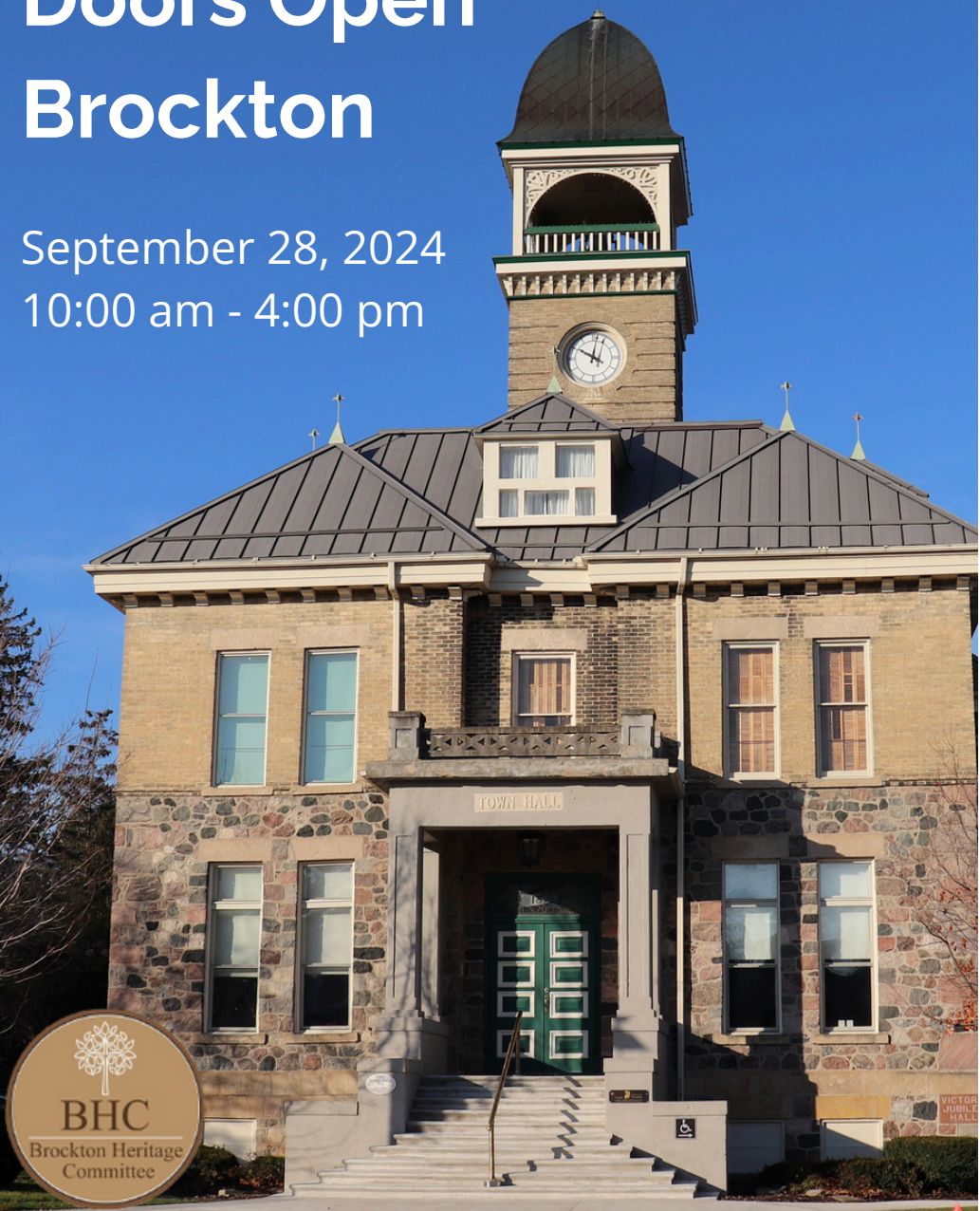


Take a **FREE** self-guided tour through 12 historical and significant sites!

Doors Open Brockton

September 28, 2024

10:00 am - 4:00 pm



Brockton

A look into the past



SAUGEEN RIVER, WALKERTON, ONT.

