

## **Brockton Names First Recipient of Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award**

**Brockton, ON**, May 21, 2021 – The Municipality of Brockton is pleased to announce the first winner of the Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Award, Connor Maxwell of Durham, ON., who will receive \$1,000 towards his studies in environmental engineering at the University of Guelph.

Connor graduated from Sacred Heart High School in Walkerton, earning the environmental high skills major distinction. He's competed nationally in several Canada-wide science fairs, winning medals for his research in water resources. This summer, he'll be working for the Saugeen Valley Conservation Authority in water resources management.

The award panel, which included Walkerton Clean Water Centre CEO Carl Kuhnke, Brockton Councillor Tim Elphick and municipal staff, was impressed with Connor's deep interest in water and environmental issues, and involvement with them from a young age.

Connor lives on the Rocky Saugeen River with his family in Durham and is entering his second year of studies in environmental engineering, learning design skills to minimize and prevent the impact of human activities on water, soil and air systems. "I am very grateful to get this award. Every bit helps," he said.

The Walkerton Clean Water Legacy Fund was established last May, on the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Walkerton e-coli water tragedy, and honours those who suffered, while supporting the next generation of students embracing environmental stewardship and the protection of clean water. It is managed by Community Foundation Grey Bruce, a registered charity.

Fund donors include the Walkerton Clean Water Centre, Walkerton Rotary Club, Veolia Water Canada, Deputy Mayor Dan Gieruszak and his wife Elizabeth, and Gary and Peggy Munro. The Municipality of Brockton is also a contributor.

"We are delighted that this award has generated great interest from donors and applicants," said Community Foundation Grey Bruce CEO Stuart Reid. "Congratulations, Connor Maxwell."

Brockton Mayor Chris Peabody echoed his comments and thanked the many students who applied.

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