



Brockton Buzz Newsletter – September 2026 Issue

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2026 Municipal Election Information



The upcoming Municipal Election will be held on **Monday, October 26, 2026**. The Municipality of Brockton is 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)**.

Voter Information Letters 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 or Tenant Portal school-support.mpac.ca and submit their confirmation email to the Municipality.

Who is Running for Council or School Board Trustee?

Nominations for Municipal Council and School Board Trustee closed on August 21, 2026. The Certified Official List of Candidates is available on the Municipality's website 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

Green Bin Program

The Municipality of Brockton is 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

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!

Bruce County Household Hazardous Waste Collection – October 3, 2026

Bruce County has released their [2026 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 October 3, 2026 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Bruce County Transportation Yard – 94 Bruce Road 2, Walkerton.

Career Opportunities

The Municipality of Brockton is currently recruiting for a Heavy Equipment Operator, Facilities and Parks Operator, Landfill Site Lead Attendant, Landfill Attendant, Recreation Administrator (6 month contract), Recreation Leaders, and Supply/Casual Teachers with the Brockton Child Care Centre. Visit Brockton.ca/Jobs for more details.



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 to learn more.

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 for more information.

E-Scooter Provincial Prohibition Reminder

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.

The South Bruce O.P.P. have been out on foot patrol, speaking directly with local youth and providing education about where and how e-scooters can legally be used. Our Municipal By-Law Enforcement Officer has also been engaging with local youth to help reinforce the rules and provide education. These positive conversations will continue. The South Bruce O.P.P. have shared [information on social media](#), and will be conducting outreach with our local schools.

Thank you to our youth for engaging positively with our officers and municipal staff, and to everyone for helping keep our streets and community safe! A little education and awareness can go a long way.

Please take a moment to make sure you and your family understand the rules before using an e-scooter.

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.

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 and follow us on social media for contest details, rules, and prize information. Submissions are due September 30, 2026!

Fall Community Services (Parks and Recreation) Programs:

Fall Fitness Programs: Including Chair Yoga, Gentle Yoga, Zumba Gold & Gentle Fitness, Mom & Baby Fitness, Tai Chi, Volleyball, Indoor Walking Program and more. Please visit Brockton.ca/Programs for more information and to register. More programs will be released in the coming weeks!

Indoor Pickleball: This drop-in program begins September 29 at The Cargill Community Centre, with some *future blackout dates*. **Tuesdays 12:30 – 3:00pm and 5:30 – 8:00pm, Wednesdays and Thursdays 9:30am – 12:00pm.** Please visit Brockton.ca/Programs for more information, and contact recreation@brockton.ca to join the email communication list.

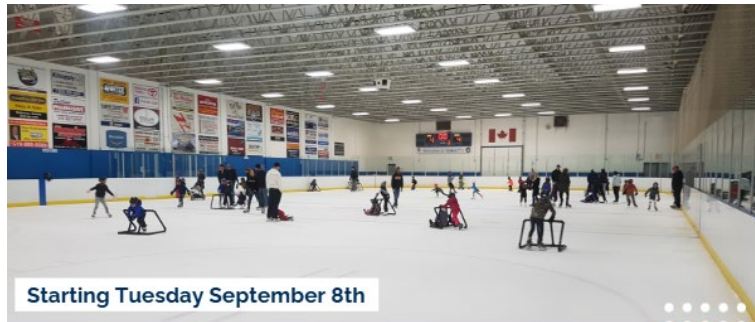
Home Alone Course: October 16 (PA Day): This course is for ages 9-12 and helps participants learn about accident prevention, emergency preparedness, general safety and making responsible decisions. Please visit Brockton.ca/Programs for more information and to register.

Babysitting Course: November 20 (PA Day): This course is for ages 11-15, to learn the skills of caring for children and to receive a certification. Please visit Brockton.ca/Programs for more information and to register.



Fall Community Services (Parks and Recreation) Programs (Continued):

Public Skating is Back! Please visit Brockton.ca/Skating for schedules and updates.



Starting Tuesday September 8th

Public Skating Schedule

Walkerton Community Centre | 290 Durham St. W. Walkerton

Weekdays 12:00 - 12:50pm	Wednesdays 3:30 - 4:50pm	Sundays 1:00 - 1:50pm
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Public skating details and sponsored skates can be found online at www.brockton.ca/skating. For drop-in skating and ice rentals, contact recreation@brockton.ca

 brockton.ca/skating 519-881-0625 x 2

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

Test Your Smoke Alarm Day



In 2022, fire fatalities reached a record high in Ontario - the highest we'd seen in 20 years. In too many of these cases, it was determined there were no working smoke alarms in the home.

The Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) set out to create a province-wide campaign to raise awareness about the importance of working smoke alarms. The result? Test Your Smoke Alarm Day and the "Saved By The Beep!" public education campaign every **September 28**. For the past two years, you've shown up and supported this initiative in-person, pledged to test your smoke alarms every month, and shared this important message on social media using the hashtag **#SavedByTheBeep**.

Visit <https://www.savedbythebeep.ca/> to take the pledge to test your smoke alarms every month.

Let's keep that momentum going! Remember - we can all be saved by the beep!

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Visit Brockton.ca/Subscribe to sign up and receive Brockton News, Calendar Events, and Emergency Alerts sent directly to your email. We also encourage residents to follow us on social media for regular updates! 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!

