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Brockton Accomplishments

Brockton Staff and Council are delighted to present the 2025 Accomplishments, showcasing the remarkable achievements, progress and impactful initiatives that have shaped our community's growth.

Administration

East Ridge Business Park

The East Ridge Business Park is buzzing with momentum with the Best Western expansion, 60 unit WT Living apartment building underway, LiUNA groundbreaking, and the partnership with Bruce County for a 40 unit affordable housing project to be brought to life. Land continues to be offered for sale, with eight acres sold to a local manufacturer, with construction proposed for a new facility in 2026. The park is growing, thriving and full of opportunity.

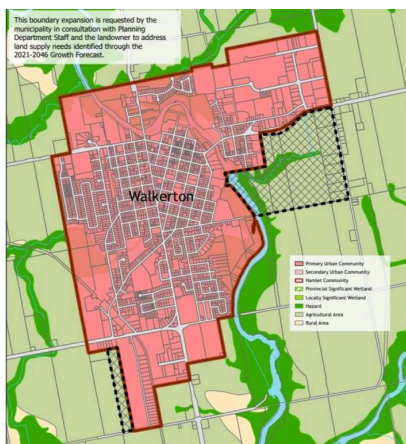


Studies and Initiatives

Staff have been working diligently on initiatives and program incentives to support housing developments in Brockton now and in the future. Some of these include:

- Housing Needs Study
- Community Improvement Plan for housing
- Official Plan and Zoning By-law Update
- Housing Accelerator Fund Initiatives
- Housing Concept Plan for 7.5 acres of Municipal lands in East Ridge
- Settlement Area Expansion for Walkerton

All to advance and support a variety of housing types to meet the needs of Brockton residents.



Hamlet Sub-branding

Brockton developed sub-brands and branding guidelines that reflect the unique identity of each settlement area while remaining consistent with Brockton's overall brand and the other sub-brands with community input. The resulting branding will strike a balance between preserving the individuality of each community and maintaining a cohesive identity across the Municipality.

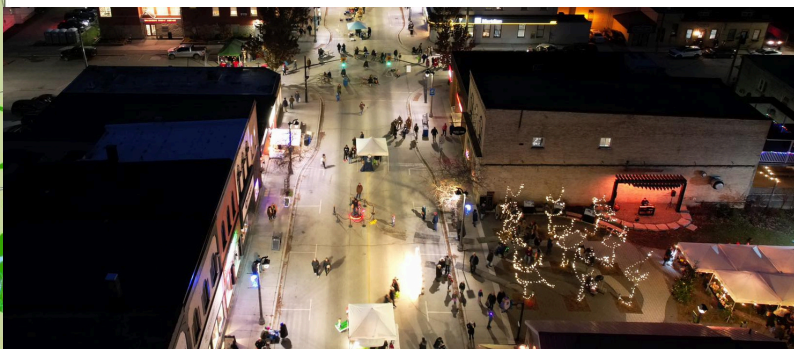


Business Development

Six business improvement grants for signage, façade, and other updates were awarded. Partnerships through the Saugeen Connects initiative, including the Student Start Up initiative, WOWSA, and AWE, were advanced. Staff also presented certificates of recognition to a dozen new or expanding Brockton businesses.

Events and Promotion

Staff joined Bruce County staff for a Newcomer Familiarization Tour, hosted several business workshops and events, attended local job fairs, and hosted a local job fair. Staff hosted two successful shop-local events - the Summer Streetfest in July and the Hometown Christmas Market in November. The latter complemented the newly renamed Hometown Holiday Hunt shopping challenge, which awarded thousands in prizes to local shoppers. Staff have been working on the preliminary planning in relation to the 2026 Walkerton Homecoming and 2026 International Plowing Match, to be held just outside of Walkerton, to ensure Municipal support for the organizing committee and dedicated volunteers.



Clerks

Brockton Volunteer Awards

In addition to the Brockton Good Neighbour Award, and the Outstanding Youth Award, a new Volunteer Award was introduced this year - The Edward J. (Ted) Cobean Heritage Award recognizing an individual or group who have made significant contributions to the promotion and preservation of Brockton's historical, cultural, nature and built heritage.



Election Planning and Council Vacancy

Staff have begun planning for the upcoming 2026 Municipal Elections, happening on October 26th, 2026.

Additionally, the Municipality has a Council vacancy this year, as Carl Kuhnke resigned his seat in November. In January 2026, a new Councillor will be appointed for the remainder of the 2025-2026 Council Term.



Walk for Wenjack event

The Municipality partnered with Bruce County and the Bruce County Museum to host our first Walk for Wenjack event in Walkerton on October 21, 2025 as well as a screening of The Secret Path at the Walkerton Library.

Accessory Advisory Committee

The Accessibility Advisory Committee hosted an Accessibility Awareness Day on July 11, 2025 visiting businesses in downtown Walkerton to provide information on accessible features and raise awareness on improvements that could be made to enhance the experience for individuals with a disability. Reviews from the Accessibility Committee were posted on www.AccessNow.com, a website and app displaying accessible places in communities.



Strong Mayor Powers

Brockton was granted Strong Mayor Powers as of May and have been updating Mayoral Decisions and Directives over the past year, as well as implementing the new Mayor's Budget process.

Continuous Communication

Staff continue to monitor the communication methods that residents use to gather Municipal news and information searches.