The Municipality of Brockton was incorporated in 1999 when the former Township of Brant, Township of Greenock, and Town of Walkerton were amalgamated. The name Brockton was chosen as a combination of these names. Settlers arrived to the area around 1850 and faced many hardships to obtain land grants from the Crown. Since then, Brockton has continued to grow and flourish.

Settlements developed along the Saugeen River with grist, saw and shingle mills, blacksmith shops, hotels and taverns, general stores, schools and churches. These structures supported the surrounding farm lands and their residents. To this day, agriculture is an integral part of Brockton's economy and identity.

Brockton's Heritage Committee works to promote the rich history of Brockton and to preserve our past. It is the committee's hope that the legacy of our struggles and triumphs are celebrated through various projects, including the 2024 Doors Open Brockton.

Welcome!

The Brockton Heritage Committee welcome heritage enthusiasts and explorers to Doors Open Brockton 2024. We are featuring a variety of distinctive sites located within the beautiful Municipality of Brockton. This year, visitors will have access to unique sites including the stunning Victoria Jubilee Hall, St. Paul's United Church, Cargill Museum and Bruce County Bookstore, Flach Family Homestead, and more! Please note that the Bruce County Walkerton Jail is only open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All other sites are open until 4:00 p.m. All of our locations have a story which has impacted the way our community has developed since it was first settled. We hope you enjoy Brockton's 12 architectural, historic, cultural and socially significant locations on display this year.

While in Walkerton, visit the Market Garden at 312 Durham Street to learn more about immigrant history in our community, featuring the Wong family. Historical plaques are on display at the park telling their story. The land that the park sits on was once owned by the Wong family and was donated to develop this public park in downtown Walkerton.

For more information on the Brockton Heritage Committee please visit the Municipality's website www.Brockton.ca

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House Rules

All Doors Open self-guided tours are free of charge and offer guests a glimpse of some of the Municipality of Brockton's sites of interest and one historic home.

Tours can be taken in any order you wish. Many Walkerton locations are within walking distance of one another while our rural sites require a vehicle to access. Parking is available along most streets. Please watch for signs for those locations that restrict parking.

As some of these properties are privately owned, we ask that you please respect the following requests:

- Remove footwear upon entry as requested.
- Food and drink are not permitted inside any of the sites, except where hosts may offer refreshments.
- Sign the guest book located at the entry of each site and indicate the number of people in your party, and where you are visiting from.
- Do not touch any displays or furnishings.
- Children must be accompanied by an adult at all times.
- Refrain from smoking on site properties or in any line-up you may encounter.
- Turn off cell phones during tours.
- Refer to the legend for amenities and site features at each location.

We hope you enjoy your day! Thank you to all site hosts!

Site Information

Legend

-  Partially accessible
-  Fully accessible
-  Self guided tour
-  Photography allowed
-  On site parking available
-  Washroom available

1. Brockton Heritage Committee Archives 248 Concession Road 10, Brockton*

*Continue driving along Cargill Road/Concession 10 and the Greenock Works Shop is located on the right hand side of Concession 10 before Sideroad 5 Greenock

The Brockton Heritage Committee plays a vital role in preserving the rich heritage of Brockton and area. Their archival collection, located in the former Township of Greenock's Council Chambers, currently the Greenock Works Shop, consists of historical artifacts, many of which were donated by members of the community. During Doors Open, come and learn about the area's fascinating history.



2. Bruce County Bookstore 203 Cargill Road, Cargill

The Bruce County Bookstore features books and authors relating to the County's history, architecture, literature, agriculture and tourism. The Mill Pond Gallery is located in the Bruce County Bookstore and Cargill Museum featuring artwork by local artists! Learn more about the history of Cargill and Bruce County, and the types of events held at this location throughout the year.



3. Bruce County Walkerton Patrol Shop 94 Bruce Road 2, Walkerton

Bruce County's Walkerton Patrol Shop ensures the safety and maintenance of roads throughout the community. The original part of the building is used for vehicle storage by night, and vehicle maintenance by day. The two-bay addition houses a welding/fabrication shop. The office houses employee amenities, a sign shop, and a storage area for vehicle parts.



