



### Brockton Buzz Newsletter – April 2023 Issue

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## Council Highlights

Following Council Meetings, a summary of the highlights from the meeting are posted on our website and social media. Catch up on highlights from the Council Meetings by visiting our Council and Committee News webpage at [Brockton.ca/CouncilNews](https://Brockton.ca/CouncilNews), or **subscribing** to receive the news straight to your email inbox! Brockton Council meets the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month at 7:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated. View a [PDF](#) or [online calendar](#) of the Council Meetings on our website.

Agendas are posted the Friday before the meeting on our Current Council Meeting Agenda webpage: [Brockton.ca/CouncilAgenda](https://Brockton.ca/CouncilAgenda) and video recordings of the meeting are posted as soon as the recording finishes processing. Video recordings are posted to the Current Council Meeting Agenda webpage and the individual calendar events for each Council Meeting.

## Downtown Park to Soon Break Ground

Construction is set to begin on the Market Garden park in downtown Walkerton! CSL Group is planning to break ground the first week in April, fencing off the area at 312 Durham Street East, between Walker's Landing and EXP Realty, during the construction period.



A grand opening is being planned for July. When completed, the outdoor community hub will include a fountain, eating area, stage, gardens and pathways, heritage interpretive plaques honoring the Wong family that ran a restaurant here for many years, and a donor recognition plaque. The park will be used for special events such as the Hometown Christmas Market and our Summer Streetfest, and will be make our downtown even more inviting for residents and visitors.

Donations for the project are still being accepted; please call the Brockton office at 519-881-2223 Ext. 131 or [email our Community Development Coordinator](#) if you are interested in contributing. More information is available at [Brockton.ca/MarketGarden](https://Brockton.ca/MarketGarden)

## Notice of Walkerton Watermain Flushing

As part of the ongoing maintenance of the Walkerton Water System, Veolia Water will be flushing the Walkerton distribution system throughout April and May 2023. This is estimated to take approximately one and a half (1 ½) months to complete. Residents are asked to run a cold water tap after the flushing has been completed in your area to discharge any discoloured water before use. We apologize for any inconvenience that this may cause. If you have any questions please contact Veolia Water at 519-881-1474.

## Municipal Office Closed for Easter

The Municipal Offices are closed on Friday, April 7, 2023 and Monday, April 10, 2023 for the Easter holiday. Our offices reopen on Tuesday, April 11, 2023. Council and staff wish you a happy holiday!

## Employment Opportunities

Looking for meaningful summer employment or 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 [Current Employment Opportunities webpage](#) for details for current opportunities.

## Drop-In Fitness Classes and Swimming Lesson Registration

Beginning April 1, 2023 the same fitness programs you love will switch to drop-in! The Spring Session of Fitness Classes run from April 1 to June 30, 2023. The first week (April 1-8) is "try it for free" week! Drop-In for \$10/visit or get a 10 Class Pass for \$100 (11<sup>th</sup> class free). Visit our [Adult Programs webpage](#) to view the classes available.

Swimming Lesson registration begins April 4, 2023 at 12:00 a.m., including private lesson registration. Visit our [Centennial Pool webpage](#) to learn more including the pool schedule, swimming lessons, aquatic courses, and pool rentals. The pool opens June 19, 2023!

## Bruce County Household Hazardous Waste Collection

Bruce County has released their [2023 Bruce County Household Hazardous Waste Collection Schedule](#). Residents of Bruce County are welcome to attend any of the locations to drop off household hazardous waste. Household Hazardous Waste will be collected in Brockton on June 24, 2023 and September 23, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bruce County Transportation Yard – 94 Bruce Road 2, Walkerton.





## Spring Landfill Hours

From April 1 to October 31, the Brant Landfill is open on Tuesdays and 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 is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill is open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All residents are encouraged to continue to use curbside pickup services. Visit [our Waste Management and Recycling webpage](#) for more details.

## 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](#).



## 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 Accepting Offers to Purchase a Lot in East Ridge Business Park, Walkerton

The Corporation of the Municipality of Brockton is accepting offers to purchase a lot within the East Ridge Business Park in Walkerton, legally described as PART 10 on PLAN 3R-10640 as highlighted in the attached Reference Plan. (View the [PDF document](#) to see the full size Reference Plan and Map of the identified lot).

Offers to purchase the lot must be submitted by **12:00 Noon on Wednesday, April 5, 2023** to Fiona Hamilton, Director of Legislative and Legal Services (Clerk) by [email](#), by mail to the Municipality of Brockton, 100 Scott Street, P.O. Box 68, Walkerton, ON NOG 2V0, or in person at the Municipal Office, with full Agreements of Purchase and Sale to follow.

The Council of the Municipality of Brockton will consider the offers to purchase the lot at their Council Meeting on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.



