeking five (5) individuals to serve as a Fence Viewer for the Municipality of Brockton, responsible for resolving disputes under the Line Fences Act. Individuals will be appointed as a Fence Viewer for approximately two years (2025 to 2026). Visit our [Brockton.ca/Fence](http://Brockton.ca/Fence) for additional information on the role of the Fence Viewer and the Municipality's Fence Viewing By-Law. If you are interested in serving as Fence Viewer for the Municipality, please submit a letter of interest to the Clerk's Department by **email**, or by mail or in-person to the Municipal Office located at 100 Scott Street, PO Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0. Applications will be accepted until February 19, 2025 at Noon.



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### Committee Member Recruitment

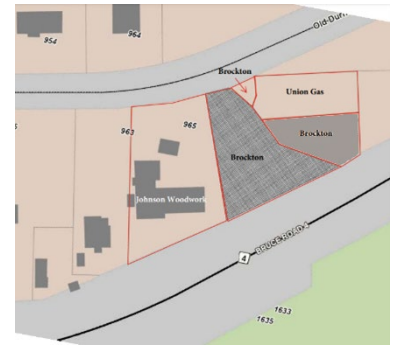
Are you interested in giving back to the community and helping to shape Brockton's future? Come help by providing your input and expertise on one of our Committees! The Municipality of Brockton is currently recruiting members on four (4) Committees: Accessibility Advisory Committee, Brockton Child Care Centre Committee, Brockton Parks and Recreation Committee, and Elmwood Community Centre Board. View the Terms of Reference for all four (4) Committees, and more information at [Brockton.ca/CommitteeRecruitment](https://www.brockton.ca/CommitteeRecruitment). 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 Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) Fiona Hamilton by **email**, drop off a letter to the Municipal Office, or send a letter by mail to Municipality of Brockton 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0. **The deadline for submissions is Thursday, February 20, 2025 at Noon.**

### Job Opportunities

Are you looking for an opportunity to make a difference in your community? The Municipality of Brockton is recruiting for multiple fulfilling and rewarding positions that offer competitive wages and a variety of hours, including a Child Care Manager, and various summer positions in aquatics, summer camp, administration, park and facility maintenance, and teaching at the Brockton Child Care Centre. Visit [Brockton.ca/Jobs](https://www.brockton.ca/Jobs) for more details.

### Land Disposition – Old Durham Road/Bruce Road 4 Road Allowance

The Municipality of Brockton is considering declaring a road allowance located between Old Durham Road and Bruce Road 4, Walkerton surplus to the needs of the Municipality and possibly sold. Any purchaser shall be responsible for costs associated with obtaining a survey and reference plan, legal fees, and relocating utilities if declared surplus. The road allowance may be subject to site plan control. Comments can be submitted to Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) by **email**, call 519-881-2223 Ext. 124 or by mail to Municipality of Brockton 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON N0G 2V0 until February 20, 2025 at Noon. Council will consider whether to declare the property surplus at their Council Meeting on February 25, 2025. If the property is declared surplus, sealed bids for the property will be accepted.



### 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.

### 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 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., or ordered in bulk through email. Businesses may redeem Brockton Dollars at the Municipal Office. Visit [Brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars](https://www.brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars) to learn more. If you're a Brockton retailer, service provider, or restaurant wishing to join the program, please **email our Community Development Coordinator**.

### Municipal Offices Closed for Family Day

Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2025 for Family Day and reopen on Tuesday, February 18, 2025. We encourage you to join us at the Walkerton Community Centre to celebrate Family Day on Monday, February 17, 2025.

### Brockton Parks and Recreation Events and Winter Programs

**Family Day Fun on Monday, February 17, 2025** - Events are taking place at the Walkerton Community Centre. Visit [Brockton.ca/FamilyDay](https://www.brockton.ca/FamilyDay) or check out our social media for more details.

