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Cover:

Better in Brockville: Your guide to living and working the City of the 1000 Islands

Featuring:

- Local Stories: Get to know some of our Brockville residents and business owners
- #BetterInBrockville: Check our Instagram photos from users in Brockville and picture yourself here
- Find Yourself Here: Plan your first visit to Brockville

Welcome to Brockville

Brockville has long been famous for its convenient location, picturesque beauty, heritage, and outdoor recreational opportunities. With a stunning view of the St. Lawrence River and the 1000 Islands at its doorstep, Brockville is truly one of Canada's most scenic settings.

The city is centrally located between Ottawa, Montreal, and Toronto and within minutes of two international bridges to northern New York State.

For businesses, this prime geographical location has proven to be an asset for development, with land costs and building leases available at a fraction

of the cost of larger urban centres. Whether you are working from a home office or setting up in the business park, with high speed broadband internet throughout the City, it has never been easier to do business with the world right from within Brockville.

For more information about moving to Brockville or establishing your business here, please contact the City of Brockville's Economic Development Department:

[Email Rob Nolan – Director of Economic Development rnolan@brockville.com](mailto:rnolan@brockville.com)
[613-342-8772 x4445](tel:613-342-8772)

[Email Kendra Lorimer – Economic Development Coordinator](mailto:klorimer@brockville.com)
klorimer@brockville.com
613-342-8772 x4440

[Visit the City of Brockville's Economic Development website at](http://brockville.com/economic-development)
brockville.com/economic-development

[Find the City of Brockville's Economic Development team on Facebook:](#)
[Brockville Economic Development @BrockvilleEcDev](#)

[Find the economic development team on Twitter: @BrockvilleEcDev](#)

Distances from Brockville to major cities in Canada and the United States of America

Ottawa, Ontario: 114 Kilometres (70 Miles)

Montreal, Quebec: 210 Kilometres (130 Miles)

Toronto, Ontario: 340 Kilometres (211 Miles)

Quebec City, Quebec: 507 Kilometres (313 Miles)

Syracuse, New York: 202 Kilometres (126 Miles)

New York, New York: 591 Kilometres (356 Miles)

Boston, Massachusetts: 630 Kilometres (391 Miles)

Detroit, Michigan: 687 Kilometres (460 Miles)

Get to know our neighbourhoods

Brockville was established on the north bank of the St. Lawrence River, and now encompasses approximately 20.8 square kilometres. The median residential value of a home in Brockville is \$254,421 (source: Rideau- St. Lawrence Real Estate Board, 2017)

West End

This section of the city runs from the river north to the railway tracks and west of Perth Street to the city limits. The architecture is a mix of heritage styles found closer to the waterfront to recently built modern styles. There are many choices from executive high-end priced homes (many with river views), to moderate older brick homes.

Downtown

This area encompasses the downtown core from the river to the CN line between Perth Street and Park Street. The homes are a mixture of heritage styles made of stone or brick to modest income dwellings. Numerous apartments above the stores, townhouses as well as duplexes and condos along the river make this a truly versatile socio-economic area. All have easy access to the City's waterfront parks and walking trails.

East End

The east end is comprised of the area from the river to the railway line and from Park Street to the city limits at Oxford Avenue. Homes tend to be higher quality in some sections; many heritage dwellings can be found, especially closer to the downtown. A stately row of mansions along King Street remind us of the elite culture that has been present in Brockville for centuries.

Central

This next section describes the homes that are found in the area divided between the CN railway line and Highway 401. Homes here are generally up to 60 years old and tend to be fairly well maintained with generous sized lots.

North End

Brockville residents, when talking about the north end, refer to the development of the city north of Highway 401 up to the city's northerly limits. This section of the city began its growth with the boom of

development in the 1970s including commercial development along Parkedale Avenue and as the community continued to grow the blocks expanded eastwardly. The styles include bungalows, split-levels, 2-storey modern and executive styles including attached garages. Many apartment clusters are also found in the north as well as senior residences.

Property Taxes

The municipality levies the taxes for the city and the school board. Taxes are based upon the assessed value of your home (as determined by the Provincial Assessment office). The assessment of your residence is multiplied by the tax rate. The school tax rate is determined by the province; the City of Brockville municipal tax rate is determined by Municipal Council.

Tax rate are comparable with municipalities of a similar size and population base. When combined with our water rates, Brockville has one of the lowest costs per household.

