



The Hepburn Howler

#52 - JANUARY 2021 EDITION

*December 31st

COUNCIL'S MESSAGE—by Councillor Neal Mihalicz

“Wow! Two months and two council meetings have already happened since election day. The new Council is already working well together while challenge with ever-changing COVID-19 rules and a steep learning curve. Thank you to Mayor Chris Becker and Administrator Amanda Peters and staff for helping us navigate!

Considering the importance of COVID-19 compliance and the safety of all, we have been able to find a way to keep our arena open and available to families and the public, especially during this holiday season. Arrangements have been made for the Crockicurl ice space to be set up and available beside the Fire Hall by the middle to end of January 2021. More details to follow. Thank you to Les and Tim for keeping our streets so well maintained over the last weeks. We appreciate your dedication and commitment. Please remember that when we have a significant snowfall requiring immediate grading of streets, all vehicles should be moved off the street to allow for easier access for snow removal equipment. Your Mayor and Councillors are always open to suggestions and input on what can be done to make Hepburn a more welcoming, friendly, and safe place to live and work. Stay safe while we celebrate Christmas and the New Year.”

(Submitted by Councillor Neal Mihalicz)

Council Reminders:

- Your Town Council: **Erica Baerwald, Andrew Berg, Neal Mihalicz, Deidra Prosofsky, & Chris Becker.**
- All communications to Council are due the Friday before Council Meeting. Next deadline is Friday, January 15, for Tuesday January 19th Council Meeting. Submit to email cao@hepburn.ca.
- For bylaw complaints: *Complaint Form*.
- For delegations: *Delegation Request Form*.
- All forms are available on the town website at www.hepburn.ca



HOWLER REMINDERS!

The Howler goes with customer e-bills on the last working day of the month, or as rescheduled. Paper editions are located at Post Office, Town Office, & Golden Chef. For any interested area residents, you can sign up to receive an [e-copy newsletter](#) each month by emailing recreation@hepburn.ca. This Edition: **December 31**. Next Submission Deadline: **January 27**. Next Scheduled Edition: **February 1**.

TOWN OFFICE INFO:

402 Main St, Box 217, Hepburn, SK S0K 1Z0

Phone: 306-947-2170 Fax: 306-947-4202

Email: info@hepburn.ca Website: www.hepburn.ca

Emergency: 306-947-0000 (after hours)

Hours: 9am-12pm, 12.30-4.30pm, knock for service

P&R Events & Payments: recreation@hepburn.ca

Account Payments: onlinepayments@hepburn.ca

Town Facebook: www.facebook.com/townofhepburn

P&R Facebook: www.facebook.com/HepburnParksAndRec/

PHOTOS

Email your photos of Hepburn Life to

recreation@hepburn.ca

or encourage a friend or photographer, of any age, to send in their submissions!

Winter Scenes, Nature Scenes, Hepburn Landmarks, Outdoor Adventures, & Community Life are welcome!

This photo is from Jennifer Beaumont-Becker, taken while snow-shoeing around town!

Mark your calendar:

JANUARY & BEYOND

- *Dec 31: Utility Bill/Howler
- *Dec 31: New Years Eve
- *TBA: Crokicurl Opening
- *2/15/29: Garbage
- *8/22: Recycle
- *11: P&R Meeting
- *19: Council Meeting
- *27: Next Howler Submissions

Other Dates:

- Feb 14: Valentines Day
- Feb 15-19: Winter Break
- Feb 23: Canada's AG Day
- March: Ag Literacy Month
- Mar 5-7: Winter Festival
- Mar 8: International Women's Day
- Jun 18-20: Fair Days

The BENEFITS of Recreation:

"Recreation provides economic benefits! Recreation is an important contributor to community and economic development. Spending on recreation creates jobs, fosters tourism, and makes communities attractive places to live, learn, work, play, and visit."
(Reason #5, A Recreation Framework for Canada, 2015).

***ENJOY**

a walk, cross country ski, or snowshoe through the Hepburn Forest! Don't know where that is? Email Lisa for a map!

A IS FOR AGENDAS (P&R):

The Parks & Recreation (P&R) Board meets monthly. Email recreation@hepburn.ca, or talk to Parks & Rec Board member. Next Meeting is **Monday, January 11th, 2021**, at 7.00PM. At The Centre.

WHAT'S HAPPENING: A QUICK PROGRAMMING SUMMARY

***Public Skating**

Free ice time on Saturdays, Sundays, and Breaks. 1:30-2:50pm, or 3:10-4:30pm. Sign up in advance at the links provided on the website OR on facebook. Use these LINKS:

- Dec 27-31: <https://volunteersignup.org/DRCA4>
 - Jan 2-3: <https://volunteersignup.org/PDL4T>
- Watch for signups for other January dates!



