



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – December 2024 Issue

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Development Charges Study

In early 2024, the Municipality of Brockton, with support from B.M. Ross & Associates, began a comprehensive Development Charges Background Study. This study examines Brockton's growth projections, the infrastructure required to support it, and the capital costs involved, while exploring how Development Charges (DCs) can help fund these needs.

Throughout 2024, B.M. Ross held several presentations for stakeholders, the public, and Council to explain the study, the types of projects eligible for funding, and how Brockton's DCs compare to those of neighboring municipalities. Staff also worked with B.M. Ross to review existing municipal plans and consider pending developments to identify key infrastructure projects for inclusion in the study.

Feedback from the public, stakeholders, and the development community was collected and presented to Council, along with various drafts of the study. Following a review, Council instructed staff to revise the study and by-law to reduce the overall cost of development charges. As a result, some projects were removed from the original list.

At the December 10, 2024, Council Meeting, Brockton Council approved proceeding with Development Charges, granting both the first and second readings to the related By-Law. The decision marks an important step in the development process for the community.

Residents and stakeholders can forward any comments or inquiries to [Lisa Courtney](#), or [Sonya Watson](#).

The final consideration of the By-Law will take place at the upcoming Council Meeting on January 14, 2025.

Municipal Offices Holiday Closures

The Municipal Office and Brockton Child Care Centre will be closed for the holidays at 1:00 p.m. on December 24, 2024 until January 1, 2025. Both offices reopen on January 2, 2025.

The Community Services (Parks and Recreation) Administration Office will be closed at 1:00 p.m. on December 24, 2024 until January 1, 2025*. The office reopens January 2, 2025. *The office will be open on December 30, 2024 for programming.

Council and staff wish you a safe and happy holiday season!

Shop Walkerton and Win Campaign

The Shop Walkerton and Win Campaign continues until December 20, 2024! Two draws remain:

Friday, December 13th for \$300 Brockton Dollars and the Grand Prize draw of \$2,000 Brockton

Dollars will be drawn Friday, December 20th at 4:00 p.m. Enter early and enter often! Brought to you by the Municipality of Brockton and participating Walkerton businesses. Visit Brockton.ca/ShopWalkerton for more information.



2025 Fees and Charges

On September 10, 2024, Council approved the 2025 Fees and Charges which will come into effect January 1, 2025, or as otherwise stated. Visit Brockton.ca/Fees to view the 2025 Fees and Charges By-Law.

E-Billing and Pre-Authorized Payment Plans

The Municipality of Brockton offers e-billing services to process Property Tax and Utility bills more efficiently. Residents can receive these bills by email as opposed to regular mail. Receiving your bills by email allows for easy electronic filling of important documents and accessible access through your email. You can enroll for this e-billing service by filling out our [Email Authorization Form](#). Please submit your form by email to our [Accounts Receivable Department](#), by fax to 519-881-2991, or in-person at the Municipal Office, 100 Scott Street, Walkerton.

You can sign up to have pre-authorized payments debited from your bank account for property taxes, utilities, and accounts receivable services. Please submit the appropriate PAP form which can be located on our website. Visit [Paying Property Taxes webpage](#), and [Pay a Utility Bill webpage](#) 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 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.





2025 Council Meeting Calendar and 2025 Budget Meeting Dates

The dates for the 2025 Brockton Council Meetings have been posted to our website Brockton.ca/Council and our Community Calendar. Council Meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. via hybrid meeting in-person at the Bruce County Council Chambers and electronically on Zoom/livestreamed on eSCRIBE (unless otherwise noted). Residents will be notified of any change in meeting location.

- Monday, January 13, 2025 (Budget Meeting) 10:00 a.m.
- Tuesday, January 14, 2025 (Budget Meeting at 1:00 p.m. and Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.)
- Tuesday, January 28, 2025
- Tuesday, February 11, 2025 (Budget Meeting at 1:00 p.m. and Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m.)
- Tuesday, February 25, 2025
- Tuesday, March 18, 2025
- Tuesday, April 8, 2025
- Tuesday, April 22, 2025
- Tuesday, May 13, 2025
- Tuesday, May 27, 2025
- Tuesday, June 10, 2025
- Tuesday, June 24, 2025 (Cargill Community Centre)
- Tuesday, July 15, 2025
- Tuesday, August 12, 2025
- Tuesday, August 26, 2025
- Tuesday, September 9, 2025
- Tuesday, September 23, 2025
- Tuesday, October 14, 2025
- Tuesday, October 28, 2025
- Tuesday, November 4, 2025
- Tuesday, November 25, 2025
- Tuesday, December 9, 2025



Winter Landfill and Recycling Depot Hours

From November 1 to March 31, the Brant Landfill (57 Concession 8, Elmwood) 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 Transfer Station (564 Concession 10, Chepstow) is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill (868 Bruce Road 4, Walkerton) is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Walkerton Recycling Depot (320 Kincardine Highway) is open on Thursday from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. All residents are encouraged to continue to use curbside pickup services. Visit Brockton.ca/LandfillSites for more details.