[Use the tax calculator online to estimate your taxes at
brockville.com/eservices](http://brockville.com/eservices)

For the most current information on tax rates please visit:

[City of Brockville Revenue Department online at
brockville.com/revenue-department](http://brockville.com/revenue-department)

[For inquiries about taxes in Brockville email: taxation@brockville.com](mailto:taxation@brockville.com)

Phone the revenue office about your taxes: 613-342-8772

Utilities and Services

Electricity Services—Hydro One

[Hydro One website: hydroone.com](http://hydroone.com)

Phone Hydro One: 1-888-664-9376

Garbage and Recycling

[For information and to find your recycling and waste pick up times, visit the
Solid Waste page on the City of Brockville's website at
brockville.com/solidwaste](http://brockville.com/solidwaste)

Phone about garage and recycling: 613-342-8772 extension 3220

Internet

Brockville has high speed broadband internet throughout the City and is offered by local and national providers

Natural Gas—Enbridge Gas

[Enbridge Gas website: enbridgegas.com](http://enbridgegas.com)

Phone Enbridge Gas: 1-800-263-2212

Water

Water is drawn from the St. Lawrence River and is treated at the City's modern filtration plant. Contact the City's Revenue office with your move in date to ensure that you are only billed for the amount of water you consume.

[Visit brockville.com/water-utilities for more information about water in Brockville.](http://brockville.com/water-utilities)

[Email the revenue office water@brockville.com with questions about water rates and move in dates](mailto:water@brockville.com)

Phone the City of Brockville's revenue office at 613-342-8772

Service Canada

Service Canada is located in the Thomas Fuller Building, Floor 1, 14 Court House Avenue, Brockville

[Service Canada website: servicecanada.gc.ca](http://servicecanada.gc.ca)

Phone Service Canada: 1-800-622-6232

Service Ontario

Service Ontario is located at 7 King Street West in Brockville. The entrance is off of Market Street West.

[Service Ontario website: services.gov.on.ca](http://services.gov.on.ca)

Phone Service Canada:

- General Inquiry: 1-800-267-8097

- Health Card: 1-888-376-5197
- Driver & Vehicle: 1-800-387-3445

Emergency Services

In the case of an emergency, dial 9-1-1 for police, ambulance, or fire. In the event of a city-wide emergency, the [City of Brockville's twitter account @BrockvilleON](#) will be the primary means for public information and updates. [The City's website displays the latest tweets](#)

Brockville Police Service

Located at 2269 Parkedale Avenue, Brockville, ON K6V 3G9

[Find Brockville Police Services online at brockvillepolice.com](#)

[Contact the Brockville Police via email at info@brockvillepolice.com](#)

Phone the Brockville Police at 613-342-0127

Brockville Fire Department

Located at Station No. 1: 61 Perth Street, Brockville and Station No. 2: 360 Laurier Boulevard, Brockville

[Find the Brockville Fire Department online at brockvillefire.ca](#)

[Contact the Brockville Fire Department via email at fire@brockville.com](#)

Phone the Brockville Fire Department at 613-498-1261

Brockville General Hospital

Located at 75 Charles Street, Brockville, Ontario, K6V 1S8

[Find the Brockville General Hospital online at brockvillegeneralhospital.ca](#)

Phone the Brockville General Hospital at 613-345-5649

Ontario Provincial Police (O.P.P)

Located at: 4109 County Rd. 29, Brockville Ontario, K6V 5T4

[Find the OPP online at opp.ca](#)

Phone the OPP at 613-345-1790

Leeds and Grenville Emergency Medical Service

[Find out more about the Leeds and Grenville EMS online at leedsgrenville.com](http://leedsgrenville.com)

Phone for EMS (emergency medical services) 613-342-3840

Emergency water shut-off

Phone for emergency water shut-off within the City of Brockville's limits 613-342-8772 ask for Dispatch—Gord Watts Municipal Centre

Outside of regular work days hours, please call 613-498-1361

City Services

City services include maintaining the roads, lights, water and sewers, as well as 17 islands, 38 parks (including a campground), two arenas, harbour, arts centre, Aquatarium – Discovery Centre of the 1000 Islands, Canada's First Railway Tunnel, public library, museum, 10 athletic fields and 7 km of walking trails.

The municipal government consists of a mayor and eight councillors who are elected for a 4-year term. [More information on the City of Brockville can be found on the City's website brockville.com](http://brockville.com). The public is welcome to visit City Hall anytime during the week from 8:00am to 4:00pm

General inquiries and most city billings including taxes, licenses, water, and parking tickets can be paid at the customer service desk, located within the front doors on the left.

Contact City Hall:

1 King Street West, Brockville Ontario K6V 7A5

[Visit the City of Brockville's website at brockville.com](http://brockville.com)

Phone City hall at 613-342-8772

Getting Around

Active Transportation

Brockville is continuing to expand its active transportation network and is continually making improvements to the Brock Trail. The Brock Trail is a 7 kilometre paved, multi-use pathway that connects the waterfront to the north end of the city to encourage cycling and walking to get around.

