



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – September 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 opens at 10:00 a.m. on October 17, 2022 until 8:00 p.m. on October 24, 2022.



Wondering if you are on the Voters List, or verify that your information is correct? As of September 1st voters may update their information, or be added to the Voter’s List. Visit the Municipal Office at 100 Scott Street, Walkerton, with government issued identification to verify your property address, and personal information.

Want to learn more about the candidates? The Walkerton Rotary Club are hosting an All Candidates Meeting for Brockton residents on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at Victoria Jubilee Hall, 111 Jackson Street, Walkerton. Meet and Greet from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m. prior to the meeting. Written questions can be submitted to walkertonrotary@gmail.com until September 23rd.

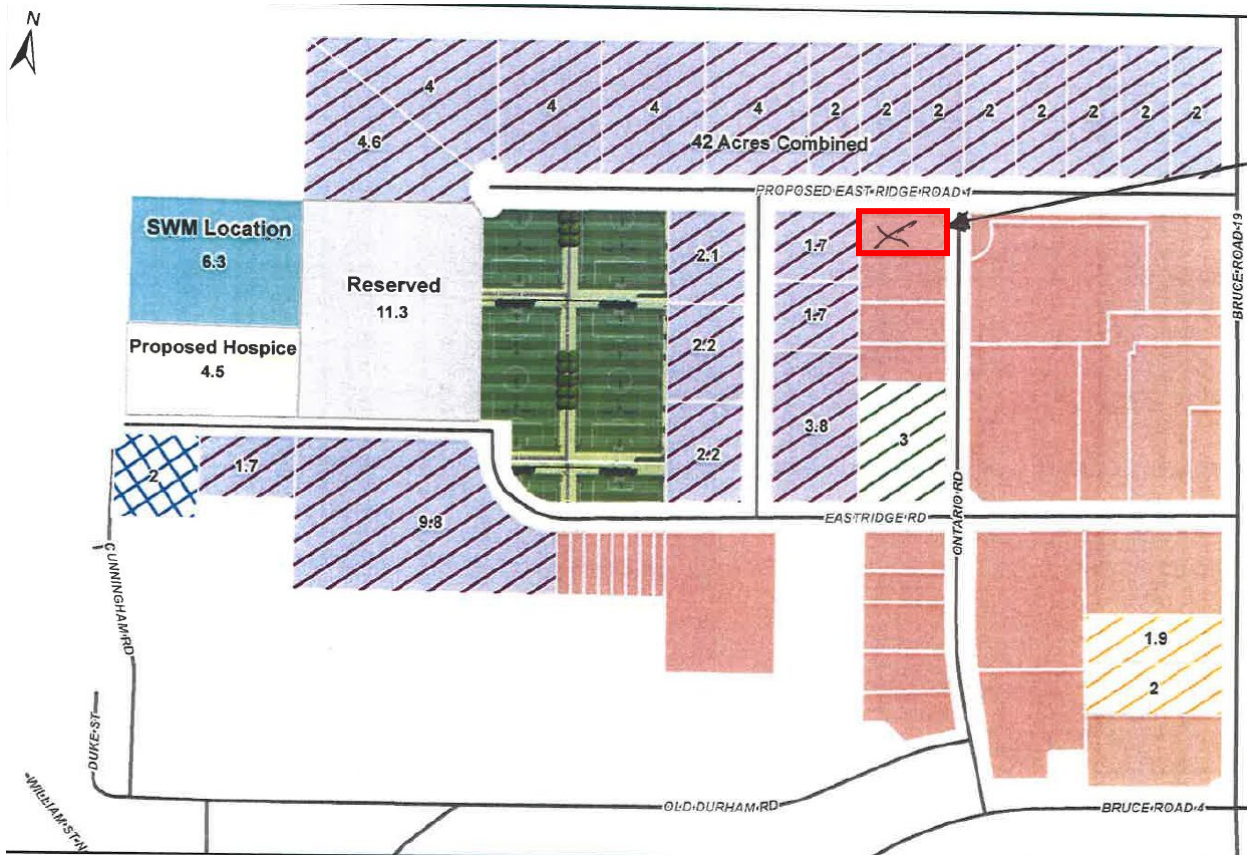
Stay tuned for more information about the 2022 Election on our website Brockton.ca/Election!