Holiday Closures: The Brant Landfill will be closed on December 25, 2024 and January 1, 2025. The Brant Landfill and Greenock Transfer Station will both remain open on December 28, 2024.

Holiday Garbage Collection

Due to Christmas Day and New Years Day falling on a Wednesday, residents in Walkerton East (East of Yonge Street) will have their garbage collected on Monday, December 23, 2024 instead of December 25th and Monday, December 30, 2024 instead of January 1st. Thank you for your cooperation. There are no other changes in garbage collection or recycling collection over the holidays.

2025 Recycling Schedule

Bruce Area Solid Waste Recycling have released their 2025 Recycling Collection Schedule. Download the [2025 Blue Box/Recycling Collection Schedule](#) on our [Blue Box Recycling webpage](#).



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 to learn more. If you're a Brockton retailer, service provider, or restaurant wishing to join the program, please [email our Community Development Coordinator](#).



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 for current employment opportunities: Brockton.ca/Jobs

Winter Recreation Programs and Events:

Adult Programs: Winter Fitness Program Registration is now open! Please visit Brockton.ca/Programs for details on upcoming programs including:

- Chair Yoga and Gentle Yoga
- Gentle Fitness in Elmwood
- Beginner Bootcamp Fitness in Cargill
- Zumba Gold, Adult Zumba and Pound
- SPIN and Total Body Sculpt
- Women and Weights, and Baby and Mom Fitness
- Huff and Puff Hockey
- Indoor Pickleball in Cargill
- The Indoor Walking Program (Free!)



Winter Recreation Programs and Events (Continued):

Daytime Indoor Pickleball has returned to the Cargill Community Centre every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9:30am - 12:00pm. This is a Drop-in program; registration is not required, and please bring cash.

Youth Programs: Please register online at Brockton.ca/Programs.

- **Home Alone Course:** Friday, January 31st (PA Day) at the Walkerton Community Centre. This course is aimed at ages 9 – 12.
- **Babysitting Courses:** Friday January 31 (PA Day) and Friday April 11 (PA Day) at the Bruce County Library (Walkerton). This course is aimed at ages 11 – 14.
- **Little Chef's:** - Multiple dates and Ages
- **Drop-in Basketball** and **Drop-in Dodgeball** - Tuesday's at Walkerton District Community School
- **Cardio Kickboxing, and Zumba/Pound!**

PA Day and Holiday Camps are back! Brockton has you covered with a line-up of exciting camps to be offered this Fall, Winter and Spring! Please register online at Brockton.ca/Programs, Youth Programs (limited space available).

- **Monday, December 30th:** Chef for a Day!
- **Thursday, January 2nd:** Beach Day!
- **Friday, January 3rd:** Travel the World in a Day!

Public Skating Opportunities: Please visit Brockton.ca/Skating for general information regarding Brockton's Public Skating, Descriptions, Sponsorship and more! *Holiday programming includes Shinny, to be released on social media soon!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
		Huff and Puff Hockey 9:30-10:20am				
	Parent and Tot Skate 11am-11:50am		Parent and Tot Skate 11am-11:50am			
Noon Skate 12-12:50pm	Noon Skate 12-12:50pm	Noon Skate 12-12:50pm	Noon Skate 12-12:50pm	Noon Skate 12-12:50pm		
		Senior Skate 1-1:50pm		Senior Skate 1-1:50pm		Public Skate 1-1:50pm
		Public Skate 3:30-5pm		Public Skate 7-8:50pm <small>*Occasionally; specific dates listed online*</small>		

Family Day Fun – Monday, February 17th at the Walkerton Community Centre! Save the Date!

Be sure to follow the Municipality of Brockton on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#), for all future updates!



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Add Your Events to Brockton's Community Calendar

Make sure your 2025 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:

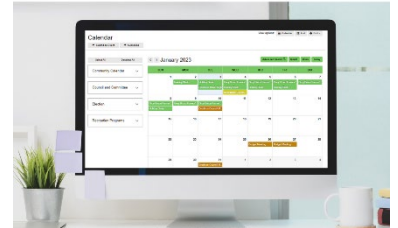
1. Visit events.brockton.ca and click on **Submit an Event**.
2. Login if you have an account, or create one if it's your first time adding an event.
3. Add in your events, edit, and update your events from there

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 [Website Support](mailto:Website.Support@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

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

- **Bruce County Public Library Movie Matinees at Walkerton Branch**
Visit the Walkerton Branch of the Bruce County Public Library at 253 Durham Street, Walkerton on Wednesday, December 18th at 2:00 p.m. for a screening of 'White Christmas', and bring your family to watch the movie 'If' on Friday, December 27th at 2:00 p.m. and the movie 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles, Mutant Mayhem' on Friday, January 3rd at 2:00 p.m.