**Adult Programs:** Please register online at [Brockton.ca/Programs](https://www.brockton.ca/Programs): Chair Yoga, Gentle Yoga, Zumba Gold, SPIN, Total Body Sculpt, Baby and Mom Fitness, Huff and Puff Hockey, Indoor Pickleball in Cargill, and Indoor Walking Program. **Daytime Indoor Pickleball** at the Cargill Community Centre every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. This is a Drop-in program; registration is not required, and please bring cash. **Evening Indoor Pickleball** on Tuesdays from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Blackout dates can be found on our website [Brockton.ca/Programs](https://www.brockton.ca/Programs)

**Seniors Drop-in Opportunities:** Free until the end of March 2025, thanks to the New Horizon's Seniors Grant! Join us to socialize and play Cards, Crokinole, with refreshments and more! Walkerton Bruce County Library: Tuesday's 1:30 – 4:00pm, Elmwood Community Centre: Tuesday's 1:30 – 4:00pm, and Cargill Community Centre: Thursday's 1:00 – 4:00pm

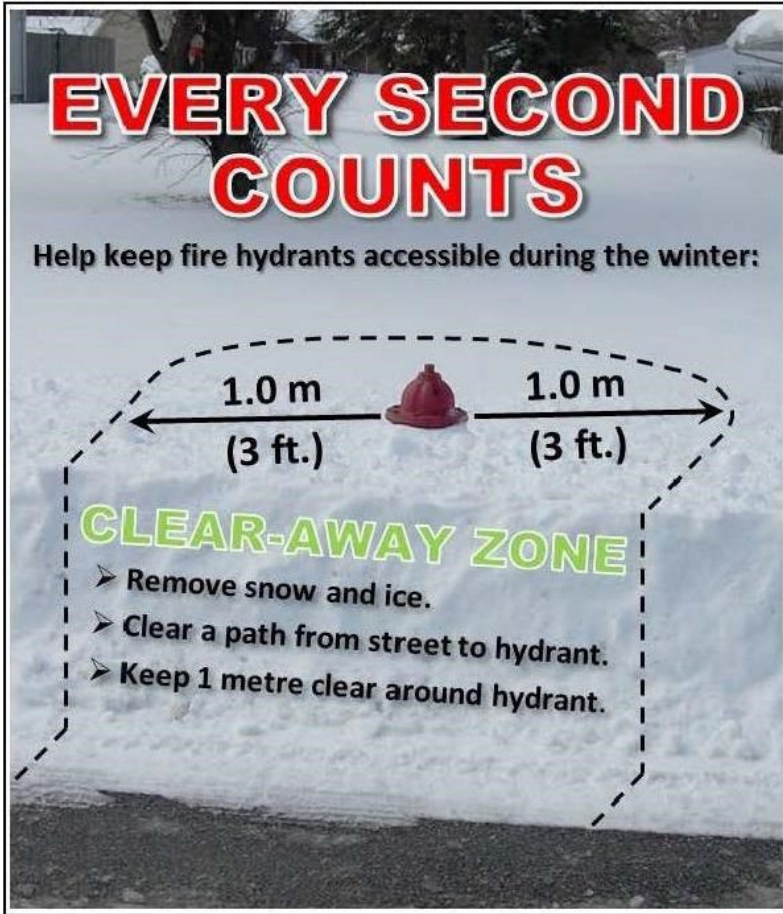
**Youth Programs:** Please register online at [Brockton.ca/Programs](https://www.brockton.ca/Programs). **Home Alone Course:** Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 9:00am-2:00pm at the Walkerton Community Centre for ages 9-12. **Babysitting Course:** Friday April 11 (PA Day) 9:00am-5:00pm at the Bruce County Library (Walkerton). This course is aimed at ages 11-14. **Drop-in Basketball** and **Drop-in Dodgeball** – Tuesday evenings at Walkerton District Community School

**March Break Camps are open for registration!** Please visit [Brockton.ca/Programs](https://www.brockton.ca/Programs) (limited space available). March Break Camps will take place at Walkerton District Community School. **Monday March 10:** A Day of Sports and Fun! **Tuesday March 11:** Curling and Crossfit! **Wednesday March 12:** So you think you can Dance? **Thursday March 13:** Swimming in Hanover? **Friday March 14:** PJ's, Pizza and Movie Day!



**Public Skating Opportunities:** Please visit [Brockton.ca/Skating](https://Brockton.ca/Skating) for general information regarding Brockton’s Public Skating, Descriptions, Sponsorship and more!

Be sure to follow the Municipality of Brockton on **Facebook** and **Instagram** for all future updates!



