



## Brockton Buzz – Tax/August 2022 Newsletter

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### 2022 Municipal and School Board Election

The Municipality of Brockton is conducting Municipal and School Board Elections with voting open from 10:00 a.m. on October 17<sup>th</sup> until 8:00 p.m. on October 24<sup>th</sup> using internet or telephone voting, or by visiting the Municipal Office. on October 24, 2022. The 2022 Election will occur by internet and telephone vote. The new Council will be sworn in on November 15, 2022. The deadline to submit your nomination papers to run as a candidate is 2:00 p.m. on August 19, 2022. Visit [Brockton.ca/Election](https://Brockton.ca/Election) to learn more about how to be a candidate, or for information on how to vote for the people who make a difference in your community. Check if you're on the Voters' List by visiting [Voterlookup.ca](https://Voterlookup.ca), a website owned by the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) responsible for identifying eligible electors.

### Tax Installment Due Dates – September 29, 2022 and November 30, 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.

### Payment Options

You may use the following payment options to pay **all** municipal bills and invoices:

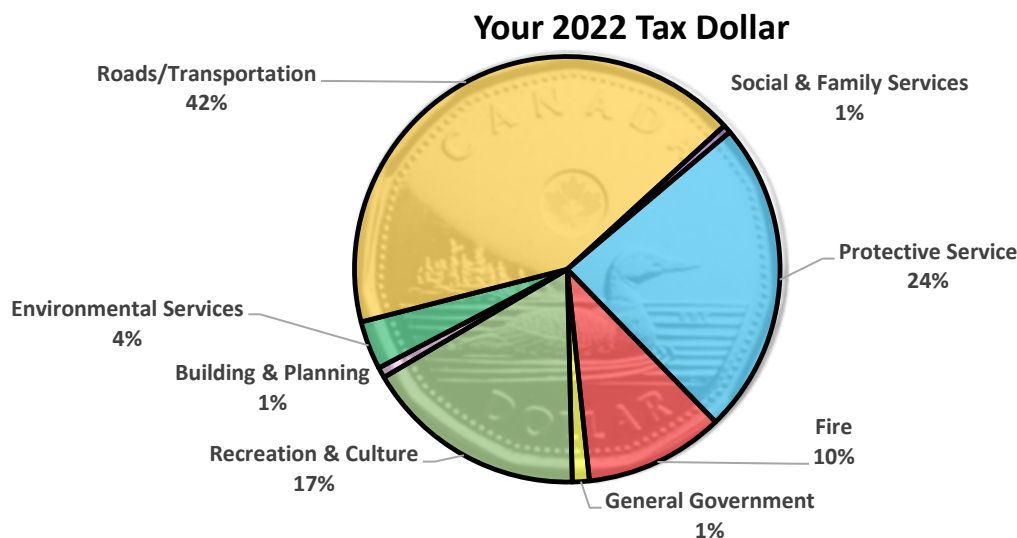
- In person at the Municipal Office via Debit, Cash, Cheque, or Post Dated Cheque
- Pre-Authorized Payment Withdrawals
- Online/Telephone Banking - Allow 2 to 3 days for processing and ensure your account information is updated

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

\*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.

### 2022 Municipal Budget

The 2022 budget contains \$19.114 million in operating expenditures and \$14.185 million in capital expenditures. After revenues and reserve fund transfers are applied, the Municipality must levy \$10,438,163; a 3.41% tax rate increase over 2021. 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 2022 budget broken down into different functions.



### Calculating Property Taxes

Property taxes are calculated using the assessed value of your property and multiplying it by the combined municipal and education tax rates for your class of property. Taxes collected by the Municipality of Brockton are distributed to three areas:

- A percentage is allocated to the Municipality of Brockton to pay for all local municipal services such as road maintenance, parks, recreation, libraries, fire, economic development etc.
- A percentage is allocated to the County of Bruce to pay for County services such as transportation, housing and emergency services
- A percentage is divided among the four school boards for education costs

The total amount of taxes to levy is calculated through the Municipal Budget Process by both the Municipality of Brockton and County of Bruce and is outlined above. The total levy is then divided by the Weighted Average Assessment value of all of Brockton's properties to determine the tax rates. The tax rates for each class of properties can be found at [Brockton.ca/Taxes](https://Brockton.ca/Taxes).

The tax class and value can be found on your tax bill under your name and mailing address. The different tax rates for Municipal, County, and Education can be found beside the tax class. The sum of these annual levies is then calculated beside the Tax Levy Sub-Total. To find out more about property taxes, visit our website at [Brockton.ca/Taxes](https://Brockton.ca/Taxes) or contact the Treasury office at 519-881-2223 or email [taxes@brockton.ca](mailto:taxes@brockton.ca).

