



### Brockton Buzz Newsletter – August 2026 Issue

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#### Green Bin Program

The Municipality of Brockton will be implementing a single-source organics (Green Bin) program this Fall. As part of the 2026 Budget, the Municipality will be providing Green Bins at no cost to residents of Walkerton that currently receive curbside garbage collection. Green Bins will be delivered to Walkerton residents in advance of the first scheduled collection date which is anticipated in September 2026.



Did you know that food scraps and other organic materials don't belong in the garbage? By using your Green Bin, you're helping reduce landfill waste, lower greenhouse gas emissions, and create a cleaner, greener Brockton!

**Accepted items include:** Fruit and vegetable scraps, Meat, bones, and dairy products, Coffee grounds and tea bags, Eggshells, Soiled paper products such as napkins and paper towels.

Please keep contaminants out of your Green Bin such as plastic bags and packaging, metal, glass, or construction materials, soil, rocks, and treated wood.

Bags and bin liners must be biodegradable certified with the BPI Compostable Logo, otherwise they will not be collected. Bags must also be tied for pickup.



For a **full list of accepted materials and more information** about the program, please visit [Brockton.ca/GreenBin](https://Brockton.ca/GreenBin)

Every Green Bin collected helps divert valuable organic material from landfill and supports Brockton's commitment to environmental sustainability. Thank you for doing your part!

#### 2026 Municipal Election Information



The upcoming Municipal Election will be held on **Monday, October 26, 2026**. The Municipality of Brockton will be using an internet and telephone voting system. You will be able to vote online or by telephone from **Monday October 19, 2026 beginning at 10:00 a.m. until Monday October 26, 2026 at 8:00 p.m. (Voting Period)**.

Ensure your mailing address is up to date! A letter with your unique Voter PIN will be mailed directly to your home address in advance of the voting period. You will require this letter and PIN to vote.

#### Are you on the Voters List?

Whether you are a life-long resident, have recently moved to Brockton, live in a newer subdivision, are a tenant, or turned 18 since the 2022 Municipal Election we encourage everyone to confirm that you are on the Voters List. You will be required to provide proof of identity and residence. You can [email Election staff](#), call 519-881-2223 to check your information, or visit the Municipal Office at 100 Scott Street, Walkerton to check your information on the Voters List.

#### Changing Your School Support

Whether you own or rent your home, your property is linked to a school board - even if they do not have children, or your children aren't currently attending school. You have the option to choose which school board you support. If you don't make a choice, your support defaults to the English Public school board.

Electors can still change their school support designation by contacting Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC)'s Customer Care Centre 1-866-296-6722 and submit their confirmation letter to the Municipality, or online through the About My Property portal [www.MPAC.ca/AboutMyProperty](https://www.MPAC.ca/AboutMyProperty) or Tenant Portal [school-support.mpac.ca](https://school-support.mpac.ca) and submit their confirmation email to the Municipality.

#### Do you want to run for Municipal Council?

Qualified persons wishing to serve on Municipal Council or School Board Trustee may file a Nomination Form with the Clerk **until 2:00 p.m. on Friday August 21, 2026**. Information packages are available on the Municipal website and at the Municipal Office. Nominations will be certified by the Clerk on August 24, 2026. View the List of Candidates currently running for office at [Brockton.ca/ElectionCandidates](https://Brockton.ca/ElectionCandidates) or at the Municipal Office.

Stay tuned as more information on the Election will be released throughout the year! Learn more at [Brockton.ca/Election](https://Brockton.ca/Election)

#### Find the Fish in Walkerton!



Did you know Walkerton is home to 12 unique fish art sculptures created by local artists? Take a self-guided stroll/drive and discover these colourful works of art that celebrate our community, culture, and connection to the Saugeen River. Make it even more fun by participating in the **Find the Fish Walking Adventure!** Find all 12 fish (or as many as you can) and you could win great prizes, including Brockton Dollars. Visit [Brockton.ca/FishArt](https://Brockton.ca/FishArt) and follow us on social media for contest details, rules, and prize information.