4. Cargill Museum 203 Cargill Road, Cargill

Henry Cargill built a thriving rural town of diversified pioneering industries and early amenities (electricity, telephone, fire department and library). The Cargill Museum brings to life Cargill's early history as the lumbering and entrepreneurial heart of Bruce County. Located in a former Royal Bank, it has been restored to include the original tin ceiling, bank vault and hardwood floors.



Henry Cargill

5. Flach Family Homestead 2430 Highway 9, Walkerton

This three-level stone dwelling was built by Protasius Flach and his son Johann in 1865. Johann and Genevieve Reinhart married in 1866 and raised their family of 13 children in this home. In 1996, Flach's great-granddaughter took ownership of this mixed-farming property and oversaw the home's restoration by local artisans and building designers in 2016. Its interior furnishings reflect the home's original era. Exterior attractions include a working windmill, a lavish outhouse and a groomed landscape.



6. Hammond Power Solutions Inc.

15 Industrial Road, Walkerton

Originally founded as O.S. Hammond & Son in 1917, Hammond Power Solutions (HPS) has grown from crafting tools for the foundry industry to now a magnetic solutions leader in the electroindustry. The Walkerton plant, established in 1976, has undergone substantial growth with two additions, three major renovations, and continuous upgrades. Initially producing small transformers for signal systems, motor control circuits, and lighting, the facility now annually manufactures over 65,000 transformers, and reactors vital for commercial buildings, plants, and schools.



HPS currently offers standard and custom transformers, reactors and power quality solutions used in industries such as wastewater treatment, EV charging, renewable energy, microgrids, industrial and commercial facilities. HPS has recently undergone a rebrand with a new logo, tagline and overall messaging. The recent rebrand signifies their future focused direction, product solutions offerings and commitment to their employees.

7. Saugeen Masonic Lodge 206 Durham Street W., Walkerton

Saugeen Masonic Lodge No. 197 held their first meeting in Walkerton in 1868. Historically, Masons were builders and believed in respect, tolerance, and supporting charity while building self improvement through volunteerism. During Doors Open, visitors can get a rare look inside the culture and practices of one of the oldest continuously operating 156-year-old Masonic lodges within Bruce County.



8. St. Paul's United Church 303 Jackson Street, Walkerton

Built for a branch of Presbyterians affiliated with the Church of Scotland in 1877, the church was sold to the United Methodists in 1886. In 1925, the Methodists and Presbyterians became part of the United Church of Canada.

Being the only building in town of Tuscan Gothic style, the main entrance features double leaf doors with a rose window above. The beautiful Italianate stained glass windows were purchased through donations received in memory of loved ones (including those who died in WW1 and those who served St Paul's). The windows were dedicated on June 9, 1929. The building has undergone renovations and additions including the sanctuary, kitchen, parlour and fellowship hall.



9. Victoria Jubilee Hall 111 Jackson Street S., Walkerton

Commemorating Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee in 1897, this building has housed municipal offices, a marketplace, police station and more. With eight floor levels and a 300-seat theatre with balcony - one of a few remaining in Ontario in its original condition - the hall was purchased by the local branch of the Architectural Conservancy Ontario in 1997. Today, it is a thriving performance venue.



10. Walkerton Agricultural Society 206 Durham Street W., Walkerton

The Walkerton Agricultural Society was formed in 1854, celebrating their 170th anniversary this year. The site consists of three buildings, including the former arena, and later an additional ice surface was created, known as the Horse Palace. The Society took ownership of the Horse Palace when the current Walkerton arena was built in the 1970s. Over the years there have been a number of changes and renovations to the buildings. The buildings are home to the annual Walkerton Little Royal Fair and host community events throughout the year.



11. Walkerton Clean Water Centre

20 Ontario Road, Walkerton

The Walkerton Clean Water Centre (WCWC) is an agency of the Government of Ontario, established to help safeguard water resources. WCWC coordinates and delivers education and training for water-system owners, operators, operating authorities and First Nations communities. The facility includes three classrooms and a Technology Demonstration Facility, featuring conventional and advanced water treatment technologies, pilot distribution systems and a laboratory.