### Address Changes

Please notify the tax department if you have any changes to your mailing address. This must be done in writing or by email [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.



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### Walkerton BIA Levy Cancellation

The Municipality of Brockton passed a by-law in April 2022 to begin the dissolution of the Walkerton BIA. There will be no BIA levy charges for commercial or industrial properties that would have been previously affected. Council has approved that an additional \$6,000 be added to the 2022 Tax-Supported Municipal Budget for promotional initiatives such as the Christmas Market. Staff and Council are working to continue supporting local Brockton businesses through local events and social media advertising. Businesses can contact the Economic Development Coordinator at 519-881-2223 Ext. 131.

### Property Assessment

In 2016, the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) mailed a Property Assessment Notice to every property owner in the province. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the next assessment is postponed at this time. As a result, your 2022 property assessments for the 2022 property tax year will continue to be based on January 1, 2016 current values. This means your property assessment remains the same as it was for the 2021 tax year. Visit [MPAC.ca/AssessmentUpdate](https://mpac.ca/AssessmentUpdate) for further information on the assessment updates.

MPAC continues to review properties during non-assessment update years, residents may receive Amended Assessment Notices. These notices may have been issued for one of the following reasons:

- Change in property ownership, legal description, or school support
- Change to the property's value resulting from a Request for Reconsideration, an Assessment Review Board Decision, or ongoing property reviews
- Property value increases/decreases reflecting a change to the property; for example, a new structure, addition, or removal of an old structure
- Change in the classification or tax liability of the property

If you have questions about your property assessment visit [aboutmyproperty.ca](https://aboutmyproperty.ca) or contact MPAC Customer Care Centre at 1-866-296-6722.

### Brockton Dollars

The Municipality of Brockton now offers Brockton Dollars as of 2022. Available in \$10, \$25 and \$50 denominations, they can be used at most local shops, restaurants, spas, boutiques, and even for professional services. Brockton Dollars are available at the municipal office from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Monday to Friday in person, over the phone or by email. Visit [Brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars](https://Brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars) for a list of participating businesses and more information.

### Greenock Transfer Station Change in Hours of Operation

The Greenock Landfill was re-designated as a Transfer Station by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks. The Greenock Transfer Station (564 Concession 10, Chepstow) is now open on **Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.** Residents are encouraged to use curbside collection. Residents of Greenock can also attend the Brant Landfill (57 Concession 8, Elmwood) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. or Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Bruce County are collecting household hazardous waste on September 24, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bruce County Transportation Yard, 94 Bruce Road 2, Walkerton. Waste must be received in containers that can be disposed of, containers are not emptied and returned (ie. gas cans). Empty metal paint cans are blue box recyclable.

### Fall Recreation Programs

Save the date! Fall Program Registration August 31<sup>st</sup> 8:30 a.m. Fall program details coming soon!

Centennial Pool will close for the season on Friday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 p.m.

Public Skating will resume in September on Wednesdays from 3:30 -5:00 p.m. and Sundays from 1:00 -2:00 p.m.

The Municipality of Brockton is committed to ensuring the safety of the general public, its users and staff in its recreation, parks, facilities and properties, and fostering an environment where there is **Respect** for others, and **Responsibility** for all actions. **How You Can Help?**

- Help **Keep our facilities clean.** Put garbage and pet waste into receptacles.
- Remember to **respect property**, materials and equipment when using services or participating in programs at our municipal community centres, ice pads, parks and pavilions
- **Report items** such as graffiti, broken glass or burnt out lights in any municipal facility or park
- **Report vandalism**, such as a park bench that has been damaged or playground equipment that has been tampered with
- **Report activities** such as verbal assaults, threats/aggression, physical harm, alcohol or drug consumption, theft and harassment

### Storm/Natural Disaster Safety Tips

Natural disasters can have a devastating effect on you and your home. Use the following safety tips to help protect yourself, your family and your home from the potential threat of fire during or after a summer storm. You can greatly reduce your chances of becoming a fire casualty by being able to identify potential hazards and following the outlined safety tips.



Some Types of Fire-Related Hazards Present During and After a Summer Storm

- Lightning associated with thunderstorms generates a variety of fire hazards. The power of lightning's electrical charge and intense heat can electrocute on contact, splitting trees and causing fires.
- Pools of water and even appliances can be electrically charged.
- Appliances that have been exposed to water can short and become a fire hazard.
- Generators are often used during power outages. Generators that are not properly used and maintained can be very hazardous
- If your home has sustained flood or water damage, and you can safely get to the main breaker or fuse box, turn off the power.

Smell and listen for leaky gas connections. If you believe there is a gas leak, immediately leave the house and leave the door(s) open

Always use a flashlight - not a candle - for emergency lighting.

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