### 2027 Budget Feedback

Mayor Peabody is inviting community input to help inform 2027 budget preparation through the following methods:



- **Service Group/Organizations (Community User Group) Budget Requests**

Service groups/organizations that would like to make a budget request from the Municipality of Brockton can submit a budget request by completing a [2027 Budget Community User Group Request Form](#) by **October 2, 2026**.

- **Budget (Engagement) Survey**

Help shape the draft 2027 Budget by letting us know what's important to you! Residents and business owners can complete the online (anonymous) [2027 Budget Survey](#) by **October 2, 2026** and your input will be incorporated into the creation of the 2027 Budget.

Visit [Brockton.ca/MayorsBudget](https://Brockton.ca/MayorsBudget) to learn more.

### Career Opportunities

The Municipality of Brockton is currently recruiting for a Landfill Site Lead Attendant, Recreation Leaders, Seasonal/Part-Time Food Booth Attendants, Seasonal/Part-Time Facilities Maintainers, Heavy Equipment Operators, and a Supply/Casual Teacher with the Brockton Child Care Centre. Visit [Brockton.ca/Jobs](https://Brockton.ca/Jobs) for more details.

### Tax Installment Due Dates – September 30, 2026 and November 30, 2026

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. Please allow 2 to 3 days for processing if you are paying through your financial institutions online banking system. Visit [Brockton.ca/Taxes](https://Brockton.ca/Taxes) for more information.

### E-Scooter Provincial Prohibition

The Province of Ontario released a [pilot program](#) on the use of e-scooters under the Highway Traffic Act, only allowing e-scooters to be used if a Municipality has passed a By-Law permitting their use. Ontario's pilot project defines an e-scooter as a two-wheeled standing device with handlebars, a maximum motor output of 500 watts and a maximum speed of 24 km/h. The Municipality of Brockton has not opted into this Provincial pilot program and does not have a By-Law in place allowing e-scooters. E-scooters are not allowed in Brockton, including on municipal highways, sidewalks, trails, paths, walkways, and parks in an effort to prioritize the safety of residents. Help keep our community safe by not using an e-scooter within Brockton.

Learn more about the Provincial prohibition by reading the Ontario Regulation 389/19 under the Highway Traffic Act: <https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/r19389>. Or read the [Ontario E-Scooter Pilot Program Review Report](#) from the June 9, 2026 Council Meeting.

### Municipal Offices Closed for Labour Day

Municipal Offices will be closed on Monday, September 7, 2026 for Labour Day. Our offices will reopen on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. Council and staff wish you a safe and happy holiday weekend!

### Summer Community Services (Parks and Recreation) Programs and Events:

**Centennial Park Pool:** The pool will close on Thursday September 3, 2026. Thank you for an incredible pool and summer season!

**Upcoming Special Events:** Please visit [Brockton.ca/Events](https://Brockton.ca/Events) for a full listing of upcoming events including:

- **Outdoor Movie Night – Jurassic Park** on August 28, 2026 at 8:30 p.m. at the Cargill Community Centre! Bring a lawn chair or blanket!
- **Music in the Park**, join us in the Downtown Market Garden on Saturdays from 1:00-3:00pm!
  - August 29<sup>th</sup> – Open Mic (contact us to reserve a timeslot)
  - August 30<sup>th</sup> – Al Crawford... A special performance from 1:00 – 3:00pm at the Heritage Water Garden

**Fall Fitness Programs:** Please visit [Brockton.ca/Programs](https://Brockton.ca/Programs) for more information and to register. More programs will be released in the coming weeks!

**Public Skating returns September 9!** Please visit [Brockton.ca/Skating](https://Brockton.ca/Skating) for schedules and updates.

**Sponsorship Opportunities:** Support your community! Contact us at [recreation@brockton.ca](mailto:recreation@brockton.ca) to learn about sponsorship options in Brockton. Come Home to Community!



### Grill Safety Reminder

When firing up your grill this summer, remember these safety tips!

- Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the grill area.
- Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- Never leave your grill unattended.
- Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.