[Find more information and a map of the Brock Trail online at brocktrail.com](http://brocktrail.com)

[For more information on other trails in the region, visit the Outdoor Recreation and Adventure page on the Brockville Tourism website](#)

Air

Brockville - 1000 Islands Regional Tackaberry Airport

This multi-use airport offers 1 paved runway capable of handling corporate jets, and features 1 grass runway (summer only). GPS instrument and ADF approaches.

The airport is located at 4620 Airport Road, RR4 Brockville

[Visit the Brockville airport website at brockvilleairport.com](http://brockvilleairport.com)

Phone the Brockville Airport at 613-345-0642

Boat

The Brockville municipal harbour is within easy walking distance of the historic downtown core for shopping, restaurants, and attractions. Harbour services include canteen, showers, laundry, electric and water hook-ups. Free Wi-Fi is available in the harbour and throughout downtown. The harbour monitors Channel 68 VHF Marine Band.

The municipal harbour is located on Blockhouse Island Parkway

[Visit the City's website for more information on the harbour and rates](#)

Phone the harbour during the boating season at 613-342-1986 or during the off season at 613-342-8772 extension 3266

Brockville also holds a yacht club, rowing club, as well as private marinas and docking facilities.

Bus

City of Brockville Conventional Transit & Para Transit

Operates Monday to Saturday. [For a transit map and current fares, visit: brockville.com/transit](#)

Phone the City of Brockville with transit inquiries: 613-342-8772 extension 3225

Coach Canada & Megabus

Pick up and Drop off at the Southwest corner of Stewart Boulevard at Jefferson Drive

[Book bus fares online at coachcanada.com](#) and [book fares through Megabus ca.megabus.com](#)

Phone to book bus tickets: 1-866-488-4452

Train

Via Rail Canada has daily departures to and from Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal.

The VIA Rail station is located at 141 Perth Street, Brockville

[Book Via Rail tickets online at viarail.ca](#) or call VIA Rail at 1-888-842-7245

Customs & Immigration

Passports are required for all land, water and air entry between the United States and Canada. To ensure you have the proper identification, contact:

- [Canadian Border Services Agency online at cbsa-asfc.gc.ca](#) or phone 613-659-2301
- [US Customs & Border Protection online at cbp.gov](#) or phone 1-877-227-5511

Health Care

Brockville offers excellent health care services as it is located within a one hour drive of some of the best research clinics and institutions in Canada. The city provides acute care, active and long-term facilities as well as psychiatric treatment.

Find a Doctor: The Health Care Connect program refers people who don't currently have a health care provider to physicians and nurse practitioners who are accepting new patients in their community.

[Access the health care connect program online at health.gov.on.ca](http://health.gov.on.ca) or by calling 1-800-445-1822

Find a dentist:

[Visit the Ontario Dental Association website at oda.on.ca](http://oda.on.ca) or call 1-800-387-1393

Brockville General Hospital is a full-service community hospital. They provide acute care (emergency, intensive care, medical/surgical care), complex continuing care, rehabilitation, palliative, mental health, and maternity care. They offer ambulatory and specialty clinics.

Brockville General Hospital is located at 75 Charles Street, Brockville Ontario

[Visit the Brockville General Hospital's website at brockvillegeneralhospital.ca](http://brockvillegeneralhospital.ca)

Phone the Brockville General Hospital at 613-345-5649

Brockville Mental Health Centre: BMHC is part of the Royal Ottawa Mental Health Centre and offers both inpatient and outpatient programs that are designed to meet the individualized treatment needs of its patients.

BMHC is located at 1804 County Road 2 East, Brockville

[Visit the Brockville Mental Health Centre online at theroyal.ca](http://theroyal.ca) or phone 613-345-1461

Leeds Grenville & Lanark District Health Unit offers a wide range of programs and services to promote healthy living, healthy growth and development, prevention of the spread of disease and the promotion and protection of the health of the people of Ontario.

The Leeds Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit is located at 458 Laurier Boulevard in Brockville.

[Find the Health Unit online at healthunit.org](http://healthunit.org) or phone 613-345-5685

South East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) works with people of all ages to ensure they can make informed choices about their care, when, and where they need it. They also have useful information about

local community support service agencies, and can connect people to those providers to arrange services.

[Visit the South East Local Health Integration Network's website
southeasthin.on.ca](http://southeasthin.on.ca)

[Find other health services in our area using the South East Health Line
southeasthealthline.ca](http://southeasthealthline.ca)

Phone the South East LHIN 310-2222 (no area code required)

The **Ontario 211** telephone helpline and website provide a gateway to community, social, non-clinical health and related government services.

