



# The Hepburn Howler

**#53 - FEBRUARY 2021 edition** **\*February 1st**

## COUNCIL'S MESSAGE

*"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart" (Elizabeth Andrew).*

In these times of uncertainty, one element that has stayed its course is our community's commitment to **volunteerism**. On a daily, weekly, and yearly basis, our volunteers continue to strive to keep our town going strong by offering their time, services, and strengths - all for the love of community. Our volunteers have kept something very important to everyone in this unpredictable point in history, some sort of normalcy. With the deepest gratitude for your commitment to serve, I thank you on behalf of the Hepburn Town Council.

A few things that we as the general public can do to continue to build a sound future for our community:

- (1) The Agricultural Producers Association of Saskatchewan (APAS) is striving to ensure better **internet connectivity and speed** in our province. They are asking everyone to take the time and fill out their **survey** at [apas.ca/speedtest](https://apas.ca/speedtest).
- (2) Hepburn has implemented an **Emergency Measures Organization Committee**. This group is dedicated to making plans and implementing measures to ensure community safety in times of **emergency**, and are looking for a few more volunteers to join. The committee is hoping to meet in March 2021, if this is something that is of interest to you, please contact the Town Office.
- (3) 2021 is a designated **census year**, which will be carried out in May. Completing your census is imperative to ensure Hepburn receives the vital population based funding to provide programs and services that improve the quality of life in our community.

There are many ways that you can volunteer in our community. Do not hesitate to get in touch with the Town Office to get involved and offer your strengths and services!

Sincerely,  
Councillor Deidra Prososky

## Council Reminders:

- Your Town Council is: **Erica Baerwald, Andrew Berg, Neal Mihalicz, Deidra Prososky, & Chris Becker.**
- All communications to Council are due the Friday before Council Meeting. **Next deadline is February 12, for February 16 Council Meeting.** Submit to email [cao@hepburn.ca](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca). **SUGGESTIONS ARE WELCOME!**

Is there content you want to see in future Howlers? Let us know!

## TOWN OFFICE INFO:

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

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

Email: [info@hepburn.ca](mailto:info@hepburn.ca) Website: [www.hepburn.ca](http://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](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca)

Account Payments: [onlinepayments@hepburn.ca](mailto:onlinepayments@hepburn.ca)

## PHOTOS

Email your photos of Hepburn Life to [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca) or encourage a friend or photographer, of any age, to send in submissions! Winter Scenes, Sunset and Sunrises, Wildlife, Nature Scenes, Hepburn Landmarks, Outdoor Adventures, and Community Life are welcome! This Front Cover Photo is by Jennifer Beaumont-Becker.

**Mark your calendar:  
FEBRUARY & BEYOND**

\*Jan 7: Crokicurl Open!  
\*Feb 1: Utility Bill/Howler  
\*Feb 2: Groundhog Day  
\*Feb 8: P&R Meeting  
\*Feb 14: Valentines Day  
\*Feb 15-19: Winter Break  
\*Feb 16: Council Meeting  
\*Feb 23: Canada's AG Day  
\*Feb 24: Howler  
Submissions Due  
\*TBA: Outdoor Kids Club  
NEWS

**\*TBA: Arena Events?**

**Other Dates:**

March: Ag Literacy Month  
Mar 5-7: Winter Festival  
Mar 8: Int. Women's Day  
Jun 18-20: Fair Days  
Summer: Gazebo Grand  
Opening Event

**The BENEFITS of  
Recreation:**

**"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!**

**FACEBOOK PAGE:**

**www.facebook.com/  
HepburnParksAndRec/**  
\*Please LIKE & FOLLOW  
the Parks and Rec Page.

\*Share it with your  
friends, family, and  
neighbours!

\*Set it as one of your  
favorite pages so you  
get **notifications** of  
updates.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING IN  
HEPBURN?**



**\*Public Skating**

Free ice times Saturdays, Sundays, & Breaks.  
1:30-2:50pm, or 3:10-4:30pm. Sign up at the  
links on website OR facebook.

