



Walkerton District Community School
Attention: Sarah Slater, Principal

Dear Ms. Slater

At the June 18th, 2019 Brockton Council Meeting a concern was brought forward regarding the area behind the Walkerton District Community School. It has been brought to our attention that since students at WDCS are not allowed to smoke on school property they are socially smoking in the Fischer Dairy Subdivision (Hinks Street, Turner Street, Heritage Way) behind the school. Complaints have been brought forward to Council from concerned residents. The students are creating a safety concern as they are constantly on the roadways, sitting in the street or on the curbs and not moving for passing traffic. This is especially concerning with the Phase 4 Development of the subdivision and the amount of large dump truck and construction vehicles coming and going. This also involves a great deal of littering onto private properties which includes garbage and smoking debris. There have also been instances of inappropriate behaviour and comments to residents who reside in that area. The Municipality has been in contact with the South Bruce OPP and the school resource officer and they are aware of the issue, and have previously increased patrols in that area when time permits.

Council is seeking assistance from the Walkerton District Community School, along with the South Bruce OPP in regards to reviewing this matter. Increased communications early in the school year in this regard could help mitigate the problem before it starts. I understand it is the end of the school year and this activity may cease in the immediate future. However, in September I am sure it will pick up again and we would like to get ahead of it before it occurs to this extent again.

Please feel free to contact me should you wish to discuss further.

Sincerely,

Sonya Watson
Chief Administrative Officer