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 for more information.

Notice of Land Disposition – Lands Within East Ridge Business Park, Walkerton

The Municipality of Brockton intends to dispose of lands within the East Ridge Business Park in Walkerton, legally described as PT LOT 34 CONC 1 – NDR BRANT PART 1-3R10027 – MUNICIPALITY OF BROCKTON to be described as a Part on a Reference Plan; Municipality of Brockton; Being part of PIN #33196-0558 (LT) (“the Property”). Council will accept offers to purchase the Property until September 14, 2022.



On September 20, 2022, the Council of the Municipality of Brockton will consider any proposals to purchase the property. The 7:00 p.m. Council Meeting will be broadcast electronically and livestreamed to the Municipality of Brockton’s Agenda Management Software, eSCRIBE. The disposition of Property will occur at a future meeting.

Visit Brockton.ca/LandDisposition for more details. Please contact Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) by [email](mailto:) or call 519-881-2223 Ext. 124 for more information, or if you would like to submit a comment in relation to the disposal of the Property.



Dog Count

The Municipality of Brockton is conducting a dog count. The Animal Control Officer will be traveling throughout the Municipality to conduct the dog count. The Municipality of Brockton requires all dog owners to register their dogs within one week of the dog coming into their care. Dog licensing fees for the Municipality are: First dog- \$15.00, Second dog- \$25.00, Third dog- \$25.00, Late fee- \$10.00 per tag.

Current 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. Brockton currently has Full-Time, Part-Time and Seasonal positions available in the Recreation, Public Works and Child Care Departments. Please check our Current Employment Opportunities page by visiting Brockton.ca/Jobs.

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.

Build Your Brockton Community Engagement Website

The Municipality's community engagement website, [Build Your Brockton](https://BuildYourBrockton.ca), has had a refresh! Check out the new homepage of the [website](https://BuildYourBrockton.ca) which includes our various projects for community information and engagement.



More projects will be added over the remainder of the year. We thank everyone for their continued engagement and encourage you to [register](#) to the site to stay informed on what's to come!

Brockton Dollars



Brockton Dollars gift certificates are redeemable at participating stores, restaurants, and other commercial establishments in denominations of \$10, \$25 and \$50. Brockton Dollars can be purchased as gifts for friends and family, or be offered as acknowledgements to employees, while also supporting local businesses. 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. If you're a Brockton retailer, service provider, or restaurant wishing to join the program, please [email our Community Development Coordinator](#).

Market Garden Fundraising

The Municipality of Brockton and Durham Street Park Development Committee are fundraising for the development of The Market Garden park on Durham Street in Walkerton. Please consider donating to help us fundraise for this community project! Tax receipts can be issued for the donations. Cheques are to be payable to The Municipality of Brockton. Learn more on our [Community Projects webpage](#).



Community Improvement Plan

The Municipality of Brockton adopted an updated Community Improvement Plan on August 9, 2022 including expansion of the CIP area and offering new programs for businesses and commercial property owners. Visit our [Community Improvement Plan project](#) on Build Your Brockton, or our [website](#) for more information.



Brockton Parks and Recreation Department Activities:

Centennial Pool has closed for the season. The Recreation Departments thanks all patrons for their participation this summer!

The Municipality of Brockton extends our thanks to all of our students for their dedication to Brockton this summer, including our parks maintainers, visitor services, aquatics, and day camp staff!

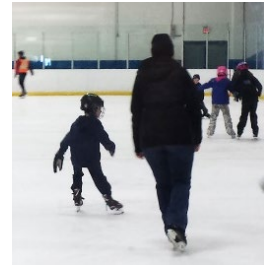


Brockton Parks and Recreation Department Activities:

Lobies Park Campground closes on October 9, 2022 for the season.

Registration for Fall/Winter Programming is now available! View the [2022/2023 Community Recreation Guide](#) or visit Brockton.ca/RecreationPrograms or [PerfectMind](#) to learn more about the different program opportunities offered. For more information call Brockton Parks and Recreation at 519-881-0625 or send an [email](#).

Public Skating is offered 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

Fire Department: Back to School Fire Safety

Back-to-school is right around the corner and for many students that means moving away from home and into a new apartment, house or dorm. Whether leaving home for the first time or returning to school, these fire safety and prevention tips could save your life.