Weekends: Feb 6 ,7,13,14,20,21,27,28: [volun-  
teersignup.org/KP8A7](http://volunteersignup.org/KP8A7)

Break: Feb 15-19: [volunteersignup.org/FTWEF](http://volunteersignup.org/FTWEF)



**\*Crokicurl**

Crokicurl combines crokinole & curling for a fun  
outdoor sport. **The surface is located at the  
corner of 1st Street and Main Street.** Email [rec-  
reation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca) for bookings during the  
week, or on the weekends, text 306-291-7125  
to get a key.



**\*Snowshoe Rentals**

We have 4 pairs of snowshoes, 3 adult and 1  
youth to rent this winter! \$10/person/booking.  
Free with your leisure pass (\$20/pass)! Let me  
know if you want to sponsor another pair! Email  
to book during the week, or on the weekends,  
text 306-291-7125 to sign out gear.

**\*RETURNING PROGRAM: GO  
OUT & PLAY CHALLENGE:**

Sask Blue Cross is sponsoring this challenge  
again! Hepburn is registered with 20+ Sask  
communities. Starting Feb 17, you can sign  
up for a profile to log your activity minutes.  
See Lisa at the arena during Public Skating  
to get help setting up your family or individ-  
ual profile. Win \$10,000 for our communi-  
ty! This is our 3rd year of participation—  
let's hit the top 10 for sure! **MORE INFO  
TO COME!**

**NEW PROGRAM:  
OUTDOOR KIDS CLUB**

Announcing **Fresh Air Adventures!**

Watch for more details. For children. Get  
outdoors. Get moving. Get fresh air!



**CONTESTS CONTINUE (P&R)**

**\*CONTEST TWO: New! Hepburn Communi-  
ty Cheer Contest. For All Ages. OPEN.**

Enter by Cheering Someone On! You could  
nominate your neighbour for the best deco-  
rated 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 Out-  
side Gear Exchange, Book, CAA bottle,  
Hepburn pen, and more! All entries by  
email at [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca).

**\*CONTEST FOUR: Colouring/Artwork Con-  
test. For Children 12 and under! OPEN.**

Submit a drawing or painting of your fa-  
vourite winter experiences in Hepburn. Print  
name, age, and phone number. All entries  
by email at [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca) or use  
drop box. \*\*Prize pack includes fun kids  
winter activity gear, plus a free snowshoe  
rental.

**FUNDRAISER SCHEDULE (Hepburn):**

\*Any fundraisers underway? Email the info  
to [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca)



## GREENSPACE TEAM (P&R):

Tell a friend "Meet you at the **Gazebo** or "Centennial Station". Watch for Grand Opening event summer 2021. **Have you stopped by to enjoy the view?**

## HERITAGE HAPPENINGS (Hepburn):

### Former Parker School Stu-

**dents:** Bertha Thiessen's out of print book "Memories of Parker School and District" is being reprinted with all the original content plus updated material. Cost: \$15. Visit: [www.facebook.com/ParkerSchool](http://www.facebook.com/ParkerSchool) or contact Don at (306)880-2292 or [slice@altageo.net](mailto:slice@altageo.net). **\*Watch for an upcoming feature on the Museum's Jigger!**

## LEISURE PASS (P&R):

For \$20/person, get unlimited access to recreation activities. Valid October to March. Includes Admission to any Parks and Rec Events, and snowshoe rental program. (Next Pass April to September). Email Lisa & Pay by e-transfer to [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca).

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARY (Hepburn):

Take Books, Share Books, Leave Books. [LittleFreeLibrary.org](http://LittleFreeLibrary.org). New: One shelf is dry goods this winter.

## VOLUNTEER NEEDS & STORIES

NEEDED: Public skating hosts: Parks and Rec will be recruiting people.

## Z IS FOR ZOOOOM (Hepburn):

It is great to see people out enjoying the winter weather! Pedestrians, use sidewalks, and **walk facing** oncoming traffic on the edge where no sidewalks exist. **Community safety is up to all of us**, so travel with care & attention.