[Visit Ontario 211 online at 211ontario.ca](http://211ontario.ca) or phone 2-1-1

Telehealth Ontario is a free, confidential service you can call to get health advice or information 24 hours a day, seven days a week from a Registered Nurse.

Phone Telehealth Ontario 1-866-797-0000 or Toll free TTY: 1-866-797-0007

Brockville General Hospital Redevelopment Project

Brockville General Hospital is building for your future.

In 2020, following a \$173 million expansion project, Brockville General Hospital will see all hospital services under one roof. The redevelopment project will combine programs and services offered at our Garden and Charles Street to one campus. This project will deliver enhanced patient spaces, including more private rooms and outdoor courtyards.

Now, and into the future, we are committed to providing quality patient care for our community.

[Visit the Brockville General Hospital's website at
www.brockvillegeneralhospital.ca](http://www.brockvillegeneralhospital.ca)

Sports & Fitness

Brockville has a well-balanced sports and recreational infrastructure that provides ample opportunities for engagement in health and social activities.

Being a waterfront community, there are many recreational opportunities to get out on the river including paddling, sailing, rowing, water skiing, fishing, boating, scuba diving and swimming; but there are also plenty of activities to take part in on land. Experience the great outdoors all year round with hiking, paddling, cycling, and cross-country & snowshoeing trails.

From cross-fit to pickleball, Brockville has all of the activities you are looking for, including some surprises like indoor paintball, a Stanley Thompson golf course, ziplining, rowing club and a lawn bowling club.

Bring your Family

Brockville is an amazing place to raise your family.

A safe community with lots of opportunity to socialize, stay active, earn an education, buy a home, and enjoy public waterfront access, we invite you to visit and explore. Once you do, you will see why so many people have chosen to move here.

- World Health Organization Designated Safe Community
- Great public, private, and separate schools with options to enroll in French immersion, and STEM programs. [Visit brockville.com/education for details on schools in Brockville](http://brockville.com/education)
- Support for a healthy, active lifestyle: Brockville has plenty of trail access to explore the region outdoors in all 4 seasons, fitness centres, activities and sports clubs, as well as parks and recreational opportunities
- Activities, festivals and events: Explore the region through lots of family friendly events year round
- Brockville is densely populated with public parks, recreational areas, and playgrounds. A large majority of the waterfront is public parkland, making the waterfront very accessible to the public to picnic, swim, play, and to watch the boats go by on the river
- Safe and easy to get around: use the Brock Trail to walk or cycle through town out of the way of street traffic
- Access to quality health care and specialists
- Social clubs, activities, and educational programs: Our community is proud to have a number of cultural centres offering programs for all ages and interests for growing minds and bodies including the

Aquatarium, Brockville Arts Centre, Brockville Memorial Centre, Brockville Museum, Brockville Public Library and more

Visit Brockville

Brockville is known for having an abundance of public access to the beautiful waterfront along the St. Lawrence River in the world famous 1000 Islands, and for having the best freshwater scuba diving in the world.

The waterfront is the pride and joy of local residents and attracts visitors who stop by from all over the world. Brockville owns 17 of the nearby islands, which are available to the public for picnicking, boating and camping.

Once known as the Millionaire's Capital of Canada, historic homes and mansions line the waterfront, and our downtown is often praised for its historic charm and beauty. Visit us and you will see why so many end up looking at homes for sale before they leave!

[Plan your getaway at brockvilletourism.com](http://brockvilletourism.com)

Start planning your trip:

- See the islands: whether you have your own boat, are renting or chartering one, or are taking a 1000 Islands cruise, you have to get out on the river to truly experience the 1000 Islands and see why those who live here never want to leave!
- Explore Canada's First Railway Tunnel
- Get to know the 1000 islands year-round at The Aquatarium
- Take in a show at the Brockville Arts Centre
- Learn about Brockville's industrial past at the Brockville Museum
- Walk or cycle along the waterfront at Blockhouse Island and connect to the Brock Trail. Rent bikes, segways, kayaks or seadoos at the waterfront to keep exploring
- Experience the world's best freshwater scuba diving, explore sunken ships and our underwater sculpture park
- Explore our history and heritage on a self-guided tour of local sites

[For more information on festivals and events in Brockville, sites to visit, and where to stay while you are in the city, visit brockvilletourism.com](http://brockvilletourism.com) or call 613-342-4357

Stop by the visitor centre (open year round) at 10 Market Street West

Top 10 reasons to move to Brockville

- World Health Organization Designated Safe Community
- Abundance of public access to the waterfront in the World Famous 1000 Islands
- No commute: get anywhere in the City in under 10 minutes
- Small town charm with big city amenities
- Proximity to Ottawa (1 hour), Kingston (45min), Montreal (2 hours), and Toronto (3.5 hours) for when you really want to see that concert or big game
- High speed broadband internet access to rival Kingston and Ottawa
- Sense of community
- Ease of travel (daily VIA rail connections, 401 highway access, close to international airports in Ottawa and Syracuse, NY)
- Outdoor activities and trails to support an active lifestyle – Brockville is ranked #7 on Expedia's Most Active Cities in Canada
- High quality of life at a cost you can afford