- **Pay attention while cooking** – Cooking is the #1 cause of home fires in Ontario. More than 1,190 cooking-related fires happen annually (Ontario 2015-2019). When preparing food, never leave anything you're cooking unattended. If you're sleepy or have consumed alcohol, don't use the stove or stovetop.
- **Be extra careful with candles** – Candles are a major cause of fires. For a safer option, use battery operated candles. They look and smell just as nice without the risk. If you burn candles, keep them away from anything flammable. Never leave a lit candle unattended and put it out before you leave a room or go to bed.
- **Know the tools that keep you safe** – Make sure you have a working smoke alarm and carbon monoxide alarm. Only 45 per cent of residential fires from 2010-2019 had functioning smoke alarms. If you live in a dorm, make sure you know the location of the closest fire alarm pull station and the nearest emergency exit from your floor.
- **Have a plan** – 40 years ago, you had 17 minutes to escape a fire. Today, you have less than three. (CloseYourDoor.org). Fire spreads faster than ever before because of synthetic materials, furniture and construction. Make sure to plan and practice your fire escape plan. Know what to do and where to go during an emergency.

Fire Safety is for everyone! These tips can help all residents – not just those heading to school, so please share with your students, family and friends.

Community Events

Brockton is where generations of people come together to play, celebrate and enjoy life.

• Elmwood Chamber of Commerce Events

The Elmwood Chamber of Commerce is conducting their bingo raffle weekly on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. with doors opening at 6:00 p.m. at the Elmwood Community Centre 38 Concession Road 10 from September 6th to the end of October.

The Elmwood Chamber of Commerce is also hosting Wing Nights on September 23rd, and October 7th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Community Centre Pavilion. Wings \$1.25 each, Regular fries - \$4.00, Family Fries - \$8.00. Sauces are served on the side (Honey garlic, sweet chili, BBQ and Sweet & Sour). Pre-Order by texting or calling 519-901-0600. Walk-in orders are also welcome. Cash, debit, or credit card are accepted payment methods.

• C.W.L. Fish Fry

The Sacred Heart Parish Catholic Women's League (C.W.L.) are hosting an eat-in Fish Fry on September 16, 2022 from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Hall, 220 Victoria Street, Walkerton. Tickets are \$20.00 available at Brown's Guardian Pharmacy, Holst Office Pro, Pellow Pharmacy, or Sacred Heart Parish.










Community Events (Continued)

- **Victoria Jubilee Hall 125th Anniversary**
Victoria Jubilee Hall are hosting a free community event on September 17, 2022 from 12:00 Noon to 4:00 p.m. to celebrate the 125th Anniversary of the hall. Everyone is welcome! The event features Sing! Show Chorus, author Cindy Matthews, Walkerton Fire Department, and more. The show starts at Noon with refreshments and an Open House will follow.
- **Walkerton Legion End of Summer Dance**
The Walkerton Legion are hosting an End of Summer Dance on September 17, 2022 at 505 Scott Street. Doors open at 8:30 p.m. with the dance from 9:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m. featuring the classic rock band, After Midnight. Tickets are available in advance for \$10.00 at the Legion. Age of Majority only.
- **Election All Candidates Meeting**
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- **National Truth and Reconciliation Day**
National Truth and Reconciliation Day event to take place in Walkerton on Friday September 30th, 2022 at 6:30 p.m. to honour the lost children and survivors of residential schools, their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. All are welcome. Volunteers to help facilitate are appreciated. Check the Brockton [Municipal website](#) or [Facebook](#) for more details.
- **Autumn Decorating Contest for Walkerton Little Royal Fair**
Decorate your front doorstep/porch or front yard featuring three categories: rural, town, business. Be creative and festive with the fall season and the beautiful colours and décor! Rules: participants must live in Brockton, one entry per household, no Halloween theme/decorations, displays must include a Little Royal Fair sign. **Register by September 23rd – Judging will occur October 8th.** [Email](#) or call Krista at 519-934-0639 to register including your name, address, phone number and the category you are entering. Prizes: 1st Prize - \$100, 2nd Prize - \$75, 3rd Prize - \$50. Each participant will receive a thank you gift. Sponsored by the Walkerton Agricultural Society.
- **Walkerton Little Royal Fair**
The Walkerton Agricultural Society are hosting the Little Royal Fair October 14-16, 2022 at the Agricultural Buildings at 206 Durham Street. Welcome Back! We are pleased to announce our return! Join us for a Midway, Chuck Wagon and Chariot Races, Saddle Club Show, Touch a Tractor, Mojo Magic Show, Field to Fork Display and Pet Show; along with numerous other displays, demonstrations, exhibits, children's entertainment, food booth, breakfast and so much more! Admission is \$5.00/student, \$8.00/day pass, \$10.00/weekend pass, and \$20.00/weekend family pass. For up coming events and more information follow our Social Media Pages (Walkerton Agricultural Society [Facebook](#), Walkerton Agricultural Society [Instagram](#)) or visit the [Walkerton Agricultural Society website](#).
- **Walkerton Figure Skating Club Adult “Learn to Skate” Program**
The Walkerton Figure Skating Club are offering a program designed for Adults and Older Teens (16 years+) to learn how to skate in small group instruction with a certified CanSkate Coach. Participants can learn to skate or enhance existing skating skills in a fun and comfortable environment. The program runs October 15th, October 29th, November 12th, November 26th, and December 3rd at the Mildmay Arena from 10:00 to 10:45 a.m. for a cost of \$100* as well as a one-time fee of \$45.00 upon registration for Skate Canada Insurance. Learn more on the [Walkerton Figure Skating Club's website](#).