*Photos are allowed except in the Technology Demonstration Facility

12. Walkerton Jail

209 Cayley Street, Walkerton

***Open from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

The Bruce County Walkerton Jail was built in 1867 and operated for almost 144 years, closing in 2011. The former jail is part of a complex including the Courthouse and Service Ontario office. The jail held prisoners from Grey, Bruce and Huron Counties. There are several stories of hangings and escapes from the jail. It has also been featured on one of the Historic Cargill/Greenock Swamp Tours!



Thank You Site Hosts!

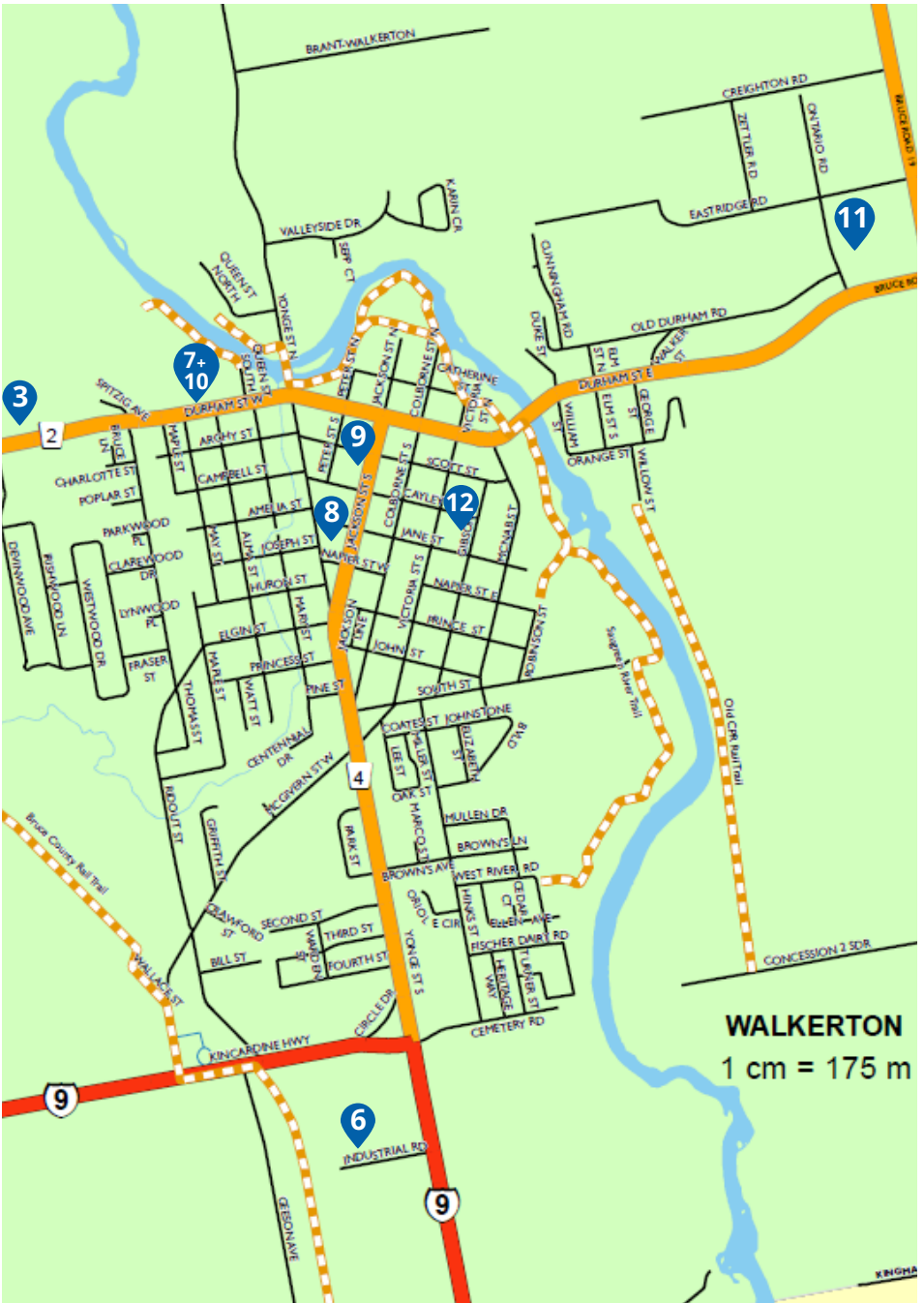
The Brockton Heritage Committee extends our heartfelt thanks to all of our site hosts who participated in Doors Open Brockton 2024. Without their cooperation this event would not be possible.