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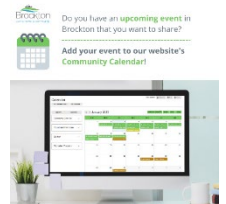


Add Your Events to Brockton's Community Calendar

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 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 to learn more about events happening in our community!

- **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



- **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!



The Municipality of Brockton along with all Municipalities in Bruce County are participating in the Bruce County Showcase and Passport Program Challenge! Visit each municipal booth for a chance to win a prize!

- **Discover Downtown Walkerton – September 23**

Join us for Discover Downtown Walkerton on Wednesday, September 23, 2026 from 4:00-8:00 p.m.! Businesses are staying open late and offering special sales and promotions. Come downtown and explore Walkerton all over again.

- **Run4Health – September 27**

The 16th Annual [Run4Health](#) is happening Sunday, September 27, 2026 in Walkerton. Individuals can register to participate in a Half Marathan, 10k Run, 5k Run, 5k Walk, or 1k Family Run. Registration and Sponsorships support the Walkerton and District Hospital Foundation.



- **Bruce County Public Library Children's Author Visit – September 29**

Children's author, Melanie Florence, will be visiting the Walkerton Library Branch, 253 Durham Street, on Tuesday, September 29, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. Please [register through the Library's website](#) to attend this event.

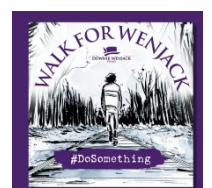
- **Secret Path Screening at Walkerton Library – September 29**

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.



- **Walkerton Agricultural Society Drive-Thru Hot Roast Beef Dinner – October 8**

The Walkerton Agricultural Society is hosting a Fall Fair drive-thru hot Roast Beef Dinner (with dessert) on Wednesday, October 8, 2026 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. at the Agricultural Building #2 (206 Durham St.). Tickets are only available in advance through Brown's Pharmacy, Holst Office Pro, or from members of the Agricultural Society. Call 519-881-1069 for more information.



- **Elmwood Wing Night – October 9**

The Elmwood Community Service Association are hosting a Wing Night on Friday, October 9, 2026 at the Elmwood Community Centre Pavilion (38 Concession Road 10) from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

- **Walkerton Little Royal Fair – October 16-18**

The Walkerton Agricultural Society is hosting the Annual Little Royal Fair on October 16-18, 2026 at the Agricultural Buildings in Walkerton (206 Durham St.). This year's theme is Home for the Harvest, and a weekend full of entertainment is planned for the whole family!



- Thursday, October 15 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm – Exhibitor Drop-off entries for Judging in Buildings #2 and #3.
- Friday, October 16 from 8:00 - 11:30 am - Exhibitor Drop off entries for Judging in Buildings #2 and #3.
- Beginning Friday evening and continuing all weekend long is our General Exhibits, Midway, Field to Fork Display, Photo Booth, Kid's Scavenger Hunt and our Food Booth.
- Returning this year, we have Mojo the Magic Show and Balloon Twisting, Face Painting, Teddy Bear Show, Kid's Pedal Tractor Pull, Pet Show, Magic Mel Show, Saddle Horse Show, Heavy and Light Horse Show and the Ontario 4 Horse Hitch Draft Classic Series.
- *New* this year – Little Pro Rodeo, Escape Rooms, and Cutting Edge Cowgirls – Please note that the Horse Show Schedule was changed in 2025 and will remain the same this year. Saddle Horse Show is now Saturday, October 17 and the Heavy and Light Horse Show and Ontario 4-Horse Hitch Draft Classic Series is now on Sunday, October 18.

For up to date information on our Little Royal Fair Weekend Events, please follow the Walkerton Agricultural Society on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) or visit the [Walkerton Agricultural Society's website](#), or call 519-881-1251.

Fair Books are available at various locations around Walkerton and on the Agricultural Society's website.

- **Walkerton Agricultural Society "Fall into Christmas" Vendors Market – October 24**

The Walkerton Agricultural Society are hosting their "Fall into Christmas" Vendors Market on Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.. at the Agricultural Building #3.

Bruce County Media Release - Back to school is a perfect time to review your family emergency preparedness plan

Summer break is ending, and families are getting ready for school. You may be buying new clothes, planning after-school activities, and packing lunches. This year, add one more key step: review your family emergency plan.

If an emergency happens while the kids are at school, they need to know what to do. Where they will meet you, who are trusted alternates, and reassurance that they'll be safe. For example, if there's road closures because of a winter storm, have you arranged a billet for them?

Including details like this in your family's emergency plan helps alleviate stress. Talk to your children about the plan. Involve them in creating it so they know what to do. You'll also want to make sure the school has up-to-date contact information for yourself and alternate care givers.

It's also wise to familiarize yourself with your school board's emergency policy. These are the processes they follow in case of a disaster or emergency:

- [Bluewater District School Board Emergency Response and Preparation Plan](#)
- [Bruce Grey Catholic District School Board Emergency Procedures](#)

Aligning your family plans with these policies can help things move smoothly in an emergency.

"The safety of our children, at home or at school, is essential. A family plan reduces stress in an emergency," said Ray Lux, Bruce County's emergency management coordinator. "If you don't already have a plan, it's time to make one."

The province of Ontario has excellent resources for building a plan [available online](#). For more information about emergency preparedness, visit www.brucecounty.on.ca/getprepared.