Top 10 reasons to do business in Brockville

- Availability of serviced land in the Industrial Park with new employment lands in development. Our City-owned, serviced, industrial land sells from \$30,000 to \$60,000/acre with no development charges
- Proximity to Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, and USA via two international bridges
- Extensive fiber and wireless connectivity with superior bandwidth
- Situated along 401 series highway
- Less than an hour's drive to the international airport in Ottawa and 25 minutes to the Ogdensburg international airport in New York State
- Daily VIA Rail connections to Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto. CN and CP rail lines through the city
- 135 million people within 1 days trucking
- Access to professional networks and business support

- Access to local skills and talent with high employee retention rates
- Get the start-up help you need: the Business Centre houses the Brockville & District Chamber of Commerce, the Leeds and Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre, Downtown Brockville Business Improvement Association, and 1000 Islands Community Development Corporation all under one roof. The City of Brockville's Economic Development and Planning departments are right upstairs in City Hall

Thrive in all 4 seasons

Experience each season to its fullest in Brockville.

Spring

Great for: cycling, gardening, hiking, visiting maple syrup producers

Summer

Great for: swimming, boating & island hopping, camping, paddling, fishing, exploring, scuba diving

Fall

Great for: hiking, paddling, photography, viewing fall foliage, road trips, apple picking

Winter

Great for: cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, hockey, skating, tobogganing

Experience each season to its fullest: From hot summer days averaging 26 degrees Celsius (78.8 degrees Fahrenheit) to 27cm (10.6 in) of snow piled up in the winter—and everything in between—your favourite outdoor activity is never far away.

Welcome to our community

"It is pretty awesome to take a walk down King Street and pop into shops where shop owners know you and care about this community as much as you do." - Natalie Wood, Curator, Brockville Museum

- #4 Ranked most LGBTQ friendly city in Ontario by Discover Gay Ontario

- Free Wi-Fi throughout downtown and at the waterfront by the municipal harbour. [Find where the wifi signal is available through our interactive map http://arcg.is/9Gjmf](http://arcg.is/9Gjmf)
- [The Brockville Newcomers Club is open to anyone who has moved to the area in the past two years brockvillenewcomersclub.com](http://brockvillenewcomersclub.com)
- 10 Families found homes in Brockville through Refugees for Brockville
- [Get involved in the community by volunteering—sign up at the Volunteer Centre of St. Lawrence Rideau volunteercentre.ca](http://volunteercentre.ca)
- Authentic ethnic restaurants: Lebanese, Thai, Indian, Dim Sum, Sushi, Greek, Chinese and more
- [Join local clubs and organizations—find them on the Brockville Public Library’s community resource database brockvillelibrary.ca/community-db.php](http://brockvillelibrary.ca/community-db.php)
- Cultural communities in Brockville are connected through the Brockville and District Multicultural Council and celebrated at the [annual multicultural festival brockvillemulticulturalfestival.com](http://brockvillemulticulturalfestival.com)
- English as a second language (ESL) classes are available in both formal and informal settings. [Visit TR Leger to find out about ESL classes trlimmigrantservices.ca](http://trlimmigrantservices.ca)
- A Newcomers’ Welcome Kit provides an easy-to-understand reference and orientation tool for recent newcomers to the region. [Request a copy of the Newcomers’ Welcome Kit from diversity.matters@eecentre.com](mailto:diversity.matters@eecentre.com)

We are neighbours

[Get to know the people who live in the area through the “We Are Neighbours” campaign by the St. Lawrence Rideau Immigration Partnership.](http://www.weareneighbours.wixsite.com/weareneighbours)

www.weareneighbours.wixsite.com/weareneighbours

The Immigration Partnership encourages individuals and communities to recognize and welcome cultural diversity.

Newcomer settlement and multiculturalism

As Brockville’s reputation as a safe, welcoming and affordable community continues to grow, so do the number of immigrants from around the globe who are choosing to call Brockville home. The City of Brockville plays a lead

role in attracting and welcoming these individuals and their families, and is a member of the St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership.

St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership

The St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership is a collection of organizations committed to building local capacity to attract, settle and integrate immigrants throughout Leeds Grenville.