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

Feature your 2026 events 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:

-  Visit [events.brockton.ca](https://events.brockton.ca) and click on [Submit an Event](#).
-  Login if you have an account, or create one if it's your first time adding an event.
-  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.

### Community Events

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

#### • Bruce County Public Library Outdoor Movie – August 28

The movie, Jurassic Park, will be the outdoor movie feature at the Cargill Community Centre (999 Greenock-Brant Townline, Cargill) on August 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 p.m./dusk! Bring a blanket or lawn chair for this outdoor event. Rain location indoors. Learn more at [library.brucecounty.on.ca](https://library.brucecounty.on.ca)

#### • Bruce County Public Library Teen Café – September 10

Teens can participate in dot painting at the Walkerton Library Branch, 253 Durham Street on Thursday, September 10, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. Learn more at [library.brucecounty.on.ca](https://library.brucecounty.on.ca)



#### • Walkerton Knights of Columbus Breakfast – September 13

The Walkerton Knights of Columbus are hosting a breakfast on Sunday, September 13, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 1658 Highway 9, RR5, Mildmay, ON N0G 2J0. Adults: \$15.00, Children (5-10) \$6.00, and Children 4 and under Free.

#### • International Plowing Match and Rural Expo – September 22-26

Celebrate Bruce County's rich agricultural heritage while looking ahead to a bright future. The 2026 International Plowing Match & Rural Expo will be held in Walkerton September 22-26, 2026 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Visit the [IPM's website](#) for a full listing of events planned and to purchase your tickets!



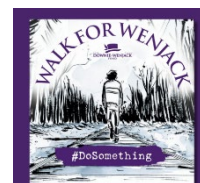
#### • Secret Path Screening at Walkerton Library – September 29

The Bruce County Public Library Walkerton Branch are showing a screening of The Secret Path at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 29, 2026. The Secret Path is a poignant animated film based on the album by Gord Downie and the graphic novel by Jeff Lemire about Chanie Wenjack's story and the legacy of residential schools in Canada.



#### • National Day for Truth and Reconciliation/Walk for Wenjack – September 30

The Municipality of Brockton is hosting a joint National Day for Truth and Reconciliation Vigil/Walk for Wenjack on Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at Riverbend Park, Walkerton. Light refreshments will be provided. Donations to the Nawash Food Bank and Saugeen First Nations will be accepted onsite.





### **Bruce County Media Release - Emergency planning for your family should include your pets**

Having an emergency plan for your family is essential. It needs to include all members – even your pets!

If there's an emergency and you need to evacuate your home, make sure you are prepared to care for your pet for several days. These are items which should be part of your emergency kit for your pet:

#### **Food and water**

Depending on the size of your dog, they can drink about four litres of water per day. Cats drink about one litre of water per day. Don't forget bowls and a can opener for food.

#### **Pet first aid kit**

Include any medications along with dosage information, vaccination records and your veterinarian's contact details.

#### **Identify your pet**

Make sure they've got their collar, ID tags, and that microchip information is up-to-date. In case of separation, having a recent photo in your kit can also help you identify your pet.

#### **Comfort and care items**

You'll want to have essential items such as a good leash, their harness, a crate or carrier. There's also essentials like paper towels, bags for waste pick-up, as well as litter and a litter box. Your pet's favourite blanket or toy will bring comfort, too.

Ideally, you won't be in a situation where you need to evacuate. If you are, it's recommended you take your pet with you. However, most emergency shelters do not accept non-service animals, so planning ahead is wise. Your plan should include pet-friendly hotels or boarding kennels. Out-of-town friends or family are also an option for caring for your pet during an emergency.

If you must leave your pet behind, leave them indoors, but not in a crate. Give them plenty of food and water. Leaving the toilet seat up can also be a place for them to get water in an emergency. Post signs on your windows and doors to alert emergency responders to the fact that pets are inside.

"Pets are a part of the family, so including them in your emergency plan makes sense," said Bruce County's Emergency Management Coordinator, Ray Lux. "Emergencies are stressful, so knowing your pets will be taken care of and safe is one less worry."

Learn more about emergency preparedness at [www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared](http://www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared).