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2026 Municipal and School Board Election Results

The Municipality of Brockton thanks all eligible electors for exercising their right to vote in the 2026 Municipal Election. Results from the Election are available to view on our website **Brockton.ca/Election**. There was a voter turnout of 45.1% with 3,832 votes **o**f 8,494 electors. 18 electors declined their ballot and are included in the turnout. The successful candidates for each office in the 2026 Brockton Municipal and School Board Election are as follows:

- **Mayor:** Chris Peabody (Acclaimed)
- **Deputy Mayor:** Tim Elphick
- **Councillors:** Mitch Clark, Justin Hoffarth, Gregory McLean, Nicole Schneider, and Steve Travale
- **English Public School Board Trustee - Bluewater District School Board:** Terry Boyd-Zhang (Acclaimed)
- **English Separate School Board Trustee - Bruce-Grey Catholic District School Board (Brockton Wards 34 and 36):** Linda Strader

The new Council will be sworn in on November 17, 2026. For information on our 2026-2030 Council Members be sure to check out our Meet Your Councillors webpage **Brockton.ca/MeetCouncil** to read their biographies.

2027 Council Meeting Calendar

The dates for the 2027 Brockton Council Meetings have been posted to our website **Brockton.ca/Council** and our Community Calendar. Council Meetings will be held on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. (unless otherwise noted) and will be held via hybrid meeting in-person at the Bruce County Council Chambers and electronically on Zoom/livestreamed on eScribe. Residents will be notified of any change in meeting location.

- Monday, January 12, 2027 (Budget Meeting at 6:00 pm and Council Meeting at 7:00 pm)
- Tuesday, January 26, 2027
- Monday, February 8, 2027 (Budget Meeting at 10:00 am)
- Tuesday, February 23, 2027 (Budget Meeting at 6:00 pm and Council Meeting at 7:00 pm)
- Tuesday, March 9, 2027
- Tuesday, March 23, 2027
- Tuesday, April 13, 2027
- Tuesday, April 27, 2027
- Tuesday, May 11, 2027
- Tuesday, May 25, 2027
- Tuesday, June 8, 2027
- Tuesday, June 22, 2027 (Cargill Community Centre)
- Tuesday, July 13, 2027
- Tuesday, August 10, 2027
- Tuesday, August 24, 2027
- Tuesday, September 14, 2027
- Tuesday, September 28, 2027
- Tuesday, October 12, 2027
- Tuesday, October 26, 2027
- Tuesday, November 9, 2027
- Tuesday, November 23, 2027
- Tuesday, December 14, 2027

Shop & Win Challenge Runs November 13-December 18, 2026

Join the Hometown Holiday Hunt! Find the Brockton holiday ornament inside participating businesses while you are shopping, dining or receiving services, and receive a stamp. Fill a card with 8 stamps to enter the draws! Enter early and enter often this holiday season! Prizes include gift cards and merchandise from participating businesses, as well as Brockton Dollars! Visit **Brockton.ca/HolidayHunt** to learn more.

Walkerton's Hometown Christmas Market – November 19, 2026



Shop local and support businesses in Walkerton at the Hometown Christmas Market on Thursday, November 19, 2026 from 4:00 to 9:00 pm. More than 45 vendors will be set up in the Market Garden and along Durham Street, complimenting the special sales and promotions offered by our downtown businesses. Enjoy live entertainment, food trucks, an outdoor licensed area and more! Visit **Brockton.ca/ChristmasMarket** for more details.

Road Closure: Durham Street between Jackson and Victoria Streets in Walkerton will be closed to traffic starting at 2:00 p.m. on November 19th to accommodate shoppers and festivities. The road will reopen by 10:00 p.m.

Brockton Dollars



Brockton Dollars gift certificates are redeemable at participating stores, restaurants, and other commercial establishments in denominations of $10, $25 and $50. 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. Visit **Brockton.ca/BrocktonDollars** to learn more.

Tax Installment Due Date – 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, 2001*. Please allow 2 to 3 days for processing if you are paying through the online banking system of your financial institution. Residents can pay bills by debit, cheque or cash at the Municipal Office, drop off payments to the Municipal Office Drop Box, or sign up for online payments through their banking institution. Visit **Brockton.ca/Payments** for further instructions on our online payment services.

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.

Winter Landfill Hours

From November 1 to March 31, the Brant Landfill (57 Concession 8, Elmwood) is open on 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 (564 Concession 10, Chepstow) is open on Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill (868 Bruce Road 4, Walkerton) 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 **Brockton.ca/LandfillSites** for more details.

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Career Opportunities

If you are passionate about providing exceptional services in a municipal environment and are looking for a place to challenge yourself and grow, we want you on our team! The Municipality is currently hiring 18-month Contract Early Childhood Education (ECE) Teachers or Non-RECE's at the Brockton Child Care Centre, Winter Seasonal and Winter Weekend Heavy Equipment Operators, Landfill Attendant, Recreation Leader, and Supply/Casual RECE or Non-RECE Teacher at the Brockton Child Care Centre. Visit **Brockton.ca/Jobs** for more details on our career opportunities, including how to apply.

Community Services (Parks and Recreation) Programs:

Fall Recreation and Fitness Programs - Including Chair Yoga, Gentle Yoga, Pound & Gentle Fitness, Mom & Baby Fitness, Tai Chi, Senior Activation, Indoor Walking Program and more. Please visit **Brockton.ca/Programs** for more information and to register.

Drop-In Gym - Grades 1-3 from 5:00-6:00pm and Grades 4-6 from 6:00-7:00pm | Join us on Tuesday evenings at Walkerton District Community School for loads of games and programs – no need to pre-register, cash only. Full information can be found at **Brockton.ca/Programs**, and be sure to contact **recreation@brockton.ca** to join the email communication list!

Indoor Pickleball - Bring your paddles and join us at The Cargill Community Centre, Tuesdays 12:30 - 3pm and 5:30 - 8pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:30am - 12pm, with some future blackout dates. Please visit **Brockton.ca/Programs** for more information, and contact **recreation@brockton.ca** to join the email communication list.

Public Skating at the Walkerton Community Centre - Visit **Brockton.ca/Skating** for schedules and updates.

Sponsorship Opportunities - Support your community! Email **recreation@brockton.ca** to learn about sponsorship options in Brockton. Come Home to Community!

Be sure to follow the Municipality of Brockton on **Facebook** and **Instagram**, for all future updates!

Stay Warm Safely



If you must use a space heater, plug it directly into a wall outlet, not into an extension cord or power bar. Give it lots of room — at least 1 m (3 feet) of space on all sides and turn it off before leaving the room or going to sleep.

- Consider replacing old space heaters with newer models that turn off automatically when tipped or overheating.
- Use a barrier to keep children and pets away from gas or wood burning fireplaces when they are in use.

Community Events

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

- **Knights of Columbus Breakfast – November 8, 2026**
  The Knights of Columbus are hosting their monthly breakfast on Sunday, November 8, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall (1658 Highway 9, Mildmay). Tickets $16/adults, $7/children ages 5-12.

- **Bruce County Public Library Christmas Donations – November 12-December 5, 2026**
  The Dorrell Young Christmas Program provides gifts to approximately 500 Bruce County children and teens each year and relies entirely on the generosity of individuals and organizations in our community. Help support the program by donating a new, unwrapped family game or puzzle at any Bruce County Public Library branch November 12 to December 5.

- **CWL Roast Beef Dinner – November 13, 2026**
  Sacred Heart Parish's C.W.L. are hosting a Roast Beef Dinner on Friday, November 16, 2026 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall (220 Victoria St. S., Walkerton). Eat-in or Take-out dinner. Tickets $25/adults and $10/children ages 4-10. Tickets available at Brown's Pharmacy, Holst Office Supply, and Sacred Heart Parish Office.

- **Walkerton & District Optimist Club Holiday House Tour – November 20 & 21, 2026**
  
  The Walkerton & District Optimist Club are hosting their annual Holiday House Tour on Friday, November 20, 2026 from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 21, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. featuring seven festive homes! Tickets are $25 and available at each home on the day of the tour, or in advance at Holst Office Supplies, Pellow Pharmasave and Browns Pharmasave. All proceeds support the growth of youth activities in the Walkerton area.

- **Sing! This Christmas Performances – November 26-29, 2026**
  Sing! Show Chorus are performing at the Cargill Community Centre (999 Greenock-Brant Townline, Cargill) on Thursday, November 26 and Friday, November 27 at 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, November 28 and Sunday, November 29 at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are $25/adult and $5/student (ages 15 and under), and available at Beautiful Beginnings, A&R Music, Holst Office Supplies, Brown's Pharmacy, or through any chorus or band member. Purchase online tickets at: **https://ticketscene.ca/series/1647/**

- **Walkerton District Community School Vendor Fair – November 28, 2026**
  The Walkerton District Community School Annual Vendor Fair is happening Saturday, November 28, 2026 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at 1320 Yonge St. S., Walkerton! Browse an incredible selection of unique crafts, delicious food, stunning jewelry, home decor, and more from talented local artisans. It is the perfect place to find thoughtful gifts while supporting our creative community. Best of all, proceeds go directly toward new school playground equipment! Come shop with a purpose. Contact 519-881-8521 for more information.

- **Walkerton Santa Claus Parade – November 28, 2026**
  The Walkerton Kinsmen Club will be hosting the annual Walkerton Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. along Durham St., Walkerton. **Road Closure:** Durham St. will be closed from Victoria St. to the Walkerton Community Centre (201 Durham St. W.) from 6:45 to 9:00 p.m. for the parade.

- **Elmwood Christmas in the Park – November 29, 2026**
  
  Join the Elmwood Community Service Association on Sunday, November 29, 2026 at 3:30 p.m. at the Lions' Park for pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus, and crafts, popcorn, hot chocolate and coffee in the park. The Christmas Tree will be lit up at 5:00 p.m.

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Bruce County Media Release: Emergency Preparedness for Seniors

Having an Emergency Preparedness Plan is essential for individuals and families so they are prepared to support themselves during an emergency, whether sheltering in place at home or evacuating. For seniors, planning ahead is especially important to ensure specific needs can be met during an emergency situation.

One of the first steps in emergency preparedness is establishing a personal support network. Family members, friends, neighbours, or caregivers who may be able to assist during an emergency should be aware of their role and understand how they can help. It is recommended that written instructions be provided outlining assistance requirements, as emergencies can be stressful and confusing situations.

Individuals should share their emergency plan with their support network and practice evacuation procedures together. A current list of support network contacts should be included in both emergency plans and emergency kits and taken along if evacuation becomes necessary.

Seniors who do not have family or friends nearby may wish to connect with local seniors' groups, community organizations, or service clubs. These groups can help build valuable connections and support networks that often become especially important during emergencies.

Residents are encouraged to practice evacuation procedures regularly, ensuring medications, assistive devices, and essential supplies can be gathered quickly when leaving home. Emergency plans should also include:

- Assistive devices such as canes, walkers, hearing aids, and extra batteries
- Eyeglasses, dentures, and other personal care items
- A supply of medications, including a list of each medication, its purpose, dosage, and schedule
- Contact information for family members, physicians, and caregivers
- Contact information for the dispensing pharmacy

Assistive devices and larger mobility equipment should be clearly labelled with the owner's name and telephone number to help ensure they can be identified if separated during an emergency.

“Dealing with an emergency or having to evacuate your home can be immensely stressful,” says Ray Lux, Bruce County's Emergency Management Coordinator. “If you are a senior, creating a support network and including important information and instructions in your emergency plan can make a significant difference. These steps can help reduce stress and ensure you have the resources and assistance you need during an emergency.”

Many resources are available to help seniors prepare for emergencies. Learn more about emergency preparedness for older adults through the Province of Ontario's emergency preparedness resources, **available on their website.**