## CONNECT WITH US!

### AGENDAS (P&R):

**Shape the conversation!** Submit an agenda item or a request to be a delegation. The Parks & Recreation (P&R) Board meets monthly. Email [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca), or talk to Parks & Rec Board member. Next Meeting is **Monday, February 8**, at 7.00PM. At The Centre.

### IDEAS WITH LB (P&R):

**Shape the research and development for our community.** \*Do you have ideas for our community? \*Do you want to help write grants? \*Do you want to plan for youth? \*Do you want to volunteer? \*Do you want to start a Communities in Bloom Team? We want to hear from you! Email Lisa at [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca).

### MESSAGE FROM YOUR PARKS & REC CHAIR:

"Hepburn has so much to offer. We need to be thankful for the wide open spaces and places that allow for **outdoor adventures**—even if it's a hot dog roast in your backyard or a walk around our beautiful town. Remember we have public skating times, crokicurl, and snowshoe rentals available at this time. Parks and Rec are working hard to get creative to support our community. We have an amazing group of dedicated individuals who want to see new things happen for the Town of Hepburn. I know our family has been enjoying getting out on snowmobiles, and snowshoeing in our Hepburn Forest trails. We have been fortunate to have nice temperatures and lots of snow to get out and **explore** our hometown. *Watch for new events and programming coming up for the February break.* We are working on some family friendly excursions, events, and extra public skating times. We are also working on some

outdoor nature programming for kids called "**Fresh Air Adventures**"! Keep watching our Parks and Rec Facebook page for updates.

*Sincerely,  
Jennifer Beaumont  
-Becker,  
P&R Chair*

## BEYOND HEPBURN

**HIGHWAY 12 (Area):** Email what you have noticed along Highway #12.



### LAKELAND DISTRICT FOR SPORT, RECREATION, & CULTURE:

Town of Hepburn is a member of [www.lakelanddistrict.ca](http://www.lakelanddistrict.ca)—always getting great ideas and info on things like trails, disc golf, winter festival, outdoor bingo, nature kids club, and more!

### LIBRARY (Waldheim):

IT was Literacy Day on January 25. Follow their page for online activities. Hours are Mon/Wed 10am-4pm, & Tue/Thu 3-8pm. Make appointment at 306-945-2221, or on facebook: [www.facebook.com/Waldheim-Library-211811868862034](http://www.facebook.com/Waldheim-Library-211811868862034)

### RECONCILIATION IN ACTION

Prairie Rivers Reconciliation Committee: Town Council Rep to this committee is Erica Baerwald.

### R.M. OF LAIRD No. 404 (District):

306-945-2133. [www.rmoflaird.ca](http://www.rmoflaird.ca)

Did you know that...?

-New Reeve is Sheldon Willems.

-Please do not ship packages to town office.

-Sask Community Lottery funds are based on 688 people in Hepburn, and 526 from RM of Laird. Census numbers impact community funding!

-Sign up for an E-Howler delivery today!

**-Current Mennon Transfer Site Hours on the website**

### ROSTHERN RCMP: (Region):

SK Crimestoppers 1-800-222-TIPS  
RCMP Rosthern 306-232-6400

### TOURISM TIPS (SK):

\*Tourism Saskatchewan:

[www.tourismsaskatchewan.com](http://www.tourismsaskatchewan.com)

\*Sunday Drive: [https://](https://www.facebook.com/sundaydrive.ca)

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Thanks for reading the Howler. Submit your suggestions for future editions to [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca).

## **FACILITY FEATURE**

### **THE ARENA**

Hepburn & District Arena has been in operation since 1975, thanks to annual Town & R.M. of Laird funding, staff, volunteers, arena board, community user groups, fundraisers, grants and funding programs, and rentals.

### **Arena Signage Sponsors:**

Access Communications  
ACE Manufacturing Inc  
Affinity Credit Union  
B&D Septic  
Bethany / Thrive  
Co-op  
Cuts and Curls  
Geransky Bros Construction  
Hepburn Agencies  
Lepp's Seeds  
Matrix Construction  
My Mutual Insurance  
P-Jay's Water Supply  
SaskWater  
Smokehaus Meats & Deli  
Subway, Hague  
Twin Enterprises  
Zak's Home Hardware  
**\*Room for MORE\***  
Program started 2003 by Harold Reddekopp, Hepburn & District Arena Board Chair & Hepburn & District Arena Board.

