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Walkerton Homecoming 2026
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## Dear Mayor Peabody and Members of Council,

As we look forward to Walkerton's 155th anniversary in 2026, we are excited to propose a homecoming weekend celebration in honor of this significant milestone. This event will also mark a decade since our last homecoming, which was a remarkable success and drew thousands to our community. To ensure the success of this upcoming event, we seek the support of the council.

A dedicated steering committee, comprised of engaged volunteers from our community, has recently convened to begin the planning process. We propose that Homecoming 2026 take place during the Civic Holiday weekend, from Thursday, July 30, to Monday, August 2, 2026.

Today, we respectfully present a two-part request: first, we ask that the Brockton council officially recognize the steering committee as a subcommittee of the council. Secondly, we seek an initial budget of \$40,000. This funding, which aligns with the approved amounts from the 2016 homecoming event, will provide essential support for initial costs, including deposits and upfront payments, and will be reimbursed to the municipality as the event generates revenue.

In the coming months, various sub-committees will be established under the steering committee to take on specific tasks. To keep our community informed about our progress, we will be launching a dedicated website along with Facebook and Instagram pages. We encourage anyone interested in volunteering to reach out to us at walkertonhomecoming@gmail.com.

Thank you in advance for your support of what we envision to be a truly extraordinary weekend for Walkerton in 2026.

Sincerely, Mat Coleman and Jeremy Wright Co-Chairs Homecoming 2026