[www.buildyourbrockton.ca](http://www.buildyourbrockton.ca)






## Brockton's Community Engagement Website

The Municipality of Brockton reminds you to register to get involved on our community engagement website, [buildyourbrockton.ca](http://buildyourbrockton.ca)! This community engagement website invites feedback from the community on various projects such as our Summer Camp Assessment, Saugeen Riverbank Cliff Erosion, finalized Recreation Master Plan, informational projects, and more! Share your feedback and learn more about what's happening in your community.

## Subscribe to Brockton News/Alerts and Follow Our Social Media

Visit [Brockton.ca/Subscribe](http://Brockton.ca/Subscribe) to sign up and receive Brockton News, Calendar Events, and Emergency Alerts sent directly to your email. You can also [subscribe](#) to our [Brockton Business Newsletter](#) which features bi-monthly updates from the Municipality of Brockton and our partners in community and economic development.

We also encourage residents to follow us on social media for regular updates!

-  Facebook – [BrocktonON](#)
-  Instagram – [municipalitybrockton](#)
-  Twitter – [Mun\\_Brockton](#)
-  LinkedIn – [Municipality of Brockton](#)
-  YouTube – [Municipality of Brockton](#)



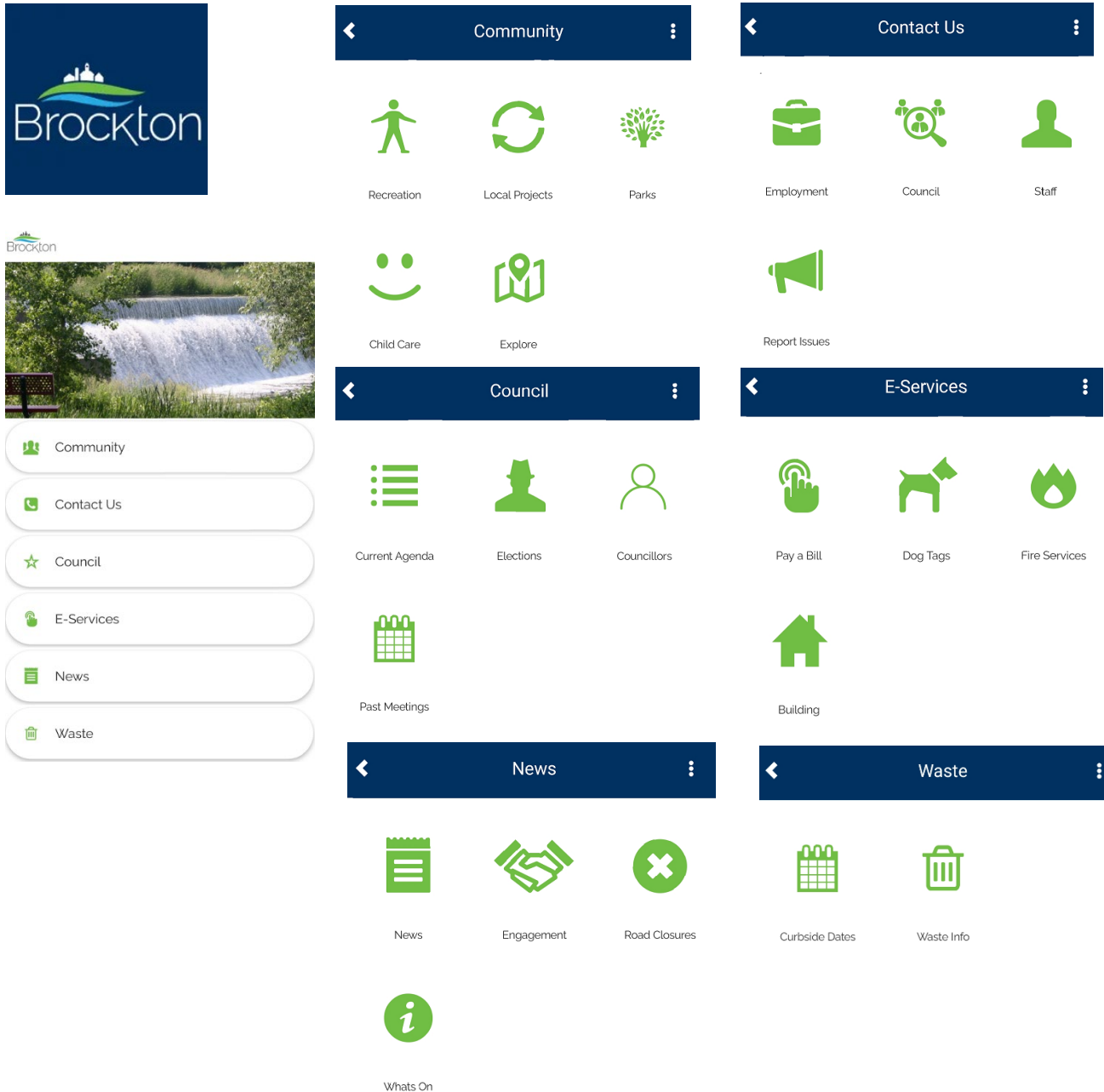
You can also subscribe to our electronic Business Newsletter!  
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### Download our Municipal App

You can also download the Municipal App “Municipality of Brockton” created by Apptic Studios Inc. from **Android** or **Apple** app stores! The App features our top searched content divided into categories: Community, Contact Us, Council, E-Services, News, Waste, readily available on your cellphone!



### Add Your Events to Brockton's Community Calendar

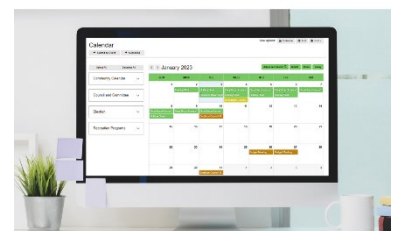
Make sure your 2023 events are featured on Brockton's free Community Calendar! Your event must be organized by a non-profit, or community organization and be held within Brockton.

The steps to adding your event are simple:

- 31** Visit [calendar.brockton.ca](https://calendar.brockton.ca) and click on **Submit an Event**.
- 31** Login if you have an account, or create one if it's your first time adding an event.
- 31** Add in your events, edit, and update your events from there

It's that simple! 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 [web@brockton.ca](mailto:web@brockton.ca).





## Community Events

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

### • **Income Tax Programs at Bruce County Public Library**

Bruce County Public Library Port Elgin, Kincardine, Chesley and Walkerton Branches are offering the opportunity for individuals with modest income to have their tax returns prepared by community volunteers. Appointments are required for these clinics. Walkerton Clinics are being held April 5<sup>th</sup>, April 12<sup>th</sup>, April 14<sup>th</sup>, April 17<sup>th</sup>, April 19<sup>th</sup>, and April 21<sup>st</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at 249 Durham Street East, Walkerton. Contact the Walkerton Library at 519-881-3240 or by [email](#).

### • **Midwestern Ontario Rotary Music Festival Registration – April 17-26, 2023**

It is with great pleasure that we announce that the Midwestern Ontario Rotary Music Festival in Walkerton is back April 17 to 26, 2023! For more information, syllabus and registration forms, email Yvonne Kieffer at [info@midwesternontariorotarymusicfestival.ca](mailto:info@midwesternontariorotarymusicfestival.ca). Don't miss this excellent learning experience for schools, community groups and private students.

### • **Sip, Sparkle & Spence – An Evening with Lynn Spence – April 22, 2023**

The Kinette Club of Walkerton are hosting Sip, Sparkle & Spence on April 22, 2023 at Best Western Plus in Walkerton! Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The evening will include appetizers and champagne, live and silent auctions, and a fashion show commentated by Lynn Spence of CityTV's CityLine. Fashions from A Delicate Edge and Amazing Assets will be featured! Tickets are now available. General admission tickets are \$70 each. Tickets can be purchased at A Delicate Edge or Amazing Assets Walkerton, or by contacting any Kinette.

### • **Chepstow Lions Marbles Tournament – April 22, 2023**

The Chepstow Lions Club are hosting a marbles tournament on April 22, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. at the Chepstow Community Hall. \$50/per team (2 players). 3 games guaranteed tournament. Pizza will be available. Contact Amy Huber at 519-374-4742 to enter - Deadline to enter April 7, 2023.

### • **Spirit in the Sky Gospel Show – April 23, 2023**

A Traversy/Mack Production featuring P.J. Mack, Tom Traversy, Elaine Pearce, Mandi Craddock, The Gospel Quartet (Bob Ferguson, Gord Smith, Tom Traversy and Richard Field) and The Ladies Gospel Choir. St. Paul's United Church Walkerton Sunday, April 23, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets: Adults - \$10, Children under 10 - \$5. Tickets available at Holst Office Supplies, Brown's Guardian Pharmacy, A&R Music, St. Paul's United Church 519-881-1110. All tickets sold for the cancelled show in 2020 will be honoured. Event supporting Saugeen Hospice

### • **Chepstow Lions Men's Night – April 28, 2023**

Chepstow Lions Club are hosting a Men's Night fundraiser for new ball diamond lights on April 28, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the Chepstow Community Hall. Contact Bill Lacey at 519-889-2344 or by [email](#)

### • **Walkerton and District Hospital Foundation Moonlight Gala – April 29, 2023**

Join the Walkerton and District Hospital Foundation on Saturday, April 29, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. at the 14th Annual Gala for an 'Evening in Tuscany' hosted at the Cargill Community Centre. For more information, or to purchase tickets, please contact the Foundation by [email](#) or by phone at 519-881-0441.

