

For Immediate Release

Municipality of Brockton's Updated Response to COVID-19

Brockton, ON, January 19, 2021 - The Municipality of Brockton's State of Emergency originally issued on March 23, 2020 due to the Covid-19 pandemic remains in effect. There is a Provincial-wide lockdown, and the *Reopening Ontario Act emergency orders* were extended on January 16, 2021 for an additional 30 days. The Municipality of Brockton continues to prioritize the health and well-being of residents and businesses by following advice from the Grey Bruce Health Unit and Provincial Government. Additional measures have been taken in response to Provincial announcements:

Office and Facility Closures

The Brockton Municipal Office will be closed to the public until February 11, 2021, but staff will continue to offer customer service virtually. We are happy to assist you via email and telephone. The Drop-Off Box is also available for residents to drop off documentation and payments, which is checked regularly by staff. Lottery and Marriage Licensing services are available by appointment only. Please contact the Municipal Office at 519-881-2223 to book your licensing appointment. Commissioner of Oath services are suspended until further notice. Email info@brockton.ca for general inquiries.

Building: Residents wishing to obtain building permits can drop off documentation at the Municipal Office Drop-Off Box or, preferably, via email. Inquiries can be directed via email or telephone to 519-881-2223.

The Brockton Child Care Centre remains open, and the school-age program will only be run for eligible essential workers as identified by the Province of Ontario until the schools locally re-open.

By-Law Enforcement: The Animal Control/By-Law Enforcement Officer continues to respond to matters. To report By-Law complaints please call 519-881-2223 Ext. 141. Response times will vary based on the nature of the complaint.

Cemetery: Residents are encouraged to call the Municipal Office at 519-881-2223 for all cemetery inquiries.

Economic Development: The Community Development Coordinator continues to communicate with business owners to assist them throughout the pandemic. Please [email the Community Development Coordinator](#), or call 519-881-2223 Ext. 131 for assistance or inquiries.

Emergency Services: The Walkerton and Elmwood Fire Halls are closed to the public until further notice. Staff continue to provide emergency response services to the community without delay or interruption.

Taxes and Utility Bill Payments: The tax due date and utility bill due date is March 31, 2021. Residents can drop off payment by cheque or cash to the Municipal Office Drop-Off Box, or sign up for online payments through their banking institution. Visit [Brockton.ca/Payments](https://brockton.ca/Payments) for further instructions on e-Billing services.

Recreation: The Recreation Office at the Walkerton Community Centre remains closed to the public until further notice, with the exception of drop-offs for well water samples. Well-water samples can be dropped off at the Walkerton Community Centre between the hours of 8:30-1:40 p.m. Monday to Friday. Recreation Department inquiries can still be made by telephone 519-881-0625 or email recreation@brockton.ca.

All facility rentals, recreational and leisure programs, including private bookings have been postponed until further notice. The Elmwood Community Centre, Cargill and District Community Centre and Bradley School House Community Centre are closed to the public until further notice.

Information Bulletin

The Lobies Park Skating Oval will be opened to the public shortly, weather permitting. Opening will be announced and at that time residents must book a timeslot to skate, and follow physical distancing protocols, with no more than 15 users at a time on the oval. Call 519-881-0625 or email recreation@brockton.ca to book your timeslot once the skating oval is operational.

All other Parks, Trails, Open Spaces and Amenities remain open except those seasonally closed, where individuals must maintain a physical distance of least two metres apart from others and social gatherings are not to exceed 5 persons.

Walkerton Business Improvement Area: The Walkerton Business Improvement Area is closed to the public until further notice, but available to member businesses by appointment only.

Landfill Sites

The Greenock Landfill remains closed to all residents to accommodate staff health and safety. Greenock Landfill staff have been transferred to the Brant Landfill to maintain landfill service in rural areas. Greenock residents are able to use the Brant Landfill during this temporary closure. The Brant Landfill and Walkerton/Hanover Landfills remain open. The Brant Landfill is open Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The Walkerton/Hanover Landfill is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic residents are reminded to **wear a face covering and maintain physical distancing** when attending the Landfills. A **limit of 10 vehicles at a time** remains in effect for the Brant Landfill. We encourage residents to use curbside pickup whenever possible.

Bag Tags

Residents are encouraged to continue using weekly curbside garbage collection. Residents are encouraged to purchase more than one tag when out getting necessities such as groceries and gas. Bag tags can be purchased for \$2.00 each at grocery and convenience stores in Cargill, Walkerton, and Hanover. Visit [Brockton.ca/HouseholdWaste](https://brockton.ca/HouseholdWaste) for the full list of retailers selling Bag Tags.

Garbage and Recycling

Household garbage and recycling pickup will continue as scheduled unless otherwise advised. The Walkerton Recycling Depot (MTO Yard) will be closed to the public, however, cardboard recycling and styrofoam drop-off are still available.

Council, Committee, and Budget Meetings

Council and Committee Meetings will continue to occur electronically via Zoom video-conferencing. The 2021 Municipal Budget meetings scheduled on January 19th and 20th, 2021 will also be held remotely via Zoom video-conferencing and streamed to the Municipality of Brockton's [YouTube Channel](#). It is expected that the February 9th, 2021 Budget Meeting will also occur electronically.

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://brockton.ca/COVID19) for updated information for residents and [Brockton.ca/BusinessRecovery](https://brockton.ca/BusinessRecovery) for updated information about businesses, or call the Municipal Office at 519-881-2223.