3,247 Municipal App downloads

Mobile users account for **50.5%** of the

64,354 users visiting the Municipal Website



Building and Planning

Building

Staff have been diligent on permit issuance and inspections for the 153 permits issued in 2025 (January - October), with nearly 23,000 sq ft added as part of an industrial / commercial build in the East Ridge Business Park and a large 40-unit apartment building adding \$16 million in building value.

\$50,320,748
total building value
added in 2025

January - October

False Alarms

The False Alarm By-Law continues to reduce calls for service, and billing costs for the OPP. While more false alarm notices and invoices were issued in 2025, repeated false alarms decreased. Repeat false alarms generate the highest fees and greatest demand for service therefore, their reduction indicates improved compliance with the False Alarm By-Law.

False Alarms

\$10,058

collected from

66 false alarms



Operations

Equipment Replacement

To ensure services remain uninterrupted, equipment renewal of a grader and tandem snowplow occurred in 2025.

Bridge/Structure and Road Upgrades

Every year, Brockton undergoes a number of major construction projects, and 2025 is no different. From major road reconstruction, to maintenance updates and projects that support the growth and residential and visitor travel within Brockton, the Operations Department managed the following projects:

- Structure 16 was tendered and replaced
- Yonge Street North was rehabilitated and repaved
- Concession 8 was reconstructed

Recycling Transfer

Staff have been working with Circular Materials Ontario on the 2026 Provincial Recycling Transition for eligible sources as well as continuous communications for public awareness on the upcoming changes. Staff are continuing to update information as required, which can be found at:

Brockton.ca/recycling



Parks and Recreation

Infrastructure Updates and Additions

The Parks and Recreation department continues to complete projects to better serve the community needs. Some of these projects include:

- New ball diamond fencing to keep in line with safety standards,
- New flooring installed in the pool change room facility,
- New back stock netting installed at the soccer fields,
- New diving board at Centennial Park Pool,
- Revitalization of the Heritage Water Garden
- 15 new benches installed along the Saugeen River Trail.

Programming and Facilities had an increase in usage:

52% increase for Pool Rentals

35% increase for Soccer Field Rentals

16% increase for Ball Diamond Rentals

15% increase for Ice Rentals

403 Children in Swimming Lessons and **208**

students supported by Swim to Survive

Staff planted more than **300** trees



Child Care

Professional Development

Our supervisory team completed certification as Positive Early Childhood Education (PECE) coaches and has started to deliver PECE training across all program areas. This work is strengthening consistent, responsive behaviour guidance strategies throughout the centre. All staff also participated in the County-wide Professional Learning Day, which featured sessions on physical literacy, mindfulness programming, menu planning, and positive behaviour responsiveness.

Program Enhancements

Our school-age program introduced On My Way: A Guide to Support Middle Years Child Development as its pedagogical foundation. This resource is helping staff plan experiences that are developmentally appropriate, engaging, and aligned with current research.

Outdoor Environment Improvements

A new shaded, non-adjacent playground was installed to expand access to safe, high-quality outdoor play space. This addition provides much-needed green space and shade during the summer months and supports children's health and well-being by allowing for richer outdoor experiences.

Licensed Childcare Spaces

- 45 Toddler spaces (18 to 30 months of age)
- 72 Preschool spaces (30 months to 6 years of age)
- 46 Kindergarten spaces at 2 locations
- 60 School-Age spaces at 2 locations

Team Building and Reflective Practice

Staff took part in BLOOM, a series of team-building and reflective practice workshops designed to support collaboration, communication, and professional growth.

Staff supported **2** **Co-op placements from local high schools**

>50 **New children welcomed to the programs in September 2025**

100% **capacity for enrollment**

The infographic features a dark blue circular background with large, colorful numbers (orange '2', green '>50', blue '100%'). It includes three photographs: a woman and a child playing with toys, a woman and two children on a playground, and a woman sitting with two children. A red hoodie with 'METCALFE AUCTIONS' is visible in the bottom photo.

Finance

Asset Management Plan

Staff have maintained a proactive approach to infrastructure planning through its Asset Management Plan (AMP), which began in 2009. The 2025 AMP fulfills the third and final phase of O. Reg. 588/17 implementation, incorporating both core and non-core asset categories, and outlining a 10-year financial strategy to support proposed levels of service. Staff completed the Asset Management Plan for the 2025 O. Reg requirements.

Mayors Budget

As of May 1, 2025, the Province of Ontario expanded Strong Mayor Powers for several municipalities in Ontario, including the Municipality of Brockton. Under the Strong Mayor Powers authority, the Mayor is responsible for preparing and proposing a budget to Council by February of each year. Staff worked with Mayor Peabody to create the first Strong Mayor budget for Brockton.

\$144,140

Brockton Dollars sold in 2025

January - November

\$10 Brockton Dollars

\$25 Brockton Dollars

\$50 Brockton Dollars

Fire and Emergency Services

911 Dispatch Transition

The Brockton Fire Department completed the transition to St Catharine's dispatch which aligns with all of the Bruce County fire departments. This change will improve safety and interoperability.

New Medical Oversight Program

Staff implemented a new medical oversight program, which is supervised by base hospital – South West Centre, for Prehospital Medicine.

8 new firefighter recruits hired in Brockton

150 Local firefighters certified in various firefighting skills



9 Brockton Firefighters certified to Firefighter 1

4 Brockton Firefighters certified to Firefighter 2