### **Arena Public Skating Sponsors:**

Town of Hepburn  
Hepburn Parks & Recreation  
SaskWater  
**\*Room for 1 more for March\***  
Program started 2018 under leadership of Brad Wiebe, CAO.

### **NEED MORE INFO?**

\*For Calendar: Check link here:  
[www.hepburn.ca/recreation/arena.html](http://www.hepburn.ca/recreation/arena.html)  
\*For Bookings: Email Tim at  
[arena@hepburn.ca](mailto:arena@hepburn.ca)  
\*For Sponsorships: Email Lisa at  
[recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca)

NOTE: More "Facility Features" will be included in 2021 editions of the Howler. Thanks for supporting local businesses who invest and care for the community where we live, work, and gather.



## **THINK LOCAL!**

### **\*NEW: FACILITY FEATURE**

This month we highlight the Hepburn & District Arena, & this 2020-2021 Season Sponsors.

<<—See Column to the Left!

### **\*BUSINESS NEWS:**

Any businesses from town and the surrounding area are welcome to submit recent news & announcements.

Did you see the **Something from Nothing Mittens** post on facebook?

### **\*CARDS AT THE OFFICE:**

\*Drop off or mail in your business cards to the office.

### **\*THE NEXT THEME:**

Suggestions are welcome.  
Check out: [https://hepburn.ca/doing\\_business/business\\_directory.html](https://hepburn.ca/doing_business/business_directory.html)

## **FIRE/EMS DEPT**

311 Main Street

- Follow on facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Hepburn-FIRE-EMS-1457303550969396>
- Get application at town office to become a member of Fire and/or EMS team.

## **THE CENTRE**

422 Main Street

- Wednesday Coffee Times 9am
- Meet people in the community!
- Annual memberships available for town & district residents.
- Rentals: Jim & Dorothy 947-2809

## **YOUR UPDATE HERE!**

Set a reminder to email in your update for **February 24th** to get in the NEXT EDITION. Send in an update, group feature, event, fundraiser, photo, etc. Photo from Light the Night Event. >>

## **CHURCHES IN TOWN:**

**\*HEPBURN GOSPEL CHURCH**

Jesse Doell. Office (306)947-2143

W: [hepburngospelchurch.com](http://hepburngospelchurch.com)

**\*HEPBURN MB CHURCH**

Rod Schellenberg. Office (306)947-2085

W: [hepburnmb.com](http://hepburnmb.com)

**\*VALLEY BEREAN FELLOWSHIP**

Cory Amendt. 306)491-5624

Email: [amendtcory@gmail.com](mailto:amendtcory@gmail.com)

**\*WORD OF HIS GRACE FELLOWSHIP**

Todd Hardy. (306)227-8428

Email: [tjhardy@sasktel.net](mailto:tjhardy@sasktel.net) & Facebook

## **SERVICES & LINKS**

- **Healthline 811:** Mental health and addictions service available 24/7.
- **Mobile Crisis Centre:**  
[www.mobilecrisis.ca](http://www.mobilecrisis.ca) (306) 757-0127
- **Kids Help Phone:** Professional counselling, information, and referrals.
- **Farm Stress Line:** 1-800-667-4442
- **Saskatchewan Health Authority:** General info, services, & more at: [www.saskhealthauthority.ca](http://www.saskhealthauthority.ca)
- **RE-OPEN Sask Plan:** Latest updates at [www.saskatchewan.ca](http://www.saskatchewan.ca)
- Have a suggestion? Email it in to [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca).

## **MONTHLY THEMES?**

\*February 2: Groundhog Day  
\*February 14: Valentine's Day  
\*February 15: Family Day  
\*February 15-19: School Break  
\*Other Funny February Holidays you celebrate? Let us know.  
\*Send in March or April ideas to [recreation@hepburn.ca](mailto:recreation@hepburn.ca).

Find the Action for Happiness Calendar:

[www.actionforhappiness.org](http://www.actionforhappiness.org)