## South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Warm Weather Traffic Safety

As the warm spring weather returns to Southern Bruce County, we will see some different vehicles sharing the road. The South Bruce OPP is offering some safety tips for motorists that encounter farm vehicles or motorcycles.

### Farm Vehicles

- Farm vehicles travel around 35 km/h and display an orange triangle that identifies a slow-moving vehicle.
- The farmer may be unable to pull off the road due to equipment weight or shoulder issues. Ensure you wait for a safe opportunity to pass.
- Farmers pulling large equipment need to make a wide turn. If a tractor swings right, be careful, it may be starting a left turn.
- Watch for left turns. Not all farm vehicles have turn signals – watch for farmer's signaling a turn using the same hand signals as a bicycle rider.

### Motorcycles

- A motorcycle is more difficult to see than other vehicles and its profile is smaller from most angles.
- Be sure that you are safe to proceed **before** doing so; check your mirrors and all around your car
- Over 1/3 of all crashes with motorcycles are intersection related. Slow down as you come to an intersection and look carefully for traffic, traffic control signals, cyclists, pedestrians.
- Watch for signs, such as shoulder checking or leaning, that indicate the rider is going to change lanes.
- Drivers can easily misjudge a motorcycle's speed or distance.

Road safety is a shared responsibility. Please do your part.





### South Bruce O.P.P. Detachment – Vehicles Include Automated Licence Plate Recognition and In-Car Cameras

The South Bruce Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has installed and activated the Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) and In-Car-Camera (ICC) systems in all patrol vehicles.

As a result of investments made by government in the OPP and municipal police services in the province, the OPP is introducing ICC video recording equipment with an integrated ALPR functionality to all its frontline police vehicles at detachments across Ontario.

The ICC and ALPR have been operating South Bruce Detachment since March 14, 2023. South Bruce OPP officers continue to see drivers operating vehicles that do not have valid, registered licence plates. Although vehicle owners are not required to purchase a validation sticker for their vehicle, licence plates are still required to be renewed annually or bi-annually. The South Bruce OPP wants you to know that driving a vehicle with expired validation carries a set fine of \$110.

This is an example of the OPP's commitment to increasing transparency and accountability in the policing of our communities, and to leverage technologies that will enhance community and officer safety. These technologies will be used to gather enhanced evidence to be used in the prosecution of offences and will also highlight the professionalism our members display every day as they work to ensure safe communities.

In addition to the benefits that will come with having an objective video recording of an interaction between an officer and member of the public, the integrated ALPR functionality will dramatically enhance the ability of an officer to detect licence plates that are linked with criminal or traffic offences. Examples would include plates associated with wanted or missing people, stolen vehicles, stolen or unattached licence plates, suspended and prohibited drivers and with other emergent situations like Amber Alerts.



# Hoarding and Fire: Reducing the Risk

Do you have a person in your life who may be a hoarder? Hoarding is a condition where a person has persistent difficulty discarding personal possessions. The large amount of possessions fill the home and prevent the normal use of the space. Living space becomes cluttered. It may be unusable. Hoarding brings distress and emotional health concerns.

## WHY HOARDING INCREASES FIRE RISKS

- Cooking is unsafe if flammable items are close to the stove or oven.
- Heating units may be too close to things that can burn. They might also be placed on unstable surfaces. If a heater tips over into a pile, it can cause a fire.
- Electrical wiring may be old or worn from the weight of piles. Pests could chew on wires. Damaged wires can start fires.
- Open flames from smoking materials or candles in a home with excess clutter are very dangerous.
- Blocked pathways and exits may hinder escape from a fire.

## HOW HOARDING IMPACTS FIRST RESPONDERS

- Hoarding puts first responders in harm's way.
- Firefighters cannot move swiftly through a home filled with clutter.
- Responders can be trapped in a home when exits are blocked. They can be injured by objects falling from piles.
- The weight of the stored items, especially if water is added to put out a fire, can lead to building collapse.
- Fighting fires is very risky in a hoarding home. It is hard to enter the home to provide medical care. The clutter impedes the search and rescue of people and pets.

## How Can You Help Reduce the Risk of Fire Injury

- ✓ When talking a person who hoards, focus on safety rather than the clutter. Be empathetic. Match the person's language. If they call it hoarding, then you can call it hoarding.
- ✓ Help the residents make a home safety and escape plan. Stress the importance of clear pathways and exits. Practice the plan often. Exit routes may change as new items are brought into the home.
- ✓ Install working smoke alarms in the home. Test them at least once a month.
- ✓ Reach out to community resources. Talk to members of the fire department to alert them of your concerns. They may be able to connect you with members of a hoarding task force for additional help.



**Your Source for SAFETY Information**

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