

For Immediate Release

## **Municipality of Brockton COVID-19 Update: Event Cancellations and Burn Ban Reminder**

**Brockton, ON**, April 22, 2020 – The Municipality of Brockton continues to remain vigilant in our response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Municipal Events and Recreational Facility Bookings Cancelled Until June 30, 2020:**

The Municipality of Brockton has made the difficult decision to cancel bookings and events for all municipal facilities and properties through to June 30, 2020. Extending our cancellation period provides the community with clarity and the ability to adjust plans accordingly. While we are proud of our community events and festivals, the safety and well-being of our residents, visitors and staff must remain our first priority.

Staff are in the process of notifying all event/booking contacts and all will be provided opportunity to rebook subject to availability, should postponement be an option. If you are unsure as to whether your event is affected at this time, and have not received notification, we ask that you please contact the facility or department that you booked with directly. As the situation surrounding the pandemic emergency evolves, the need to re-evaluate cancellations beyond June 30, 2020 may be required.

Residents are reminded that the Municipality of Brockton's community centres, recreational facilities and park amenities such as playgrounds, pools, splash pads, sports fields and shelters remain closed to the public until further notice. Brockton greenspaces and trails remain open at this time for walk through; however residents are asked to maintain a minimum of 6 feet or 2 meters physical distancing from others.

Furthermore, with the Provincial Declaration of Emergency extended until May 12<sup>th</sup>, the current emergency orders, such as the closure of all non-essential workplaces, recreational facilities and amenities, as well as restrictions on social gatherings of more than five people remains in effect. If you choose to ignore the restrictions not only are you putting your health, the health of your family and the health of your community at risk, you could face a fine for failure to comply with an order made under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act. It is vitally important that all residents strictly follow these measures to help stop the spread. Stay Home where possible and only go out for essential items like food and medical reasons.

### **Brockton Burn Ban Still in Effect until Further Notice:**

A reminder that the Municipality of Brockton's Chief Fire Official has issued a Burn Ban on both agricultural and recreational fires, which remains in effect until further notice. The burn ban has been put in place to limit firefighter exposure to the COVID-19 pandemic and ensure enough firefighters are available for emergencies.

Please note that a \$500.00 fine may be issued if a resident does not comply with Brockton's Burn Ban. Residents can report any infractions of our Open Air Burn By-Law 2017-034 to Brockton's By-Law Enforcement Officer at 519-881-2223 Ext. 141 or Brockton's Fire Chief at 519-881-2223 Ext. 300.

### **Further Information:**

The Municipality of Brockton will continue to obtain information and updates from the County of Bruce, The Grey Bruce Health Unit, the Province of Ontario and other health agencies and will provide new information to residents when available. The Municipality of Brockton will continue to take all steps necessary to maintain essential services for our residents and local businesses. Please visit [Brockton.ca/COVID19](https://www.brockton.ca/COVID19) for updated information for residents and [Brockton.ca/BusinessRecovery](https://www.brockton.ca/BusinessRecovery) for updated information about businesses, or call the municipal office at 519-881-2223.