***Crokicurl**

Crokicurl combines two iconic Canadian pastimes: crokinole and curling to become a fun outdoor sport. Watch for updates about scheduling a time to play. **The surface is underway at**

the corner of 2nd Street and Main Street. Email recreation@hepburn.ca for bookings. Ready sometime in January! Update: The frame and liner are set up and flooding has begun. Thank you to the team: of Warren Jeschke, Randy Janzen, Tim Harms, and Tim Baerwald.

Key Sponsors: Town of Hepburn, Hepburn Parks and Recreation, WJ Custom Woodworking & Aqua-Temp. Thanks to Sheldon Willems for the liner! (Photo above provided by Warren Jeschke, first game in February 2020)

***Snowshoe Rentals**

We have four pairs of snowshoes, 3 adult, and 1 youth/child to rent out this winter! Contact Lisa by EMAIL at recreation@hepburn.ca to ask your questions. \$10/person/booking. Free with your leisure pass (\$20/pass)! Think we need more pairs? Let me know if you want to sponsor another pair!

ARENA (Hepburn & District):

Watch FACEBOOK for all updates. Send booking requests to Tim at arena@hepburn.ca. Private

family/household bookings for \$60/hr. See info on website:

<https://www.hepburn.ca/recreation/arena.html>

BOWLING ALLEY (Hepburn):

Closed right now.

CONTEST SEASON!! (P&R)

***CONTEST ONE:** New! Hepburn Winter Fun Contest. For All Ages.

Enter by purchase of a **LEISURE PASS**. All previous purchases and rec night attendees are **automatically** entered into the draw. ****Prize Pack** includes gift card to Life Outside Gear Exchange, Book, CAA mug, Hepburn pen, & more! All new entries by email at recreation@hepburn.ca. **Deadline January 4th (Extended)**

***CONTEST TWO:** New! Hepburn Christmas Cheer Contest. For All Ages.

Enter by **Cheering Someone On!** You could nominate your neighbour for the best decorated house; nominate a resident for their act of kindness; a friend for their support, a business for their service, inviting a friend to Like & Follow the Town facebook pages. ****Prize Pack** includes gift card to Life Outside Gear Exchange, Book, CAA bottle, Hepburn pen, and more! All entries by email at recreation@hepburn.ca. *"I nominate (name or group) for (reason)."* **Deadline January 4th (Extended)**

***CONTEST 3: Light Up Hepburn!**

Thank you for all your nominations for LIGHT UP HEPBURN WINNER. There were 14 different homes nominated through individual emails, forms, and the ballots provided during Journey Through Christmas. **This year's winner is Michael & Maureen Klein of 401-1st Avenue North. The winners will receive a Co-op Gift card.** PHOTO submissions of this house or others are welcome. Send in a photo of this winning home, or any other pictures you took while out on a Twinkle Tour of Hepburn this year! Thanks to Journey Through Christmas event for giving out voting ballots. Lots of people voted this year!

CONTEST 4: New! Colouring/Artwork Contest. For Children 12 & under!

Submit your drawing or painting of your favourite winter experiences and activities in Hepburn. Print on your name, age, and phone number. All entries by email at recreation@hepburn.ca or use drop box. ****Prize pack** includes fun kids activity stuff for winter, plus a free snowshoe rental booking. **Deadline January 4th (Extended).**

FACEBOOK PAGE (P&R):

www.facebook.com/HepburnParksAndRec/

[HepburnParksAndRec/](#)

LIKE & FOLLOW the page. **Thanks for getting us to 500 Follows. Please keep sharing with friends and family.**

FUNDRAISER SCHEDULE (Hepburn):

*Public Skating & Arena Signage Sponsors: Spots still available. Email your interest to recreation@hepburn.ca

*Other Fundraisers?? Let me know!

GO OUT AND PLAY CHALLENGE (P&R):

Blue Cross is sponsoring this challenge again! More info about signing up and tracking your outdoor activities families in the new year!

GREENSPACE TEAM (P&R):

Enjoy the Gazebo, aka Centennial Station! Thanks to all who have helped clear snow off of the new pathways this winter.

HERITAGE HAPPENINGS (Hepburn):

Have you found a Hepburn History Book, Photo, or Artifact while cleaning up for Christmas? Contact Lisa. Watch for upcoming Heritage features on the Windmill & the Jigger!

INSPIRATION INSERT WITH LB (P&R):

*Youth Advisory Team? *Games Nites?

*Arena Lobby Events? *Ideas Welcome!

Email recreation@hepburn.ca.