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We also encourage residents to follow us on social media for regular updates! You can also download the new Municipal App “Municipality of Brockton” created by Apptic Studios Inc. from the app store!

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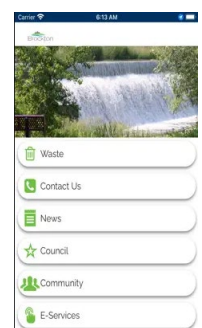


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South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Back to School Safety

Children across the South Bruce Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) detachment area have returned to school. Some will be walking, some will be riding bikes and many others will be riding on school buses to get to and from school. The return of school buses and student pedestrians means the roads will be busier. Give yourself extra time to get where you're going and help keep out students safe. The South Bruce OPP is asking all drivers to be extra careful and observant for children on or near roadways, particularly near school zones. Keep your speed down and watch for students that try to cross the road in an unexpected location.

Crossing Guards:

Did you know that it's against the law to ignore a school crossing guard? According to Section 176 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA), your vehicle must be stopped until the crosswalk is clear.

- Where a school crossing guard displays a school crossing stop sign as provided in subsection (2), the driver of any vehicle or street car approaching the school crossing guard shall stop before reaching the crossing and shall remain stopped until all persons, including the school crossing guard, have cleared the roadway and it is safe to proceed.

Motorists that fail to stop for a school crossing guard stop sign face a fine of \$365 and 4 demerit points upon conviction.

School buses:

The South Bruce OPP is reminding drivers to watch for school buses stopped on the roadway with alternating red lights flashing. Under Section 175 of the Highway Traffic Act (HTA), drivers meeting a stopped school bus and drivers approaching a stopped school bus must stop:

- Every driver or street car operator, when meeting on a highway, other than a highway with a median strip, a stopped school bus that has its overhead red signal-lights flashing, shall stop before reaching the bus and not proceed until the bus moves or the overhead lights have stopped flashing.
- When approaching a school bus from the rear that has its overhead signal-lights flashing shall stop at least 20 meters before reaching the bus and not proceed until the bus moves or the overhead lights have stopped flashing.

Motorists that fail to stop for a stopped school bus face stiff penalties upon conviction. First offence, the maximum fine is \$2,000 and 6 demerit points. For each subsequent offence, the maximum fine is \$4,000, or imprisonment, or both, and 6 demerit points.

If the driver can't be identified, the registered owner of the vehicle observed in violation of the law may be charged with failing to stop for a stopped school bus.

The South Bruce OPP encourages all parents and caregivers to take some time this weekend to talk to their children on the importance of being safe when travelling to and from school.

For more information on school buses and school crossings, please visit: <https://www.ontario.ca/document/official-mto-drivers-handbook/stopping>.