105 Strowger Boulevard, Brockville Ontario

[Find out more about the St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership on their website: leedsgrenvilleimmigration.ca](http://leedsgrenvilleimmigration.ca)

[Email the St. Lawrence-Rideau Immigration Partnership diversity.matters@eecentre.com](mailto:diversity.matters@eecentre.com)

Phone: 613-498-2111

TR Leger Immigrant Services

Their office is dedicated to helping serve adult Permanent Residents, Live-In Caregivers, and Convention Refugees. TR Leger runs English as a Second Language (ESL) classes; helps with settlement information for Brockville and area including child care, community service, employment, health, housing, and schools; helps with citizenship test preparation; helps with government forms and applications.

2288 Parkedale Avenue, Brockville Ontario

[Find TR Leger online at trimmigrantservices.ca](http://trimmigrantservices.ca)

Phone TR Leger: 613-803-0653

Brockville and District Multicultural Council

The Council is a multicultural heritage group which holds an annual festival each year on the first weekend in May. [Connect and get involved at with the multicultural council and festival at brockvillemulticulturalfestival.com](http://brockvillemulticulturalfestival.com)

Brockville Public Library

The library is a friendly, community focused centre that offers free Wi-Fi, computer access, scanning, faxing and copying services. Books, magazines, movies, eBooks, video games and more are available to borrow. Free, drop

in programs are available for all ages, making it a great place to connect with the community.

A Community Resource Database of local clubs, organizations, and services are available on their website.

23 Buell Street, Brockville Ontario

[Visit the Brockville Public Library's website at brockvillelibrary.ca](http://brockvillelibrary.ca)

[Email the Brockville Public Library info@brockvillelibrary.ca](mailto:info@brockvillelibrary.ca)

Phone: 613-342-3936

Arts & Culture

Here in the City of Brockville we enjoy getting out and experiencing the local arts scene and supporting the creative talents of our residents. The municipality is a key partner on a number of cultural assets including the Brockville Arts Centre, Brockville Museum, Brockville Public Library, Brockville Railway Tunnel, Brock Trail, Brockville Memorial Civic Centre, and The Aquatarium.

10 Local Experiences to Try

- Catch a live show at the Brockville Arts Centre
- Get to know the arts community at Culture Days in September
- Try out virtual reality at the Brockville Public Library
- Enjoy the Brockville Museum's exhibits after hours with a cocktail in hand at a special Museum at Night event
- Take a stroll through the Brockville Railway Tunnel
- Get your hands dirty: take a fine arts course or summer workshop at St. Lawrence College
- Support work by local students: see the downtown mural on the side of the tourism office, pick up a local historical sites colouring book, and see pieces on display at the Marianne Van Silfhout Gallery
- Learn about the St. Lawrence River at The Aquatarium
- Connect with local artists, musicians, writers and more with the Arts Council of the Thousand Islands (ACOTTI)
- Go to one of our many festivals and events

Local Story: Meet Dale

"I look for a city that is easy to get around on by foot or on a bicycle and that is close to outdoor recreation such as hiking, cycling, and paddling trails. I look for lots of cultural activities and recreation opportunities, and a good library. Brockville has all of those things and the list of assets keeps growing." - Dale Chisamore, Brockville community member and volunteer

[Read the full Q&A with Dale online at brockville.com/meet-dale](http://brockville.com/meet-dale)

Article: Leeds Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre

5 ways to start & grow your business at every age and business stage with the Leeds Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre

1. Nurture your entrepreneurial spirit while you are still a student

Be your own boss while you learn what it takes to run your own business with Summer Company. Get advice and mentorship from local business leaders to help you get your business off the ground, as well as a start-up grant to help with initial costs.

2. Run your ideas past a business consultant

Whether you are starting, building, or expanding your business, get advice from knowledgeable business counsellors. If you need a boost, are feeling stuck, want to grow, or just want a second opinion, they are the go-to experts.

3. Accelerate your start up

Thinking about going all-in? If you are over 18, working on your business full time, and have been in business for less than 5 years, you could qualify for the Starter Company Plus program. Get access to: one-on-one guidance, mentoring with a local successful entrepreneur, business workshops and funding of up to \$5000.

4. Network with local business people while getting training on specific topics

Access inexpensive workshops and learning opportunities led by leading experts. Sessions are held regularly and cover a range of topics including finance, HR, digital marketing, and other relevant and timely topics.

5. Get help from the experts – all at once

Get targeted guidance and advice specific to your business from 6 leading experts from a range of fields once per month for seven months with the Business Success Coaching Program.

Contact the Leeds Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre:

Visit the LGSBEC in person at 3 Market Street West, Unit 3A, Brockville Ontario, K6V 7L2

[Visit the Leeds Grenville Small Business Enterprise Centre's website at lgsbec.com](http://lgsbec.com)

Phone the LGSBEC: 613-342-8772 extension 4470

Local Success Story: Meet Ryan

“When I was younger I thought I wanted to live in the bigger cities, but dealing with city commutes, higher costs of living and generally more hustle and bustle in larger city centers made me realize how much I missed Brockville.