LEISURE PASS (P&R):

For \$20/person, get unlimited access to recreation activities. Current Pass: [Valid for October to March](#). Includes Admission to any Parks and Rec Events, and snowshoe rental program. (Next Pass April to September). Email Lisa to request your pass. Etransfers to recreation@hepburn.ca.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY (Hepburn):

This little library belongs to everyone—anyone may use it, neighbours, friends, and passersby. The books are always free. Take Books, Share Books, Leave Books. Find out more at LittleFreeLibrary.org. **New: One shelf will be dry goods this winter.**

Feel free to help keep this area clear of snow this winter! Ideas? Connect with Ruth Fehr ruthifehr@icloud.com or Jackie Hutchinson mad-mum4@hotmail.com.

Thanks again to Warren Jeschke for its construction; and Matrix Construction for its installation. (since June 2019!)



REMINDERS FROM THE HOLIDAYS:

*Did you get a new **pet** for Christmas?

Register your new dog or cat with the Town Office. Find forms on the website.

*Did you get new **books** for Christmas?

Pass along old ones to the Little Free Library. *Did you take **photos** doing outdoor activities this holiday break? Email to the office at recreation@hepburn.ca to be featured in a future Howler.

TWINKLE TOUR BINGO

Watch Facebook for Twinkle Tour Bingo Sheets for the last few days of holiday season by www.moniquewillms.com.

VOLUNTEER STORIES (Hepburn)!!

Thanks to all the community members who are volunteering this winter. Thanks to community volunteers who are helping host Public Skating this winter. Thanks to Crokicurl Crew. Thanks to Light the Night Setup Volunteers. Email in your stories, needs, or highlights to share!

Z IS FOR ZOOOOM (Hepburn):

Pedestrians use sidewalks, and **walk facing** oncoming traffic over **on the edge** where no sidewalks exist. Remember reflective clothing at night! Report driving concerns to Rosthern RCMP 306-232-6400. **Community safety is up to all of us**, so walk, bike, scoot, stroll, blade, ski, sled, snowshoe, & drive with care.

MESSAGE FROM JENN:

*"We hope that everyone has had a happy holiday season. The weather has been great and has given people the chance to get out and enjoy the outdoors. There are many ways to enjoy our community during the winter. Remember you can sign out snowshoes and head out on a local adventure. Or you can go for a walk and find a tobaggoning hill. If you have a snowmobile, find trails in our area and check out the nature that surrounds us. Take your family for a scavenger hunt or adventure. So many ways to connect with nature and the outdoors! Check out the public skating schedule and watch for the opening of crokicurl soon. Thank you to everyone who supports events in our area. Thank you to my team, the Parks and Rec Board, for all that they do for our community. Sincerely,
Jennifer Beaumont-Becker
Hepburn Parks & Recreation Chair
(Photo by Jenn!)"*

BEYOND HEPBURN!

LAKELAND DISTRICT FOR SPORT, RECREATION, & CULTURE

(Region):

Town of Hepburn is a member of

www.lakelanddistrict.ca. Lisa was able to attend virtual webinars and training sessions throughout December. Watch for facebook posts about JANUARY Women in Leadership Webinars coming, and Winter Activity Kits!



LIBRARY (Waldheim):

Hours are Mon/Wed 10am-4pm, and Tue/Thu 3-8pm. Book appt at: 306-945-2221, or facebook:

www.facebook.com/Waldheim-Library-211811868862034

***Correction: Thanks to Library for NEW Take & Make Craft Kits! One per family. Contact Lisa to get them while they last.**

NUMBERS:

211 is a growing resource in our province for residents to find services located closest to you. 211.ca.

RECONCILIATION IN ACTION (SK):

*ConnectR page: www.facebook.com/beaconnectr

*Office of the Treaty Commissioner: otc.ca.

R.M. OF LAIRD UPDATE

Did you know that Sheldon Willemis is the New Reeve & is on Parks and Rec Board? Watch for RM news here.

WINTER FUN:

*Optimist Hill: Saskatoon. Ski, snowboard, tube, tobaggan, rentals, lessons. Holiday hours 11am-8pm. Find more at: <https://www.optimisthill.ca>

*Meewasin: Saskatoon. Walk, bike, skate, snowshoe, ski, and more.

*Beaver Creek Conservation Area: Hike and feed the chickadees.

<https://meewasin.com/locations/>

*Crossmount: Skate, snowshoe, sip!

*Northern Greens Resort Hotel,

Nipawin: www.northerngreens.sk.ca

*Tourism SK: See more at:

www.tourismsaskatchewan.com

Snowmobile 1000 miles of Snow in Saskatchewan's Northeast. Route connects 12 communities. See www.PrairiesNorth.com article.

****SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME!****

MONTHLY THEMES?

*Action for Happiness Calendar: Find JANUARY calendar with activities: www.actionforhappiness.org
 *Try out one of these! January 24: Compliment Day; January 23: Pie Day; January 29: Puzzle Day; January 17: World Snow Day; January 19: Popcorn Day; January 20: Penguin Awareness Day; January 14: Dress Up Your Pet Day. Celebrate a New January Special Day!