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 LinkedIn – [Municipality of Brockton](https://www.linkedin.com/company/municipality-of-brockton)
 YouTube – [Municipality of Brockton](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMunicipalityofBrockton)

### Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life. Visit [Brockton.ca/Events](https://Brockton.ca/Events) to learn more about events happening in our community!

- **Pinkerton Seniors Events:** Euchre Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Cargill Community Centre and Monday, February 17, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Pinkerton United Church. \$3.00 admission - prizes available. Coffee, tea, light snack available.
- **Elmwood Family Day Wing Night:** Friday, February 14, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Elmwood Community Centre (38 Concession Rd. 10) Come out and enjoy wings, fries, and a cold drink. Wings \$1.35 each, Fries \$8.00, Pop/water \$1.50. Order through the **Elmwood Community Service Association website** until Noon on February 14, or call/text orders to 519-901-0600. Walk-in orders welcome. Take-out available.
- **Chepstow Lions Wing Night** – Friday, February 14, 2025 and Friday, February 28, 2025 at 5:00 p.m. at the Chepstow Lions Park (445 Chepstow Road) 15 wings \$20, 12 wings/fries \$20, fries \$5. Dine in or take out available. Contact Bill Clancy at 519-889-2344 for more information.
- **Bruce County Public Library Events:** The Bruce County Public Library’s new website is now live! Visit us at [library.brucecounty.on.ca](https://library.brucecounty.on.ca) to learn about all the events and resources available at BCPL.
  - Blind Date with a Book - Feb. 1 to 28. Take your chances on a literary ‘blind date’!
  - Freedom to Read Week - Feb. 23 to March 1. Bruce County Public Library recognizes Freedom to Read Week.
  - English Conversation Circle - Walkerton Branch on Thursdays at 1:00pm.
- **Kinsmen and Kinette Clubs of Walkerton Anniversary Celebration** –The Walkerton Kinsmen are celebrating its 90th Anniversary, and the Walkerton Kinettes are celebrating its 75th Anniversary. Celebrate with an evening of dinner, toasts, and camaraderie on Saturday, March 1, 2025 beginning at 5:00 p.m., Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall 1658 Highway 9, Mildmay. Tickets are \$50/person.



### **Emergency Preparedness**

The start of a New Year is a time when lots of people re-evaluate, re-assess and re-organize. It is also a really great time to refresh your family's Emergency Preparedness Plan! Don't have a plan? It is also a great time to create one!

Emergencies can happen at any time and there may be no warning. Having a Family Emergency Preparedness Plan ensures that your family knows what to do in the event they have to shelter in place at home, or what to do if they are not at home when an event happens. Give yourself some peace of mind for 2025 and sit down with your family to create or refresh your Emergency Preparedness Plan. It takes three basic steps.

#### **Step 1 - Know the Risks**

What are the risks where you live? Is the area prone to tornados, severe winter storms, flooding? In recent years, risks such as Cyber incidents and Human Health Emergencies have become more prominent in people's assessment of risk.

#### **Step 2 - Make a Plan**

Plan for how you would care for your family and keep them safe for a number of days. Emergency services may be overloaded and unable to assist immediately. Being able to sustain your family for a period of time ensures those services can focus their efforts on those who need them most.

But what if you aren't all at home when the emergency occurs? Make a plan for where you would meet or contact each other. Know what your children's school's emergency plan entails.

Talk to your neighbours about having a neighbourhood plan. Relying on others or assisting others often becomes a necessity in the event of an emergency. Plan for it ahead of time!

#### **Step 3 - Get an Emergency Kit**

Emergencies can often be accompanied by power outages, communications or water failures. Support your Emergency Plan by having the items required to sustain your family over a period of time. Kits can be created from items you have on hand, or they can be purchased from stores or online. Make sure they are stored in an easily accessible location and that they are portable in the event of an evacuation.

"Ensuring that you and your family are prepared for a possible emergency is a great way to start off a New Year. Please take the time to Know your Risks, Make a Plan and Get an Emergency Kit. You may never have to use it but if you do, it will be more than worth the time" Ray Lux, County Emergency Management Coordinator

Check out [www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca) for some great information on creating an Emergency Plan.