“The beautiful waterfront, low cost of living, family close by and also great proximity to the large cities in Ontario (Montreal, Toronto, Ottawa, Kingston) it is a no brainer for a place to settle down to have a family.” Ryan Darling, RD Athletics Therapy & Training

[Read the full article and Q&A with Ryan online at brockville.com/meet-ryan](http://brockville.com/meet-ryan)

Local Success Story: Meet Terry

“Brockville is the epitome of global manufacturing: with Shell, 3M and other companies working here that compete on a global scale they need to be able to continuously innovate and gain efficiencies. We help them gain a global advantage by working together to create seamless processes.

“Brockville has a good range of industry which allows us to have more stability in our business and has allowed us to grow over the years. Being

located along the 401 highway halfway between Toronto and Montreal, close to the USA with two nearby crossings, Brockville was the ideal location for us.” Terry Wills, President, Wills Transfer Limited

[Read the full article and Q&A with Terry online at brockville.com/meet-terry](http://brockville.com/meet-terry)

Article: Downtown Brockville Business Improvement Association (DBIA)

Who are they?

The DBIA staff is made up of 2 team members: the executive director and the events and communications coordinator. They are governed by a board of 9 business representatives and funded by our downtown community. Their catchment boundaries are Gilmour Street to Orchard Street and from James Street down to the water.

What are they working on?

1. Events

They take the lead on 8 events in the downtown: Spring Into Flavour, Street Eats May Sidewalk Sale, Street Fest August Sidewalk Sale, Halloween Downtown, Black Friday, the Downtown Tree Lighting Ceremony, Shop Local Week and Breakfast with Santa. For other events that are held downtown, they give guidance, promotion, and sponsorship.

2. Promotion

They are the proud owners of the Downtown Brockville Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts. They create content, strategy plans, and posts, and execute all the marketing and paid advertising you see through those pages. They also create and distribute the downtown map, shopping guide, and restaurant guide.

3. They listen

In order to meet the needs of the community, they spend a large portion of their time speaking with our businesses, local community organizations, and Brockvillians. Their office has an open door policy and people are free to stop by anytime.

4. Beautification

Flowers, benches, bike racks, lighting... They steer these projects to help beautify downtown. They organize and execute Communities in Bloom which helps our city's tourism and public image as a whole.

5. Advocating

When an issue arises that affects the downtown, they do what they can to inform their membership, listen to their concerns, and advocate for them.

6. Business Retention and Expansion

Their efforts help to keep downtown vibrant and a lucrative place to do business. They work on connecting prospective business owners with the right property, and aim to have a complementary and diverse mix of businesses. Their objective is to help each business individually by providing support and resources they need to thrive and grow.

[Visit the DBIA online at downtownbrockville.com](http://downtownbrockville.com)

Phone the DBIA: 613-345-3269

Connect your business

1000 Islands Community Development Corporation

The 1000 Islands CDC serves the needs of businesses, individuals, and community groups throughout the area. They are dedicated to helping small and medium sized businesses by providing: business loans, access to capital, advice and counselling, referrals to specialists, business consulting, liaison with conventional lenders, assistance with business plans, information on government programs.

3 Market Street West, Suite 3, Brockville Ontario

[Visit the 1000 Islands Community Development Corporation online at ticdc.ca](http://ticdc.ca)

Phone the 1000 Islands CDC: 613-345-6216

Brockville and District Chamber of Commerce

Through proactive leadership in advocacy and networking, the Brockville and District Chamber of Commerce supports and grows businesses to build a strong economic community.

3 Market Street West, Suite 1, Brockville Ontario

[Visit the Brockville & District Chamber of Commerce website at brockvillechamber.com](http://brockvillechamber.com)

Phone the Chamber of Commerce: 613-342-6553

Young Professionals Network

The Brockville Young Professionals Network works to engage with local, 19-39 year old professionals who want to explore their career and community opportunities in Brockville. The YPN aims to foster connectivity, development and growth for their members through networking events, opportunities for professional development, and advocating for what matters most to their membership. The YPN regularly holds fun, social gatherings including trivia nights, out of town trips to hockey and baseball games, and hosts the annual Amazing Chase Brockville photo scavenger hunt.

[Find the Brockville Young Professionals Network online at brockvilleypn.wixsite.com/ypn1](http://brockvilleypn.wixsite.com/ypn1) or [visit the young professionals facebook page at facebook.com/BrockvilleYoungProfessionals/](https://www.facebook.com/BrockvilleYoungProfessionals/)

Interested in starting a business in Brockville?