THE CENTRE

422 Main Street

- Annual memberships available for town & district residents.
- Rentals: Jim & Dorothy 947-2809

HEPBURN SCHOOL

500-2nd Street East

- See website or call 306-947-2077.
- Back to School: Monday January 4, 2021.

FIRE/EMS DEPT

311 Main Street

- Follow: www.facebook.com/Hepburn-FIRE-EMS-1457303550969396

MINOR HOCKEY:

Thanks to:

Board Members for 2020-2021:

President Jonathan Dear, Vice President Jesse Nokinsky, Ref Liaison Brendan Klassen, Treasurer Darryl Balzer, Secretary Joy Nokinsky, Jersey Sponsorship Ken Bueckert, Goalie Coordinator Levi Wiebe, and Member at Large Regan Clewes.

Team Leaders for 2020-2021:

*U7 Coaches—Andy Bushman, Brad Hamm. Trainer Rob Bushman. Manager Karen Bushman. COVID reps: Tamara Kaminski & Andy Ng.
 *U9 Coaches—Travis Peters, Levi Wiebe & Jesse Nokinsky. Managers & COVID reps: Kayleigh Klassen & Joy Nokinsky
 *U11 Coaches—Brent Block & Doug Peters. Trainer Isak Sigstad. Manager & COVID rep: Jonathan Dear.

Want to feature your club and its volunteers? Send me an updated list, and any news you want highlighted in the next Howler.

THINK LOCAL!

***NEW: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOCUS**

*2021 will be a year of **intentional Local Business Promotion**, here in the Howler and on Facebook.

*I completed the first **“Feature 9”** in December on Facebook, highlighting local small businesses offering Christmas gift ideas. I plan to do another **January Feature 9**. If you want to be considered for that or recommend

a business for January or a future month, email info to Lisa at

recreation@hepburn.ca

***ARENA SIGNAGE SPONSORS:**

We will also be promoting our 20 local and corporate Signage Sponsors here through the winter. New sponsors can still sign up during January!

***NEW INFO AT THE OFFICE:**

-Be You: Beauty by Paige Paige Spriggs

SEINT Beauty Makeup & Skin-care. Sharing tips & tricks for a fast and flawless beauty routine!

<https://www.facebook.com/Be-You-Beauty-by-Paige-105341747868397/>

-Fehr Electric

Wes Fehr

info@fehrelectric.ca

*Residential, commercial, renovations, solar installations, lighting upgrades

-WM Sales and Service

Wayne Meek

waynemeek6@hotmail.com

*Lumberjack Dealer for Hepburn, Waldheim, & Candle Lake areas. Flavored wood pellets, Lump Charcoal, Dry Rubs & Seasonings, Sauces, Kamado Grilles, & Wood Pellet Patio Heaters.

<https://www.facebook.com/WMsalesandservice>

***THE NEXT THEME?**

Suggestions welcome.

LOCAL BUSINESSES

at:

https://hepburn.ca/doing_business/business_directory.html

CHURCHES IN TOWN:

***HEPBURN GOSPEL CHURCH**

Office (306)947-2143

W: hepburngospelchurch.com

***HEPBURN MB CHURCH**

Office (306)947-2085

W: hepburnmb.com

***VALLEY BEREAN FELLOWSHIP**

Cory Amendt (306)491-5624

Email: amendtcory@gmail.com

***WORD OF HIS GRACE FELLOWSHIP**

Todd Hardy. (306)227-8428

Email: tjhardy@sasktel.net & Facebook

SERVICES & LINKS

- **Healthline 811:** Call 811 or 1-877-800-0002
- **Kids Help Phone:** 1-800-668-6868
- **Farm Stress Line:** 1-800-667-4442
- **Saskatchewan Health Authority:** General info, services, & more at: www.saskhealthauthority.ca
- **RE-OPEN Sask Plan:** Latest updates at www.saskatchewan.ca
- **Business Response Team:** 1-844-800-8688 or supportforbusiness@gov.sk.ca

THANK YOU

“Thank you Hepburn for your support of 2 community initiatives in December. Together we raised **\$6563.10** for our community Christmas hampers. Coop grocery cards were delivered to 18 local households who were nominated. A big shout out to our Hepburn School who raised over **\$3300** for this project!! Funds were also collected by Hepburn Gospel Church, Hepburn MB Church, and community donors. As well, **4800 pounds of food** was collected for our local food bank, Good Neighbours Food Centre through our community food drive and Journey Through Christmas event. This will help them serve around 700 individuals. Thank you for your generosity and helping in these practical ways.”

Submitted by Hepburn MB Church