- Architectural Conservancy of Ontario - Victoria Jubilee Hall
- County of Bruce - Walkerton Patrol Shop and Walkerton Jail
- Elaine Lang - Flach Family Homestead
- Hammond Power Solutions Inc.
- Kevin McKague - Bruce County Bookstore and Cargill Museum
- Municipality of Brockton - Heritage Committee Archives
- Saugeen Masonic Lodge
- St. Paul's United Church
- Walkerton Agricultural Society
- Walkerton Clean Water Centre

Map of Brockton



Map of Walkerton



Dining and Fuel Up

Dining in Brockton

519 Table and Pour - 972 Old Durham Rd, Walkerton
Buddha Restaurant - 348 Durham St. E, Walkerton
Dairy Queen - 150 McNab St, Walkerton
Fat Bastard Burrito Co. - 1200 Yonge St. S, Walkerton
Godfathers Pizza - 4 Colborne St, Walkerton
Goose Eatery - 12 Wallace St., Walkerton
Green Bean Pantry - 1319 Yonge St S, Walkerton
La'Dels Coffee Co. - 324 Durham St. E., Walkerton
Landing Gear Diner - 34 Saugeen Airport Rd., Walkerton
Loung Sing Restaurant - 422 Durham St, Walkerton
Mel's 4 & 9 Diner - 4 Kincardine Highway, Walkerton
Old Joe's Cabin - 402 Durham St. E., Walkerton
Old Garage Wood Fired Pizza - 520 Durham St, Walkerton
Pizza Delight - 1200 Yonge St. S, Walkerton
Pizza Hut - 1000 Yonge St. Unit 2, Walkerton
Pizza Pizza - 208 Durham St. E, Walkerton
Simply Deli-cious - 330 Durham St. E, Walkerton
Subway - 1000 Yonge St S, Walkerton
Ti Amo La Cucina Italiana - 317 Durham St E, Walkerton
Tim Hortons - 14 McNab St, Walkerton
Walker's Landing Pub - 308 Durham St E, Walkerton
Walkerton Sushi - 1200 Yonge St S, Walkerton



Fuel Up/Charge Your Vehicle in Brockton

Circle K - 910 Yonge St, Walkerton (Gas)
Shell - 4 Kincardine Highway, Walkerton (Gas)
Cargill Community Centre - 999 Greenock-Brant Townline (EV)
Municipal Parking Lot - Catherine St, Walkerton (EV)
Walkerton Community Centre - 290 Durham St. W. (EV)



History of Doors Open

The first Doors Open Day (La Journée Portes Ouvertes) took place in France in 1984. The idea soon spread to neighbouring countries, including the Netherlands, Sweden, the Republic of Ireland, Belgium, and Scotland. In 1991, these events were united as European Heritage Days at the initiative of the Council of Europe.

In 2000, the City of Toronto launched the first Doors Open event in North America. In 2002, the Ontario Heritage Trust launched Doors Open Ontario, the first province-wide event of its kind in Canada. The Doors Open concept continues to spread across North America.

Since 2002, Doors Open Ontario attracts large crowds across Ontario. From April to October, residents and visitors are invited to discover first-hand Ontario's hidden heritage treasures, some of which have never been open to the public. Doors Open has been hosted within the Municipality of Brockton in 2010, 2012, 2014, 2016, and 2018.

For more information about other Doors Open events, please visit www.doorsopenontario.on.ca

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