[Start researching how Brockville could be a good fit for your business online at brockville.com/business](http://brockville.com/business)

Questions? Ready to take the next step?

Contact the Economic Development Department:

Rob Nolan, Economic Development Director, City of Brockville

[Email Rob Nolan, Economic Development Director, at rnolan@brockville.com](mailto:rnolan@brockville.com)

Phone Rob at 613-342-8772 extension 4445

Local Success Story: Meet Natalie

"I was looking for a place with a sense of community and history (of course), where I would be able to afford a home and one day raise a family. Walkability and natural surroundings were also important to me.

"In 2013 I was offered the position of Curator/Director at the Brockville Museum. At the time, I was still living in the Kingston area and commuting, but by the end of that first year I committed to making the move to Brockville - not just to eliminate the commute or because of job demands - but because I truly felt at home here and found that everything I was looking for was here." Natalie Wood, Curator, Brockville Museum

[Read Natalie's full article and Q&A online at brockville.com/meet-natalie](http://brockville.com/meet-natalie)

Employment Services

The Employment and Education Centre (EEC)

The EEC provides services for employers as well as job-seekers. Employers can take advantage of their job board, interview space, training, HR support and more while job seekers can receive employment coaching, educational workshops, skills training and mentorship.

105 Strowger Boulevard, Brockville Ontario

[Visit the Employment and Education Centre's website at eecentre.com](http://eecentre.com)

Phone: 613-498-2111

Career Services of Brockville

A unique, not-for-profit organization providing vocational services for adults with barriers to employment. Career Services partners with local businesses to provide real work experience, one-on-one training and skill development. Career Services breaks down barriers to employment by providing training, work experience, community placement opportunities, and one-on-one coaching.

89 Hubbell Street, Brockville Ontario

[Visit the Career Services of Brockville website at careerservices.ca](http://careerservices.ca)

Phone: 613-342-5775

St. Lawrence College Employment Services

Offers a variety of employment assistance resources and information to both job seekers and employers. Looking for employment, information on literacy, academic upgrading, Ontario Works, Ontario Disability Support Program, Second Career, Ontario Self-Employment Benefits or Employment Insurance.

[Visit the St. Lawrence College Employment Services website at employmentservices.sl.on.ca](http://employmentservices.sl.on.ca)

Phone: 613-345-0556

Adecco Brockville

51 King Street West, Brockville Ontario

[Visit Adecco online at Adecco.ca](http://Adecco.ca)

Phone: 613-498-1717

Drake International

102 King street West, Brockville Ontario

[Visit Drake International online at ca.drakeintl.com](http://ca.drakeintl.com)

Phone: 613-342-2653

Manpower

105 King Street West, Brockville Ontario

[Visit Manpower online at manpower.ca](http://manpower.ca)

Phone: 613-342-0250

Local Success Story: Meet the team behind Drop. Nautical Handbags

"Our nautical handbags are inspired by life in the 1000 Islands. The boating population in Brockville is the perfect place to showcase our products.

"Brockville has so many opportunities and representatives who are willing to support small businesses. There are people who are ready and available to help you get your business off the ground!" Sandra Nandoo, Drop. Nautical Handbags

[Read the full article on Drop nautical handbands online at
brockville.com/meet-drop](http://brockville.com/meet-drop)

[Tell us your local success story, or nominate a business to be featured by
going online to brockville.com/share](http://brockville.com/share)

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[Read our local success stories and see how other businesses and residents
are making their lives #BetterInBrockville online at brockville.com/local-
stories](http://brockville.com/local-stories)

[Sign up for updates and stories at brockville.com/newsletter](http://brockville.com/newsletter)

We want to hear from you!

[Have a great story to share about why you \(or someone you know\) chose
Brockville? Get the conversation started at brockville.com/share](http://brockville.com/share)

Tag photos that show why you love Brockville on social media with
#BetterInBrockville and engage with us on social media @BrockvilleEcDev

Thinking about moving to or starting a business in Brockville?
Contact us so we can help. [Find the City of Brockville's Economic
Development department online at brockville.com/economic-development](http://brockville.com/economic-development)

613-342-8772 x4445

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International Airports:

- 1 hour from Ottawa
- 25 min from Ogdensburg, NY
- 2 hours from Montreal & Syracuse, NY

Rail:

- CN & CP Rail Lines
- VIA Rail daily to Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal

Location:

- Midway between Toronto and Montreal
- 1 hour to Ottawa
- World Famous 1000 Islands Region

High Speed Connectivity

401 Highway Access between 2 international bridges

135 Million People within 1 days trucking

Safe Community Designated by the World Health Organization

Public Parks & Waterfront Access: Parks, trails, boat ramps, islands

11 minute average commute

Welcoming community

No development fees on City-owned properties in the industrial park